



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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THE ACCESSION CEREMONY (DENTO HOKOKU HOYO)

The Accession Ceremony (The Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition; Dento Hokoku Hoyo 伝灯奉告法要) will be held from October 2016 through May 2017 at Honzan in Kyoto, Japan.

The Accession Ceremony is conducted before Amida Tathagata and Shinran Shonin to formally announce that the newly-inducted Head Priest shall take on the responsibilities as Monshu, following in the footsteps of his predecessors to spread the Dharma to new generations and embracing the opportunity to spread the Nembutsu teaching to a greater number of people. It is also a festive occasion welcoming everyone to celebrate the inauguration of the new Monshu.

Honzan designated the following two dates; **October 21, 2016** and **March 31, 2017** for the Overseas Districts (BCA, Canada, and Hawaii). HQ is now coordinating the special tours for ministers, members and affiliates of HHMH to attend the Dento Hokoku Hoyo. **The registration form with more detailed information will become available soon through your temple office or at www.hongwanjihawaii.com.**

	HHMH Spiritual Enrichment and Fellowship Tour	Accession Ceremony portion only	Travel Agency
October 2016	October 14-23, 2016 (10 days) Visit Rennyō Shonin related sites (Limited to 50 people) Chaperones: Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani (HQ) Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (Kauai)	October 20-22, 2016 (Only when there is a vacancy in the HHMH tour registration.)	Kintetsu International Hawaii
March-April 2017	March 29 – April 7, 2017 (10 days) Visit Shinran Shonin related sites (Limited to 60 people) Chaperones: Bishop Eric Matsumoto (HQ) Rev. Yuika Hasebe (Honolulu)	March 30 – April 1, 2017 (Only when there is a vacancy in the HHMH tour registration.)	JTB USA

JINJI – Ministerial Assignments

Rev. William Masuda, a retired minister of the Buddhist Churches of America, will be assigned to Makawao Hongwanji Mission as its resident minister as of February 1, 2016. This will be a temporary assignment (at least 2 years) as an Assisting Minister under the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii State Headquarters with Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, as supervisor.

Rev. Tatsuo Muneto, who has recently retired from the active ministry as of December 15, 2015, will be recognized for his years of service to HHMH and retirement at the Giseikai Aloha Luncheon and the Living Treasures Recognition Program which will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on February 13, 2016.

Rev. Blayne Higa will be relieved from the position of Assisting Minister of Moiliili Hongwanji Mission as of January 15, 2016 to continue his education and training at the Institute of Buddhist Studies.

ANNUAL APPRECIATION GATHERING FOR THE RETIRED MINISTERS AND THEIR SPOUSES

The annual appreciation gathering for the Retired Ministers and their spouses was held on November 17, 2015. 13 retired ministers and spouses attended this year's gathering. At the Opening Service which was held at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin, Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Mr. Pieper Toyama expressed their appreciation on behalf of the current active ministers and the members of HHMH. The following is an excerpt of the President Pieper Toyama's message.



"I retired two years ago. And sometimes, I find myself wondering if the things I did day to day, the things I worried about, and the problems I dealt with have made any difference. I wonder if my work is going to have any connection to the future. If you to have found yourself wondering about how your work connects to the future, I want you to know that it does. The daily tasks that you each handled so well with your spouses kept temples alive and members' lives connected to the Nembutsu. These connections are finding new life among today's generation of followers. Whatever decisions we make and plans we lay for the future of the Kyodan will surely be connected to your work as ministers. For you are part of the foundation of Jodo Shinshu in Hawaii and we clearly understand that the foundation never changes...must never change."

HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

Introducing new books available for purchase at Headquarters Bookstore now.

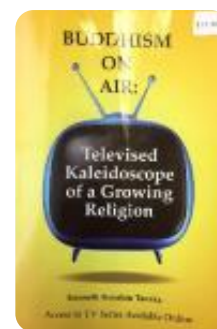
The Awareness of Self

A guide to the Understanding of Shin Buddhism
By Gyodo Hagui (Translated by William Masuda)
Reprinted 2015 published by Buddhist Education Center
\$8.00



Buddhism on Air

Televised Kaleidoscope of a Growing Religion
By Kenneth Tanaka (Author of "Ocean")
2015 newly published by Buddhist Education Center
\$15.00



Bookstore Office hour from January 2016.
Tuesday through Friday: 8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday: 8:30am – 12:00pm
Closed on Sundays and Mondays

YESS CAMP

YESS (Young Enthusiastic Shinshu Seekers) Camp is a camp held every Spring for youth ages 13-23 who are interested in Buddhism and growing deeper in the Dharma. This year we will be going to Camp Timberline on the island of Oahu from March 19-21, 2016. **This year's theme is Through the Mirror and the guest speaker will be Hawaii Kyodan President Mr. Pieper Toyama.** The early deadline for registration forms are due February 19 and the late deadline is March 4. Please find the registration form attached. If you have any questions regarding YESS Camp please contact Jamie at 973-6555.

As we welcome the end of the year 2015, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii would like to gratefully acknowledge the many donations we have received, both in the mail and online. The donations have been for the Ministerial Training Fund, Social Welfare Fund, Aloha for Nepal disaster relief as well as undesigned donations.

Thank you very much for your support!

In Gassho



Rev. Chikako Tsuyama (International Ministerial Orientation Program) and Rev. Anan Hatanaka (Staff of Hongwanji Advanced Research and Education) visited Hawaii Kyodan from November 13-23 for their orientation and training.

Picture taken at Lahaina Hongwanji with Rev. Ai Hironaka and Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani (November 15, 2015)



Pre-Tokudo Statelevel Training Session at Buddhist Study Center (December 11-13, 2015)

*Instructors (from left): Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki, Bishop Eric Matsumoto, and Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
Tokudo Candidates (back from left):
Kerry Kiyohara, Barbara Brennan, Charlene Kihara, Raymond Takiue, and Sherman Thompson*
