



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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CONDOLENCE

Mrs. Amy Reiko Nakanishi, the wife of the late Bishop Thom Nakanishi, passed away on September 18, 2016. The Funeral Service was held on October 3, 2016 at the Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin under the officiation of the Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Rimban Rev. Toyokazu Hagio. The Posthumous Title of Oku-Nen-In (憶念院) has been conferred upon Mrs. Amy Reiko Nakanishi and was presented to her family by Bishop Eric Matsumoto.

Bishop and Mrs. Nakanishi had served the following temples;

August 1959-November 1962	Kona Hongwanji Mission
December 1962-December 1965	Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin
January 1966-August 1975	Honokaa, Paauilo, Kohala, and Kamuela Hongwanji Missions
August 1975-December 1986	Wailuku Hongwanji Mission
December 1986-February 1990	Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin (Rimban)
March 1990-May 1996	Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (13 th Bishop)
June 1996-January 2000	Makawao Hongwanji Mission
January 200-March 2004	Templo Honpa Hongwanji do Brasil (Bishop)

LIVE VIDEO OF THE JODO SHINSHU ACCESSION CEREMONY

Hongwanji world headquarters in Kyoto, Japan provides livestreaming video of the Commemoration on the Accession of the Jodo Shinshu Tradition. If you access the web pages while the services are underway, you may watch and hear them as they happen.

<http://hongwanjihawaii.com/2016/10/05/watch-live-video-of-the-jodo-shinshu-accession-ceremony/>

Services start at 2 p.m. *Japan time* on the following dates:

2016

October 1-8
October 20-27
November 4-11
November 18-25

2017

March 7-14
March 28-April 4
April 11-18
April 25-May 2
May 9-16
May 24-31

***Since Japan is 19 hours ahead of Hawaii, services start at 7 p.m. Hawaii time the previous day. For example, if you are in Hawaii and you want to watch the October 8, 2016 service, you need to access the livestream on October 7 at 7:00 p.m. Hawaii time.*

BISHOP MATSUMOTO'S MESSAGE FOR 2016 GANDHI DAY IN HAWAII

Reflecting on the affairs of our world, there is an escalation in the number of violent acts both at home and around the globe which has resulted in so many deaths and the suffering continues for family and communities of those that were killed and at the same time the anger and suffering of those who commit violent acts, in many cases too, still remain unabated. More than ever what our world needs is love or compassion, but a love and compassion guided by Wisdom.

This year, on the occasion of this 11th Annual Celebration of the International Day of Non-violence, I am encouraged by Mahatma Gandhi's words "Love is the strongest force the world possess, yet it is the most humblest imaginable" and "Whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer him with love." Gandhi is speaking about a love and compassion, higher than the highest mountain and deeper than the deepest ocean, which does not divide people but instead brings people together.

In the Buddhist Tradition, besides the famous saying repeated by Sakyamuni Buddha that "Hatred is not overcome by hatred; hatred is overcome by love. This is an ancient law," another wise and insightful saying shares

Victory creates hatred. Defeat creates suffering. The wise ones desire neither victory nor defeat... Anger creates anger... He who kills will be killed. He who wins will be defeated... Revenge can only be overcome by abandoning revenge... The wise seek neither victory nor defeat.

It is so easy to become entangled with thoughts like "I must win" or arrogantly think "I alone am right." When such thoughts arise in me, I am reminded of the wise words of Prince Shotoku who emphasized harmony and said, "Let us cease from wrath and refrain from angry looks. Nor let us be resentful when others differ from us. For all people have hearts and each heart has its own leanings. Their right is our wrong, and our right is their wrong. We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools."

On this Mahatma Gandhi Day in Hawaii, let us, guided by Wisdom, reflect including self-reflect on finding the deeper causes and conditions which are resulting in the harm and suffering plaguing our world and the importance of non-violence as an expression of Compassion. May we be guided by All-Inclusive Wisdom and inspired by All-Embracing Compassion (Amida Buddha) reaching out to illumine our hearts and minds so we may realize that though we may have differences, there is also the paramount truth of the preciousness and oneness of all life.

Namo Amida Butsu and thank you!

JODO SHINSHU CORRESPONDENCE COURSE POSTER CONTEST

Every two years, the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course Office runs a poster contest accepting graphic design entries from local temple members, sangha friends, JSCC students and alumni. The purpose of the poster is to announce information regarding the Jodo Shinshu Correspondence Course in an attractive and interesting way. The JSCC/Hongwanji Office is currently accepting poster files until the deadline, January 10, 2017. A vote by the active JSCC students will be taken after this date in January and a winner will be announced on January 31. An honorarium of \$300.00 will be given. The participants must follow specific instructions for the poster file and its contents. If interested, they should email hongwanjioffice@bcahq.org for poster contents and specifications. Questions may also be emailed to the JSCC/Hongwanji Office as well.

(Lisa Mayeda, JSCC Program Assistant)

HAWAII BETSUIN HONDO RESOUNDS WITH CHORALFEST 2016

Choralfest 2016 brought together ninety-eight singers from temples in Hawaii to celebrate the joy of the Buddha-Dharma in song. This year, two participants from Ekoji Temple, outside Washington, D.C., lent extra warmth to the festivities. Held at Hawaii Betsuin on the weekend of September 24 and 25, choralfest featured a stunning Sunday Music Service at which the festival choir, under the musical direction of conductor Nola Nahulu, filled the Hondo with the heartwarming strains of Buddhist choral masterpieces.



Over a span of four hours on Saturday afternoon, singers of varying experience came together as one festival choir of nuance and precision, under the watchful eye of director Nahulu. That night, participants enjoyed a sumptuous banquet that was highlighted by warm welcomes by Bishop Matsumoto and Rimban Hagio and a surprise virtuoso violin solo treat of a Vivaldi concerto movement and Bach's tender *Air on G String* by Music Committee member and minister of Papaikou Hongwanji, Rev. Shinji Kawagoe. At evening's end, everyone joined in on a rousing *You Are My Sunshine* and *Hawaii Aloha*.

After an early Sunday morning breakfast, singers warmed up in the Hondo before the 10:00 am Music Service. At the appointed time, conductor and Hongwanji Living Treasure Nola Nahulu masterfully led the festival choir through performances of five Buddhist choral opuses: the sprightly *Where, Oh, Where?* (*Hotokesama wa*); the ethereal *Entrusting Heart* (*Marui kokoro*); the sensitive *Touched by Kindness* (*Yasashisa ni deattara*); the probing *How Happy I Am!* (*Go on ureshiya*); and the moving *Buddha's Great Light*. This musical offering was preceded by *I Dream a World*, sung jointly by Honolulu Youth Opera Chorus volunteers and the festival choir, and followed by *Ondokusan II* in English and Japanese by the congregation. Festival accompanist was Francis Okano. Included in the congregation handout for the first time was "Choralfest Program Notes," a narrative description of the choral offerings intended to enhance listener enjoyment.

Hawaii Betsuin was a much appreciated host, particularly its BWA who graciously coordinated all the welcome refreshments and happy dining. Singers, organizers, and all who attended the Music Service look forward to the next choralfest two years hence.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsLIJYEgKCQO8a1YNWm2Yyos2rIOIGJZb>

HMH MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT

Place: Buddhist Study Center & Moiliili Hongwanji,
Oahu

Date: November 4-6, 2016

Purpose: To review and enrich the knowledge of the participants in the rituals and traditions of the Nishi Hongwanji, General Buddhism and Shin Buddhism.

For more information, please contact BSC at 973-6555.

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<http://hongwanjihawaii.com/>

PBA Lighting Our Way Banquet

Friday, November 18, 2016
Waialae Country Club

For registration, go to;

[https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/
node/1370](https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/node/1370)

2017 HAWAII KYODAN MASTER CALENDAR

January 1 (Sun)	New Year's Day
January 2 (Mon)	New Year's Day Holiday (HQ Closed)
January 16 (Mon)	Shinran Shonin's Memorial Day & M. L. King Jr. Day (HQ Closed)
February 9 (Thu)	Board of Directors' Meeting & State Ministers Association Meeting
February 10-11 (Fri-Sat)	105th HHMH Giseikai Legislative Assembly
February 11 (Sat)	Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Luncheon
February 12 (Sun)	BWA (Fujinkai) Dana Day
February 14 (Tue)	Nirvana Day
February 20 (Mon)	Presidents' Day (HQ closed)
March 2 (Thu)	Hongwanji Day
March 17-23	Spring Higan
March 14-15 (Tue-Wed)	Ryukoku University-BSC Spring Seminar (Prof. Naoki Nabeshima)
March 31 (Fri)	Honzan Dento Hokoku Hoyo (Accession Ceremony)
April 7 (Fri)	Buddha Day Holiday (HQ closed)
April 8 (Sat)	Buddha Day
April 14-15 (Fri-Sat)	Ministers' Spouses' Association Seminar (Honolulu)
April 14-16 (Fri-Sun)	YESS Camp
April 25 (Tue)	BWA (Fujinkai) Eshinni Day / Peace Day
May 4 (Thu)	PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony
May 5 (Fri)	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
May 5 (Fri)	PBA Commencement Exercise
May 6 (Sat)	Board of Directors' Meeting
May 14 (Sun)	Mother's Day
May 21 (Sun)	Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotan-E)
May 29 (Mon)	Memorial Day (HQ closed)
June 13-15 (Tue-Thu)	59th State Ministers Association Seminar (Big Island)
June 18 (Sun)	Father's Day
June 30- July 2 (Fri-Sun)	60th State Jr. YBA Convention
July 4 (Tue)	Independence Day (HQ closed)
July 10-14 (Mon-Fri)	BSC Summer Session (Rev. Sonam Bhutia)
August 18 (Fri)	Statehood Day (HQ closed)
September 4 (Mon)	Labor Day (HQ closed for holiday)
September 8 (Fri)	Board of Directors' Meeting
September 8-10 (Fri-Sun)	Honpa Hongwanji Lay Association Convention (Oahu)
September 20-26	Autumn Higan
September 21 (Thu)	Peace Day Hawaii / United Nations International Day of Peace
November 6 (Mon)	Appreciation Luncheon for Retired Ministers and Spouses
November 10 (Fri)	Veterans Day Holiday (HQ closed)
November 11 (Sat)	Veterans Day
November 16-17 (Thu-Fri)	State Ministers' Continuing Education Seminar
November 23 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day (HQ closed)
November 24 (Fri)	Family Day (HQ closed)
December 1 (Fri)	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
December 2 (Sat)	Board of Directors' Meeting
December 8 (Fri)	Bodhi Day
December 25 (Mon)	Christmas Day (HQ closed)
December 31 (Sun)	New Year's Eve