

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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ALOHA LUNCHEON FOR MR. ALTON MIYAMOTO, HAWAII KYODAN OUTGOING PRESIDENT & MR. PIEPER TOYAMA, HAWAII KYODAN INCOMING PRESIDENT

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii will hold the Aloha Luncheon to honor and extend our deep appreciation to Mr. Alton Miyamoto who had provided a wonderful leadership as the President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii during the past 6 years, and to welcome Mr. Pieper Toyama as our newly installed President of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014

Time: 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Place: Ala Moana Hotel, Garden Lanai Room

Attire: Aloha

Registration Fee: \$35.00 per person

Registration deadline: April 30, 2014 (no refunds after this date)

SPECIAL REQUEST: Both Mr. Miyamoto and Mr. Toyama request that in lieu of any leis and gifts, donations be made directly to "Pacific Buddhist Academy".

The registration form was sent to the temple ministers and presidents. Each temple is requested to disseminate the information and obtain payment from interested participants. The temple is then requested to submit one check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii accompanied by the names of participants (attention to Dianne Sumida). The seating is limited so please register early.

YBICSE 2014

The Young Buddhist's International Cultural Study Exchange (YBICSE) is an annual program for young Jodo Shinshu Buddhists. Its basic purpose of this program is to expose young people to Jodo Shinshu beyond Hawaii and to share their joy of living in the Nembutsu teaching by visiting temples and meeting with the fellow Shin Buddhists who appreciate the Nembutsu Dharma.

Candidate Qualification: Active Jodo Shinshu Buddhists, Currently in 9th grade up to age 25 in good health

Date of trip: July 9, 2014 – July 20, 2014

Cost of the trip: \$1,600.00 per participant

Destination: Buddhist Churches of America (BCA) & Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC)

Application deadline: April 30, 2014

For more information, please contact Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani at hqs@honpahi.org.

CHORALFEST 2014

Choralfest 2014 will be held on September 27-28, 2014 at Hawaii Betsuin, 1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii. Singers from temples in Hawaii, California, and Japan are expected to participate. Registrations are being accepted until April 1, 2014. Because of limited space, the first fifty (50) registrants only from BCA and Japan will be accepted.

Choralfest brings together singers to celebrate the joy of the Buddha-Dharma in song. Participants rehearse Buddhist choral pieces at a workshop on Saturday and sing them as a mass choir at a special music service on Sunday. The two days will be led by choral conductor and Living Treasure Nola Nahulu. Singers will receive a program booklet with score and practice CD to learn the music before the event. To register, please see your temple office. For more details, please contact Mr. Francis Okano, Music Committee chair, at 737-8331, okanof@hawaiiintel.net.

CONDOLENCE

Mr. Robert Tsuneyoshi Matsushita, a member of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission, passed away on January 29, 2014. Mr. Matsushita served as the President of Wailuku Hongwanji Mission from 1981 to 1982. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of SHO-KYO-IN 正教院 which means “the one who lived and shared the Right Teaching” in recognition of his life of nembutsu was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on February 9, 2014.

Mr. Sadamu Saiki, a member of Lihue Hongwanji Mission, passed away on February 21, 2014. Mr. Saiki served as the President of Lihue Hongwanji Mission from 1994 to 1997. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of KEN-TOKU-IN 建徳院 which means “the one who established oneself in virtue” in recognition of his life of nembutsu as a temple president, an army veteran, and dedicated member of the temple was conferred by Bishop Eric Matsumoto on March 7, 2014.

MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS (JINJI)

Rev. Kosho Yagi, the Resident Minister of Honokaa Hongwanji Mission, and Oversee Minister of Kamuela, Kohala, and Paauilo Hongwanji Mission, will be assigned to Aiea Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister as of June 16, 2014.

Rev. Shingo Furusawa, the Associate Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin, will be assigned to Honokaa Hongwanji Mission as its Resident Minister and Kamuela, Kohala, and Paauilo Hongwanji Mission as their Oversee Minister as of June 16, 2014.

Rev. Bryan Siebuhr, the former BCA minister, will be assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin as its Associate Minister as of June 16, 2014. Rev. Siebuhr will undergo Honpa Hongwanji State-level orientation at Headquarters and the District/Temple-level orientation at Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin from May 26 to June 15, 2014 before being assigned to Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin.

RAINBOW EKIDEN

Five ministers from Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii participated in the Rainbow Ekiden on March 8, 2014 to raise awareness of Hongwanji in the community. In this Ekiden, which is a long distance relay race, each minister run 5km (about 3.1 miles) to their fullest to pass on the sash (baton) to the next runner by gratefully acknowledging receiving the many treasured traditions brought by immigrants to Hawaii and realizing the importance of passing on these traditions to future generations for a better Hawaii. Out of 120 teams, the “Hongwanji Ministers of Hawaii” finished the race in 29th place (total time: 2:12:38). Two Students from PBA (Nelson Bopp and Koki Atcheson) also participated in the race with three students from Chikushi Women’s High School, which is one of the affiliated schools in the Hongwanji Ryukoku Sogo Gakuen Group. Their Team “Team CJ & PBA” finished the race in 6th place (1st place in the Student Category, Total time: 1:48:43). Ministers expressed their deep appreciation to the many people who had provided support and encouragement.



HHMH 125th ANNIVERSARY

Oahu District celebrated its District-level 125th Anniversary Service in conjunction with their annual “Sangha Day” on March 2, 2014 at Waipahu Hongwanji Mission. The theme was “Plantation Days” and the guest speaker was Mrs. Barbara Kawakami. Children enjoyed the day by creating and playing with the toys in the plantation days.

Other districts are also planning their District-level 125th Anniversary Service as follows ...

District	Date & Time	Place	Contact
Honolulu	Sunday, April 27, 2014, 10:00am	Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin	Rev. David Nakamoto
Maui	Saturday, November 1, 2014	TBA	Rev. Ai Hironaka
Kauai	Sunday, November 16, 2014	Kapaa Hongwanji Mission	Rev. Kazunori Takahashi
Hawaii	TBA	TBA	Rev. David Fujimoto

Lecture by Dr. David Loy “Why Buddhism and the West Need Each Other”

In this era of almost instantaneous communication and interchange of ideas and beliefs, the interactions and resulting transformations happen at a much faster pace. Therefore *Why Buddhism and the West Need Each Other* is an important topic in this era. By understanding the potential of the ideas and their influence on each other we can contribute more immediately to positive and productive transformations in the world.

In Dr. Loy’s view the highest ideal of the Western tradition is to restructure society so that it is more just. While the most important goal of Buddhism is to awaken spiritually, which ends *dukkha*, loosely translated as “suffering.” He puts forth a fruitful idea that the world needs both of these ideals. Not only because they complement each other but also because they in fact need each other.

District	Date	Time	Place
Hawaii	Saturday, March 22, 2014	1:00pm	Hilo Betsuin Sangha Hall
Kauai	Monday, March 24, 2014	2pm-4pm, 6pm-8pm	Lihue Hongwanji Mission
Maui	Tuesday, March 25, 2014	7:00pm	Wailuku Hongwanji Mission
Honolulu	Friday, March 28, 2014	6:30pm	Buddhist Study Center
Oahu	Sunday, March 30, 2014	1:00pm	Mililani Hongwanji Mission

For more detail, please contact BSC at 973-6555

HAWAII BUDDHIST COUNCIL
Buddha Day Celebration – Hanamatsuri
Sunday, April 6, 2014 at 10:00am
Jodo Mission of Hawaii
(1429 Makiki St, Honolulu)
Guest Speaker: Dr. George Tanabe

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