



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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DENTO HOKOKU HOYO

Honzan recently announced that the Dento Hokoku Hoyo (伝灯奉告法要 Commemoration Services of Transmission) of the 25th Sennyō Monshū will be held on the following dates (total of 80 services in 80 days in 10 periods);

2016

- 1st period: From Saturday, October 1 through Saturday, October 8
2nd period: From Thursday, October 20 through Thursday, October 27
3rd period: From Friday, November 4 through Friday, November 11
4th period: From Friday, November 18 through Friday, November 25

2017

- 5th period: From Tuesday, March 7 through Tuesday, March 14
6th period: From Tuesday, March 28 through Tuesday, April 4
7th period: From Tuesday, April 11 through Tuesday, April 18
8th period: From Tuesday, April 25 through Tuesday, May 2
9th period: From Tuesday, May 9 through Tuesday, May 16
10th period: From Wednesday, May 24 through Wednesday, May 31

The Commemoration Services will be held in the afternoon at Honzan (Kyoto, Japan) except one service on April 18, 2017 at Ohtani Honbyō. **The office of the Bishop is planning to coordinate a pilgrimage tour for this special observance. Please wait for a more detailed information.**

STATE MINISTERS ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The 57th State Ministers Association Seminar was held on June 9-11, 2015. The seminar of this year was hosted by the Oahu District Ministers Association (Seminar Chair Rev. Mariko Nishiyama), and the Honzan dispatched Professor Kenneth Tanaka of Musashino University as its keynote lecturer. Professor Tanaka gave a lecture on the theme of "Embrace Change: Awareness (Seek Opportunities): Within a Changing World and Needs". Professor Carrie Tanaka (Mrs. Kenneth Tanaka) provided a class of English Pronunciation for the ministers who came from Japan. From our sister organization, Buddhist Churches of America, Rev. William Briones (Rinban of Los Angeles Betsuin) and Rev. Patricia Usuki (Resident Minister of San Fernando Valley Hongwanji Buddhist Temple) joined the seminar. Thank you very much Oahu District Ministers Association for hosting the wonderful seminar, and also members of HHMH for your support.



ALOHA FOR NEPAL - Update

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii has initially donated \$10,000 to Kathmandu Hongwanji and \$5,000 to the disaster relief organization, Mercy Corps, in order to lend our immediate support for the tremendous devastation in Nepal which occurred on April 25, 2015. We have also established the "Aloha for Nepal Fund" to help all those affected by this earthquake. Your gift will directly aid relief efforts by Kathmandu Hongwanji and Mercy Corps. The deadline of sending your donation to HQ was June 1, however due to the concern shared by many people, we have extended the deadline until June 30, 2015. To date, we have received an additional \$28,109.02 and contributions are still welcomed. Please make checks payable to Your Temple and designate Aloha for Nepal in the memo section. All donations will be forwarded to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. You can also donate online through the HHMH website; visit www.hongwanjihawaii.com and make a secure credit or debit card conation via Paypal.

HHMH HONORED TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

On Monday, May 25, 2015, Memorial Day, Hawaii Kyodan participated in the Memorial Day Service held at Punchbowl. Under blue skies, the auspicious ceremony honoring all fallen military men and women and their families was held with military honors, songs and speeches in praise and remembrance. In attendance were the Governor, the Honorable David Ige and First Lady of Hawaii, Dawn Amamo-Ige and many other dignitaries. The keynote address was given by General Lori J. Robinson, Commander, Pacific Air Forces. She is the first female general to reach this rank. As part of the ceremony, among the presenters representing various organizations was Hawaii Kyodan State President Pieper Toyama and Executive Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani who on behalf of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii presented a floral wreath. The Memorial Day Service closed with a Benediction by Bishop Eric Matsumoto of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii emphasizing peace for all people of all lands. On the day prior to the ceremony, the Boy Scout Troop of Hawaii Betsuin was one of the many troops that placed flags and lei on the graves at Punchbowl. Thank you to all those who made lei and also participated in Memorial Day remembrances throughout the State.



PEACE ON YOUR WINGS

"Peace On Your Wings" makes an exciting Hawaii Theatre debut. In observance of the 70th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, encore performances will be held from August 6-9, 2015. Sadako Sasaki's brother Masahiro Sasaki and his son Yuji Sasaki will join in the event in Hawaii.

"Peace On Your Wings" will make its North American premiere in partnership with the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center (JACCC) at the Aratani Theater in Los Angeles as part of the JACCC's annual Remembering Sadako event that promotes international peace through arts and culture. Three performances will take place on September 18th & 19th, 2015.

For more information: peaceonyourwings.com

HHMH 2016 CALENDAR – CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

2016 Slogan – Embrace Change: New Vision (Create Engagement)

We seek opportunities from which we create a NEW VISION, which will plan for the future and Create Engagement with our members and the community.

The deadline for submissions is September 9, 2015.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Calendar Committee invites individuals and groups to provide creative works of art for the Hongwanji calendar. The works of art may include photos, drawings, poems, and even picture of things like sculptures and pottery. The picture will need to be clear when enlarged. We have found that cell phone pictures often do not work well for this calendar project. You are not limited to just one submission, but for each submission, please include a paragraph that describes how the picture relates to the 2016 slogan: **NEW VISION (Create Engagement)**.

Please encourage your temples and organizations to start thinking about ideas to submit for the 2016 calendar. If you have questions, please leave a message for Yumi Suzuki at the Hongwanji Headquarters Office c/o Rev. Umitani at 522-9205 or email address: hqs@honpahi.org. For entry submissions, please submit directly to Alan Kubota at alan.kubota@pbahi.org. He will be able to respond to your technical questions. Thank you.