



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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NEW HHMH KYODAN COMMITTEES FORMED BY 2016 LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ACTION

Green Hongwanji Committee

Excerpt from Resolution

"...our Sangha needs leadership and education on how to live in harmony and sustainability with our precious planet. ...a program, the 'Green Hongwanji Initiative', to educate, set goals and develop an action plan to help temples and members live in ecological harmony within our communities, State and planet."

Committee Members: Dexter Mar, Convener (H), Dave Atcheson (H), Karen Kikukawa (H), Rev. Shindo Nishiyama (H), Rev. Janet Youth (O), Margie Kaiser (HI) and Van Velasco, PBA Instructor & 2 Students (PBA)

Technology for Remote Communication Committee

Excerpt from Resolution

"...the technology now exists for Dharma talks and even complete services to be conducted remotely through video conferencing and other technologies... ...a committee be established too explore the feasibility method, and cost of training and implementing the technology to support remote communication..."

Committee members: Travis Nakaji, Chair, Chris Richardson (M), Raymond Takiue, Jr. (H), Rev. Shinji Kawagoe (HI), Rev. Kazunori Takahashi (K), and Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki (HQ)

NATIONAL MEMORIAL CEMETERY OF THE PACIFIC MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

On Monday, May 30, 2016, Memorial Day, Hawaii Kyodan Bishop Eric Matsumoto and President Pieper Toyama participated in the Memorial Day Service held at Punchbowl. Pieper Toyama presented a floral wreath on behalf of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.



THE 58TH ANNUAL HONPA HONGWANJI MINISTERS' ASSOCIATION SEMINAR

The 58th Annual Honpa Hongwanji Ministers' Association Seminar was held on June 14-16, 2016 on the island of Kauai. The keynote speaker was Professor Ryusei Takeda (the Emeritus Professor of Ryukoku University) who was specially dispatched by the Honzan for this occasion. A special thanks goes to the ministers and temples of Kauai District for hosting the seminar, Professor Ryusei Takeda, Ministers from the Buddhist Churches of America (Rev. Naomi Nakano and Rev. Yuki Sugahara), and last but not least, all the temples and Hawaii Kyodan for giving us the ministers this wonderful opportunity to gather together to deepen our understanding of the Jodo Shinshu Teaching and to strengthen our bond with one another. The 59th Seminar is scheduled to be held on June 13-15, 2017 on the Big Island.



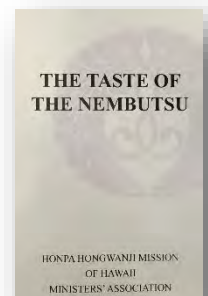
HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

The new English edition of "Pictorial Hongwanji" (\$10.00) is now available at HQ Bookstore. This "Pictorial Hongwanji" was published by Hongwanji Publishing Company, Kyoto Japan in 2016. It contains the message of the new Monshu and many pictures of Hongwanji (Honzan) buildings, rooms, garden, gate etc. many of which are national treasures and important cultural assets. This book also introduces services and ceremonies of Honzan and explains life of Shinran Shonin and history of the Hongwanji. It is a very informative booklet. HQ had distributed one copy to each 33 temples of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to share this informative booklet with the temple members. If you wish to have your personal copy, please contact HQ bookstore at 522-9202.



THE TASTE OF THE NEMBUTSU

The HHMH State Ministers Association is proud to present the newly published book "The Taste of the Nembutsu" which is the collection of the Dharma Messages of all the active ministers sharing their appreciation and understanding of the Nembutsu teaching. Bishop Eric Matsumoto expresses his wish that you will find these messages not only enjoyable, but meaningful and insightful. The books will be distributed to all the temples soon. Please contact your temple minister if you wish to read this book.



HONPA HONGWANJI SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

1. Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto, Committee on Social Concerns Chair, presented a donation to Ohana Arts (Carolyn Lee, Laurie Rubin, and Jennifer Taira) on May 20, 2016. The donation was made to support the Peace On Your Wings 2016 World Tour Production.
2. Bishop Eric Matsumoto and Dean Sakamoto attended the Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Pacific Islands Region 20th Anniversary celebration on May 22, 2016. Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii made a donation in 2013 for Typhoon Haiyan relief efforts. The Tzu Chi (which means “compassion and relief” in Chinese) Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental, humanitarian organization with four major missions: charity, medicine, education, and humanistic culture.
3. Pieper Toyama, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii President, and Dean Sakamoto presented a donation to Coralie Chun Matayoshi, Esq., CEO of the American Red Cross Hawaii State Chapter, on June 1, 2016. The donation was made to support relief efforts for the Ecuador Earthquake.
4. Dean Sakamoto presented a donation to United Jr YBA of Oahu on June 5, 2016. The donation was made to match the Jr YBA’s donation for a project to provide the “Buddhist Boot Camp” book (Timber Hawkeye author) in prisons. Reverend Kojun Hashimoto, minister advisor (back row, left) and advisor Arynn Ishikawa (right) are in the photo with the Jr YBA members.

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Donation to Kumamoto Earthquake Relief Fund

The funds will be sent to Honzan to support Hongwanji-related temples and those who are affected from this disaster and also to the Consulate General of Japan assisting with donations to aid victims of the earthquakes.

Visit your temple office or go to <http://hongwanjihawaii.com/donate>.

Deadline: June 30, 2016

HONPA HONGWANJI CALENDAR COMMITTEE

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii 2017 CALENDAR

5-YEAR THEME (2015-2019): EMBRACE CHANGE

2017 SLOGAN: Action (Open Communication)

We take ACTION to implement our plans for our temples, ensuring OPEN COMMUNICATION to engage all those connected with our temples.

The Calendar Committee requests your assistance to share this information and flyer via:

- Announcements at Sunday Morning Services and Obon Services.
- Agenda item and/or announcement at your temple events, meetings, and through your various organizations.
- Articles in your monthly temple newsletters July - September 2015.
- Weaving the slogan into the minister's sermons, various messages, newsletter articles, etc. to encourage the members to reflect on the slogan in a Jodo Shinshu context and discover ways to express it in creative ways.

The Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Calendar Committee invites individuals and groups to provide creative works of art for the Hongwanji calendar: photos, drawings, poems, and even picture of things like sculptures and pottery. The picture will need to be able to be clearly enlarged. This year, we welcome cell phone pictures as well, as some have the technology to take pictures that are able to be clearly enlarged. You may submit more than one submission, but for each, please include a paragraph describing how the picture relates to the 2017 slogan: **ACTION (OPEN COMMUNICATION)**.

In particular for the 2017 calendar, we'd like to focus on the theme of Obon, which is the season upon us NOW. Please take pictures of all the traditional, modern, and unique Obon activities and services at your temples and in the community (lanterns, parades, games and crafts, food prep and booths, Choba, yukata and happi designs, bon dance towel graphics, Hatsubon, special altar and temple arrangements, decorated yagura, graveyard cleaning, musicians and dancers, community temple services, bon dances held in the community, etc.). Whatever and anything showcasing our: **"Hawaii Style" Obon season!**

Please encourage your temples and organizations to submit their ideas to us! 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.

***** Deadline: September 7, 2016, WEDNESDAY*****

2017 BWA STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM TO JAPAN

The HHMH Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations extends invitation to the women, ages 17-23 years old, to be one of two exchange students from Hawaii to Japan in the late July to early August in 2017. The purpose of this Exchange Program is to send two female delegates to Japan as "exchange students" in compliance with a resolution adopted during the 3rd World Buddhist Women's Convention held in Honolulu in June 1967 "as means of nurturing future leaders for Jodo Shinshu Women's activities through exposure to Buddhist culture in Japan, oriental culture and youth movement and as a mission of good will." Please see the attached flyer for more information and go to the following website to obtain the Fact Sheet and Application Form; http://www.hawaiibwa.org/Student_Exchange/student_exchange.htm