



# Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Phone: (808) 522-9200 Fax: (808) 522-9209

Web: [www.hongwanjihawaii.com](http://www.hongwanjihawaii.com) Email: [hqs@honpahi.org](mailto:hqs@honpahi.org)



SEPTEMBER 2017

### JINJI - PERSONNEL MATTER

**Reverend David Nakamoto**, a Kaikyoshi-ho Minister (Minister's Aide) who was in charge of Kailua Hongwanji Mission, retired from active ministry as of September 10, 2017. Reverend David Nakamoto served HHMH as a Kaikyoshi-ho since March 1, 2004. Hawaii Kyodan would like to express our deepest appreciation and gratitude to Rev. Nakamoto for his many years of dedication and commitment of sharing the Nembutsu Dharma, and we wish him to have a wonderful retirement.

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani, the Executive Assistant to the Bishop, will oversee Kailua Hongwanji Mission during the month of October, and will continue to temporarily oversee Kailua Hongwanji Mission during the interim.

### OBITUARY

**Rev. Dr. Alfred Bloom**, a Professor Emeritus at the University of Hawaii and a retired Kaikyoshi Minister of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, passed away on August 25, 2017. The Hawaii Kyodan-so Funeral Service was held on September 2, 2017 at Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin under the officiation of Bishop Eric Matsumoto. The Ingo (Posthumous Title) of Ko-Toku-In 廣徳院 has been conferred upon Rev. Dr. Alfred Bloom by the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Denomination in recognition of his exemplary achievements and accomplishments.

### HHMH MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT

Place: Kamuela Hongwanji Mission, Hawaii Island

Date: October 13-15, 2017

Anyone who is interested and recommended by their Hawaii Kyodan temple minister is welcome to apply

Purpose: To review and enrich the knowledge of the participants in the rituals and traditions of the Nishi Hongwanji, General Buddhism and Shin Buddhism. All the knowledge and skills associated with functioning as a Minister's Lay Assistant will be covered during the retreat. The retreat is an opportunity to learn and/or refresh one's skills and knowledge that is associated with the role of a Minister's Lay Assistant but does not necessarily lead to certification. This retreat can be taken as many times as it remains meaningful and helpful to the participant. Certification is another step that is presented in the document: Shin Buddhist Ministry in Hawaii.

For more information and registration, please contact Reverend Kevin Kuniyuki at BSC at 808- 973-6555.

## HQ BOOKSTORE UPDATE

HMH Bookstore started selling the original new item from this month. It is a wrist-nenju with gold Sagarifuji (Wisteria) and Hibiscus logos inscribed onto the Oyadama bead. This wrist-nenju is in the commemoration of His Eminence Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani's Gojunkai (Official visit) to Hawaii. Wisteria stands for Honzan and Hongwanji, and hibiscus stands for Hawaii. \$10 per nenju. There are 5 colors: Yellow, Pink, Light Blue, Lapis, and Marine. Please feel free to contact Yoshiko at (808) 522-9202 or [hqbooks@honpahi.org](mailto:hqbooks@honpahi.org).



## PBA LIGHTING OUR WAY BANQUET

November is right around the corner, a month where we continue one of Pacific Buddhist Academy's most anticipated traditions: our annual Lighting Our Way Banquet. This year's event will be held on Friday, November 17, 2017, from 5:

30 to 8:30 p.m. at Waialae Country Club.

Continuing our tradition of honoring individuals and organizations who exemplify inspirational leadership through compassion, kindness and outstanding achievements, we are pleased to announce this year's honorees: **Dr. Doris Ching**, Emeritus Vice President for Student Affairs at the University of Hawai'i, **Rev. Yoshiaki Fujitani**, former Bishop of the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawai'i, **Les Murakami**, American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Famer, and the **Kokua Kalihi Valley Comprehensive Family Services (KKV)**.

For more information, please call the Advancement Office at 808-532-2649 or click on this link:

<https://www.pacificbuddhistacademy.org/12th-annual-lighting-our-way-banquet-sponsorships-and-tickets#>

## BUDDHIST STUDY CENTER FELLOWSHIP CLUB

Haunted House 2017 "Memoirs of the Deranged"

Place: Buddhist Study Center (1436 University Avenue, Honolulu)

Dates: Friday, October 20, 6-10:45pm & Saturday, October 21, 5-9:45pm

Presale Tickets \$10, Tickets at the door \$12

For more information please contact BSC at [bscassist@honpahi.org](mailto:bscassist@honpahi.org).

The Offices of the Bishop and President would like to wholeheartedly thank you for your earnest planning, effort and reception of His Eminence Gomonsu Kojun Ohtani on his first official visit to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii from September 4 to 12, 2017. We received word that they have safely returned to Japan. It was heart-warming to see so many of you at the temples and sites including lunches and dinners that His Eminence did visit and attend.

We are planning to cover this Gomonsu's official visit in the next Headquarters Update. Please look forward to it. In Gassho,