



Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

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FIRST HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII JOINT CONFERENCE

We are excited to announce the First Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Joint Conference. Attached is the schedule and registration form. This was also sent to the temple ministers and presidents through email.

- ✚ Ala Moana Hotel; September 1- 3, 2018
- ✚ Please remind members that this is the BWA Conference, the Lay Convention, the Ministers' Spouses' meeting, the Jr. YBA meeting, and the Dharma Educators' Conference all rolled into one.
- ✚ Temples will have to select their Lay representatives early so that they can register for the conference and reserve a room.
- ✚ All Hongwanji members are welcome to register and attend the conference, even if they are not attending one of the meetings. There will be a broad range of Dharma-centered workshops in which they can participate.

Participants should make their own room reservations at the Ala Moana hotel. Instructions are on page 1 of the Registration form. Please reserve hotel rooms by February 24, 2018. After that date, we cannot guarantee discounted room rates.

You can print the Registration form double-sided. Members can keep the first page. They can send the second page, along with a check made out to "Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii" to:

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We appreciate early registration to aid us in planning, so an early registration fee of \$260 is available until January 20, 2018. The late registration fee is \$280 and should be submitted by July 20, 2018. After that, registration is accepted on a space available basis.

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#>

SPECIAL CELEBRATIONS

The following temples recently observed the Anniversary Celebration Service. Congratulations!

- PUNA HONGWANJI MISSION – 115th Anniversary on Sunday, October 1, 2017.
- AIEA HONGWANJI MISSION – 115th Anniversary on Saturday, October 14, 2017.
- MAKAWAO HONGWANJI MISSION – 110th Anniversary on Sunday, October 22, 2017.

2017 ANNUAL MINISTER'S LAY ASSISTANT RETREAT HELD AT KAMUELA HONGWANJI

The purpose of the annual retreat is 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 (MLA) is 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 MLA but does not necessarily lead to certification. This retreat can be taken as many times as it remains meaningful and helpful to the participant.



The Facilitator/Instructors for this year's retreat were Rev. Shingo Furusawa, Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani and Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki. The special speaker on the role and responsibilities of an MLA was Dexter Mar, a certified MLA for Hawaii Betsuin.

The following 13 participants were:

Constance Fay, Honokaa Hongwanji; Warren Higuchi, Kamuela Hongwanji; Margie Kaiser, Kohala Hongwanji; Arlene Kawabata, Kamuela Hongwanji; Jodi Manabe Kobayashi, Kamuela Hongwanji; Robert Kobzi, Naalehu Hongwanji; Fredrick Nonaka, Kamuela Hongwanji; Miles Okumura, Honokaa Hongwanji; Ross Perrins, Honokaa Hongwanji; Craig Shimoda, Puna Hongwanji; Earl Tanaka, Honokaa Hongwanji; Tracy Tsuha, Honomu Hongwanji; and Lockey White, Paauilo Hongwanji.

We are hoping most of the participants will continue to work with their mentor ministers to work towards becoming a Certified MLA. For those who are curious, if after working with their mentor minister for a few years, if the mentor minister feels that the individual is ready for certification, he or she then writes a letter of recommendation to the Bishop. Then if the Bishop agrees with the mentor minister, the Bishop will certify the individual as a Certified MLA. So, we wish the best for the participants and their mentor ministers: Rev. Shingo Furusawa, Rev. Shinji Kawagoe and Rev. Satoshi Tomioka!

KAUAI DISTRICT DHARMA SCHOOL SUNDAY AND PEACE DAY SERVICE

United of Kauai Dharma School Sunday & Peace Day service was held on Sunday, September 24 at Koke'e Hongwanji Camp. This year, we hired a bus and picked up members from Kapaa, Lihue and West Kauai Hongwanjis and went to Koke'e Hongwanji camp. After we arrived at Koke'e Hongwanji camp, we had a Peace Day Service with Bishop Matsumoto. We chanted Juseige, sang "May Peace Prevail" and received the Peace Day Dharma Talk from Bishop Matsumoto.

After the service, we had an ice breaker and divided into two groups.

The Dharma School kids went hiking. The Adult group had a Peace Day discussion with Bishop Matsumoto and Mr. Toyama. After the discussion we had Gatha practice led by Mrs. Gladys Fujiuchi. We sang "Together as One", "Touch by Kindness", "Each Day Anew", "It All Starts with You", "Let Your Love Show" and "Living Gratefully." It was a great opportunity for everybody to get together and think about peace. We appreciate the Peace Day committee for being able to have this wonderful Peace Day service at Koke'e.



PROJECT DANA SELECTS CYNDI OSAJIMA AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MS. OSAJIMA SUCCEEDS FOUNDING PROJECT ADMINISTRATOR, ROSE NAKAMURA

HONOLULU (August 14, 2017) -- Effective October 1, 2017, Cyndi Osajima will become Executive Director of Project Dana, a volunteer caregiving project for the frail elderly and disabled in the State of Hawaii. Ms. Osajima succeeds Founding Project Administrator Rose Nakamura who has led Project Dana since its beginning in 1989.

Cyndi Osajima has been a staff member of Project Dana for 25 years and the Volunteer Project Coordinator for 24 years. For the past year, she also has been Operations Manager. Ms. Osajima has been responsible for the recruitment and training of volunteers and for matching them with persons needing Project Dana's assistance. She received her B.A. in Sociology from California State University, Los Angeles, and a Master's degree in Public Health with a sub-specialization in Gerontology from the University of Hawaii Manoa.

Ms. Osajima's passion for serving the elderly and disabled -- providing them with support services that allow them to live independently and with dignity -- has been a hallmark of her tenure with Project Dana. She is committed to continuing the legacy of "Dana" or "selfless giving without expectation for recognition or reward" that was established by the late Shimeji Kanazawa, founder of Project Dana, and Rose Nakamura, Founding Project Administrator.

Martha Samson, Chair of the Advisory Council for Project Dana and a member of the Search Committee, noted that "Cyndi Osajima knows Project Dana in its many dimensions -- its history, its service mission, its volunteers, the recipients of its services, and its partners. No one could be better suited or better prepared to follow in the footsteps of Rose Nakamura, our highly respected Founding Project Administrator of Project Dana."

Nancy Shimamoto, also a member of the Search Committee and President of the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, which is the administrative home of Project Dana, added that "Cyndi Osajima's professional skills, coupled with her commitment to serving Hawaii's *Kapuna* with sensitivity and compassion, made her an ideal candidate for this position of great and growing importance to our community."

About Project Dana

- Founded in 1989 by the late Shimeji Kanazawa and the Moiliili Hongwanji Mission, Project Dana is an interfaith volunteer caregiving project focused on meeting the needs of the frail elderly and the disabled in Hawaii. Currently, through Project Dana, services are provided to more than 1200 elders and disabled clients in the State of Hawaii by nearly 1000 volunteers statewide. Services include telephone visits, transportation, minor home repairs, light housekeeping, home safety assessments and education, respite services, and family caregivers' support. Project Dana has partnership relationships with more than 150 public and non-profit organizations.

2018 HAWAII KYODAN MASTER CALENDAR

January 1 (Mon)	New Year's Day
January 2 (Tue)	New Year's Day Holiday (HQ Closed for holiday)
January 15 (Mon)	M. L. King Jr. Day (HQ Closed for holiday)
January 16 (Tue)	Shinran Shonin's Memorial Day (Hoonko)
February 8 (Thu)	Board of Directors Meeting & State Ministers Association Meeting
February 9-10 (Fri-Sat)	106 th HHMH Giseikai Legislative Assembly
February 10 (Sat)	Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition Luncheon
February 11 (Sun)	BWA (Fujinkai) Dana Day
February 15 (Thu)	Nirvana Day
February 17-19 (Sat-Mon)	YESS Camp 35 (Camp Palehua)
February 19 (Mon)	Presidents' Day (HQ closed for holiday)
March 2 (Fri)	Hongwanji Day
March 8-9 (Thu-Fri)	Ryukoku University-BSC Spring Seminar (Prof. Kaname Fujimaru)
March 18-24	Spring Higan
April 8 (Sun)	Buddha Day
April 9 (Mon)	Buddha Day Holiday (HQ closed for holiday)
April 25 (Wed)	BWA (Fujinkai) Eshinni Day/Peace Day
May 3 (Thu)	PBA Baccalaureate Ceremony
May 4 (Fri)	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
May 4 (Fri)	PBA Commencement Exercise
May 5 (Sat)	Board of Directors Meeting
May 8-10 (Tue-Thu)	World Jodo Shinshu Coordinating Council Meeting (BCA)
May 13 (Sun)	Mother's Day
May 21 (Mon)	Shinran Shonin's Birthday (Gotan-E)
May 28 (Mon)	Memorial Day (HQ closed for holiday)
June 12-14 (Tue-Thu)	60 th State Ministers Association Seminar (Honolulu)

June 17 (Sun)	Father's Day
June 29- July 1 (Fri-Sun)	61 st State Jr. YBA Convention (Hawaii)
July 4 (Wed)	Independence Day (HQ closed for holiday)
July 23-27 (Mon-Fri)	Summer Session at BSC (Dr. Kenneth Tanaka)
August 17 (Fri)	Statehood Day (HQ closed for holiday)
September 1-3 (Sat-Mon)	HHMH Joint Conference (Ala Moana Hotel)
September 3 (Mon)	Labor Day (HQ closed for holiday)
September 7 (Fri)	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
September 8 (Sat)	Board of Directors Meeting
September 20-26	Autumn Higan
September 21 (Fri)	Peace Day Hawaii/United Nations International Day of Peace
September 29-30 (Sat-Sun)	Choralfest 2018 (Hawaii Betsuin)
October 12-14 (Fri-Sun)	Minister's Lay Assistant Retreat (BSC)
November 9 (Fri)	Appreciation Luncheon for Retired Ministers and Spouses
November 11 (Sun)	Veterans Day
November 12 (Mon)	Veterans Day Holiday (HQ closed for holiday)
November 15-16 (Thu-Fri)	State Ministers Continuing Education Seminar
November 22 (Thu)	Thanksgiving Day (HQ closed for holiday)
November 23 (Fri)	Family Day (HQ closed for holiday)
December 7 (Fri)	Sanmu Meeting & Sanmu-Kanji Meeting
December 8 (Sat)	Board of Directors Meeting
December 8 (Sat)	Bodhi Day
December 25 (Tue)	Christmas Day (HQ closed for holiday)
December 31 (Mon)	New Year's Eve