



# Makawao Hongwanji Mission

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Sunday - May 1st - 9:00 am

## FUJIMATSURI

@ KAHULUI HONGWANJI

GATHA FEST, GAMES FOR YOUNGSTERS, BINGO, LUNCH  
REQUESTING HEAD COUNT - To sign up, please call MHM office.



Sunday - May 8th - 9:00 am

**PARENTS' DAY SERVICE**  
SPECIAL BREAKFAST TYPE  
REFRESHMENTS

Speaker: Rev. Umitani  
MHM BWA MEETING

SUNDAY - MAY 15 - 9:00 AM

### FAMILY SERVICE

SPEAKER: Emi Hashi  
Toban: Dharma School



Sunday - May 22 - 9:00 am

### GOTAN-E SERVICE

w/ Reverend Umitani  
Toban: Kyodan



Sunday - May 29 - 9:00 am

### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

SPEAKER: Troy Hashimoto  
Toban: Kyodan



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## Message from Bishop Eric Matsumoto on the Tohoku-Pacific Ocean Earthquake

Let us be guided by Wisdom and Inspired by Compassion and reach out to help!

Please allow me to express my thoughts of metta/loving kindness to all victims who are suffering from the effects of the Great Tohoku-Kanto Earthquake and resulting tsunami and radiation leakage from the Fukushima Nuclear Power Plants and express my condolences to those who have lost loved ones in this disaster. At this time of great suffering, loss of life and property and uncertainty, let us go to the Dharma to reflect and respond. As the Dharma emphasizes, we are all interrelated and interconnected that no one and nothing exists in complete isolation from another. Our relationship with one another is one of supporting others and being supported by others-interdependence. By our thoughts and actions, we do make a difference in one another's lives. In the past, when Hawaii suffered from disasters the people of the world came to our aid. At this moment in time, it is primarily the people of Japan in the Tohoku-Kanto area of Eastern Japan that need our help. As Jodo Shin Buddhists guided by Buddha's Wisdom and inspired by the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha that reaches out to all existence, may we reach out to help the people of Northeastern Japan. By collaboratively working together on March 11<sup>th</sup>, our Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Social Concerns Committee took immediate action which enabled me, as your new Bishop, to personally deliver to the Governor General Bishop Shoshin Tachibana an initial donation of \$10,000 to our Main Temple, the Nishi Hongwanji, to help in the relief effort as I was scheduled to leave for Japan on March 12<sup>th</sup> for a Confirmation Ceremony. It might be hard to believe because of the sheer magnitude of destruction and loss in Eastern Japan, but I found Western Japan relatively calm with relief efforts starting immediately. One of the great obstacles being faced was not being able to reach and transport essentials to the victims due to the destruction of roadways and modes of transportation in Eastern Japan. The cold weather did not help. But difficult as it may be we are encouraged to try and help each other. Thus at this time, I would like to humbly ask the members and friends of the Honpa Hongwanji to please participate in our "2011 Japan Disaster Fund" collection. Details are listed elsewhere in the Update. But, also, in addition to monetary donations, I would like to request that all temples hold a religious service or ceremony, to which the public is invited, to reflect on the suffering of the people and to honor those who have lost their lives and express our sympathy to those families and friends who have lost someone dear to them in this disaster. May it be a means for providing guidance, support, coming together and assurance in this time of need and uncertainty. For those who are doing a pilgrimage to Japan this May to participate in the 750<sup>th</sup> Memorial and the 14<sup>th</sup> World Buddhist Women's Convention, as Governor General Shoshin Tachibana mentioned "The slogan of this observance is the aspiration of Shinran Shonin, "May peace and tranquility prevail throughout the world." In accordance with his wishes, let us observe the Memorial as we keep in mind the pain and suffering of all the victims." Thank you.

Eric Matsumoto/Shaku Horaku  
Bishop



Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha Hongwanji International Center  
本願寺国際センター (浄土真宗本願寺派 国際部)

### ***The Chosen Vow***

Just as Shinran Shonin is revered as the Founder of our Jodo Shinshu tradition, Shinran Shonin revered Honen Shonin as his teacher. The life of Honen Shonin and the life of Shinran Shonin share similarities. They both left home at a young age to enter the monastic life, and engaged in study and practice on Mount Hiei. Despite the long years of seeking salvation, however, they could not find a way to save themselves and their hearts were left in turmoil over it. In Honen's case it was not until the age of forty-three that he discovered the teaching of the Chinese Pure Land master Shan-tao (Jpn. Zendo Daishi). Shan-tao taught that all people, no matter who they were, were sure to be born in the Pure Land through the power of the Tathagata's Vow, as long as they said the Nembutsu. When Honen Shonin learned of this teaching, he took refuge in the Way of Nembutsu. From that time on, his life became one with Namu Amida Butsu, and while reciting the Nembutsu constantly, he went around recommending it to others as well. According to Honen Shonin, Amida Tathagata sought to save all people equally and without discrimination, out of the desire to bestow the Great Compassion of the Tathagatas on all living beings impartially. Honen Shonin made a conscious choice to abandon the path of self-power and to choose the path of Other Power. The path of self-power is the path of difficult ascetic practice that only the saintly could make progress on. It was not a path that all people could take up. Instead, Honen Shonin made the conscious choice to take up the path of living practice open to all in the form of the Nembutsu of Other Power. In a vow, Amida Tathagata says, in essence, "Trust in me, that those who say the Nembutsu will surely be saved, with no discrimination made among them as to good or bad, wise or foolish". This is the essence of the Eighteenth Vow. Honen Shonin called this Vow the *Senchaku Hongan*, or the Chosen Vow. It is in this Vow that he abandoned his efforts to save himself out of self-power and embraced the path of Other Power, putting his life in the hands of Amida Tathagata. Honen Shonin taught that those who said the Nembutsu made the wish the Tathagata had placed on us, come true. It was Honen Shonin who made us realize that other than choosing the Nembutsu that has been imparted to us out of the Tathagata's Great Compassion, there was no other path to save our ignorant selves. Honen Shonin thus pays reverence to the Tathagata's deep compassion that vows to save even ignorant people like ourselves, as long as we say the Nembutsu. There is in this something remarkable, is there not?





## ***HANAMATSURI CELEBRATION***

*April 3, 2011 at Wailuku Community Center*



Dana  
Day  
Service  
Sunday,  
April 10  
17th Year  
Memorial  
For Mrs.  
Yasuko  
Koono



***In Memoriam***

***Makawao Hongwanji Mission extends its deepest sympathy to families that have recently lost a loved one:***

Family of the late **Mr. Teichi Yamada** (91) of Makawao who passed away on March 23, 2011 at Maui Memorial Medical Center.

Family of the **Mrs. Laura Masae Taketa** of Pukalani who passed away on March 31, 2011 at Maui Memorial Medical Center

***May & June 2011 Memorial Anniversaries***  
***(Please call the temple office to schedule your service—572-7229)***

**1st Year Memorial Service 2009**

May - None

**1st Year Memorial Service 2010**

June 17 Tatsuo Horita  
 June 21 Misao Tamura  
 June 23 Tadashi Sugimura

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2008**

May 05 Masami Otsubo  
 May 07 Teruko Kawabe  
 May 11 Hatsumi Sugimura

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2009**

June 13 Patrick Yasuo Hama  
 June 19 Edwin Yukio Nishiyama

**7th Year Memorial Service 2004**

May 28 Yoshie Terao

**7th Year Memorial Service 2005**

June 01 Misao Honda  
 June 24 Tokio Okimoto

**13th Year Memorial Service 1998**

May 28 Hatsuko Murashige

**13th Year Memorial Service 1999**

June 05 Johnny Naoto Kusakabe  
 June 06 Makoto Tanaka  
 June 14 Stanley Akito Hedani

**17th Year Memorial Service 1994**

May 20 Koichi Tanaka

**17th Year Memorial Service 1995**

June - None

**25th Year Memorial Service 1986**

May - None

**25th Year Memorial Service 1987**

June 11 Chester Masao Kawahara

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1978**

May 14 Susumu Murashige  
 May 28 Tadaichi Otani

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1979**

June - None

**50th Year Memorial Service 1961**

May 15 Misao Tanimoto  
 May 31 Kei Nakahira

**50th Year Memorial Service 1962**

June 09 Suma Ogata

***Itcho Isseki (One Morning, One Evening)***

Itcho means a day and Isseki means one evening. The phrase above implies a very short or brief moment in time and how things can change in that moment.

A lifetime seems long yet it is so brief. When we are young, we think we are immortal and live our lives in vain. But when we reach our 50s or 60s, life begins to feel like a downhill ride.

How sad it is that only when we reach the age when our life's end is near that we come to realize that we have lived our lives in vain.

Rennyō Shōnin explained this matter in his letter entitled, "On White Ashes":

"When I deeply contemplate the transient nature of human existence, I realized that, from beginning to end, life is impermanent like all illusion. We have not yet heard of anyone who lived ten thousand years. How fleeting is a lifetime! ... Hence, we may have radiant faces in the morning, but by evening, we may turn into white ashes."

Let us truly take Master Rennyō's words to heart.

(From "Loving Compassion" by Mr. Toshihide Numata)









Preschool Students visited Makawao Hongwanji on April 7 to celebrate the Buddha's Birthday - Hanamatsuri.



**SANBAIZUKe COMING UP!**

Thank you Andy for the pictures.  
Yoshio, Harold, Allan, Haru, and Edwin

Thank you for planting the daikon for the Sanbaizuke. Looking out at the "Farm" from the temple, looks like it's growing very nicely. Haru waters when he comes to the temple, "T" helps to weed. Planting was done so nicely, nothing to "mabiku". Thank you guys for helping and working together to put this project together. Ladies, prepare your knives— a month from now, you will have a job!





MAKAWAO ("MHM") HONGWANJI KYODAN MEETING  
April 13, 2011

**Call to Order:** 7:15 P.M.

**Present:** Michael Nakagawa, Reverend Umitani, Sharon Nagoshi, Sharon Higuchi, Calvin Higuchi, Clyde Hamai, Glynnis Okamura, Clyde Hamai, Paul Sentani, Diane Kosaka, Cory Uchima and Carol Yamamura

**Secretary's Minutes:** Approved as circulated. (Motion made by Sharon Nagoshi and second Glynnis Okamura)

**Treasurer's Report:** No report.

**Sensei's Report:**

Reverend Umitani and his family will be leaving MHM at the end of June. He has accepted a position as Executive Assistant to the Bishop effective July 1, 2011. Reverend Umitani provided a full report. He will be on vacation April 24-May 1, 2011. June 1-3, 2011 he will be training at the Headquarters with Reverend Takata. June 16-19 he will be on a short vacation. Bishop Matsumoto has asked that MHM send him a vision statement.

**Affiliated Organization Reports:**

**Boy Scouts** – Scout O Rama this week.

**Cub Scouts** – Scout O Rama this weekend. They would like to use the hall on May 21, 11 from 9:00 am to 1:00pm

**Dharma School** – April 23 and 24, 2011 to go to the Big Island

**Jr. YBA** – No report.

**Kendo** – No report.

**Judo** – No report.

**Project Dana** – No report.

**Pre-School** – Ceiling fans to be installed and repair of the parking lot.

**BWA** – No report.

**Committee Reports:**

**Repairs & Maintenance** – Harold and Paul worked on the cement walkway. Paul to check toilet in the scout house, repair shower door at the sensei's cottage and check ceiling and roof in the hall.

**Properties** – Water and the planning department of the County of Maui need to approve the permit.

**Buddhist Education** – No report.

**VP of Activities** – Hanamatsuri was held April 3, 2011. Floyd Nagoshi, M.C. did a good job.

**Old Business:**

Laymen's Convention. Diane received the check from Michael Munekiyo.

Eucalyptus Tree – Invoice for services received. Calvin to check on the amount due and owing.

Bazaar– Glynnis Okamura and Diane Kosaka to co-chair, meeting to be held.

**New Business:**

Sensei's Aloha Party – To be held June 5, 2011 after service.

Septic Tank Bank Flow Inspection. Calvin to check on company to make the inspection

Refrigerator In Social Hall. Discussion held, Clyde to bring in an old refrigerator.

**Announcements:**

Next meeting: May 11, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

In Gassho,  
/s/ Carol K. Yamamura



**MAKAWAO HONGWANJI ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS**

**AVAILABLE NOW AT THE OFFICE**

**\$15.00**

**PROCEEDS TO HELP FUND OUR  
"SHARING IS CARING PROJECT"**

## *President's Message:*



As of July 1st, 2011, our resident minister, Reverend Toshiyuki Umitani and his family will be reassigned to Honpa Hongwanji Mission on Oahu. Reverend Umitani will take Reverend Takata's place as executive assistant to the Bishop. Reverend Takata will be leaving Hawaii Kyodan to join the Buddhist Churches of America. We are really going to miss Reverend Umitani, his wife Yoshiko, and their children Naho and Riho. You won't believe what a wonderful family that they have been for our congregation. Although we will miss them very much, we do wish them well in their new assignment. I'm sure that Reverend Umitani and his family will be a valuable asset to Bishop Eric Matsumoto and that we will all be better for it. The farewell luncheon is tentatively set for June 5, 2011, Sunday, after our Sunday Service.

Some of our members had made plans from about a year ago to take Reverend Umitani and his whole family to Las Vegas in June. The trip is all set for June 16 to June 19. Everything is taken care of except their spending money. We do have plans to take them to the Hoover Dam, have dinner at Makino's and a few other things. Just Reverend Umitani went to Las Vegas with us last year and I took him to a firing range and we fired a Glock hand gun. He was really nervous and I think that he still has nightmares from that experience. But, as president, I thought that it was my duty to get him to do something different. On second thought, Makawao Hongwanji Mission has a weird president.

Peggy Kono's father, Mr. Harry Oyama, has a favor to ask of all our members and non-members. In order to help the people of Japan, he has requested that anyone who has left-over yen from their previous vacations to donate it to Makawao Hongwanji Mission. We will then hand over all of the money to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii so that they can deliver it to Japan. I think that this is a wonderful idea. So folks, if you have a yen to donate, please send it to Makawao Hongwanji. Thank you very much. And special thanks to Mr. Oyama for a wonderful suggestion.

After much debate, the planet called Pluto is now called a dwarf planet. The scientists have agreed that it doesn't fit the definition of a planet. I, for one, object to this change. I think that this is a bad decision. It's a good thing that Walt Disney is not with us today to witness this miscarriage of justice. I really think that the whole thing is Goofy. This subject should be investigated more thoroughly. I don't want to see any more of this Mickey Mouse scientific blunders. And when did they decide to get rid of Pluto anyway? On Space Mountain? I know a lot about our planets because I studied them in school. I should have been a scientist. After all, I spent a whole two weeks in the second grade studying our planets. That should count for something, right? Oh well, no sense in getting too upset about this. IT'S A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL.



*Michael*



### ***Farewell Luncheon for the Umitani Family***

Sunday - June 5

After Sunday Service at

Makawao Hongwanji Social Hall

Rice, Chicken Hekka, Roasted Vegetables,

Chow Fun will be provided

If there is anything you would like to add to the Buffet

Line, you are welcome to do so.

We would like to ask affiliated Organizations to help provide desserts and to help with clean up. Thank You!





**Emergency Relief Fund  
For Earthquake/Tsunami Victims in Japan**

**TOTAL TO DATE: \$9,840.00**

**Social Concerns Committee of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii have started a special fund raising campaign for the victims and their families of the recent "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami". If you would like to make a contribution, please send checks payable to "Makawao Hongwanji" with a memo on your check "Japan Earthquake/Tsunami". We will send one check to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii to be forwarded to Japan. Campaign to run till the end August 2011. Some people have made contributions thru other agencies or directly to families in Japan. Thank you to all that have made contributions to "HELP"!**

Thank you to the following people who have made contributions:

Mitchi Itami	Marion Morikawa	Lynn Pilarski
Janice Watanabe	Setsuko Asato	Haruyuki Yamanaka
M/M Ray Nakagawa	M/M Ken Imamura	Rev/Mrs. Toshiyuki Umitani
Betsy Matsumura	Janice Shiraki	Narue Nitahara
M/M Hisao Yoshizu	M/M Richard Blue	M/M Calvin Higuchi
Myles Matsunaga	M/M Glenn Kosaka	Alice Sugimura
M/M Arthur Kurahara	Mrs. Fusako Yamada	Mrs. Blanche Ito
Mrs. Ruth Magarifuji	Magarifuji Family	M/M Yoshio Kijima
M/M Akio Nihei	Mrs. Gladys Ushijima	M/M Ron Hamai
M/M Hiromi Tanaka	M/M Clarence Okamura	Mrs. Clare Kihara
Mrs. Sueno Saito	Glenna/Sachiko Smith	Anonymous
M/M Stanley Shigeta	Nora Nishiyama	Mr. John Mihara
Mrs. Hatsue Terada	Mrs. Marcella Masuda	Mr. Goro Fujikawa

**Will it ever happen to Me? By Mike Hirano, Project Dana, Oahu**

As we witness the disaster in Japan, we must ask ourselves how we would survive if placed in a similar situation. Even if the magnitude were far less, are we prepared to cope with such an emergency.

If we have to evacuate our homes, those who have prepared in advance will have a better chance of survival. Here are some tips to get started:

1. Emergency Plan

Family meeting place: pre-disaster and post disaster

Emergency phone list: alternate contacts (in state and out of state, doctor, Vet, insurance agent, work, school, cellular, and hangouts of family)

Designated shelter and alternates (addresses and phone #'s)

Discuss what to do before, during and after a disaster happens

2. Emergency Kit (Carry a mini kit in your car) Plan for supplies for 72 hours and longer

Water 1 gallon per person per day

Food non-perishable, high energy, ready-to-eat

Clothes 1 change of clothes; jacket or blanket if needed

Portable equipment Cell phone, flashlight/lanterns, radio, stove, batteries

Sleeping bag

First Aid Kit

Pet Supplies

Prescription Medications

Tools and Supplies

Sanitation Supplies

3. Emergency Shelter

Designate three possible shelters in the area. Do they have room for pets?

Are you living in a tsunami evacuation or flood zone?

4. Important Documents

Take important papers (identification, deeds, titles, insurance, etc.) and some spare cash.

5. Miscellaneous Information

Gas Tank filled?

Primary radio stations (i.e. Oahu— KSSK, 590AM, KRTR, 96.3FM)

State Civil Defense ([www.scd.hawaii.gov](http://www.scd.hawaii.gov))



## May 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am FUJIMATSURI @Kahului Hong.	2 8:30 am Sr. Program  4:30 pm Kendo 7 pm Judo	3 7:30 am Gateball	4  4:30 pm Kendo	5  4:30 pm Kendo 7 pm Judo	6 7:30 am Gateball	7
8 9:00 am PARENTS' DAY SERVICE Toban: BWA  4:30—6 Kendo	9 8:30 am Sr. Program  4:30 pm Kendo 7 pm Judo	10 7:30 am Gateball	11  4:30 pm Kendo  7:00 PM KYODAN MTG	12  4:30 pm Kendo 7 pm Judo	13 7:30 am Gateball	14 <b>CLEAN UP TEAM #1</b>
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22 9:00 am <i>GOTAN-E SVC</i> w/ Rev. Umitani Toban: Kyodan  4:30—6 Kendo	23 8:30 am Sr. Program  4:30 pm Kendo 7 pm Judo	24 7:30 am Gateball	25  4:30 pm Kendo	26  4:30 pm Kendo 7 pm Judo	27 7:30 am Gateball	28 <b>CLEAN UP TEAM #1</b>
29 9:00 am <i>Makawao Hong.</i> <i>Baccalaureate</i> <i>Service</i>	30 8:30 am Sr. Program  4:30 pm Kendo 7 pm Judo	31 7:30 am Gateball				

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