



# Makawao Hongwanji Buddhist Temple

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Return Service Requested

Makawao Hongwanji

**Sunday, Dec. 6th, 9 a.m.**  
**Bodhi Day Service**  
Toban: Jr. YBA  
Refreshments: Sweet Peas

**Sunday, Dec. 13th, 9 a.m.**  
**Family Service**  
Toban: BWA  
Refreshments: Am. Beauty Roses

**Sunday, Dec. 20th**  
**NO SERVICE**  
**GENERAL CLEAN UP**

**Sunday, Dec. 27th**  
**NO SERVICE**  
**MOCHI TSUKI**



## **PAUWELA CEMETERY**

Due to the relentless efforts of Iwa and Robert Yoshioka, every tombstone has been logged in Japanese as well as in English. A map of these tombstone locations was created by Calvin Higuchi and can be viewed at our church office. Thanks to a crew of church members, this cemetery is regularly maintained in beautiful condition for visitation.



*“Hard is it to be born into human life. Now we are living it. Difficult is it to hear the Teachings of the Blessed One. Now we hear it. If we do not realize the truth in this life, when will it be realized? Let us reverently take refuge in the Three Treasures of The Truth.”*

In his Dharma message, the Rev. Umitsu spoke about Prince Shotoku (574 - 622), who is one of the most important figures in Japanese history and in the history of Buddhism. Prince Shotoku was a bright individual and helped the central government as Regent. He is credited with promulgating a seventeen-article constitution based on Buddhist ideals.

Quoting from a section of the tenth article:

“Let us control ourselves and not be resentful when others disagree with us. For all men have hearts and each heart has its own leanings. The right of others is our wrong, and our right is their wrong. We are not unquestionably sages, nor are they unquestionably fools. Both of us are simply ordinary men”. Shinran Shonin referred to ordinary people as foolish beings or bonbu. Everyone is trying to do something “good”. In other words, everyone is right. However, what is good for one is not good for everyone. This belief that “I am right” makes the world difficult to live in. The problem lies within each individual. It requires something outside of ourselves to shed light on all of us and show us how we are behaving towards one another.

On a personal level, I often get mad, especially when things don't go my way. I get upset when people tell me what I should do, or if they don't let me finish what I am saying about things that I have on my mind. I know... people tell me not to take things personally, especially church stuff. But when you are assigned to take charge of a project, and others tell you how you should or should not do the task, I get upset ...sometimes. At times, I stop to think of a joke I read in the Wheel of Dharma. “How many Buddhist does it take to change a light bulb?” 100. One to change it, while 99 tell you how to do it in their own different ways. The one (me) gets in the way. As always...*I go to the Buddha for guidance, I go to the Dharma for guidance, I go to the Sangha for guidance.*

*NAMU AMIDA BUTSU*

**BODHI DAY**  
**December 6, 2015**

[Bodhi Day](#) is a Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that the Buddha achieved enlightenment after 49 days of continuous meditation under a Bodhi tree. We commemorate this day by meditating, studying the Dharma, chanting sutras and performing kind acts towards other beings.

**December 2015 & January 2016 Memorial Anniversaries**  
(Please call Temple Office to schedule your service - 572-7229)

**1st Year Memorial Service 2014**

December 16 Roy Masao Seki  
December 20 Mildred Rieko Makimoto

**1st Year Memorial Service 2015**

January - None

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2013**

December - None

**3rd Year Memorial Service 2014**

January 24 Reed Yoshio Nakamura  
January 30 Misae Nagahiro

**7th Year Memorial Service 2009**

December - None

**7th Year Memorial Service 2010**

January - None

**13th Year Memorial Service 2003**

December 05 Edwin Sadao Murai  
December 29 Tokiwa Ito  
December 30 Chieko Hanada

**13th Year Memorial Service 2004**

January 30 Takayo Kawakami

**17th Year Memorial Service 1999**

December - None

**17th Year Memorial Service 2000**

January - None

**25th Year Memorial Service 1991**

December - None

**25th Year Memorial Service 1992**

January 25 Waru Ikeda

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1983**

December 29 Masayuki Hieda

**33rd Year Memorial Service 1984**

January 01 Harumi Kajiya  
January 15 Mizuo Kono  
January 19 Hatsuichi Nishiyama

**50th Year Memorial Service 1966**

December 16 Takayo Watanabe

**50th Year Memorial Service 1967**

January - None

Correction: The name of the late Mrs. Violet Tsuyako Nakamura was misspelled in our November newsletter. We apologize for the error.

**MONTHLY TEMPLE CLEANING**

Effective January 1, 2016, districts (i.e. Makawao, Pukalani, Kula) will be responsible for the cleaning of the Temple and Nokotsudo for the entire month, see last page Calendar.

Clean-up will be done every Saturday morning beginning at 7 a.m. (except kula at 8 a.m.). It usually takes about an hour to do the job.

We greatly appreciate all volunteers. Contact person: Floyd Nagoshi 280-0519

**Donations** - Makawao Hongwanji Mission can operate only because of the generous donations from many, many people. All donations are humbly received with sincere gratitude and appreciation. IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO HAVE YOUR DONATION PRINTED IN THE NEWSLETTER OR IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR DONATION LISTED AS ANONYMOUS, PLEASE INDICATE SO BY ATTACHING A NOTE TO YOUR CONTRIBUTION.  
*Thank You!*

**Contributions October 17, 2015 November 19, 2015**

**OFUSE:**

49th day service for Fusako Yamada - Yamada family  
49th day service for Sueji Kanemoto - Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Kanemoto, Edwin and Mieko Kanemoto  
Funeral service for Violet Nakamura - Nakamura family  
1st year memorial service for Shirley Kawahara - Kawahara family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Matsui,  
Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Guillermo, Esther Nakamura

**DONATIONS:**

Ira and Marilyn Tagawa  
Kenneth and Debra Okuno  
In memory of the Honda family - Rudy and Kay Nishiyama  
In memory of Shirley Kawahara - Gary and Patsy Matsueda  
In memory of Monsuke Imada - Sharon Yokoyama  
In memory of Sueko Sato - Yvonne Kishi  
In memory of Toshio and Tomie Okuda - Ron Okuda, Carole and Melvin Endo, Gladys Okuda,  
Faye Okuda, Alan and Jane Tamiya  
Floyd and Sharon Nagoshi  
EITAIKYO - Haruyuki Yamanaka


**NOKOTSUDO:**

Haruyuki Yamanaka  
Raymond and Sharon Otsubo  
In loving memory of our mother, Shirley Sugako Kawahara - Kawahara family  
In memory of Chizuko and Shigeichi Kanemoto - Yvonne Kishi

**NEWSLETTER:**

Theodine Hirai

***Sharing Corner:***  
*(As readers submit their writings, thoughts, etc. for sharing, it will be published in the "Sharing Corner". Submissions may be printed anonymously.)*



Bob Nisonger and Gille Bryce spreading peace and compassion at the Grand Canyon in October.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HO! HO! HO! The time has finally come for me to step down as MHM President. Thank you everyone for putting up with me. Why, it seems like only a hundred years ago that I became president. The new president will be Floyd Nagoshi. I'm sure that he will do a great job because he is following in my footsteps. Then again, anyone following in my footsteps will do a great job! Thanks, Floyd, for stepping up. I will overlook your temporary insanity when you said yes.

You probably don't know this, but I have a dual citizenship. I am a citizen of both Earth and Mars. Since I'm retired, I think that I will move to Mars. I still have to find a way to get there but at least it won't be crowded. Since I can't go there as a n ordinary person, I have given myself the title of Supreme Commander of the Universe. No one would dare reject my request to go there with credentials like that.

Any president's messages over the years that made sense is the fault of our publishing staff and subsidiaries. The purpose of my messages was to see how many of you actually read this kind of information. I was surprised to find that there's a whole bunch of you weird people out there. It makes me feel good that I'm not the only one with a warped sense of humor.

Complaints can be sent to me care of Mars. It should get to me in about a million years if you use FedEx,. It will take a little longer using the USPS.

2016 Officers - President: Floyd Nagoshi; Secretary: Diane Nako; Treasurer: Fred Wong

Director - Finance: Clyde Hamai; Buddhist Education: Sharon Nagoshi;  
Funeral & Nokotsudo: Hedy Sentani/Floyd Nagoshi/Sharon Higuchi;  
Membership: Sharon Higuchi/Diane Kosaka; Activities: Marilyn Morikawa  
Properties: Calvin Higuchi

Advisors: Setsuko Asato, Florence Sakae, Andy Hirose, David Judd, Glenn Kosaka,  
Yoshio Kijima, Haruyuki Yamanaka, Robert Yoshioka, Glenn Hamai, Dr. Cliff Tokumaru

*MIKE*

### MOCHI TSUKI - DEC. 27 (Sunday), 8:00 a.m.

The year of 2015 is coming to an end and it's time to plan for the New Year celebrations. Start off the new year with ozoni (mochi soup) and lots of good luck mochi to eat. Come and make mochi on Sunday, Dec. 27, beginning at 8:00 a.m.

First, wash and soak your 5 pounds of mochi rice and bring to the church kitchen. Also bring azuki an (if desired), katakuriko (potato starch), waxed paper, flat boxes, paper plates, and ziplock bags to carry your mochi home.

Do you want to make mochi? If you'll be coming to mochi tsuki, please call Rie at the church office 572-7229.

**CHURCH GENERAL CLEAN-UP**  
**Sunday, December 20, 2015**  
**8:00 a.m.**



Please come out for our semi-annual General Clean-up. It would be helpful if you bring your own tools, work gloves, or window cleaning supplies. Trucks will be needed to dump rubbish.

**Cleaning Assignments:**

- Men: Weed, cut grass, trim hedges and trees (Makawao side) of temple grounds including peach tree lot.
- Ladies: Clean inside temple. Polish altar. Wash temple windows. Clean Nokotsudo.
- Jr. Y.B.A.: Clean restrooms.
- Judo Club: Clean Social Hall windows, screens, and porch. Weed front of Temple property and along Kihei side of property.
- Cub Scouts: Help Judo Clean windows & screens in Social Hall. Clean storage closet.
- Boy Scouts: Weed around minister's residence, Project Dana House, and Boy Scouts House. Pick up and dump rubbish.
- Every Body: Help each other wherever is needed.



Lunch will be provided!

**ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE**

Please mark you calendars and come to Makawao Hongwanji for the following scheduled activities. Call Rie in the Office 572-7229 if you have questions.

- Dec. 5 Winter Garage Sale, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Dec. 6 Bodhi Day Service, 9:00 a.m.
- Dec. 20 Clean-Up Day, 8:00 a.m. (see schedule)
- Dec. 27 Mochi Tsuki, 8:00 a.m.
  
- Jan. 24 Ho'onko Service and Installation of 2016 MHM Officers, 9:00 a.m.
  
- Feb. 7 Scout Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
- Feb. 14 New Year's Party (Shinnenkai) and Welcome Party for Rev. and Mrs. William Masuda, 9:00 a.m. Service followed by Program and lunch.



**SENIOR FAIR** Makawao Hongwanji BWA participated in the October 2015 Senior Fair. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we had fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, rice products, and crafts. Arigato to all the workers that made it another successful MHM fundraiser.

**Makawao Hongwanji Mission Council Meeting**  
**November 11, 2015**

**Affiliate Organizations Reports:**

**Dharma School:** Dharma school teachers and Jr. YBA met with Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki of the Office of Buddhist Education on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> at Wailuku Hongwanji. Attached to these minutes is the summary of the meeting.

**Buddhist Women's Association:** Thank you to all the donors for the Senior Fair. Proceeds will be directed to the future water meter. Makawao BWA made a donation to Pacific Buddhist Academy for capital campaign.

**Preschool Board:** Inquiring about 6 more fans. Preschool will have winter session the last two weeks in December and reopen on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

**Buddhist Education:** The Nembutsu Seminar was held on Nov. 7 and 8 at Lahaina Hongwanji. Rev. Masao Kodani, retired minister of Senshin Buddhist Temple, California, shared excellent as well as practical Dharma teachings and reflections.

**VP Activities:** Council made a decision of having Ho'onko Service and Installation of Officers on Jan. 24, 2016. No party will be held on that day. Shinnen Kai (New Year's) /Welcome Party on Feb. 14, 2015 will be held to celebrate as well as welcome Rev. and Mrs. Masuda to Makawao Hongwanji

**Repair and Maintenance:**

- Gavin Isobe worked on the walk-in refrigeration without service charges. He also checked the kitchen's double glass door refrigerator and found it to be alright.
- Unable to find director of repair and maintenance.
- Help is needed to the Minister's residence for minor repairs and painting before Rev. Masuda and wife, Kiyō, take residency.
- The rain gutter to the minister's residence need to be replaced.
- Jeff the plumber will be installing sprayer faucet in the kitchen.
- Paul Sentani will be meeting with Security Tec. to look into upgrading our present security alarm system.
- More security warning signs where placed around temple grounds.

**Old Business:**

- Rev. Will Masuda will start on Feb. 1, 2015.
- Newsletter: Will continue to eliminate donation amounts posted in newsletter. Need more feedback.

**New Business:**

- Peach fence proposal - 170 ft. of fencing and posts for rear of peach lot to prevent trespassing. Due to no quorum, unable to make a decision. Will be next month's agenda.
- Fumigation of temple - \$3,430. Able to be covered within the Repair and Maintenance budget.
- Lay Convention - Makawao will continue to attend.
- Geseiki (Legislative Assembly) - Feb 12 and 13, 2016 in Honolulu.
- Big Island stolen Kansho Bell found.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Nagoshi



# MAKAWAO HONGWANJI PRESCHOOL

By: Lei



Happy Thanksgiving from Makawao Hongwanji Preschool! We enjoyed a fun field trip to Makawao Library as well as Makawao Hongwanji Temple this month. Thank you Uncle Floyd for teaching us about the church bell and a special time to sit inside the temple.

Reminder: If your child is turning two years of age and would like to attend MHM Preschool, please call school office 572-7883 to register.

## *Pacific Buddhist academy*

**Dear Hongwanji Community:**

Pacific Buddhist Academy big news to share! Thanks to a pledge of 250,000,000 yen (about 2 million dollars) from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha and support from you and many temples, affiliate organizations and laypeople of the Hawaii Kyodan and other friends, PBA has reached a major milestone in our journey toward a new school building! We look to break ground on our future site during the winter holiday. The groundbreaking represents growth and promise as the new facility will enable the size of the student body to increase to at least 120 and will allow numerous education programs to expand.

To celebrate this auspicious occasion with you, here is a glimpse of PBA's building design concept. Classrooms, a science lab, a tea ceremony room and other design features were all developed by keeping in mind how learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century can best accommodate new generations of practitioners of peace.

We are truly grateful for your support! Your generosity has helped us guide more students toward the practice of peace and brought us much closer to our vision of PBA's future. We've reached an important next step, but there are a few more to climb, and we hope we can count on you to reach them. We anticipate a new surge in fundraising with the pledge from Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha, and we urge you to consider giving additional support. As our dream becomes a reality, we'll keep you informed of new milestones achieved.

Join us for the rest of the journey! Since unveiling our new educational model to families in 2003, PBA has successfully shown how an integration of peace education and Buddhist values transforms lives. Together, we have sustained a school where students aspire to academic excellence while learning such values as mindfulness, gratitude, and compassion. Now let's ensure that light shines brightly into the future.

We invite you to call or write us if you would like more information.

With gratitude,

Josh Hernandez Morse  
Head of School

Rudiger Ruckmann  
Director of Advancement



# Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii

## HEADQUARTERS UPDATE

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To the Membership of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and especially the Members of Papaalooa Hongwanji Mission,

It is with sadness that I heard the news of the Kansho/Calling Bell at Papaalooa Hongwanji had been stolen. While it is said that "Silence is golden" in the community of Papaalooa on the Big Island of Hawaii, I believe, there is a sad stillness. In Japan, as we know, generally speaking, temple bells are associated with the call of the Buddha calling people to awaken from greed, anger and ignorance to enlightenment. The temple bell at Papaalooa Hongwanji Temple that sounded for nearly a century encouraging people to come to temple to hear the Buddha's Teaching of Wisdom and Compassion no longer calls out to the surrounding neighborhood. While I, too, hope that the bell will be returned let us of Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii not let anger and distrust overwhelm us. To the entire Sangha, let us not let negative feelings and emotions connected with this incident taint our interactions with the larger community. Another way of looking at it is that, now, since there is no temple bell to rely on (to call people) we must rely on our own voices to invite people to the temple.

To the Members of Papaalooa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple, may you find solace in the thought that possibly those who stole the bell were in such dire circumstances that they were driven into the situation of having to steal the bell. May the Buddha-Dharma guide you. Please know that Headquarters has received calls from people who are expressing their distress and also lament over the incident. As I listen to them, it saddens them very deeply that the temple bell which called people to temple to hear the Compassionate Teachings of Amida Buddha which supported people in the most challenging of times bringing peace and serenity into their lives and stressed the importance of serving the community and peaceful coexistence during the past 100 years can no longer be heard in your area. Please know that the Hongwanji Sangha is with you.

Namo Amida Butsu/Entrusting in the Buddha of Immeasurable Life and Infinite Light  
In gassho/anjali,  
Rev. Eric Matsumoto, Bishop  
October 25, 2015

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**Fortunately, the ornate bell, a part of Papaalooa's history since it was cast in Japan in 1919, was recovered on October 30, 2015, at the edge of a nearby gulch. At the time the *Hawaii Tribune Herald* quoted a temple member as saying, "We need to find a better way to secure our bell." This concern for the security of our temples has undoubtedly been echoed by Hongwanji members throughout the state.**

## Another Story of a Stolen Temple Bell

by Gail



Recently, the incident of Papaalooa's stolen bell has also brought to light at Makawao Hongwanji, another long-forgotten story of tragedy and a stolen bell. That bell is known as the H-Poko (short for Hamakuapoko) Memorial Bell. Thanks to Yoshio Kijima, who shared his first hand recollections of the events surrounding the tragic story of the H'poko Five, and who kept an article printed in the *Hawaii Herald* on January 1, 1991, we are able to share the story of the H-Poko Memorial Bell that went missing from Pauwela Hongwanji Mission 42 years ago.

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## Story of the Lost Bell continued...

This is a brief synopsis of the story of the Hamakuapoko Memorial Bell taken from that article. The H'poko bell was special ordered from Japan by the members of the Hamakuapoko Hongwanji in 1923, as a memorial for the five spirited young men who perished while on an adventurous hike up to Haleakala on that fateful day of April 1, 1923, when the weather turned to a torrential storm. These were Nisei sons of immigrant farm workers who were members of Hamakuapoko Hongwanji's Young Buddhist Association. The heartbroken community rallied to fundraise \$25, which was then a great amount of money, and had the bell cast in Japan. On it is engraved in Japanese, the names of the five who died, the names of the villages in Hiroshima their parents had come from, and their Buddhist names.

While the five who died were interred at Paia Mantokuji, the bell served its purpose at H-Poko temple for a number of years to help people remember the tragedy forever. However, when the H'poko plantation closed, its residents were relocated to Paia. The temple possessions, including the bell, were stored at Paia (Nashiwa Camp) temple until its closure in 1971. The bell, along with other possessions of the two previous temples, again relocated... this time to the present Makawao Hongwanji. Not long thereafter, on a stormy day in the nearby community of Pauwela, the Pauwela Hongwanji Temple bell fell to the ground and was shattered. Mrs. Leatrice Taketa, a former member of Pauwela Hongwanji, recently related this account of her recollection to Floyd Nagoshi. One day, her son, Donald (7th grader at that time), said that he heard the Pauwela Temple bell fall down. With the bell broken, Makawao Hongwanji loaned the memorial bell to Pauwela temple as a replacement. Sometime in June or July of 1973, some 50 years after the death of the five men on Haleakala, the bell was stolen from the Pauwela temple. (Earlier that year, at the request of the Tagawa family of Paia, then resident Makawao Hongwanji Minister Chikai Yosemite had performed a 50 year memorial service for the five H-Poko men.) When he learned of the theft of the bell from Pauwela, Reverend Yosemite immediately called the caretaker at Hana Hongwanji to check on its bell. Too late! Small enough for one to walk away with, the Hana bell was missing and its whereabouts still remains a mystery today.

As for the Hamakuapoko Memorial bell... on September 29, 1982, almost 10 years after its theft, enforcement officers with the State Land and Natural Resources stumbled onto the missing H-Poko bell during a marijuana raid in the Huelo side of Haiku. Yoshio Kijima's son-in-law was in the group that found the bell. Intrigued by the Japanese characters inscribed on the bell, he called Yoshio who confirmed the bell was indeed Makawao Hongwanji's missing H-Poko bell. The bell was taken to the Maui Police Department. By then, Reverend Yosemite had been transferred to Jikoen Hongwanji Temple on Oahu. His successor, Reverend Kosho Soga and Kyodan President Lester Hamai claimed it on October 2, 1982, thus ending the saga of the missing Hamakuapoko Memorial bell.

### **WINTER GARAGE SALE 2015 IS COMING SOON!!!**

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 7A.M.—2 P.M.**

**HO! HO! HO!** Don't forget the Winter Garage Sale on Saturday Dec. 5. There will be some unbelievable stuff! If you have items to donate, please drop them off in the garage area back of the temple by Thursday, Dec. 3. Questions, or help in picking up items, please call 573-7229. If you have produce or baked items for the country store, please call Marilyn at 572-7445. Every bit is appreciated and can go a long way in making this event a continuing success for Makawao Hongwanji. Thank you very much!

### **Cheery Elves Garage Sale Work Schedule:**

Friday - November 27 – Set up/ Move Items (2pm – 6pm)

Saturday – November 28 – Sort & Clean items (8am – 2pm)

Sunday - November 29 – Set up Tents; Price & Sort (After Sunday Service)

Monday, 11/30 – Thurs.12/3 Price & Sort (8am – 8pm)

Friday Dec. 4: 8am – 12 noon

Saturday, Dec. 5 – 5:30 am – Parking

## Continuation of Honpa Hongwanji Mission Headquarters Update...

### PARLIAMENT OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

With the urging and assistance of the Board of Directors of The Interfaith Alliance Hawaii, my wife, Rosemary, and I were extremely fortunate to take part in the Parliament of the World's Religions. This event was held from October 16 to October 20, 2015 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Parliament invites all of the world's religions and spiritual traditions (including pagans and atheists) to join together in interreligious harmony based on respectful, appreciative and cooperative relationships with persons and communities of other traditions. The first Parliament was held in 1893 in Chicago and is recognized as the birth of a global interfaith movement. In addition to known faith traditions, this gathering for the first time recognized the beauty of Baha'i, Buddhism, Hinduism and Jainism. D.T. Suzuki, the renowned Zen scholar, was one of the noted presenters.

This year's theme was RECLAIMING THE HEART OF OUR HUMANITY – Working Together for a World of Compassion, Peace, Justice and Sustainability. In addition, the Inaugural Women's Assembly focused on: (1) Responsibility of world's religions to affirm women's dignity and human rights; and (2) Share sources of religious and spiritual inspiration for women's empowerment.

People from more than 80 countries and 50 faith and spiritual traditions came together to learn about and consider solutions related to topics such as climate change, poverty and the struggle of indigenous people throughout the world. With plenary sessions and about 1,200 topical sessions over the four days, I started each day with a 7:00 am worship and self-reflective activities (meditation, tai chi and hatha yoga), then participated in various sessions dealing with homelessness, indigenous people and the work of small local community action groups. The session presenters were excellent with experiential knowledge and participants shared their experiences with mutual respect, mindfulness and compassion.

The Parliament concluded with a call to all religious and spiritual communities to urgently work for a compassionate, peaceful, just and sustainable world. With this sense of urgency, the next Parliament will be held in two years rather than four years. The location of next gathering will be announced shortly.

The Honpa Hongwanji was well represented at the Parliament. Bishop Tatsuya Aoki (Buddhist Churches of Canada), Bishop Eric Matsumoto (Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii) and Bishop Kodo Umezumi (Buddhist Churches of America) represented the North American temples. In addition, Reverend Ron Kobata, Reverend Marvin Harada, Reverend Ron Miyamura and other BCA ministers conducted short Jodo Shin services for interested Parliament participants.

Reverend Jerry Hirano and his wife, Carmela, of the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple hosted Parliament participants from the Honpa Hongwanji. Salt Lake sangha members welcomed us with their warm hospitality and the Hiranos opened their home for a special dinner. We certainly enjoyed our brief visit with the Salt Lake sangha and appreciate their welcoming efforts.

For me, the Parliament demonstrated that religious and spiritual people can make a difference in the world.

(Alan Goto – Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin)



December 2015 - January 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 8:30 am Fitness Prog  2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	2	3 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	4	5 7 am ~ 2 pm Winter Garage Sale
6 9:00 am Bodhi Day Service Jr.YBA Speaker ; Denise Fleetham	7  6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	8 8:30 am Fitness Prog  2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	9  7:00 pm Council Mtg	10 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	11	12 7:00 am Clean - Up Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
13 9:00 am Family Service BWA Speaker; Andy Hirose	14  6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	15 8:30 am Fitness Prog  2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	16	17 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	18	19 7:00 am Nokotsudo - Cleaning 8:30 am Fitness Prog
20 8:00 am General Clean-Up	21  6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	22 8:30 am Fitness Prog	23	24 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm	25 *Christmas Day Office Closed	26 7:00 am Clean - Up Makawao 8:30 am Fitness Prog
27 8:00 am Mochi Tsuki	28  6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	29 8:30 am Fitness Prog	30	31 No New Year Joya-E Service		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 am Family Service Jr. YBA	4  6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	5 8:30 am Fitness Prog  2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch	6	7 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	8	9 8:00 am Clean—Up Kula 8:30 am Fitness Prog
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24 9:00 am Ho'onko Service Installation of Of- ficers -----	25  6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	26 8:30 am Fitness Prog  2:45/3:30 Japanese Sch	27	28 8:30 am Fitness Prog 2:45/3:30 pm Japanese Sch 6:00 to 8:45 pm Judo	29	30 8:00 am Nokotsudo - Kula 8:30 am Firnness Prog