



Hamakua Four-Temple



Honohina-Papaaloa, Honomu and Papaikou Hongwanji Missions

Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude

February 2026

Mochi Fundraiser Rousing

By Alvin Yoshimoto

President, Papaikou Hongwanji Mission

I am truly humbled by everyone who gave their time to support the Papaikou Hongwanji Mochi Fundraiser. On December 28 from the 3:30 a.m. boiler gang to the 6:00 a.m. pounders and kasane crew, to the komochi team, the dusting and packing crew, everything ran smoothly because we all worked together. I've heard nothing but praise for the quality of our mochi, and that's a direct reflection of everyone's best effort and loving care put into each mochi.

Thank you to all our members, families, and friends. One or two of us can only do so much, but when we share a vision and join forces, we can achieve something far greater than ourselves. This fundraiser was more than just a way to raise funds—it was a celebration of teamwork, heritage, and aloha.

Mochi Project Volunteers

20 Dec 2025

Gerald Gushiken	Newton Inouye	Lauren Kamei	May Navarro	Alvin Yoshimoto
Kenji Hatayama	Tilden Jio	Leo Melzer	Lucille Takemoto	Judy Yoshimoto

27 Dec 2025

Clifford Furukado	Tilden Jio	Diane Kunimoto	Dickie Mitsutani	Helen Shiota-	Alvin Yoshimoto
Gerald Gushiken	Howard Kamei	Debbie Kuntz	May Navarro	-Benevides	Judy Yoshimoto
Newton Inouye	Lauren Kamei	Leo Melzer		Roy Todoroki	

28 December 2025

Alexandria	Cici Frazier	Newton Inouye	Diane Kunimoto	Ken Okimoto	Susan Sunada
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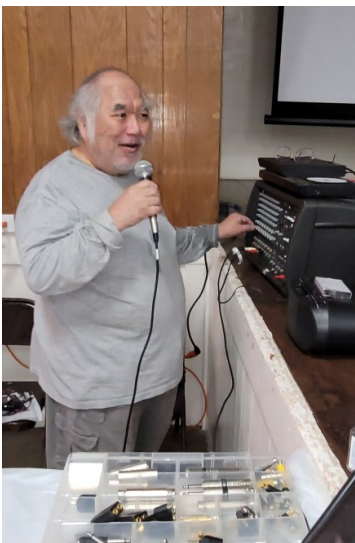
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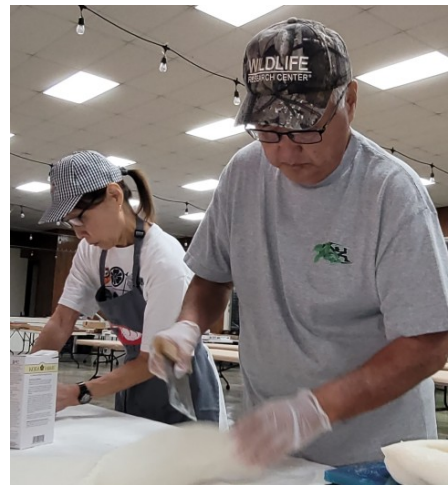
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February 19, 2026

Mochi Fundraiser 2025





AMERICA

The Founding Fathers of America: 10 interesting facts

On July 4, 2026, America will celebrate 250 years of independence. With a single sheet of parchment and 56 signatures, America began the greatest political journey in human history.

We all know who the Founding Fathers were, but **we seldom think of them as human beings rather than heroes who gave shape to our country**. Despite their amazing deeds, they still were a group of men of varied origins, ideologies, beliefs, and concerns, which led to more than one discussion and rivalry. Let's learn some more about them!

Fact 1 - There is no official 'Founding Fathers' list

Who can be called a Founding Father? The term was coined by Senator Warren G. Harding in 1916 and is used to refer to the leaders of the Revolutionary movement, but **there's no set list**. While it is mainly used for key figures such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison, the term applies broadly to **those who signed the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution**.

Next month: **"Fact 2 - The origins"**

February 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00 AM Monthly Memorial Service Papaikou HM	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 11:00 AM Monthly Memorial Service Honomu HM	16 Presidents Day	17	18 Newsletter publishing date	19	20 Giseikai 114 th HHMH Legislative Assembly	21 Giseikai 114 th HHMH Legislative Assembly
22 Washington's Birthday 9:30 AM Gatha Fest in Kona HM	23	24	25	26	27	28
1:30 PM Papaikou HM Kyodan Board Mtg						
4:00 PM Guitar Class Papaikou HM						

Donation to Hamakua Four Temples Newsletter

The Four Temple Council would like to thank Gerald and May Otomo for their \$100 donation and continued support of the Temple newsletter.

In Gassho,
The Four Temple Council

Newsletter Publisher

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All services

2026 – Four-Temple Hongwanji Council Officers

President:	Alvin Yoshimoto	(Papaikou)	Treasurer:	Rose Broughton	(Honohina-Papaalooa)
Vice-Pres.:	Wayne Nakanishi	(Honomu)	Auditors:	Tilden Jio	(Papaikou)
Secretary:	Gail Maesato	(Honohina-Papaalooa)		Bob Mento	(Honomu)
				Bob Nishimoto	(Honohina-Papaalooa)

To arrange bedside, pre-cremation, funeral, memorial services please contact your temple President.

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Honohina – Papaaloa



Hongwanji A Jodo Shinshu Temple Newsletter



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Contact Information

President, Harold Uyeno 808-959-9974

808-936-9052 (cell)

- Church Cleaning Schedule:**
- December 28, 2025: Kahuku Group
 - January 11, 2026: Hilo Group
 - January 25, 2026: Umauma Group
 - February 8, 2026: Papaaloa Group
 - February 22, 2026: Kahuku Group

To all those who clean and maintain our beautiful Temple
Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Family Memorial Service

In the Jodo Shinshu tradition, memorial services provide us with the opportunity to quietly meditate and reflect upon the cherished memories of the deceased and to remind of us the impermanence of life.

If your family would like to arrange a memorial service, please contact President, Harold Uyeno to make arrangements for ministerial coverage.

Memorial Services for January & February 2026

50 Years Memorial Service for 1977

Okie Sugiyama	1/15/1977	age: 75
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33 Years Memorial Service for 1994

Kentaro Shikuma	1/16/1994	age: 71
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25 Years memorial Service for 2002

Hisashi Bobby Hamada	1/19/2002	age: 84
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13 Years Memorial Service for 2014

Hatsuko Kishaba	2/1/2014	age: 95
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Shuji Fujimoto	2/28/2014	age: 80
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1 Year Memorial Service for 2025

Hiroshi Shima	2/8/2025	age: 94
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November 2025 Donations

Special Donation Ken Kiyoshi Fujimoto	Monthly Donation M/M Kenneth Kumasaki
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Save the Date

- 1 January 2026:** 4 Temple New Year Service (Shusho-E)
11 am at Papaikou Hongwanji
- 17 January 2026:** Treasures of the Hongwanji Plant Sale.
10 am till 2 pm at Sangha Hall, Hilo Betsuin
- 24 January 2026:** Four Temple Hoonko Service beginning at 10 am.
Honohina-Papaaloo followed by Shinnen Enkai.
Zoom available.
- 25 January 2026:** Guitar Class 4 pm at Papaikou Hongwanji YBA Hall
- 31 January 2026:** Papaikou Hongwanji Shinenkai 10 am at Papaikou Hongwanji

Honohina-Papaaloo Hongwanji Meeting Minutes November15, 2025

- 17 Attendees:** Doris and George Araki, Jerry and Rose Broughton, Caroline Doi, May Fukui, Kiyoshi Fujimoto, Lin Kumasaki, Carrie Luke-Knotts, Debbie Kuntz, Bob Mento, Bob Nishimoto, Mitsuko Takasaki, Glenn Takemoto, Gary Yoshida, Jerry Yoshida, Harold Uyeno
- Called to Order:** 10:10 AM
- Aspiration:** Harold
- Secretary’s Report:** Carrie, distributed, 2 corrections by Rose
Thank you to Lin Kumasaki for mailing stamps donation
- Treasurer’s Report:** Glenn, balance: \$73,633.46.
- a. Total income \$2,900 (\$1392.00 from Papaikou produce sale)
 - b. \$230,000 from Tooru Iwahashi Estate, investment options, long or short term investment, 2-4%, CD.
 - c. Bob Nishimoto suggested we buy a new laser printer/computer for Harold.
We all agreed.
- Minister’s Report:** Minister not present due to prior commitment
- Business items:**
- 1. Graveyard care –**
 - a. George says grass is okay, but pigs are digging up yard
 - b. Bob Nishimoto suggested scheduling quarterly graveyard work. Last time was Oct. Next: **Jan. 9, 2026, Friday.**

- c. There have been tourists visiting. Suggest: Install a new sign. Bob Nishimoto suggested a website for information.
Will pursue this; protect its care after we are all gone.

- 2. **Social Concerns donations** – Glenn to send \$500.00
- 3. **Curtains and ministers' chairs** – Jerry, Rose. Curtains have been installed w/ help from Yoshida brothers. Jerry and Rose will look into replacing the ministers' chairs.
- 4. **Election of Officers** – (Recommended Slate rec'd from, Chair, Delbert. Some changes made due to some declining of positions)

President – Harold Uyeno

- a. President – Harold Uyeno
- b. 1st vice president – Delbert Nishimoto
- c. 2nd vice president – Bob Nishimoto
- d. Secretary – Carrie Luke-Knotts
- e. Treasurer – Glenn Takemoto
(Carrie will do the thank-you notes)
- f. Auditors: Doris Araki, Lin Kumasaki
- g. Advisors: Mitsuko Takasaki, Delbert Nishimoto, Ken Fujimoto, Bob Mento. SLATE APPROVED
- 5. **Display banner** – Jerry, it's ready to order
- 6. **Archiving** – **11/16/2025** 3-5 PM via Zoom. Register online. Carrie took the class; she supplied us w/ entire recording of her Power Point.
- 7. **Plant sale**, Treasures of Hongwanji – **1/17/2026**, 10 AM – 2 PM - **Caroline Doi in charge**, Sangha Hall
- 8. Shinnen Enkai/Hoonko Svc. 10:00 am, **January 24, 2026**. Lena agreed to do the prizes again.
- 9. **Gathafest**, Kona Buddhist Temple, **February 22, 2026**. Lena and Annie agree to play ukuleles but will not compose song.
- 10. **Lunch w/ Rev. Kevin**: so far: Jerry, Rose, May, Lynn, Gary, Jerry, Ken F., Bob M., Lena, Harold, December 13th, 12:00 PM, at *Poly Feng Yuan Restaurant*. Cost \$28.00.
- 11. **Year-end lunch** – Dec. 20, 2026, 11 AM, Poly Feng Rest.
- 12. **4TC meeting** – Jerry Dec. 8th, 9:30 AM Zoom Papaikou is next President; Bob N. will be Auditor representing Hono-Papa.
- 13. **New Year's morning service** – To be decided by 4TC meeting
- 14. It was agreed that **Tomo Izumi Mohideen** be asked to be our guest speaker for the next Tsunami memorial, at Laupahoehoe Point, on **April 4, 2026**, at 10 AM. Air fare and lodging to be provided if she accepts. **Approved.**
- 15. New Year's party will be January 24, 2026. There was a sign-in list for New Year's Food donations.

The Lists of the Memorial Services for 2026

Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji Mission

• 50 years Memorial service for 1977

Okie Sugiyama	1/15/1977	age 75
Kichisuke Sugikawa	5/4/1977	age 92
Yoshiichi George Fujimoto	6/22/1977	age 71
Kimito Matsumura	7/23/1977	age 73
Ichiji Ihira	9/14/1977	age 74
Hiroshi Tanaka	10/7/1977	age 56

• 33 years Memorial service for 1994

Kentaro Shikuma	1/16/1994	age 71
Toshie Kitagawa	3/22/1994	age 63
Otono Sugioka	4/6/1994	age 95
Omatsu Gusukuma	7/30/1994	age 89
Takiyo Uyeno	10/5/1994	age 92
Kiwa Nonaka	12/15/1994	age 90

• 25 years Memorial service for 2002

Hisashi Bobby Hamada	1/19/2002	age 84
Walter Toshio Abe	3/31/2002	age 79
Hajime Tamamoto	4/12/2002	age 85
Midori Takemoto	4/19/2002	age 82
Tutomu Sugi Sugiyama	5/4/2002	age 81
Kama Momohara	7/9/2002	age 103
Kanao Koga	8/17/2002	age 85
Hatsuno Alice Higuchi	8/17/2002	age 79
Ekio Nishimoto	9/15/2002	age 86
Tomiko Beatrice Koji	10/18/2002	age 80

• 17 years Memorial service for 2010

Hiroshi Hiramoto	7/28/2010	age 95
Mieko Une	11/7/2010	age 97

• 13 years Memorial service for 2014

Hatsuko Kishaba	2/1/2014	age 95
Shuji Fujimoto	2/28/2014	age 80
Takeyoshi “Shine” Fujimoto	6/19/2014	age 85
Colin Hiroshi Naito	9/4/2014	age 51
Kamekichi “Steve” Tanoue	10/3/2014	age 91
Mitsuo Une	12/14/2014	age 80

• 7 years Memorial service for 2020

Beatrice Toshiko Abe	4/22/2020	age 97
Sadao Fujimoto	10/25/2020	age 78
Emiko Sugikawa	12/14/2020	age 97

• 3 years Memorial service for 2024

Mary Ann Kagawa Pyun	12/26/2024	age 86
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• 1 year Memorial Service for 2025

Hiroshi Shima	2/8/2025	age 97
Tooru Iwahashi	5/27/2025	age 94



THE HO-U

(Dharma Shower)

Honomu Hongwanji Mission



February 2026

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Presidents Message



Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year!

Dear Members and Friends of Honomu Hongwanji Mission, on behalf of the Board and our entire temple family, I extend my heartfelt greetings to each of you as we

welcome the New Year. May you and your loved ones enter this season in good health, with renewed spirits, and with the gentle warmth of Amida Buddha's boundless compassion illuminating your path.

The past year has presented many challenges for our. We have faced disappointments, unmet plans, and moments of hardship and reflection. Yet, through the grace of Amida Buddha's Other-Power and the steadfast support of our Sangha, we have overcome these difficulties and continued forward together.

As we stand at the threshold of this new beginning, let us lift our heads with quiet confidence and turn our faces toward the light of the Nembutsu. Amida Buddha guides us along the Pure Path of salvation, reminding us that true peace arises not from our own efforts alone, but from entrusting ourselves fully to the vow that embraces all beings without exception. It is precisely for this reason that our temple exists to serve as a welcoming sanctuary where the Dharma is shared, where fellowship is nurtured, and where the voice of "Namo Amida Butsu" resounds in our hearts.

Here on the Big Island, and statewide, our temples stand ready to welcome members, friends, and newcomers alike. I believe the time has come for us to deepen our efforts in reaching out to invite those who have not attended recently, to welcome our broader community, and to strengthen the bonds that unite us. By working collaboratively with our sister temples, we can cultivate greater strength, harmony, and a more vibrant sharing of the true Dharma.

I warmly invite you to join us in attending and supporting our scheduled services. At Honomu Hongwanji, we are committed to actively encouraging full participation. I respectfully ask our sister temples to join in this shared endeavor, so that together we may foster a thriving Sangha.

Due to a full calendar in January, we did not hold formal New Year's services or activities. Our first monthly service of the year will be held on Sunday, February 15. Please watch for details on this and future major services and events in our monthly newsletters.

Maintaining and sustaining our temple remains a top priority. We humbly request your kokua —your generous support, in whatever form you are able to offer, whether through attendance, volunteer efforts, contributions, or simply sharing our invitation with others. As the saying reminds us, "Rome was not built in a single day." Progress requires patience, persistence, and collective commitment; we trust that, step by step, our shared goals will be realized.

This New Year brings with it a fresh horizon, a new beginning filled with possibility.

Thank you sincerely for your ongoing dedication to Honomu Hongwanji Mission and to our sister temples. Your presence, your service, and your faith make our community stronger and more meaningful.

Once again, Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! Happy New Year to all!
Namo Amida Butsu
Wayne Nakanishi
President, Honomu Hongwanji Mission



New Year Service at Papaikou Hongwanji
January 1, 2026

Next Monthly Service

Our service which was scheduled for Sunday, February 8th has been rescheduled to Sunday, Feb.15th. Time 11:00 a.m. Lunch and fellowship following the service. Please make an effort to attend.

Dues

Chad Asato (2026), Robert Mento (Jan-June 2026), Paul Yaley (for Dec 2025 & Jan 2026), Kenneth & Lynne Enoki, Dorothy Kansako (2026), Donn Kansako (2026), Roy & Elsie Oka (Jan-June 2026).

Donation to Social Concerns

Ella Kawamoto

Dues

Raymond & Hisae Yamada
Paul Yaley

Donation

Linda Yoza	IMO the late Rev. & Mrs. Sensho Hida Postage stamps	\$100.00 Undisclosed
George & Irene Motonaga	Nokotsudo Donation	\$400.00 \$400.00
Roy & Yukie Mento	IMO Goza Mento 33rd Year Memorial	\$100.00
Quince & Joanne Mento		\$100.00
Gloria Mento		\$100.00
Kirk Mento		\$100.00
Bob Mento		\$100.00
Ayako (Mento) Higa		\$50.00
Helen Ann Shimabukuro		\$50.00

Board Meeting Minutes,

December 7, 2025

Call to order @ 10:05am

Attendance: Wayne Nakanishi, Bob Mento, Penny and Russell Okura, Warren and Lorraine Okabayashi, Dorothy Kansako, Elsie Oka, Paul Yaley.

Aspiration: Namo Amida Butsu (3x)

Secretary's minutes: distributed by Penny Okura from October 19, 2025 board meeting to officers and board of directors. Accepted by Warren and seconded by Lorraine.

Treasurer’s report: distributed by Lorraine Okabayashi to officers and board of directors. **Accepted** by Warren and seconded by Penny.

Assistant treasurer’s report: None

Correspondence: Waianae Hongwanji will be closing their doors.

Unfinished business:

- **Temple:** Front steps. Need to set date and time.

New Business:

- **O Bon and Bon Dance** set for July 18, 1-6pm

Announcements:

- **4 Temple:**
 1. **Board meeting** (9:30am Papaikou, 12/8/25) voting on new board council
 2. **Bodhi day/monthly memorial service** - Papaikou 12-14-25, 11am.
Guest speaker - Rev. Kevin Kiniyuki
- **Mochi fundraiser** - Papaikou making, sale & pickup 12-28-25
- **HHM 2026 council meeting:** TBD

Project Manager:

- **Men's toilet** mechanism to be replaced - fixed for now
- **Telephone pole** between rental and kitchen to be replaced by HELCO TBD
- **Meeting room** door not a standard size door. Needs to be replaced. Checking with nephew to construct door.
- **Large refrigerator** to be removed TBD. Need to be replaced with smaller refrigerator (still looking)
- **Upstairs toilet** needs to repaired - leaking

Closing Prayer: Namo Amida Butsu (3x)

Meeting adjourned: @ 11:35am

Memorial (Nenki) Services

50 years service (1977)

Takaichi Richard Tanimoto 2/26/1977 age 72

33 years service (1994)

Asao Ichinotsubo 2/15/1994 age 69

Mitsuko Sakamoto 3/22/1994 age 84

Nao Ichinotsubo 3/27/1994 age 92

25 years service (2002)

Katsuji Matsuoka 2/25/2002 age 80 Haruo

Kawamoto 3/2/2002 age 81

Randolph Kazuto Oue 3/12/2002 age 58
Sunao Kurisu Saito 3/14/2002 age 102

17 years service (2010)

Yoshio Miyashiro 3/4/2010 age 89

7 years service (2020)

Norman Hideo Irie 2/11/2020 age 69

Donald Yukio Enoki 2/19/2020 age 94

1 year service (2025)

Yuriko Omonaka 3/19/2025 age 94

Buddhist consider the memorial service a significant occasion to remember the deceased with feelings of gratefulness and love. The importance of the service is not for appeasing the spirits of the deceased, but rather, an opportunity to pay tribute and recall cherished memories of the departed, while listening to the Buddha Dharma. The service is not for the sake of the deceased, but for the sake of the living. In remembering the deceased we acknowledge their influence on our lives, and also realize the importance of living the Buddha Dharma.

If you plan on having a memorial service for your family member, please call or text Wayne Nakanishi, at (808) 339-7849 to make arrangements. Service may be held at the temple, your home, or at the cemetery.

The following article from Sharing Your Nembutsu Moments as written by Rod Moriyama of Wahiawa Hongwanji.

Fried Eggs

Summer of 1960. Fullerton, California. When I finished the ninth grade in the summer of 1960, my parents took us to the mainland for the first time. We stayed at my Aunt Amy's home in Fullerton close, to Disneyland. She was my favorite aunt, and her home was always open to us. I spent many happy days there when I was in college.

She was busy preparing breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and bacon. When she started cooking the scrambled eggs, she did something that I'll never forget. She put an ICE CUBE in the frying pan with the eggs. It's to keep the eggs MOIST and FLUFFY, she said.

I happen to like eggs "moist and fluffy" when scrambled over-easy, or sunny-side up. When I cook eggs at home, instead of an ice cube, I add WATER to my scrambled eggs before frying them, they come out EVEN and FLUFFY. I also add water to the pan when frying eggs sunny-side up or over easy. They are little poached — just right.

In Buddhism, we are taught that we are interconnected. Our memories preserve special times and techniques that are never written. Pleasant, thoughts return by simply frying eggs.

I tried frying eggs as this article stated AND the eggs were moist & fluffy. TRIE IT and you probaly end up saying WOW!

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Russell Okura, Project Manager

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Acknowledgements with Gratitude - Gojikai Dues & Donations Received

From December 18, 2025 till January 17, 2026

- ✿ **Gojikai Dues:**
 - *Thelma Kurokawa, Hisae Masaki, Mitsuru Ozaki, Mieko Shiota, Betty Tanaka, Myles & Cory Watanabe*
- ✿ **Funeral Service:**
 - *In Memory of Vivian Haraguchi*
Nathan Haraguchi
 - *In Memory of Shizuko Sumiye*
Sharon Rengiil
- ✿ **Inurnment Service:**
 - *In Memory of Vivian Haraguchi*
Nathan Haraguchi
 - *In Memory of Shizuko Sumiye*
Sharon Rengiil
- ✿ **49 Day Service:**
 - *In Memory of Shizuko Sumiye*
Sharon Rengiil
- ✿ **December 2025 Joint Memorial Services:**
 - *In Memory of Wallis Nagareda*
Greg & May Navarro
 - *In Memory of Nobuyoshi “Charlie” Yokota*
Greg & May Navarro
- ✿ **January 2026 Joint Memorial Services:**

Kelly Saturnio

 - *In Memory of Tsuneo Adachi*
Patsy Adachi, Wayne & Kathryn Yanagisawa
 - *In Memory of Kenneth “Doug” Benevides*
Leo & Tilden Jio, Greg & May Navarro
 - *In Memory of Shigeno Shirley Kawamoto*
Leo & Tilden Jio, Kawamoto Family, Mel & Diane Kunimoto, Greg & May Navarro
 - *In Memory of Fumie Ono*
Wayne Ono
 - *In Memory of Kazunori Shiota*
Kay Shiota, Helen Shiota-Benevides
 - *In Memory of Misao Watanabe*
Mel & Diane Kunimoto
- ✿ **February 2026 Joint Memorial Services:**
 - *In Memory of Alex Inouye*
Newton Inouye, Helen Shiota-Benevides
 - *In Memory of Narako Kunimoto*
Greg & May Navarro, Helen Shiota-Benevides
 - *In Memory of Isamu Shiota*
Helen Shiota-Benevides
 - *In Memory of Kazumi Shiota*
Helen Shiota-Benevides

- ✿ **Fall Ohigan Service:**

Kay Shiota
- ✿ **New Year Service:**

Clifford & Keri Furukado, Lembi James, Leo & Tilden Jio, Mel & Diane Kunimoto, Richard & Dale Mitsutani, Laurine Morigaki, Wayne & Janet Nakanishi, Greg & May Navarro, Warren & Lorraine Okabayashi, Esther Onaga, Kelly Saturnio, Kay Shiota, Lucille Takemoto, Sally Tayama, Harold Uyeno, Raymond & Hisae Yamada
- ✿ **Hoonko Service:**

Eunice Hamamoto, Etsuko Hanamoto, Leo & Tilden Jio, Masue Masu, Russell Masu, Greg & May Navarro, George Nekoba, Ken Okimoto, Esther Onaga, Mitsuru Ozaki, Ausaf & Gail Rahman, Florence Shibata, Helen Shiota-Benevides, Lucille Takemoto, Betty Tanaka, Yoshiko Yoshioka, Abel & Yoshie Wakida
- ✿ **Shinnenkai Donations:**

Dennis & Yvonne Inouye, Thelma Kurokawa, Esther Onaga, Hazel Takemoto, Betty Tanaka, Charlyn Yamamoto
- ✿ **Special Temple, Kyodan Donations:**
 - *In Memory of Evelyn Inouye*
Patsy Adachi, Junko Ikehara, Pat Morimoto, Wayne & Kathryn Yanagisawa
 - *In Memory of Akira Oshiro*
Greg & May Navarro
 - *In Memory of Jeff Saturnio*
Greg & May Navarro
 - *Special Temple Donation*
Kenneth & Lynn Enoki, Carolyn Fujii, Richard & June Kunimoto, Ed & Joy Shiinoki
- ✿ **Year-End Donations:**

Anne Gordon, Eunice Hamamoto, Newton Inouye, Leo & Tilden Jio, Hiroko Nagamine, Greg & May Navarro, Walter Ota, Kelly Saturnio, Florence Shibata, Kay Shiota, Helen Shiota-Benevides, Hazel Takemoto, Betty Tanaka, Sally Tayama
- ✿ **Mochi Project Donations:**

Newton Inouye, Lauren Kamei, Lorraine Kawasaki, Shannon Kitamura, Mike Matsui, Susan Suwada, Craig & Marilyn Scheak, Betty Tanaka, Wallace & Debbie Yoshiyama
- ✿ **Columbarium Fund:**

Lucille Takemoto
- ✿ **Social Concerns:**

Greg & May Navarro

Papaikou Hongwanji Mission Kyodan Board Meeting

Sunday, December 21, 2025, 1:30 pm, YBA Hall & Virtual Zoom

Meeting was called to order by President Alvin Yoshimoto at 1:30 pm

Aspiration led by Rimban Kazunori Takahashi: From Rennyō Shonin's Gobunsho (Letters). "PURPOSE: The Hongwanji school is a community of people joined together revering the teaching of Shinran Shonin and saying the Nembutsu. We seek to share with others the wisdom and compassion of Amida Tathagata. By doing so, we shall work toward the realization of a society in which everyone is able to live a life of spiritual fulfillment." Followed by the Three Treasures.

Attendance: Alvin Yoshimoto, Rimban Kazunori Takahashi, Helen Shirota-Benevides, Tilden Jio, Lucille Takemoto, Diane Kunimoto, May Navarro, Gail Rahman, Ken Okimoto, Judy Yoshimoto, Leo Pesin. Excused: Melvin Kunimoto

Minister's Report: (Rimban Takahashi):

- Dec. 11, 2025 – Funeral Service for Sumiko Sumiye, officiated by Rimban
- 4TC New Year Day Service, 1/1/26, 11:00am at Papaikou, Rimban Takahashi & Rev. Blayne
- Monthly Memorial Service, 1/4/26, 11:00am at Papaikou, Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata
- Saturday, 1/24/26, 10:00am – Honohina-Papaaloo Hoonko Service & Shinnen with Enkai, Rimban Takahashi & Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata
- Saturday, 1/31/26, 10:00 – Papaikou Shinnen Enkai, both ministers will attend
- Giseikai, 2/20-2/21/26 – 113th Legislative Assembly; Living Treasures of Hawaii Recognition

Secretary's Minutes: Minutes of November 16, 2025 approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Income & Expense Reports for November 2025 approved by unanimous consent subject to audit.

- November had a net income of \$8,523.13 due to the generous donations of \$6,200.00 from the Yoshimoto Family in memory of their mother, Yukimi Yoshimoto,
- Funds available as of Nov. 30, 2025 is \$51,952.17. The change in funds available was due to the redemption of \$30,000 of Janus Henderson shares in October 2025. There were no large expenses. We are able to meet our expenses.
- Shinnen Enkai, 1/31/26 – Invitations sent to 137 Members, Friends, & Supporters. 1/30/26, 9:00am – Set up MPH, clean hall/tables, setup door prizes, sound system, decorations.
- MPH Rental Update – Four rentals from March 2026 – July 2026.

Correspondence: Thank you from Kona Hongwanji BWA for ad purchase. Received Jodo Shinshu International Quarterly, Vol. 5, Issue 4.

Buddhist Education: Alvin needs access to Buddhist Education funds for community-based activities such as Pinwheels for Peace, purchasing books, & funding guest speakers.

Try It Committee: Goals for 2026 include: continuation of Archives preservation, exploring grant writing opportunities, & fund-raising rummage sales.

Motion to block off reservations to the MPH for the months of September, October, November, & December 2026 so that we can use the MPH for more community events. (Judy/motion/, Helen/2nd/) Motion carried by unanimous consent. Discussion.

Need to inform Lorna of Board's decision.

4 Temple Council (4TC): Alvin will be the 4TC President for 2026.

Luncheon for Rev. Kevin Kuniyuki was held on 12/13/25.

Maintenance:

- Gas water heater – when power goes out, no hot water. Waiting for plumber.
- Columbarium new lockset installed.
- Cleaned gutters, leak in roof above kansho, bird deterrents (CDs) installed.
- Women's bathroom sink replaced.
- Grab bars installed along stairs and walkways.
- Pending – Storage doors replacement; urinal repair.

Old Business:

- Insurance update – waiting for \$20,000 check refund.
- T-shirt design – t-shirt & notecard design by Sherry; needs Board approval. Last time ordered 165 t-shirts, 175 transfers. This year order 165 t-shirts (more XL). Same shirt will be ordered: Purple, lightweight, 100% cotton.
- Residence – we can use residence laundry room, access through kitchen. Residence parking is on the upside, 4 people limit includes utilities. Hilo Realty will inspect and start rental process.
- Mochi Project – Sunday, December 28. Dec. 27 – Wash rice, set up tables.
- Treasures of Hongwanji – Saturday, January 17, 10-2 pm. January 10 – Pinwheels instruction; January 16 - Set up booth at Sangha Hall.
- Met with Police on Trespassers, December 17. Trespassing form in YBA Hall.
- Pending – MPH contract, Ken presented rough draft.

New Business:

- Cash out investments - \$30,000 for 2026 expenses.
- MPH – Don't accept reservations from September – December 2026.

- We will be accepting donations of flowers & greens for altar arrangements. Gail will submit an announcement to be a permanent part of the Newsletter.
- Alvin will be away from January 25 – February 15.

Closing Aspiration led by Rimban Takahashi-Nembutsu

Next Board Meeting – Sunday, January 18, 2026, 1:30 pm (in-person or by Zoom)

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm

Submitted by May Navarro

Altar Flowers and Foliage Donation

We are in need of fresh flowers and foliage each week to beautify our altar for worship. If you would like to contribute, please bring your donated flowers (in a bucket with water) and leave them at the door at the top of the temple ramp on Wednesday or Thursday. Kindly write your name on the bucket so we can return it to you after use.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping to enhance our temple altar and columbarium.

In Gassho,
Papaikou Hongwanji Mission



New Year Service at Papaikou Hongwanji on January 1, 2026.

Upcoming Memorial Services (Nenki)

<u>50 years Service – 1977</u>			<u>13 year Service – 2014</u>		
Hajime Kunimoto	2/13/1977	age 70	Narako Kunimoto	2/11/2014	age 95
Haruyo Mihara	2/21/1977	age 75			
Yuji Earl Tanaka	3/17/1977	age 22	<u>1 year Service – 2025</u>		
<u>33 years Service – 1994</u>			Tamayo Yoshioka	3/5/2025	age 97
Kazumi Inoue	2/3/1994	age 56			
Kimiko Oshiro	2/12/1994	age 77			
Masato Oda	2/27/1994	age 88			

NOTE: Family members may contact President Alvin Yoshimoto to arrange for this special memorial service. If a Memorial Service for your family member has inadvertently been missed in our newsletter and you would like to schedule a service, please contact our president Alvin Yoshimoto at (808) 9381842 (cell/text) "Arigato!"

Monthly Memorial Service List

A Joint Monthly Memorial Service is held as part of the regular Sunday Service, for everyone who passed away during that month. Look at the calendar in this newsletter to know when is the Joint Monthly Service for a particular month; usually on the first Sunday. All affected families and friends are welcome to offer incense at that service.

This is not the same as the Memorial Nenki Service, such as 1st yr., 3rd yr., 7th yr., 13th yr., 17th yr., 25th yr., 33rd yr. or 50th yr., that a family arranges for an individual person, who passed away. To schedule your individual person's memorial service, please contact our president Alvin Yoshimoto at (808) 9381842 (cell/text).

February (1975-2026)	Haruyo Mihara	Noboru Richard Yamada	Yasukame Nagamine
Sui Abe	Niichi Miki	Konomu Yamashita	Miyako Nagaue
Kimie Aoki	Itsumi Mori	Tatsuo Yanagida	Kame Okano
Namio Haraguchi	Sumie Mori	Umeko Yoshida	Toshio Okimoto
Shigenori Hashimoto	Richard Kaneo Nishimura	Kazuyoshi Yoshizawa	Yasunoshin Onaga
Tadami "Soup" Higuchi	Tsuyako Nishizaki		Shigeru Roy Shiota
Ann Hinazumi	Masato Oda	March (1975-2026)	Satoshi Sumiki
Ryoichi Hirokane	Sukeo Okamoto	Seiji Aoki	Miyoko Takahashi
Toshika Hiura	Kimiko Oshiro	Chiyoko Ebesuno	Gokichi Takeda
Yoshiwo Robert Horimoto	Sally Yukie Seikaku	Stanley Haruo Haraguchi	Takeo Takemura
Kazumi Inoue	Yoshio Seikaku	Tokiko Hiramoto	Yuji Earl Tanaka
Alex Takeo Inouye	Isamu Shiota	Hiroshi "Sonny" Inouye	Matsuo "Dorothy" Tsuji
Wai Kitayama	Kazumi Shiota	Yoshino Isotani	Ichio Yamamoto
Hajime Kunimoto	Roy H. Takaki	Takeshi "Kawa"	Yuriko Yamamoto
Narako Kunimoto	Atsushi Takemoto	Kawamoto	Kiyo Yamashita
Susumu Masaki	Hidefumi Takemoto	Hiroko Matsumoto	Tadashi Yamashita
Alan Shigeo Matsui	Kazue Takemoto	Marsha Miura	Mitsuko Yokota
Kunio Matsui	Roy Tanaka	Mitsue Morigaki	Stanley Satoru Yoshiyama
Shizuko Matsunaka	Kiyoshi Tsuchiya	Kajyu Nagai	
Kameichi "Jimmy" Mento	Sueo Watanabe		

The Significance of Having Memorial Service is:

1. Not to forget the gratitude of Amida Buddha and the life of Nembutsu.
2. Members of the family, relatives and friends to get together under the name of the departed person to express thankfulness to him/her and to share his/her memory.
3. To realize the impermanence of this world and the importance of the faith in Amida Buddha in everyday life, since human beings are apt to forget that they are mortal and how important it is to have strong faith.

In Gassho

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Latest Snapshots

New Year Service at Papaikou Hongwanji on January 1, 2026



Gatha with life accompaniment. Thank you Alvin and Gerald.

Treasurers of the Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin on January 17, 2026





