



Hamakua Four-Temple



Honohina-Papaaloa, Honomu and Papaikou Hongwanji Missions

Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude

June 2026

Message From The Bishop

Currently, 20 ministers serve the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii as its active Kaikyoshi Ministers. Kaikyoshi are ministers who have completed the two levels of ordination, Tokudo and Kyoshi, and have officially received Kaikyoshi status from the Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha (Honzan) as Overseas District ministers. These Kaikyoshi are assigned to various temples or positions within the HHMH and faithfully and compassionately share the teachings of the Other-Power Nembutsu with their temple members and the community. Kaikyoshi serve as Dharma seekers, educators, officiants, and administrators, provide pastoral care, and engage in community involvement and outreach. They have a wide range of roles and responsibilities and endeavor to build a more compassionate sangha and harmonious society rooted in the Nembutsu teaching.

The uniqueness of the Hongwanji tradition is that both ministers and lay members play a vital role in spreading the Nembutsu teachings. Yes, it is the Kaikyoshi Ministers' responsibility to convey the messages and teachings of Shinran Shonin, but lay members also become part of the ministry by sharing the spiritual joy and gratitude they have cultivated over years of listening. And it is only through the people that the teaching would spread. With that understanding, and to assist the Kaikyoshi Ministers, the HHMH developed the Lay Assistant program several years ago. Currently, there are three categories under Minister's Lay Assistants: 1) Minister's Lay Assistant, 2) Certified Minister's Lay Assistant, and 3) Tokudo Minister's Assistant.

A Minister's Lay Assistant is someone who, under the guidance of the Resident Minister, begins learning and helping at the temple—supporting services, assisting behind the scenes, and gradually deepening their understanding of the teachings.

After some years of training, they may become a Certified Minister's Lay Assistant. At this stage, they take on a more active role. They may help lead Sunday services or facilitate Dharma discussions, while continuing to learn and grow under the minister's supervision. Currently, there are 22 Certified MLAs officially recognized by the Bishop.

Some may then take a further step by receiving Tokudo ordination, becoming a Tokudo Minister's Assistant. Since this category was recently established by the State Minister's Association, I have designated six individuals as Tokudo Minister's Assistants (including one as a Kyoshi Minister's Assistant).

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Bon Dance
Season 2026



This designation was made in recognition of their dedication to the Dharma and with the expectation that they will mature as ordained individuals and assist the Kaikyoshi Ministers in sharing the Nembutsu teaching within the HHMH community.

On our journey along the Nembutsu path, we are continually reminded that none of us walks alone. Each of us is supported, embraced, and guided by countless causes and conditions. Among these, the presence of those who step forward to serve - our Kaikyoshi Ministers and Minister's Lay Assistants - is a precious gift to our organization.

I would like to take a moment to express my deep appreciation for their dedication. Each of them, in their own way, has responded to the call of the Dharma - offering their time, their sincerity, and their willingness to serve others. This is not something we can take for granted. It is a manifestation of the working of Amida Buddha's Great Compassion in our midst.

May we continue to walk together as fellow travelers on the Nembutsu path—supporting one another, learning from one another, and sharing the light of the Dharma with all whom we encounter. In this way, may our Sangha continue to grow as a place of harmony, gratitude, and compassion for all.

Namo Amida Butsu,

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani
Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii



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.

Fact 5. 4th of July deaths

The legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from the British Crown was voted by the Continental Congress on July 2nd, 1776, but **was formally adopted on July 4th**, immortalizing the date for the rest of American history. But did you know that it is also the death anniversary of three Founding Fathers?

Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died July 4th, 1826, on the 50th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, while **James Monroe** died five years later, on July 4th, 1831. Interestingly, John Adams disliked the date chosen for celebrations, as he believed the day of the vote to be more significant.

Next month: "Fact 6. The first signature"

Reminder

Four-Temple Talk Story Sessions with Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata

Papaikou Hongwanji Mission is happy to continue our very successful, relaxed adult educational gatherings, this time facilitated by Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata. These "Talk Story" sessions offer a welcoming space for Shinshu seekers to come together — no formal lectures, just open discussion. Bring your questions, life experiences, or topics you would like to explore, and we will reflect together on how the Dharma can guide us in our daily lives.

The last session will be held at Papaikou Hongwanji YBA Hall **from 7:00–8:30 pm on Wednesday, June 24, 2026**

All are warmly welcome - invite family, friends, or anyone curious. No prior knowledge of Buddhism is required. Come as you are and join the conversation.

PS. We will broadcast these discussions on ZOOM. If you cannot join us in person, please request ZOOM link by addressing your email request to papaikouhm@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!

Namo Amida Butsu

Kahuku Hongwanji Scholarship

The Kahuku Hongwanji Mission closed its doors in February 2013 after serving its membership for 111 years. To maintain the legacy of the Kahuku Hongwanji Mission and to develop the future generations of the Hongwanji, Kahuku Hongwanji Mission established a scholarship to support students at the college level. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to two students.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a student attending or registered for enrollment in an accredited university, college, or post-high school program in the State of Hawaii.
- The applicant must show interest in Buddhism and be active in a Hongwanji program, either at the Hawaii Kyodan level or at a branch temple.
- The applicant must be a full-time student and registered for a minimum of 12 college credits per semester.
- The applicant, at the time of the application, must have a required minimum high school, college, or university in Hawaii GPA of 2.5. (*Those who registered for enrollment and not yet received Hawaii college/university GPA must submit their GPA after the first semester.)
- The applicant must submit the application form with an essay on “Dharma and My Life”.

The application form is attached to the HQ Update and available at honpahi.link/kahuku2k. The application deadline is July 31, 2026. For more information on this scholarship, please contact the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Headquarters at (808) 522-9200 or email hqs@honpahi.org.

Everyone Has a Story in Life

1. Shake off Your Problems

A man’s favorite donkey falls into a deep precipice. He can’t pull it out no matter how hard he tries. He therefore decides to bury it alive.

Soil is poured onto the donkey from above. The donkey feels the load, shakes it off, and steps on it. More soil is poured.

It shakes it off and steps up. The more the load was poured, the higher it rose. By noon, the donkey was grazing in green pastures.

After much shaking off (of problems) And stepping up (learning from them), One will graze in **Green Pastures**.

2. The Elephant Rope

As a man was passing the elephants, he suddenly stopped, confused by the fact that these huge creatures were being held by only a small rope tied to their front leg. No chains, no cages. It was obvious that the elephants could, at anytime, break away from their bonds but for some reason, they did not.

He saw a trainer nearby and asked why these animals just stood there and made no attempt to get away. “Well,” trainer said, “when they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it’s enough to hold them. As they grow up, they are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free.”

The man was amazed. These animals could at any time break free from their bonds but because they believed they couldn’t, they were stuck right where they were.

Like the elephants, how many of us go through life hanging onto a belief that we cannot do something, simply because we failed at it once before?

Failure is part of learning; we should never give up the struggle in life.

3. A Dish of Ice Cream

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10 year old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

“How much is an ice cream sundae?”

“50 cents,” replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied a number of coins in it.

“How much is a dish of plain ice cream?” he inquired. Some people were now waiting for a table and the waitress was a bit impatient.

“35 cents,” she said brusquely.

The little boy again counted the coins. “I’ll have the plain ice cream,” he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and departed.

When the waitress came back, she began wiping down the table and then swallowed hard at what she saw.

There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were 15 cents – her tip.

Contributed by LeoPM

June 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 67th State Minister Association	3 67th State Minister Association	4	5	6
7 11:00 AM Monthly Memorial Service Papaikou HM	8	9	10 9:30 AM 4-Temple Council Board Meeting Papaikou HM	11	12	13
14 9:00 am Papaikou Hongwanji Yagura Setup Helping hands needed	15	16	17	18 Newsletter publishing date	19 June 19-21 69th YBA State Convention at Hilo Betsuin	20 9:00 am Papaikou HM, audio setup for Bon Dance
11:00 AM Monthly Memorial Service Honoumu HM						5:00 PM Hatsubon Service 6:00-9:30 PM Papaikou Bon Dance
21 10:00-12:00 PM 4-H Club at Papaikou HM	22	23	24 7:00-8:30 PM 4-Temple Talk Story Session with Rev. Blayne In Papaikou HM -Live and ZOOM-	25	26	27 11:00 AM Monthly Memorial Service Honohina HM
1:30 PM Papaikou HM Kyodan Board Mtg						
28 8:30 AM 4-Temple Highway Cleanup Pepeekeo Post Office	29	30 Young Buddhist Int'l Cultural Exchange (YBICSE)				
4:00 PM Guitar Class Papaikou HM						

All services

2026 – Four-Temple Hongwanji Council Officers

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

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

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Honohina – Papaaloa



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Church Cleaning Schedule:

- May 31, 2026: Papaaloa Group
- June 14, 2026: Kahuku Group
- June 28, 2026: Hilo Group
- July 12, 2026: Umauma Group
- July 26, 2026:: Papaaloa 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 us of 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 June and July 2026

50 Years Memorial Service for 1977

Yoshiichi George Fujimoto	6/22/1977	age: 71
Kimito Matsumura	7/23/1977	age: 73

33 Years Memorial Service in 1994

Omatsu Gushukuma	7/30/1994	age: 89
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25 Years memorial Service for 2002

Kama Momohara	7/9/2002	age: 103
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17 Years memorial Service in 2010

Hiroshi Hiramoto	7/28/2010	age: 95
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13 Years Memorial Service for 2014

Takeyoshi “Shine” Fujimoto	6/19/2014	age: 85
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Honohina-Papaaloa April 2026 Donations

Special Donation

Nick Ah Yo

Tsunami Memorial Service 80th Anniversary Donations

M/M George Araki	Tomo Mohideen
Lynn Arisumi	May Navarro
Audrey Asato	Roy Oka
Lucille Chung	M/M Warren Okabayashi
M/M Hideaki Doi	Helen Shirota-Benevides
Ken Fujimoto	Lucille Takemoto
Annie Iwahashi	Carole Tsutsumi
Leo/Tilden Jio	Roy Todoroki
Lena Kishaba	Harold Uyeno
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M/M Mel Kunimoto	M/M Raymond Yamada
M/M Roy Masuda	Gary Yoshida
Bob Mento	Jerry Yoshida
Richard Mitsutani	Alvin Yoshimoto
Akiko Miyashita	

Hanamatsuri Service Donations

M/M George Araki	M/M Greg Navarro
Lynn Arisumi	Bob Nishimoto
Audrey Asato	Roy Oka
M/M Jerry Broughton	M/M Warren Okabayashi
M/M Hideaki Doi	Kelly Satumio
May Fukui	Helen Shirota-Benevides
Leo/Tilden Jio	Mitsuko Takasaki
M/M Ken Kumasaki	Glenn Takemoto
M/M Mel Kunimoto	Lucille Takemoto
Carrie Luke-Knotts	Harold Uyeno
Gail Maesato	Gary Yoshida
Bob Mento	Jerry Yoshida
M/M Wayne Nakanishi	

Save the Date

10 June 2026, Wednesday:	Four Temple Council Board meeting 9:30 am at Papaikou Hongwanji
20 June 2026, Saturday:	Papaikou Hongwanji Hatsubon Service 5 pm Bon Dance 6:00-9:30 pm
27 June 2026, Saturday:	Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji Memorial Service at 10 am
28 June 2026, Sunday:	Four Temple Highway Cleanup Pepeekeo Post Office at 08:30 am
11 July 2026, Saturday:	Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji Memorial Service at 10 am

- 18 July 2026, Saturday:

Honomu Hongwanji Hatsubon Service 1 pm, followed by
Bon Dance at 2:00 pm

24 July 2026, Sunday:

Guitar class at Papaikou Hongwanji at 4:00 pm

22 August 2026, Saturday:

Honohina-Papaalooa Hongwanji Hatsubon Service at 1:00 pm.
Bon Dance to follow 2:00-4:00 pm

Update on Papaalooa Hongwanji Altar

We have received word from Reverend Ai Hironaka of the Lahaina and Kahului Hongwanji Missions that the Papaalooa Altar will not be utilized when the new Lahaina Hongwanji temple is rebuilt. Reverend Hironaka and Kyodan President Aileen Cockett expressed their sincere appreciation for considering Lahaina Hongwanji and extended their gratitude to Papaikou Hongwanji for caring for the Papaalooa Altar.

We will therefore return to the original plan of placing the Papaalooa Altar in the care of Mr. Leonard Chow. Leonard has been faithfully caring for the Laupahoehoe Jodo Temple Altar since that temple was sold to private owners. The altar is currently located on his property in Hilo, where he is building a dedicated structure to house both the Laupahoehoe Jodo Temple Altar and the Papaalooa Hongwanji Altar. This will allow both altars to be viewed and appreciated together.

After being lovingly triple-wrapped in archival tissue paper, protected with additional white paper and an abundance of bubble wrap, and securely boxed, the Papaalooa Altar has been safely stored (high and dry) at Papaikou Hongwanji. It will now be moving to its new home.

We extend a heartfelt thanks to our sister temple, Papaikou Hongwanji, for their generosity and patience in caring for the altar since April 2022. We are all looking forward to reopening the lovely stage in their Jr. YBA Hall. We also wish to thank Leonard Chow, Alvin Yoshimoto, and Ken Okimoto for their thoughtful collaboration with Lahaina Hongwanji Mission throughout this entire transition.



Papaalooa Hongwanji Altar



THE HO-U

(Dharma Shower)

Honomu Hongwanji Mission



June 2026

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President's Message



The Nembutsu of Gratitude"

Aloha Kakou,
I hope this message finds you well and in good spirits.

As we have celebrated the life of our founder Shinran Shonin, let us all

embrace the dedication he has lived by. It is not only appreciating what he did, but knowing how it impacts us today in so many ways.

The world today is ever changing, and we find ourselves caught up in many of its twists and turns. We try to cope and live by these means, but find it harder because we are weak in knowledge and understanding. So we live day to day trying to get by. Everything seems to be spiraling and we don't know where to turn Shinran.

Shonin states: "Simply say the name of Amida constantly out of gratitude for the all-

encompassing Vow of Great Compassion." Amida Buddha, full of compassion for us who are adrift in ignorance, seeks to liberate us as we are.

In the Shin Buddhist path, our awakening becomes completely settled when we entrust ourselves to the working of Amida. Then the voicing of the Nembutsu flows from our hearts, joyful at being liberated.

Amida embraces us freely, requiring nothing in return. The benevolence of the Vow is vast and immeasurable; for it is possible. We simply rejoice in the benefit and express our thankfulness by saying "Namo Amida Butsu" — the Nembutsu of Gratitude.

Those awakened to Amida's great compassion, out of deep gratitude say the Nembutsu.

In Gassho,

Wayne Nakanishi

*President,
Honomu Hongwanji Mission*

Attention

There will be no monthly service for the month of June

Special Donations

Shizue Ichinotsubo	IMO Nao Ichinotsubo, 33-yr memorial	\$100.00
Myrna Inaba	IMO Wilfred Shoji Tsukamoto	\$1000.00

Hanamatsuri 2026

Roy & Elsie Oka

Warren & Lorraine Okabayashi

Gotan-E Service

Lynn Arisumi	Leo & Tilden Jio	Warren & Lorraine	Paul Yaley, Austin Yaley
Jerry & Rose Broughton	Dorothy Kansako	Qkabayashi	& Elaine Tanaka
Kiyoshi Fujimoto	Robert Mento	Russell & Penny Okura	
May Fukui	Roy & Yukie Mento	Ruth Ouye	Gary Yoshida
George Hanashiro	May Navarro	Jeffrey & Kelly Saturnio	Jerry Yoshida
Janice Hiyane	Delbert Nishimoto	Edward Shlrota	Robynn Yokooji
Shizue Ichinotsubo	Ronald & Lei Oishi	Lucille Takemoto	
Lembi James	Roy & Elsie Oka	Harold Uyeno	

Dues

Shizue Ichinotsubo	Curtis & Amornrath Takai	Raymond & Hlsae Yamada
Ruth Ouye	Paul Yaley	

Honomu Hongwanji Mission Board Meeting April 12, 2026

Minutes of April 12th, 2026 Board Meeting called to order at 10:15 am. Held in the pavilion

Attendees: Wayne Nakanishi, Bob Mento, Lorraine and Warren Okabayashi, Elsie Oka, Raymond Yamada, Paul Yaley, Russell and Penny Okura

Aspiration - Wayne

No secretaries minutes

Treasurers report - distributed by Lorraine

There was a concerned that we are paying out too much money for food at our services. Is it necessary to always have so much food left over and to give away? Discussion was on the table shouldn't we be voting on a dollar amount to be spent and to what we should be purchasing. Senior adviser wasn't as concerned about how much we spend because he feels if we are taking in X amount of money and its more than what we actually spent we are still coming out ahead. He also stated that he feels we should have a little more food left over so that we can send people home with a plate.

Motion moved to accept by Penny Okura and 2nd by Bob Mento.

No Asst. Treasurers' report

Correspondence - Newsletters from other churches

Unfinished business

- New refrigerator
- new bathroom light fixtures in mens restroom
- Hosha

Obon Update:

- Banners/flyers - Penny will have made
- Wayne to check with Dept. of health regarding kitchen
- Concession - Honomu Kupuna Pride

New Business

- Gotan-e Service (4 Temple Svc) Preparation — May 9, 2026, Sat @ 9am
- Residential update - Tenant/Landlord handbook to be obtained by Penny
- Pellets for fire ants - Penny to contact Vector Control
- Gusukuma family to exchange flowers for dues
- Suggestion to grow our own anthuriums
- Edward Jones account watching to see if we will close account at the end of May/June then open a CD?
- Judy Yoshimoto asked if she can make Andagi at Obon?
- Towels found - Wayne Nakanishi
- Tribune Herald to advertise Bon Dance
- Contact radio stations to advertise Bon Dance
- Mike at Hakalau Mission to lend us blue tooth speakers for Bon Dance. Donation amount to be agreed upon
- Where are the caster wheels for the tower?
- Jerry Broughton suggestions to purchase Pro 7 trim band mesh WiFi router @ \$579.99, and CAT6 outdoor cable, 500 ft @ \$144.99 on Amazon. We need to take under consideration,
- 2 modems returned to Hawaiian Tel per Wayne
- Spectrum installed modem on March 24, 2026
- Bob to check for Property Management

Announcements:

- HHM council meeting May 3, 2026, Sunday @ 10:00 am
- HHM 4-Temple Gotan-E Service May 10, 2026 @ 11:00 am. Mothers Day. Penny donating leis, and Elsie donating gift bags for all the mothers, Fellowship and Pot Luck to follow.
- - Hosha set for April 25, 2026 @ 9 am - lunch set by Penny, Lorraine and Elsie. Coffee and water available. Baked goods and beer donated by Russell.

Closing Prayer: Namu Amida Butsu 3X
Meeting adjourned @ 12:42 pm

Shay Malia Yoshimi Beals

(Kamehameha School-Hawaii)

Shay, a deserving student, was awarded the Saito Endowment Scholarship for 2026.

School activities:

National Honor Society, Associated students of KSH Senior class secretary, Volleyball.

Other activities:

Youth volleyball coach and Hui Okinawa Junior Leader. Shay dedicated many hours of her free time to mentoring younger students, teaching them valuable life skills.

In addition to being an honor student, Shay was an outstanding volleyball player for KHK. According to the Tribune Herald, she was a member of the team that won four BIIF titles and the Division 1 State Championship.

Shay will attend California State University, Northridge, where she will major in Radiologic Science and compete in Division 1 beach volleyball.

As she wrote in her scholarship application:

"Earning my degree is not only a personal goal, but also a commitment I have made to give back. I plan to return home and serve the community that has shaped me into whom I am today. Growing up in Hawaii, I have seen firsthand the need for more individuals who are willing to come back and uplift their communities, and I hope to be one of those people."

Proud grandma - **Janice Hiya**ne



Inspirations

“Silence” and “Smile” are two powerful tools.
“Smile” is the way to solve many problems.
“Silence” is the way to avoid many problems.
“No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you think you are, it’s how you treat others that defines you in the end.”

“Don’t educate your children to be rich. Educate them to be happy. So when they grow up they will know the value of life, not the price.”
“Appreciate your parents. You never know what sacrifices they went through for you.”

Snapshots (May 2026)



Facelift for our Temple - Restored stairs



"Happy Birthday, Shinran Shonin" celebration lunch

Impermanence

Nothing is permanent.

The gradual loss of quality of life, cognitive decline and physical deterioration barely noticeable and suddenly undeniable.

Moment by moment attempts to meet these changes with living kindness and compassion.

Efforts at "seeing clearly" and noting the feeling arises frustration, denial, despair, sadness, and acceptance.

Deep gratitude for being with you, for the lessons on impermanence.

Each moment is sincerely treasured.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Anonymous
Makawao Hongwanji

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Acknowledgements with Gratitude - Gojikai Dues & Donations Received

From April 18, 2025 till May 17, 2026

- ✿ **Gojikai Dues:**
Lillie Lambeth
- ✿ **Funeral Service:**
 - ***In Memory of Mildred Takaki***
Guy Takaki
- ✿ **Inurnment Service:**
 - ***In Memory of Mildred Takaki***
Guy Takaki
- ✿ **Memorial Service:**
 - ***1 Year Memorial Service: In Memory of George Shigenaga***
Leslie Kawamoto
 - ***1 Year Memorial Service: In Memory of Masaru “Cabby” Watanabe***
Eunice Hamamoto, Greg & May Navarro, Connie & Janna Watanabe
- ✿ **March 2026 Joint Memorial Services:**
 - ***In Memory of Mitsue Morigaki***
Ernest & Joanne Houghton
- ✿ **April 2026 Joint Memorial Services:**
 - ***In Memory of Sumie Onaga***
Esther Onaga
 - ***In Memory of Masaru “Cabby” Watanabe***
Leo & Tilden Jio
- ✿ **May 2026 Joint Memorial Services:**
Ausaf & Gail Rahman, Kelly Saturnio
 - ***In Memory of Asayo Inouye***
Patsy Adachi, Wayne & Kathryn Yanagisawa
 - ***In Memory of Fujino Matsui***
Mel & Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Shizuo Matsui***
Mel & Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Misae Matsuzaki***
Mel & Diane Kunimoto, Helen Shiota-Benevides
 - ***In Memory of Noboru “Curly” Mento***
Mel & Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Satoru Okimoto***
Mel & Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Mitsue Okino***
Mel & Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Masao Onaga***
Ernest & Joanne Houghton, Richard & Dale Mitsutani, Wesley & Sharon Ogata
 - ***In Memory of George Shigenaga***
Eunice Hamamoto, Mel & Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Asami Shiota***

- Helen Shiota-Benevides
- ***In Memory of Edna Akiko Shiota***
Helen Shiota-Benevides
- ✿ **June 2026 Joint Memorial Services:**
 - ***In Memory of Satoru Onaga***
Esther, Christine & Grace Onaga
 - ***In Memory of Hideko “Lynette” Takemoto***
Greg & May Navarro, Lucille Takemoto
 - ***In Memory of Tsuru Takemoto***
Lucille Takemoto
 - ***In Memory of Wakamatsu Takemoto***
Lucille Takemoto
 - ***In Memory of Yuichi Takemoto***
Lucille Takemoto
 - ***In Memory of Kokichi Watanabe***
Eunice Hamamoto
 - ***In Memory of Kakuto “Glenn” Yoshimoto***
Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
- ✿ **Hanamatsuri Service Donation:**
Eunice Hamamoto
- ✿ **Gotan-E Service Donations:**
Gerald Gushiken, Eunice Hamamoto, Lembi James, Leo & Tilden Jio, Leslie Kawamoto, Mel & Diane Kunimoto, Thelma Kurokawa, Masue Masu, Russell Masu, Hiroko Nagamine, Greg & May Navarro, George & Karen Nekoba, Esther Onaga, Dennis Onishi, Mitsuru & Kara Ozaki, Kelly Saturnio, Florence Shibata, Kay Shiota, Helen Shiota-Benevides, Lucille Takemoto, Betty Tanaka, Sally Tayama, Abel & Yoshie Wakida, Myles & Cory Watanabe, James Yoshiyama
- ✿ **Obon Donation:**
Gerald Gushiken, Leslie Kawamoto, Dennis Onishi, Lucille Takemoto
- ✿ **Special Temple, Kyodan Donations:**
 - ***In Memory of Tomoko Matsuda***
Ernest & Joanne Houghton, Richard & Dale Mitsutani, Sally Tayama
 - ***In Memory of Lucille Sunada***
Greg & May Navarro, Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
 - ***Hatsubon Family Bentos***
Lucille Takemoto
- ✿ **Columbarium Donation:**
 - ***In Memory of Hideko “Lynette” Takemoto***
Lucille Takemoto
 - ***In Memory of Yuichi & Ayako Takemoto***
Lucille Takemoto

Papaikou Hongwanji Mission Kyodan Board Meeting

Sunday, April 19, 2026, 1:30 pm, YBA Hall & Virtual Zoom

Meeting was called to order by President Alvin Yoshimoto at 1:34pm

Aspiration led by Rimban Kazunori Takahashi – Hymn of the Pure Land Masters, The Three Treasures

Attendance: Alvin Yoshimoto, Rimban Takahashi, Tilden Jio, Lucille Takemoto, Diane Kunimoto, Helen Shiota-Benevides, May Navarro, Ken Okimoto, Judy Yoshimoto, Lauren Kamei, Lembi James. **Excused:** Melvin Kunimoto

Minister’s Report:

- Mildred Takaki funeral service at Dodo Mortuary & inurnment.
- Cabby Watanabe 1 year memorial service on Saturday, April 25.

Secretary’s Minutes: Minutes of March 15, 2026 approved by unanimous consent.

Treasurer’s Report: Income & Expense Reports for March 2026 approved by unanimous consent subject to audit.

- April resulted in a net income of \$5,324.96 mainly due to donations from members for the container, Hatsubon family bentos, and Nenki memorial services.
- Funds available as of April 30, 2026 was \$61, 330.75 which is about \$6,000 more than March 2026.
- Rental Unit’s net income was \$2,387.50 because General Excise Tax is now paid quarterly.
- Trash pick-up has been canceled.

Correspondence: Living Gratitude Appeal received from HHMH

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Project Dana (Ken): If you would like to receive the Project Dana Newsletter by email, contact Ken.

Social Concerns (Ken): Two Kona Low storms did some damage to temples. Ken suggests having an

Emergency Preparedness Workshop for Papaikou or 4 Temple.

Buddhist Education (Judy): Sunday, May 3, Monthly Memorial, Rimban Takahashi

- **Sunday, June 7,** Monthly Memorial, Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata
- Welcome packets & nenju are available. If you would like a packet or nenju, call Alvin.
- First Talk story with Rev. Blayne will begin Wednesday, 7:00-8:30 pm; April 22, YBA Hall.
- Dharma School Workshop at Buddhist Study Center on May 2, 2026

Try It Committee:

Twenty people attended the “Aloha Buddha” movie matinee and stayed to talk story after. Lembi distributed flyers to various temples & public places, but need better advertising, signage, donation bowl for future movie events. Next matinee TBD. Ken has some educational DVDs & old movie favorites.

MPH Manager (Lauren): Sunday, 6/21/26 – Celebration of Life rental. Chair Tai chi starts in May.

Keiki Hula starts in May. Pickleball lines put down and ready for play.

Onomea Kou 4-H Club (Lauren): Met on 4/19 – Learned how to plant micro greens, & make into sandwiches & smoothies. Took home potted green beans. Learned how to hand sew fabric chickens. Will be going on excursion to Anna Ranch bee farm and camping at Spencer Beach. County grant pending.

Maintenance (Alvin):

- Classroom 3 roof repaired.
- MPH roof leak above stage.
- Pending – Storage doors replacement; railings along stairs & walkways.

Old Business:

Cooper Nakayama repaired, welded the yagura at no charge for supplies or labor. **Motion to purchase**

\$100 KTA gift card as appreciation to Cooper Nakayama for work done on yagura.

(Helen/motion/, Lucille/2nd/) Motion carried. Diane will send thank you card & gift card to Cooper.

- Goeden grant approved – waiting on funds from District
- 40-foot container received – locks made for each set of doors
- Discussion on new gate and remote. **Motion to purchase new gate (kitchen side) & remote control (WiFi accessible). Cost estimate approximately \$5000 for materials only. Installation to be done by Alvin Yoshimoto & Dean Yokota. (Judy/motion/, Helen/2nd/) Motion carried.**
- Update on Papaaloe altar – Lahaina does not want it, so will be donated to Leonard Chow.
- Pending – MPH contract being reviewed by a lawyer, Community bulletin board, Web Page

New Business:

- MPH Kitchen Certification – Alvin will meet with Brian Funai
- **Hatsubon, Saturday, June 20, 2026 – 5:00 pm Service, 6:30 pm Bon Dance. Rimban will officiate, Helen-MC.** Hatsubon letters sent to 9 families. 60 bentos ordered for Hatsubon families, 3 somen per family. Judy in charge of concession. **6/14, 9:00am - Yagura set up 6/20, 9:00am - Set up.** May in charge of mini-Rummage.

Closing Aspiration led by Rimban Takahashi– Nembutsu

Announcements: Next Board Meeting – Sunday, May 17, 2026, 1:30 pm (in-person or by Zoom)

Sunday, May 10, 2026, 11:00am – 4TC GotanE, Honomu Hongwanji, Rev. Blayne

Thursday, May 20, 2026, 7:00-8:30pm, Talk Story with Rev. Blayne in YBA Hall

Friday, May 22, 2026, 9:00-10:15am, Chair Tai chi with Joann in MPH

Sunday, May 24, 2026, 4:00-5:00pm, Guitar Class with Gerald in Kitchen

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 9:00am – Work Day, paint yagura, pressure wash, trees

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm

Submitted by May Navarro

Onomea Kou 4-H Club Hi-lites



Eight members and their siblings enjoyed a camp on April 24 at Spencer Beach Park. They enjoyed the warm, calm waters, hiking, and great food.



Come and learn Hula with Kumu Hula Lori Lei in Papaikou

HULA CLASSES

Keiki and Makua Hula

THURSDAYS STARTING 5/7/26 • 5-6PM

Papaikou Hongwanji
27-376 Old Mamalahoa, Papaikou, Hawaii 96781
Call/Text to register Lauren at (808) 936-8955
\$50/month



Upcoming Memorial Services (Nenki)

50 years Service – 1977

Seiryō Hirokane 5/21/1977 age 59

25 years Service – 2002

Masao Ogata 5/6/2002 age 88

17 year Service – 2010

Masae Wakida 6/25/2010 age 84

1 year Service – 2025

George Joji Shigenaga 5/18/2025 age 91

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).

May (1975-2026)

Mitsuko Haraguchi
Seiryō Hirokane
Ume Hironaka
Satomi Hiura
Asayo Inouye
Fujino Matsui
Shizuo Matsui
Misae Matsuzaki
Noboru "Curly" Mento
Yoshitaka "Starch" Mikami
Sumiyo Nakano
Masao Ogata
Satoru Okimoto
Mitsue Okino
Kamato Oshiro
Ellen Leiko Ozaki

George Santos Jr.
George Joji Shigenaga
Edna Akiko Shirota
Asami Shirota
Mitsue Takemoto
Yoshihiro Takemoto
Mitsuyo Watanabe
Hayano Yamaoka
Morito Larry Yamasato
Jyunichi Yoshida
Yoshio Yoshimura

June (1976 -)

Chiyoza Aoki
Satsuki Furutani
Hisayo Hiramoto
Niichi Hirano

Itaru Inoue
Matsue Inoue
Toyozo Masu
Rihachi Mihara
Yoshimatsu Mihara
Haruyo Minamoto
Teruko Mori
Isamu Muramoto
Toshiko Muronaka
Ritsuko Nakao
Tsuya Omori
Satoru Onaga
Satoru Ota
Fusae Rokunohe
Gary Kiyoshi Shirota
Mitsuko Shirota
Ichiro Takahashi

Misue Takaki
Fuji Takeda
Hideko "Lynette"
Takemoto
Tsuru Takemoto
Wakamatsu Takemoto
Yuichi Takemoto
Shinichi Tanaka
Noboru Wakida
Masae Wakida
Kokichi Watanabe
Tona Yamashita
Teruyuki "Teru" Yoshida
Kakuto "Glenn" Yoshimoto
Ethel Shigeko Yoshiyama

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