



Hamakua Four-Temple



Honohina-Papaaloo, Honomu and Papaikou Hongwanji Missions

Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude

September 2026

Message From Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

As July draws to a close, another Obon season is also nearing its end. Since June, temples throughout Hawaii have been busy preparing for and hosting Bon services and Bon Dances. Some temples have already completed their events and are enjoying a well-deserved moment of rest, while others are still working tirelessly to prepare for the events ahead.

My wife and I have tried to attend as many Bon Dances as possible this summer, although unfortunately we are not always able to visit some temples, including the ones on neighboring islands. Please forgive us for that. At every temple we visit, we are deeply inspired by the dedication of the resident ministers, members, and countless volunteers. Seeing you working so hard—while still smiling, laughing, and enjoying one another's company—is truly moving. Your joyful spirit of service is a beautiful expression of the Dharma in everyday life.

The summer heat can be exhausting, so I hope everyone will take good care of themselves. Please remember to stay hydrated, rest when you can, and avoid overexerting yourselves.

On a personal note, this past July 1 marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of my ministry as a Kaikyoshi in Hawaii. Looking back, those twenty-five years seem to have passed in the blink of an eye. When I first arrived, I knew very little about life and ministry in Hawaii. Whatever I have been able to accomplish has only been possible because of the guidance, encouragement, and kindness I have received from so many people over the years.

Many of those who nurtured and supported me have since passed away and returned to the Pure Land. Yet their examples, their words, and the way they lived continue to shape who I am today. They left behind precious examples of how to live with humility, compassion, and gratitude. I hope that by following in their footsteps, I too may become someone who brings a little more joy, comfort, and peace to those around me, while continually reflecting upon and improving myself.

One of my favorite poems says:

「別れても おなじみ親の慈悲のなか み名称えれば 呼びつ 呼ばれつ」

“Though we may be separated, we remain within the compassionate embrace of our True Parent. As we recite the Name (*Namo Amida Butsu*), we discover ourselves calling—and being called.”

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(Return service requested)



Shinran Shonin taught that when we recite *Namo Amida Butsu*, the voice we utter is, at the very same time, the compassionate call of Amida Buddha reaching us and embracing us tirelessly. Within the compassionate calling of the Nembutsu, we discover that we ourselves, those beside us, and even our loved ones who have passed away are all embraced together by Amida Buddha's boundless Wisdom and Compassion. In the Nembutsu, we encounter a world where separation is transformed into connection, where we continue to call to one another and hear one another's voices through the working of the Buddha's Compassion.

Obon is a special season to remember those who have gone before us and the working of the Great Compassion that unites us. May we take this opportunity to visit our temples, quietly place our hands together in *gassho*, recite the Nembutsu, and spend a few peaceful moments in the company of those who continue to live in our hearts.

Namo Amida Butsu.

Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani

AMERICA

The Founding Fathers of America: 10 interesting facts

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

Fact 8. The vice president

When the Constitutional Convention considered the best way to choose a chief executive (a.k.a., the president), **they weren't even considering the figure of the vice president**, and had decided that the Senate would elect its own president. After creating the Electoral College, they realized that, being a new country, state loyalty would most likely outweigh loyalty to the union. The solution? Each elector had to choose two candidates, one of which should be from a different state. The two most-voted candidates would be president and vice president, respectively.

The first elected vice president, John Adams, was not happy with the position. He had received a huge amount of votes, but George Washington had still won in a landslide. Although he regarded the position as the "most insignificant office that ever the invention of man contrived", he took on his role as President of the Senate with the utmost dedication.

Next month: "Fact 9. Refusal to sign the Constitution"

In Memory of

Melvin Kiyoshi
Kunimoto

09.26.1947 – 05.30.2026



Gone Fishing

By Delmar Pepper

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.
Please send along my fishing pole
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,
To fill your heart with every wish.
Don't worry, or feel sad for me,
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,
But you will come and bring your smile.
That won't be long you will see,
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,
Be happy as I go out to sea.
If others wonder why I'm missin'
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'...

ATTENTION

The Four-Temple Autumn Higan Service will be held on
Saturday, September 19, at 11:00 a.m. at Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji.

Donation to Hamakua Four-Temple Newsletter

Florence Shibata donated \$25.00 in Support of Four-Temple Newsletter

Thank you for your kind and continued generous donations.

In Gassho, the Four-Temple Council

Four-Temple Karaoke Fun



Grab the microphone and steal the spotlight!
Join us for an electrifying karaoke afternoon where the hits never stop,
the vibes are pure fire, it's free and everybody's welcome!
Papaikou Hongwanji, YBA Hall, every Tuesday at 4 pm

Guitar Class for Beginners!

Every 4th Sunday at 4:00 pm
(Right after Ping Pong 2-4 pm)
YBA Hall
(under the temple)
Taught by Gerald Gushiken
No Fee • No Experience Needed
Come learn to play guitar in a fun,
relaxed atmosphere!
Bring your guitar or just show up and
join the class.



Ping Pong – Let's Play!

Non-competitive • Just for Fun!
Every 4th Sunday
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Right before the Guitar Class
YBA Hall (under the temple)
Come play, laugh, and enjoy!
No fee • No pressure • Just good times!



PAPAIKOU HONGWANJI RUMMAGE SALE HONOHINA-PAPAALOA HONGWANJI PLANT SALE

SATURDAY
9/26/26

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL



PAPAIKOU HONGWANJI
27-376 OLD MAMALAOA HWY, PAPAIKOU, HI 96781
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Table tennis, the most practiced sport in the world

Table tennis has been an Olympic sport since 1988 in Seoul. The first gold medals were awarded to the female Chinese player Chen Jing and the male Korean player Yoo Nam-kyu. The sport gradually turned professional with the emergence of the Pro Tour in 1996. The practice has remained dominated by the Asian players since 1995, including Wang Liqin, triple world champion and world number 1 for numerous years. Today, table tennis is the most practiced sport in Asia. In Europe, table tennis comprises champions like Belgian player Jean-Michel Saive, the German Timo Boll and the Dane Michael Maze. In 2016, Chinese players Ma Long, Fan Zhendong, Xu Xin and Zhang Jike and German player Dimitrij Ovtcharov were leading the world ranking. In 2005, the number of players in the world was estimated to be over 260-million.

The International Table Tennis Federation embraces more than 200 nations and 33-million members. Competitions, club tournaments or championships are organized the world over. In June 2016, France boasted 207,213 members. The history of table tennis is today expressed through a constantly evolving infatuation, colored by the many benefits of regular practice.

September 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 9-10:15 4-T Chair Tai Chi Papaikou HM	5
6 11:00 AM Monthly Memorial Service Papaikou HM	7 Labor Day 	8	9 9:30 AM 4-Temple Council Board Meeting Papaikou HM	10	11 Patriot Day 9-10:15 4-T Chair Tai Chi Papaikou HM YBA Hall	12
13	14	15 4:00-5:00 PM Karaoke Papaikou YBA Hall with Cary Suefuji	16	17	18 9-10:15 4-T Chair Tai Chi Papaikou HM Newsletter publishing date	19 11:00 AM 4-Temple Fall Equinox (O-Higan) Service <u>Honohina HM</u>
20 10:00-12:00 PM 4-H Club at Papaikou HM 1:30 PM Papaikou HM Kyodan Board Mtg	21	22 4:00-5:00 PM Karaoke Papaikou YBA Hall with Cary Suefuji	23 4:00 PM Guitar Class Papaikou HM	24	25 9-10:15 4-T Chair Tai Chi Papaikou HM YBA Hall	26 8:00-11:00 AM Papaikou Hongwanji Rummage Sale
27 8:30 AM 4-Temple Highway Cleanup 2:00-4:00 PM Ping Pong in YBA	28	29 4:00-5:00 PM Karaoke Papaikou YBA Hall with Cary Suefuji	30			

All services

2026 – Four-Temple Hongwanji Council Officers

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

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

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Church Cleaning Schedule:

September 6, 2026: Umauma Group

September 20, 2026: Papaaloa Group

October 4, 2026: Kahuku Group

October 18, 2026: Hilo Group

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

Honohina-Papaaloa No July 2026 Donations

Save the Date

Please note change to 4 Temple O-Higan Service!!

Location has been changed to Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji

Saturday: September 19, 2026 Service at 11 am

Minister: Rimban Takahashi

Refreshments to follow

Four Temple Board Meeting: Wednesday, 9 September 2026

9:30 am at Papaikou Hongwanji

All welcome to attend

Four Temple Highway Cleanup: Sunday, 27 September 2026

8:30@ Pepeekeo Post Office

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 September and October 2026

50 Years Memorial Service for 1977

Ichiji Ihira	9/14/1977	age: 74
Hiroshi Tanaka	10/7/1977	age: 56

33 Years Memorial Service for 1994

Takiyo Uyeno	10/5/1994	age: 92
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25 Years Memorial Service for 2002

Ekio Nishimoto	9/15/2002	age: 86
Tomiko Beatrice Koji	10/18/2002	age: 80

13 Years Memorial Service in 2014

Colin Hiroshi Naito	9/4/2014	age: 51
Kamekichi “Steve” Tanoue	10/3/2014	age: 91

7 Years Memorial Service in 2020

Sadao Fujimoto	10/25/2020	age: 78
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Honohina-Papaaloo Hongwanji Meeting
8 August 2026

Members Present:

Rimban Kazunori Takahashi, Harold Uyeno, George/Doris Araki, Jerry/Rose Broughton, Bob Mento, Glenn Takemoto, Delbert Nishimoto, Bob Nishimoto, Gail Tsuha-Maesato, Caroline Doi, Leatrice Uchida

Aspiration: Rimban Takahashi

Secretary’s minutes: 27June 2026 minutes approved

Treasurer’s report: Glenn Takemoto:

July 2026 Income, expenses and balance reported
No donations report for July 2026

Minister’s Report: Rimban Takahashi

1. Rimban Takahashi received increase in Academic Ranking. Rimban shared that this was a written exam and a verbal interview as well. He shared that during the process it was made aware that saying the Nembutsu gives the greatest benefit in daily practice, more than any other practice. He received impressive guidance after receiving his new title/position. The guidance was not to be arrogant, instead think of how to provide assistance in a more appropriate way.
2. Honomu Hongwanji will be sponsoring a Service Preparations class for 4 Temple members on 5 Sept. 2026, 10am-12 noon. More info to follow.

3. Sadly, Rev. Hiromi Kawaji passed away on 16 July 2026. Re. Kawaji served as HHMH from 1961 until his retirement in 2006.

Business Items:

1. **Graveyard Maintenance:** George - Next Clean-up of graveyard scheduled for Friday, October 16, 2026 at 8:30. Please attend if you are able.
2. **Storage shed:** *Jerry-Storage Shed building is completed. Temple saved \$2,000.00 by finishing the building themselves.*
Front step access was completed by Gary and Jerry Yoshida.
Older storage shed will remain in place to store riding mower. New paint job given to the old shed by Glenn Takemoto.
Looking very nice and will provide needed storage.
3. **Rusty chairs/Seat Cushions** *Jerry-37 new black chairs have arrived and are in place. Some Papaaloo green chairs remain. Inside seating available for 50 chairs with extra seating on benches. Older chairs were "looked at" and the best moved out to the chair rack in the shed with remainder going to Honokaa Temple. Chair rack holds a total of 40 chairs.*
4. **AED Update** Jerry- AED will be mounted over coffee pot area for most convenient access. Training will be given free of cost by Hilo Benioff Medical Center Foundation. 13 members have signed up for the half day of training. Scheduling will be announced soon.
5. **New Graveyard Sign** Del- The new granite Honohina Graveyard Sign was installed by Mike Sasaki. A big mahalo goes to Mike for his continued generosity to our Temple and the community.
6. **New Church Secretary Position:** Harold- A big mahalo to Carrie Luke-Knotts for serving as Temple secretary. Position is open, please apply if you are able.
7. **Bishop's Request:** Harold- Sadly, Mr. Wayde Toyama, Kyodan President of Kahului Hongwanji Mission passed away on 15 July 2026. Delbert motioned sending Koden of \$100 to the family. Private donations may also be sent.
8. **Plant Sale** Caroline- Plants are available and most are priced already. Plant sale will be Saturday, 26 Sept.2026 8-11 am at Papaikou Hongwanji.
9. **Lay Convention:** Harold- Lay convention is scheduled for 18-19 September 2026. Del will attend via zoom.
10. **Bon Dance**-Harold-
 - a. James Nakata and Annie Bedford, both former Papaaloo Hongwanji member will be recognized at the Hatsubon Service.
 - b. Food- Caroline has list of members bringing food. Includes Nishime, Musubi, Korean Chicken. Harolds daughter Kelly will be coming from Las Vegas. Prep food 2 pm on Friday, 21 Aug 2026
 - c. Tents from Honomu Hongwanji- Pick up Friday 21 August 2026 at 1200 (George, Harold, Jerry, Bob B)
 - d. Choba- Carrie and May.
 - e. Dancers- Jane Heit
 - f. PA- Jerry Set up on Friday
 - g. Towels- Doris has signs for towels/donations
 - h. Water station for dancers-Rose
 - i. Parking- George
 - j. Organist- Jerry will ask Carrie
 - k. Paper goods- Doris checked and resupplied

Announcements:

1. Hono-Papa dues 2026: \$150.00
2. Honomu Hongwanji Obon 7/18/2026, Saturday at 1 pm Hatsubon Service with Bon dance to follow.
3. 9/19/26 4 Temple Ohigan service at Honomu Hongwanji at 11 am.

4. Plant sale 9/26/26 at Papaikou Hongwanji.

Closing Nembutsu: Rimban Takahashi

Respectfully submitted:

Pending approval

Rose Broughton

Men Working: polishing the gold for O bon



Bob N, George, Doris, Rose and Bob Mento! Thank you to Rimban Takahashi, not pictured as he was re-assembling on the altar!



Flower Arrangements by Caroline, who was downstairs cleaning.



THE HO-U

(Dharma Shower)

Honomu Hongwanji Mission



September 2026

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President's Message



Aloha, everyone.

I hope everyone is in the best of health as we enter a new month.

First, I would like to thank all of you who attended our Hatsubon service in July. Although we did not hold a bon dance, the turnout

for the service was truly heartwarming. I extend my sincere thanks to the Hatsubon families, Reverend Nakasone-Sakata, guest organist Karen Maedo and her husband Dennis Maedo, and the members of our sister churches who filled our temple. Mahalo to you all. I also want to recognize and welcome Amy Matsui as our newest member. Welcome aboard, Amy!

As we look ahead to the end of the year and beyond, let us remain mindful of the blessings Amida Buddha has bestowed upon us and continue to seek his wisdom through the Dharma and Sangha.

Although we have no major services scheduled for August, please note the upcoming Hatsubon service and bon dance at Honohina/Papaaloa Hongwanji on August 22, 2026. The service will begin at 1:00 p.m., followed by the bon dance at 2:00 p.m. Please check your newsletters for details.

Our scheduled Autumn Ohigan service in September has been cancelled due to ongoing assessment and maintenance work. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you need assistance from Honomu Hongwanji, please feel free to contact me—my number appears at the end of the Four-Temple section of the newsletter.

Thank you again for everything you do, both directly and indirectly. It reflects the deep love and dedication we share as followers of Amida Buddha.

Much mahalo to you all. Stay safe and stay informed.

In Gassho,

Wayne Nakanishi

President

Honomu Hongwani Mission

This Month's Inspirational

- ✿ "About the time one learns how to make the most of Life, the most of it is gone."
- ✿ "The secret of Life is not to do what you like, but to like what you do."
- ✿ "It is a fact of life that people are not perfect so you should not think that you are always right."
- ✿ "Can do, let me do it now, let me not defer it or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again."
- ✿ "Everything comes to you at the right moment. Be patient "
- ✿ "TODAY— Be thankful and think how rich you are. Your family is priceless. Your health is wealth. Your time is gold."

Kindness for the Great Bamboo.

A Sangha Story

In a thicket at the foot of the Himalayan Mountains, there once lived a parrot together with many other animals and birds. One day a fire started in the thicket from the friction of the great bamboos in a strong wind, and the birds and animals were thrown into frightened confusion.

The parrot, feeling compassion for their fright and suffering, and wishing to repay the kindness he had received from the bamboo thicket that had sheltered him, tried to do all he could to save them. He dipped himself in a nearby pond, flew over the fire, and shook off the drops of water in an effort to extinguish it. He repeated this diligently with a heart of compassion and gratitude toward the thicket.

This spirit of kindness and self-sacrifice was noticed by a heavenly God who came down from the sky and said to the parrot, “You have a gallant mind, but what good do you expect to accomplish by a few drops of water against this great fire?”

The parrot answered, “There is nothing that cannot be accomplished by the spirit of gratitude and self-sacrifice. I will try over and over again and then again in the next life.” The great God was impressed by the parrot’s spirit, and together they extinguished the fire.

Reflections of a Time Long Ago

By Wayne Nakanishi



I never imagined you would be here reading your newsletter about by-gone days... and **Music. What? Music?** Yes, songs. No matter what kind of music you preferred to listen to.

Whether you thought about it or not, I am sure music has changed or at least touched your life in many ways.

Remember those childhood songs we grew up with? Then came the Vietnam War years, with protest songs, heavy rock anthems, and of course the love ballads that still live on decades later and remain popular with listeners today.

Who can forget the gathas we learned in Sunday School? Those songs filled our hearts and minds as we sat in the pews of our churches, looking around while sitting with our sisters, brothers, and parents, waiting for the service to start. We watched our classmates enter the temple with their parents, smelled the incense burning (which sometimes made me sneeze or cough), admired the beautiful flower arrangements, the shiny ornaments adorning the altar, and of course Amida Buddha in the midst of it all. Remember? Sure you do.

But now it all seems almost trivial because of how we live and how complex the world has become. Getting back to the “basics” is, I guess, what I am trying to get across.

Through music, we can find a true peace we have long forgotten. In searching for this form of redemption, inner peace is there for us if we strive to live a less stressful life—a “peaceful, easy feeling.”

I myself listen to oldies music whenever I can, even at night. Instead of getting frustrated over today’s problems, why not forget about them for a while and relax? You might sleep better. You could read a favorite book and fall asleep, but how much easier would it be to simply listen to your favorite music and doze off?

Try it if it sounds good to you. You will find the Dharma works in this way. The Buddha and your Sangha will always be there to guide and inspire you.

Namo Amida Butsu

Dues

Amy Matsui (New Member)
Robert Mento
Janice Hlyane

Hatsubon - Obon Donations by Non-Members

Jerry & Rose Broughton	Violet & Joe Nishihira	Unknown (no name on envelope)
Lincoln Fujimori	Delbert Nishimoto	Harold Uyeno
May Fukui	Shirley Nishioka	Charlyn Yamamoto
Doris Hashimoto	Eadie Omonaka	Robyn Yokooji
Leo & Tilden Jio	Marlene Rabang	Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
Camille Masutomi	Lucille Takemoto	
Amy Matsui	The Tateishi Family	

IMO Donations by Members

Janice Hiyane	IMO Sadako Okata	\$ 50.00
	IMO Kazuto Okinaga	\$ 50.00
Roy & Elsie Oka	IMO Sadako Okata, Kazuto Okinaga & Yuriko Omonaka	\$100.00
Family of Sadako Okata c/o Lei Oishi	IMO Sadako Okata	\$500.00
Ryan Sueyoshi	IMO Yuriko Omonaka	\$50.00

Service Donations

Unknown	Amy Malsui	Edward Shiota
Karen Hamada	Robert Mento	Tsutomu Tanaka
George Hanashiro	Yukie Mento	Ami, Lance, Ross & Gaye
Shizue Ichinotsubo	Wayne & Janet Nakanishi	Tatsuno
Donn Kansako	Delbert Nishimoto	Paul & Austin Yaley
Vernonae & Rae Nakamura	Roy & Elsie Oka	Raymond & Hisae Yamada
Dorothy Kansako	Warren & Lorraine Okabayashi	
Kenneth Katekawa	Russell B. Penny Okura	

Honomu Hongwanji Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting Date: August 9, 2026

Conducted by: President Wayne Nakanishi

The Board’s secretary, Harriet “Penny” Okura, has submitted her resignation. This position is now open to any member interested in serving.

Honomu Hongwanji currently does not have liability insurance. Efforts are underway to meet the necessary requirements, including the installation of illuminated exit signs and smoke detectors, as well as the development of required policies and procedures.

In light of this, the Board has decided to suspend all church services and activities

until liability insurance is obtained. Board meetings will continue as scheduled.

President Wayne announced that an instructional session on altar preparation by the Rimban had been planned for September 5 at Honomu. Due to the lack of insurance, he will contact the Rimban to cancel this activity.

Regarding the weak Wi-Fi signal in the downstairs office area, President Wayne suggested purchasing an additional Wi-Fi unit. After discussion, the Board decided that members needing Wi-Fi access may use the upstairs office area, where the signal is available.

In response to an inquiry from Bob Mento, President Wayne confirmed that rental agreements are on file in the office.

Next Board Meeting: Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

4-Temple Highway Cleanup
Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
Meet at the Pepeekeo Post Office.
Please join us if you are able. Thank you.

Just Another Day in Paradise

Modernizing Honomu Hongwanji Mission



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Acknowledgements with Gratitude - Gojikai Dues & Donations Received

From July 18, 2025 till August 17, 2026

- ✿ **Gojikai Dues:**
Myron Hiramoto

✿ **Funeral Service:**
• *In Memory of Melvin Kunimoto*
Diane Kunimoto

✿ **Memorial Service:**
• *3 Year Memorial Service: In Memory of Alice Yoshiyama*
James Yoshiyama, Ryan Yoshiyama, Ann Matsushige, Kathy Komatsu

✿ **July 2026 Joint Memorial Services:**
• *In Memory of Tsukimi Murashige*
Leo & Tilden Jio, Diane Kunimoto, Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto

✿ **August 2026 Joint Memorial Service:**
Bob Mento, Carol Nouchi, Ausaf & Gail Rahman

 - *In Memory of Vivian Haraguchi*
James Haraguchi
 - *In Memory of Torao Hirayama*
Diane Kunimoto
 - *In Memory of Gail Kawamoto*
Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
 - *In Memory of Shoso Kawamoto*
Dorothy Kawamoto, Rodney Kawamoto
 - *In Memory of Teruo Morigaki*
Diane Kunimoto, Wesley & Sharon Ogata
 - *In Memory of Noritoshi Ono*
Wayne Ono
 - *In Memory of Ricky Tetsuo Shibata*
Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
 - *In Memory of Katsumi Shigehara*
Diane Kunimoto
 - *In Memory of Toyoko Shigehara*
Diane Kunimoto
 - *In Memory of Ronald Tadao Shiota*
Kay Shiota

✿ **September 2026 Joint Memorial Service:**
• *In Memory of Alvin Tadashi Aoki*
Newton Inouye, Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
- *In Memory of Elaine Burkhart*
Lucille Takemoto
 - *In Memory of Milton Hiura*
Newton Inouye
 - *In Memory of Gordon Tamio Kurokawa*
Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
 - *In Memory of Maude “Fumi” Nakao*
Newton Inouye, Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto

✿ **Obon Donation:**
Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto

✿ **Special Temple, Kyodan & Other Donations:**

 - *In Memory of Etsuko Hanamoto*
Lembi James, Leo & Tilden Jio
 - *In Memory of Edward Hiramoto*
Anne, Cherlyn & Robert Hillier, Wayne Ono, Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
 - *In Memory of Melvin Kunimoto*
Nealt & Lyn Arisumi, Sue Escalona, May Fukui, Elsie Hayashi, Ed & Jo Hiramoto, Myron Hiramoto, Annie Iwahashi, Grace Iwahashi, Dorothy Kawamoto, Leslie Kawamoto, Rodney Kawamoto, Lena Kishaba, Kenneth & Sau Lin Kumasaki, Carrie Luke-Knotts, Colleen Marushige, Kate & Chase Masuda, Bob Mento, Lee Michimoto, Pearl & Wayne Mihara, Pat Morimoto, Delbert Nishimoto, Lynn Orita, Jon Pedigo, Ausaf & Gail Rahman, Kelly Saturnio, Gary & Susan Sunada, Alberta Takashibata, Betty Tanaka, Sally Tayama, Tracy Tsuha, Gail Tsuha-Maesato
 - *Special Temple Donation*
Lynn Orita
 - *Newsletter*
Florence Shibata

2026 Gojikai Dues!

Dear Temple Members,
Your membership dues are a vital contribution toward our Sangha's operating expenses and provide other beneficial services to members.
We value your continuing membership and financial support. If you have any questions about your dues payments, please do not hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Tilden Jio, at (808) 657-4928.

Arigato



Papaikou Hongwanji Mission Kyodan Board Meeting

Sunday, July 20, 2026, 1:30 pm, YBA Hall & Virtual Zoom

Meeting was called to order by President Alvin Yoshimoto at 1:30 pm
Aspiration led by Rev, Blayne Nakasone Sakata– Hymns on the Pure Land, #25
Attendance: Alvin Yoshimoto, Rev. Blayne, Tilden Jio, Lucille Takemoto, Diane Kunimoto,
Helen Shiota-Benevides, May Navarro, Ken Okimoto.
Excused: Judy Yoshimoto, Lauren Kamei

Minister’s Report:

- Rev. Blayne attended YBICSE 6/30 -7/9/26.
- Rimban Takahashi will be in LA 7/18 -7/28/26.
- Rev. Blayne will officiate Melvin Kunimoto Service on 7/25/26.
- Rimban Takahashi will officiate Etsuko Hanamoto Service on 8/15/26

Secretary’s Minutes: Minutes of June 21, 2026 approved by unanimous consent with correction.

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

- June resulted in a net income of \$10,729.70 mainly due to Bon Dance Concession income and Obon & Hatsubon donations.
- Funds available as of June 30, 2026 is \$75,245.23. Investments continue to do well.

Correspondence: Federal exemption received from IRS

Project Dana (Ken): Care Home Bon Dances: 7/24/26, Hale Anuenue; 8/7/26, Okutsu State Veterans Home; 8/14/26, Life Care Center

Social Concerns (Ken): State Committee is planning emergency preparedness information.

Buddhist Education: Sunday, 8/2/26, Monthly Memorial Service, Rev. Blayne, MC-Helen

Four Temple Council (4TC): None

MPH Manager (Lauren):

- Table Tennis starts 7/26/26, 2:00-4:00 pm, YBA Hall;
- Karaoke, every Tuesday, 4:00–5:00 pm, YBA Hall with Cary Suefuji;
- Chair Tai Chi session restarts 8/7/26, 9:00-10:15 am (Fridays, 10 classes) with Joann Hale
- Hula classes, every Thursday, 5:00–6:00 pm, MPH

- Lauren requests permission to put down permanent lines for basketball and pickle ball.
- Discussion on installing aluminum bars for windows for indoor basketball.

Onomea Kou 4-H Club (Lauren): No meeting month of July. Next month will be getting 4-5 adult chickens (medium sized egg laying chickens). Members are growing pumpkins and corn.

Maintenance (Alvin):

- Leak in hondo roof.
- Pending – Storage doors replacement; railings along stairs & walkways, MPH leak above stage
- Motion to pay Kenji Hatayama \$100.00 for cutting the grass on the border between the Temple and neighbor’s property. Job took whole day to complete. (May/motion/, Lucille/2nd/). Motion carried.
- Maintenance check of the boiler scheduled for 9/6/26 for two hours.

Old Business:

- Security gates update – pending
- Bon Dance: Judy recommends doing Concession again for next Bon 2027
- Saturday, 9/26/26, 8:00-11:00 am, Rummage Sale & Honohina-Papaaloo Plant Sale; rummage donations being accepted in August; contact May Navarro for drop off information.
- Pending – MPH contract, Community bulletin board, Web Page

New Business:

- 9/18-9/19/26, State Lay Convention, \$45.00 fee – Ken Okimoto will attend by Zoom.

Closing Aspiration led by Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata – Nembutsu

Announcements: Next Board Meeting – Sunday, August 16, 2026, 1:30 pm (in-person or by Zoom)

8/8-8/15/26 – Alvin & Judy on vacation

8/8/26 – Hilo Betsuin Garage Sale

Meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm. Submitted by May Navarro

Onomea Kou 4-H Club

**Big Thank you goes to Rodney Kawamoto for donating
a 30 gallon aquarium to Onomea Kou 4-H club.**

Dear Members and Friends,

We are now accepting new and gently used donations for our upcoming Rummage Sale to be held on **Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026**. Deadline for acceptance of donations is **Saturday, August 29, 2026**.

For drop off information, please call or text:
May Navarro at (808) 936-6283 or Judy Yoshimoto at (808) 895-2214.



It was such a joy to meet and chat with Mits Murashige, a valued member of Papaikou Hongwanji, at his care home in Oahu recently.

Dear Members and Friends,

Our next Monthly Memorial Service will take place on
September 6th, at 11:00 a.m., at Papaikou Hongwanji Temple and on ZOOM
This service will be officiated by Rimban Kazunori Takahashi,
with Alvin Yoshimoto serving as MC.

Please join us, and if you can, bring a dish to share at the fellowship potluck after the service.

Upcoming Memorial Services (Nenki)

<u>25 years Service – 2002</u>			<u>13 years Service – 2014</u>		
George Tsuji	10/6/2002	age 82	Tadao Matsuzaki	10/27/2014	age 89
Nobuo Kunishi	10/29/2002	age 88	<u>7 years Service – 2020</u>		
Fusae Yamashita	10/29/2002	age 89	Kiyoko Horimoto	9/6/2020	age 100
<u>17 years Service – 2010</u>			Lillian Masako Todoroki	9/20/2020	age 94
Yoshio Tatsuno	10/4/2010	age 89	<u>1 year Service – 2025</u>		
Yayoi Sakida Hirokane	10/23/2010	age 88	Akira Oshiro	10/4/2025	age 97

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).

September (1976 -)	Shizuko Ozaki Kazutsugu Seikaku Sunao Shirota Lillian Masako Todoroki Kiyoshi Benjamin Urabe Nobuo Yamaoka Tetsuo Yamaoka Tadashi Yamashita Taeko Florence Yanagida	October (1976 -)	Takashi Nonaka Carol Osaki Akira Oshiro Choei Oshiro Shizuno Shibata Jinemon Shigehara Yoshiko Shigehara Sadayo Shigenaga Yukie Sunada Haruyo Sunahara Yoshio Tatsuno Teruko Iwamitsu Tayama George Tsuji Masao Wakida Chiyoko Yamaoka Fusae Yamashita Mitsuru "Mits" Yamashita
Alvin Tadashi Aoki Elaine Burkhart Awaji Hiramoto Matsukichi Hiramoto Sakae Hirano Milton Hiura Kiyoko Horimoto Toyohiko Kawashima Gordon Tamio Kurokawa Shizue (Takemoto) Masaki Megumi Matsui Amy Miyamoto Ume Nagamine Jiro Nakano Maude "Fumi" Nakao Akira Nishizaki Masako Ojiri		Misae Asamoto Kenichi Hayashi Tomoyuki Hirayama Fujie Hirayama Yayoi Sakida Hirokane Truong Thi Hue Juichi Inaba Hisashi Inouye Shigemi Kawamoto Nobuo Kunishi Raymond Kunishi Hiroko Kurokawa Tadao Matsuzaki Hiroshi Mento Sadao Muramoto Sadako Muramoto Tokiko Nagareda	

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