



Hamakua Four-Temple



Honohina-Papaaloa, Honomu and Papaikou Hongwanji Missions

Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude

November 2026

Honpa Hongwanji Mission Of Hawaii

Committee on Social Concerns

November 1, 2026

Aloha!

November invites us to pause in gratitude. Through our Eitaikyo observance and the Thanksgiving holiday, we honor the countless causes and conditions that sustain our lives and awaken us to our deep connection with one another and the world. Inspired by this spirit of gratitude, we invite you to join our **2026-2027 Social Concerns Fund Drive**.

Together, our generosity becomes a powerful expression of compassion. Your gift helps the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii support organizations and programs that strengthen our communities, provide relief and hope after disasters, and respond with care to challenges at home and around the world.

In 2026, that compassion reached people affected by numerous natural disasters, including the Kumamoto earthquake in Japan; wildfires in Spokane, Washington; the Kona Lows storm; and Hurricanes Lala and Nolo here at home. It also strengthened the vital work of community organizations, including Vibrant Hawaii on Hawaii Island, Roots Reborn on Maui, and food banks statewide.

This shared commitment continues through **Golden Chain Grants**, which empower Sangha-based compassionate action, and **Dana Matching Grants**, which amplify the charitable giving of organizations in

the Hawaii Kyodan Ohana. We invite you to embrace these innovative programs and help carry our values of compassion, generosity, and service into the wider community.

The campaign runs from November 1, 2026, through August 31, 2027. Please act today: make your gift and submit it to your temple. Every contribution strengthens our collective ability to bring compassion, relief, and hope to communities in need. **Make all checks payable to your Temple.** Your temple will then send a single combined check to the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii by the end of September 2027.

Join us in turning gratitude into compassionate action through the Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive. Every gift, no matter the amount, brings relief, strengthens communities, and offers hope where it is needed most. Give today and invite others to join you. Together, we can make a lasting difference through selfless giving. Mahalo!

In Gassho,

Rev. Toshiyuki Umitani
Bishop

Michael Munekiyo
President

Rev. Blayne Higa
Chair, Committee on Social Concerns

Papaikou Hongwanji Mission
4-Temple Newsletter
P.O. Box 20
Papaikou, Hawaii 96781

(Return service requested)



A Big Mahalo to Everyone!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped and supported our Papaikou Hongwanji Mission fundraising Rummage Sale on September 26 and made it a success, even with a hurricane looming!

It was a lot of work sorting, pricing, and planning, and deciding whether to cancel was not easy. We hoped the storm would pass, but we were prepared to cancel if conditions worsened.

I was worried that no one would show up because of Hurricane Nolo, but we were pleasantly surprised at how quickly the *coconut wireless* worked! I'm sure that on a regular day we would have filled the entire multi-purpose hall, but considering the circumstances, we did well!

We received lots of positive comments, and everyone seemed to be in a festive mood (maybe because the hurricane was moving away!). Many people left with great bargains and smiles on their faces.

Papaikou Hongwanji is happy to bring our community together, help people clean out their closets, keep usable items out of the landfill, and create a win-win situation for everyone. Buyers went home with bargains and saved money, while our Temple gained additional funds to cover our operational expenses and finance future community events.

Mahalo nui loa to everyone who donated, sorted, priced, organized, shopped, and helped make this Rummage Sale a success:

Doris Araki	Ronald Iyo	Ozaki Mitsuru	Hazel Takemoto
George Araki	Lembi James	Greg Navarro	Lucille Takemoto
Jan Asano	Tilden Jio	May Navarro	Linda Thompson
Susan Donohue	Mark Johnson	Ken Okimoto	Sadako Tobar
Faith Elarionoff	Lauren Kamei	Grace Onaga	Kristi Uehara
Cici Frazier	Carol Kaneshige	John P	Claire Washburn
Gerald Gushiken	Jan Kawamoto	Leo Pesin Melzer	Lee Watanabe
Joanne Habe	Leslie Kawamoto	Gail Rahman	Jane Yanabu
Kenji Hatayama	Tracy Kim	Kelly Saturnio	Dean Yokota
Roy Hokama	Diane Kunimoto	Lila Shimokawa	Joanne Yokote
Cynthia Inouye	Kaori Lang	Helen Shirota-	Alvin Yoshimoto
Dennis Inouye	Susan Maeda-Kimura	Benevides	Andrew Yoshimoto
Kent Inouye	Gail Maesato	Cary Suefugi	Cindy Yoshimoto
Newton Inouye	Ruth Mauricio	Grace Suefugi	Judy Yoshimoto

Your hard work, generosity, and community spirit made it all worthwhile. We couldn't have done it without you!

Special thanks going to

- **May Navarro** for organizing rummage section and **Judy Yoshimoto** for handling all the food.
- Food for concession was donated by: **Amano Fishcake Factory, Ivane, Lauren & Kris Aoki, Jan Asano, Cynthia Inouye, Janice Oshiro** (Oshiro Tofu), **Kelly Saturnio, Lauren & Kenji** for treating us to ice cream.
- The produce items for sale were donated by **Roger Hirako and Wendell Kawano**

In Gassho

Alvin Yoshimoto
President, Papaikou Hongwanji Mission

Four Temple Eitaikyo & Monthly Memorial Service

Eitaikyo literally means, “perpetually chanting Buddhist sutras” in memory of the deceased, signifying that all those who have passed away lived in the Teachings of the Buddha, or one could say, passing Buddha’s Dharma from one generation to the next. Eitaikyo is a memorial service to pay tribute to those who departed before us and to show respect to their contribution to our Sangha and our lives through Buddha’s Dharma. It is also an opportunity to express our gratitude to the Three Treasures; the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Sangha.

Date: Sunday, November 1, 2026
Time: 11:00 A.M.
Location: **Papaikou Hongwanji Mission**
Officiating Minister: Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata

There will be fellowship after the service. If you are able to, please bring a dish or dessert to share.

The Founding Fathers of America: 10 interesting facts

Fact 10. Confidence in the Constitution

It is difficult to believe that any Founding Father thought the Constitution to be perfect. After all, not only did some refuse to sign it, but **they also included the possibility of amending it to better protect the stability and liberties of the country.**

Some Founding Fathers, however, lacked confidence in the Constitution as a document. **Benjamin Franklin expressed his disapproval of certain clauses.** Still, he was not sure they could write one better, so he decided to sign it, faults and all, preferring to doubt himself than halt the constitutional process. On the other hand, **Washington** believed the Constitution to be much better than the Articles of the Confederation, but **he expressed his doubts about the document lasting for more than twenty years.**

Gold... Is it a Financial Security?

Today, primetime TV commercials flood the airwaves promising that gold will protect your wealth in uncertain times. What those ads never mention: for 41 years, simply owning gold could land an ordinary American in prison.

It began in the depths of the Great Depression. On April 5, 1933, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 6102. The order forced individuals and businesses across the continental United States to surrender their gold coins, bullion, and gold certificates to a Federal Reserve Bank by May 1. In return, they received paper currency at the fixed rate of \$20.67 per troy ounce.

“Hoarding” gold outside normal trade channels was outlawed. Penalties were severe: fines up to \$10,000, up to 10 years behind bars, or both.

Only narrow exceptions survived - up to \$100 in gold coin or certificates per person, rare collector pieces, and limited amounts needed for industry or art. Nearly everything else had to be turned in.

Congress locked the ban in place with the Gold Reserve Act of January 30, 1934, transferring the Federal Reserve’s gold to the U.S. Treasury and keeping private monetary gold illegal.

The restriction lasted until December 31, 1974, when legislation signed by President Gerald Ford finally restored the right of private citizens to buy, hold, and sell gold freely.

What is now marketed as a path to financial security was once a crime.

LPM/Grok 10/15/2026



4-H news

- Mahalo to **Esther and Rodney Yonemura** for their kind donation to our club.
- In September, our group got together and had the opportunity to do a ceramics project led by our very own **Ausaf “Abu” Rahman** along with his wife **Gail** and their daughter **Shaya**. Mahalo Rahman family!
- Other volunteers included **Cynthia Inouye, Judy Ah Chin** and parents of other 4-H members.



HALLOWEEN GARAGE SALE

Tables!

OCTOBER 31



Papaikou Hongwanji Hall
• 27-378 Old Mamalahoa Hwy,
Papaikou, HI 96781



FREE for 4-Temple members
(1 or 2 tables)



NON-MEMBERS & BUSINESSES
\$20 donation to local animals



PERFECT FOR
your own sale or kids earning money



COSTUMES OPTIONAL
(but totally encouraged!)




TREASURES INSIDE!

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★ **YOUR SPOT TODAY!** ★

Lauren Kamei: 808-936-8955
Judy Yoshimoto: 808-895-2214

★ **SPOOKY FINDS • GREAT DEALS • COMMUNITY SUPPORT** ★

November 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00 AM 4-Temple Eitaikyo Service Papaikou HM Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata	2	3 Election Day 4:00-5:00 PM Karaoke Papaikou YBA Hall	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 4:00-5:00 PM Karaoke Papaikou YBA Hall	11 Veterans Day	12	13	14
15 9:00 AM Papaikou HM Temple Cleaning and Lunch 1:00 PM Papaikou HM General Membership Meeting 10:00-12:00 PM 4-H Club at Papaikou HM	16	17 4:00-5:00 PM Karaoke Papaikou YBA Hall with Cary Suefuji	18 Newsletter publishing date	19	20	21
22 8:30 AM 4-Temple Highway Cleanup Pepeekeo Post Office 2:00-4:00 PM Ping Pong in Papaikou HM YBA Hall 4:00 PM Guitar Class Papaikou HM	23	24 4:00-5:00 PM Karaoke Papaikou YBA Hall with Cary Suefuji	25	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27	28
29	30					

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.

Honpa Hongwanji Hilo Betsuin	(808) 961-6677 (office)
Honohina-Papaalooa Hongwanji	Harold Uyeno , President (808) 959-9974 or (808) 936-9052 (cell)
Honomu Hongwanji	Wayne Nakanishi , President (808) 959-8950 or (808) 657-9657 (cell/text)
Papaikou Hongwanji	Alvin Yoshimoto , President (808) 9381842 (cell/text)



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December 27, 2026 Mochi Fundraiser

Order Form

Order Submission Deadline: **Saturday, December 12, 2026**

Date of Order _____ ORDER # _____

Name _____
First Name or Organization Last Name

Address _____ Phone # _____

Name of person _____ Phone# _____
picking up order

Mochi Order

KASANE (Okazari)-two piece set

<u>SIZE: (of bottom piece)</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Small (2 inches)	\$ 7.00 per set	x_____ sets =	\$_____
Medium(4 inches)	\$15.00 per set	x_____ sets =	\$_____
Large (6 inches)	\$25.00 per set	x_____ sets =	\$_____

Komochi (Plain White)

Package of 6	\$8.00 per package	x_____ pkgs =	\$_____
Package of 12	\$15.00 per package	x_____ pkgs =	\$_____
Total Amount		=	\$_____

Paid \$_____ Cash: ☐ Check: ☐ Check Number/Date _____

Receipt # _____ Receipt Date _____

Received by _____ ☐ Order Only

**MOCHI PICKUP is on Sunday ONLY, DECEMBER 27, 2026, 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at
Papaikou Hongwanji Mission Multi-Purpose Hall. For information or
if unable to pick-up on Sunday call May at (808) 936-6283 or Tilden (808) 657-4928
“Thank you very much from the members of Papaikou Hongwanji Mission”**

Honohina – Papaaloa



Hongwanji A Jodo Shinshu Temple Newsletter



November 2026

P.O. Box 72, Ninole, HI 96773

Nurturing Nembutsu: Sharing Gratitude

Contact Information	
President, Harold Uyeno	808-959-9974
	808-936-9052 (cell)

Church Cleaning Schedule:

- October 18, 2026: Hilo Group
- November 1, 2026: Umauma Group
- November 15, 2026: Papaaloa Group
- November 29, 2026: Kahuku Group
- December 13, 2026: Hilo 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 November and December 2026

33 Years Memorial Service for 1994

Kiwa Nonaka	12/15/1994	age: 90
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17 Years Memorial Service for 2010

Mieko Une	11/7/2010	age: 97
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13 Years Memorial Service in 2014

Mitsuo Une	12/14/2014	age: 80
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Emiko Sugikawa 12/14/2020 age: 97

Mary Ann Kawaga Pyun	12/26/2024	age: 86
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James Nakata 12/21/2025 age: 84

Donations September 2026

Delbert Nishimoto	M/M Jerry Broughton	Lynn Arisumi
Alvin Yoshimoto	Audrey Asato	Mitsuko Takasaki
Susan Forbes	Lena Kishaba	Jerry Yoshida
M/M George Araki	Gail Tsuha-Maesato	Gary Yoshida
Akiko Masuda	Paul & Austin Yaley	Robert Nishimoto
Gail Uchida	Bob Mento	M/M Hideaki Doi
M/M Ken Kumasaki	Glenn Takemoto	Roy Todoroki
Diane Kunimoto	May Fukui	Carrie Luke-Knotts
Annie Iwahashi	May Navarro	

M/M Ken Kumasaki

M/M Ken Kumasaki

Annie Iwahashi
Lena Kishaba

Harold Uyeno

Kenneth Miyazaki

Roy Oka

M/M Ken Kumasaki	May Navarro	Lucille Takemoto
Harold Uyeno	Tilden Jio	Jerry Yoshida
Helen Shiota-Benevides	Roy Oka	Gary Yoshida
Diane Kunimoto	M/M George Araki	Audrey Asato
Bob Mento	Robert Nishimoto	May Fukui
Kelly Saturnio	Robin Yokooji	Roy Todoroki
Glenn Takemoto	M/M Hideaki Doi	Carrie Luke-Knotts
M/M Warren Okabayashi	Mitsuko Takasaki	

Save the Date

Four Temple Eitaikyo Service: Sunday, 1 November 2026
Papaikou Hongwanji
Service begins at 11 am
Minister: Rev. Blayne Nakasone-Sakata

Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji Monthly Memorial Service

* New Announcement* Saturday, 7 November 2026
Hono-Papa Hongwanji
Service begins at 10 am
Minister: Rimban Takahashi
Meeting and lunch to follow

Four Temple Highway Cleanup Sunday, 22 November 2026
Meet at Pepeekeo Post Office
8:30 am

Four Temple Council Meeting Wednesday, 9 December 2026
Papaikou Hongwanji at 9:30 am
All welcome to join in

Four Temple Bodhi Day Service Saturday, 12 December 2026
and Monthly Memorial Service Honohina-Papaaloa Hongwanji
Service begins at 11 am

A Treasured Gift from Mike Sasaki

By Bob Nishimoto

Japanese sugar plantation laborers endured harsh working and living conditions. In 1904, a labor strike erupted at Waipahu Plantation on O’ahu. Police were called but could not stop the unrest, so Bishop Yemyo Imamura of Honpa Hongwanji was asked to intervene. He successfully calmed the workers.

The incident helped plantation managers come to recognize the importance of Buddhism to immigrant sugar laborers—and its impact on their business. Despite protests by Christians, the plantation managers cooperated fully with the laborers to build community temples across Hawai’i.

During those plantation days, many families buried their deceased in their yards. (Some islands in Polynesia still perpetuate this practice today). Later, our ancestors were buried in graves on church or temple grounds. Access to the temple graves was only for church members or those of the same religion. Everyone buried at Honohina Temple grounds had their Buddhist

name inscribed on their headstone, which indicates they were either members of the temple or Buddhists.

As public demand for burial plots on the island grew, so did the need for more that were open to the public and not connected to any religion, church, or temple. This is why Alae and Homelani Cemeteries were open to all burials and why they are cemeteries, not graveyards. The word *cemetery* comes from the Greek word for burial ground. The word *grave* comes from the German word for dig, and *yard* refers to a churchyard. Honohina Graveyard, no matter its original name (Honohina Cemetery), is an example of a true graveyard.

The only remaining relic of Honohina Town is its graveyard, now officially and appropriately renamed Honohina Graveyard. History should remember it as part of the larger Honohina Hongwanji temple grounds. The original Honohina Hongwanji temple, located *mauka* of the graveyard, will now be forever etched in our collective memories and island history.



Granite Marker Donated to Honohina Hongwanji
By Mike Sasaki

Thank you, Mahalo, Domo Arigato Gozaimasu
Everything Mike does is monumental!

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THE HO-U

(Dharma Shower)

Honomu Hongwanji Mission



November 2026

Honomu Hongwanji Mission, P.O. Box 38, Honomu, HI 96728

Phone: (808) 657-9657

President's Message



Aloha Kakou,

There is no news worth reporting this month.

We are still working on the insurance coverage for the Temple but have not received any updates at this time. We will keep you all informed as soon as we have

confirmation. Until then, there will be no services or activities at the Temple.

Hopefully we will have better news to share soon. Thank you all for your continued support on this matter. Once we have coverage in place, we will be in a much better position to carry out Amida's work in spreading His doctrine.

In Gassho,

Wayne Nakanishi

President, Honomu Hongwanji Mission

Mahalo For Your Generous Donations

In Memory Of Donations:

Diane Kunimoto IMO Melvin Kunimoto

O-Higan Donations:

Tilden Jio & Leo Pesin-Melzer
Warren & Lorraine Okabayashi
Amy Tatsuno

Dues

Tsutomu Tanaka
Paul Yaley

**I never see what has been done;
I only see what remains to be done.**

Unknown

Summary of Honomu Hongwanji Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 13, 2026 led by President Wayne Nakanishi.

Minutes and treasurer’s report from August 9, 2026 meeting were accepted as circulated.

Wayne distributed the minutes from the June 10, 2026 Four-Temple Council meeting:

- He mentioned implementing the “Green Initiative” to help save the environment by using biodegradable products and purchasing less bottled water for example.
- Rose Broughton will be retiring as 4-Temple Council treasurer in a few months. Council will be needing a new treasurer.
- Honomu Hongwanji will be the host temple for the council meetings next year. Upon Elsie Oka’s inquiry, Wayne said that refreshments are being served currently and we will continue to do so.

Unfinished Business:

- We are still in the process of acquiring liability insurance. Wayne will present a tentative fire exit plan to the insurance agent to help determine just how many illuminated exit signs are needed and his take on the matter. Dorothy Kansako generously offered to cover the cost of these signs.
- Wayne also found some found documents that may be required in obtaining the insurance and will also present them to the insurance agent .
- The roof over the office area still needs to be repaired along with a drainage problem. Bob Mento moved to make these necessary repairs; Dorothy seconded and motion was carried.

New Business: None

Announcements:

4-Temple Highway Cleanup: Sunday, September 27, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. at Pepeekeo Post Office.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

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Acknowledgements with Gratitude - Gojikai Dues & Donations Received

From September 18, 2025 till October 17, 2026

- ✿ **Gojikai Dues:**
Kent Inouye, Hiroko Nagamine, Kay Shiota, Yoshiko Yoshioka
- ✿ **August 2026 Joint Memorial Service:**
 - ***In Memory of Lawrence Miki***
Mitsuo Murashige
- ✿ **October 2026 Joint Memorial Service:**
Leo & Tilden Jio, Wayne & Janet Nakanishi, Greg & May Navarro, Kelly Saturnio, Cindy Yoshimoto & Rod Chin
 - ***In Memory of Shigemi Kawamoto***
Helen Shiota-Benevides
 - ***In Memory of Nobuo Kunishi***
Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Raymond Kunishi***
Diane Kunimoto, Greg & May Navarro
 - ***In Memory of Tadao Matsuzaki***
Diane Kunimoto, Helen Shiota-Benevides, Lucille Takemoto, Betty Tanaka
 - ***In Memory of Akira Oshiro***
Lucille Takemoto
 - ***In Memory of Takashi Nonaka***
Diane Kunimoto, Lucille Takemoto
 - ***In Memory of Jinemon Shigehara***
Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Yoshiko Shigehara***
Diane Kunimoto
 - ***In Memory of Mitsuru ‘Mits’ Yamashita***
Diane Kunimoto

- ✿ **November 2026 Joint Memorial Service:**
 - ***In Memory of Tadao Okimoto***
Greg & May Navarro, Alvin & Judy Yoshimoto
 - ***In Memory of Sueko Omori***
Greg & May Navarro
 - ***In Memory of Kameki Takaki***
Richard & Dale Mitsutani
 - ***In Memory of Ai Takemoto***
Lucille Takemoto
 - ***In Memory of Koichi Takemoto***
Lucille Takemoto
- ✿ **New Year, Hoonko, Hanamatsuri, Gotan-E, Obon Donations:**
Kent Inouye
- ✿ **Spring Ohigan Donations:**
Kent Inouye
- ✿ **Fall Ohigan Donations:**
Kent Inouye, Diane Kunimoto, Richard & Dale Mitsutani, Hiroko Nagamine, Kelly Saturnio
- ✿ **Special Temple, Kyodan & Other Donations:**
 - ***In Memory of Melvin Kunimoto***
Richard & Dale Mitsutani
 - ***Special Temple Donation***
Leslie Kawamoto
- ✿ **Rummage Sale Donation:**
Ivane Aoki, Betty Tanaka

“Life's lessons: there is no passion without sacrifice, no happiness without suffering, no success without failure, and no love without pain.”
Daisy Gallagher

Papaikou Hongwanji Mission Kyodan Board Meeting

Sunday, September 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 of Latter Day Age

Attendance: Alvin Yoshimoto, Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata, Tilden Jio, Lucille Takemoto, Diane Kunimoto, Helen Shiota-Benevides, May Navarro Excused: Ken Okimoto, Judy Yoshimoto, Lauren Kamei

Minister’s Report:

- Oct. 2,3,4 – Hawaii Island Nembutsu Seminar, guest speaker – Rev. Dr. Carmela Javellana-Hirano
- Nov. 28, 2:00 pm – Ron Ohara Funeral Service & Inurnment

Secretary’s Minutes: Minutes of July 20, 2026 approved by unanimous consent. No Board meeting in August due to Hurricane Lala.

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

- Funds available as of August 31, 2026 is \$93,762.03. Increase in funds due to redeeming \$20,000 of American Century Growth Fund to open Mechanics Bank account. Mechanics Bank requires Papaikou Hongwanji to be registered as a corporation with Dept. of Commerce & Consumer Affairs. DCCA will take 2-3 months to review/approve. Applied 7/20/26.
- Rental Update: No rentals until January 2027
- Sent \$785.00 to Social Concerns Committee.
- Dec. 27, 2026 Mochi Project - Kasane prices will be the same as 2025. Kasane (sm -\$7, med -\$15, lrg -\$25) Komochi (6 - \$8, 12 - \$15)
- January 16, 2027 – Papaikou **ShinnenEnkai** – Tilden will order food from KTA for 130 people.

Correspondence:

- Received thank you card from Joann Hale.
- Received letter from Esther Yonemura including check for 4-H Club & Kyodan
- Received Jodo Shinshu Quarterly, Vol. 6, Issue 3

Buddhist Education: Sunday, 10/4/26, 11:00 am - Monthly Memorial Service, Rev. Blayne, MC-Helen Sunday, 11/1/26, 11:00 am – 4TC Eitaikyo Service at Papaikou, Minister-TBA, MC-Leo

Project Dana (Ken): Hale Anuenue and Yukio Okutsu Veterans Home had bon dances this year. Life Care was cancelled due to the storm. Staff were very happy with the event.

Social Concerns (Ken): After the recent storms, on our island Pahala and Naalehu temples had the most damage. Requests for help will be coming in from around the state.

Four Temple Council (4TC): 2027 calendar prepared. Highway cleanup program to continue.

Try It Committee (Ken): Possibility of a small grant for purchase of one energy smart appliance.

MPH Manager (Lauren): No report.

Onomea Kou 4-H Club: 12 children attended today, pottery making activity.

Maintenance (Alvin):

- MPH – Repaired header above makai doors (Reflections HI \$790); Repaired keyed locks
- (kitchen and makai doors, approx.\$150)
- Pending – Hondo ceiling leak; storage doors replacement; railings along stairs & walkways;
- MPH leak above stage

Old Business:

- Ken participated in the Hawaii State Lay Association Convention.
- Security gates update – pending one more estimate
- **Rummage Sale – Saturday, Sept. 26, 8-11:00 am, MPH**
- Pending – MPH contract, Community bulletin board, Web Page

New Business:

- Fumigation of Classrooms, discussion
- **Halloween Rummage – Saturday, Oct. 31, 9-12 noon, MPH**

Closing Aspiration led by Rev. Blayne Nakasone Sakata – Three Treasures, Nembutsu

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

Sept. 21 – Peace Day – Bell ringing at Honohina-Papaalooa

Sept. 22, 4:00-8:00 pm – Karaoke with Cary & Grace (every Tuesday), YBA Hall

Sept. 27, 2:00-4:00 pm – Ping Pong, YBA Hall

Sept. 27, 4:00-5:00 pm – Guitar with Gerald, YBA Hall

Sunday, Oct. 4, 11:00 am – Papaikou Monthly Memorial Service

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Submitted by May Navarro

General Membership Meeting and Temple Cleaning

Papaikou Hongwanji will have its annual Temple cleaning and General Membership Meeting:

Date: **Sunday, November 15, 2026**
Time: **9:00 am – General Temple Cleaning**
Lunch will follow after Temple Cleaning
1:00 pm – General Membership Meeting
Location: **YBA Hall**

The meeting will also be broadcasted via Zoom. Members wishing to participate virtually need to submit their request by email to PapaikouHM@gmail.com no later than Friday, November 13, 2026.

This General Membership Meeting is of particular importance, as members will vote upon and approve the Board of Directors and other positions charged with the management and operations of the Pāpa’ikou Hongwanji Mission for the two-year term of 2027–2029.

All members are encouraged to attend, either in person or by Zoom.

Nominations remain open to members interested in serving as officers or directors. For nominations, information, or inquiries, please contact Tilden at (808) 657-4928 no later than Saturday, October 31, 2026.

2027–2029 Nominating Slate of Officers, Auditors, and Directors

Minister	N/A
President	Alvin Yoshimoto
Past President	Helen Shirota-Benevides
Vice President	None Nominated
Secretary	May Navarro
Treasurer	Tilden Jio
Corresponding Secretary	Diane Kunimoto
Auditors	Lucille Takemoto Richard Mitsutani
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“I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book.”

Groucho Marx

*Every day may not be good...
but there’s something good in every day.*

Alice Morse Earle

Upcoming Memorial Services (Nenki)

17 years Service – 2010			1 year Service – 2025		
Nobuyoshi Yokota	12/1/2010	age 86	Shizuko Sumie	11/26/2025	age 103
			Jeffrey Saturnio	12/12/2025	age 68

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).

November (1976 -)	December (1976 -)
Teruo Nagauwe	Michie Okimoto
Sadao Oishi	Tsute Onishi
Hatsume Ojiri	Matsuno Oshita
Tadao Okimoto	Jeffrey Saturnio
Hayami Okino	Tetsuo Shigehara
Tsutomu Omori	Mildred Hatsuno Shinbo
Sueko Omori	Teru Takashige
Sakae Ota	Shigeo Takeda
Shizuko Sumie	Ayako Takemoto
Kameki Takaki	Haruo Torigoe
Ai Takemoto	Hiroshi Yamamoto
Koichi Takemoto	Nobuyoshi Yokota
Shiro Takeda	Hanako Yoshida
Kameyo Torigoe	Kisae Yoshimi
Harutaro Yoshida	
Tadashi Yoshino	
Miki Julie Furukawa	
Miyoko "Peggy" Hara	
Shizuko Hashimoto	
Goro Hirayama	
Tsukumo Hironaka	
Kirino "Kay" Kawamoto	
Teruo Kawamoto	
Mutsuko Kobayashi	
Mitsuyo Kodani	
Shoji Kodani	
Mohichi "Richard" Kubo	
Sueko Kunishi	
Edward Kazuyuki Kunishi	
Shimako Kunishi	
Susumu Muronaka	

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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October Monthly Memorial Service. Singing Gatha: *Beautiful Sunday*.



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