

Kalyana Mitra

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November & December 2023

Kailua Hongwanji Mission is doing business as Windward Buddhist Temple

Aloha Everyone!

It has been a year since I was assigned to Kailua/Windward as your minister. At times it was a bumpy road, but Rev. Bert Sumikawa and others were there to make sure everything was prepared. With Rev. Bert's help and training I've been able to muddle my way through it all! He has been a great mentor and overseer minister. He has always been at the ready to help and provide the guidance necessary not only for me but for all the Certified Minister Lay Assistants. Mahalo nui loa, Rev. Bert!

I want to thank the WBT Sangha – CMLA's, members, officers and friends for your hard work, dedication, support and understanding. Your patience and acceptance have been humbling and appreciated. WBT is very fortunate to have such an exceptional and active core of leaders and minister lay assistants. In case you are unaware, WBT has 6 Certified Minister Lay Assistants. Kudos to Rev. Bert who continues to train and guide us through chanting, including the Shoshinge, conducts Dharma classes and meditation sessions.

In an article by our current Monshu Kojun Ohtani in his book Moving Forward Just As You Are, Monshu says, *'Human relationships are always changing, but in those relationships each of us is shining. We must understand the preciousness of our lives.'* In Buddhism, there is a phrase "all things are impermanent." All things without exception, without pause, will change. And within each of these moments, while all things are changing, they are also interacting with one another.

Human relationships are also not permanent and constantly changing. If each person treats his/her own life and that of other people with preciousness, then we have a wonderful relationship where each person is illuminated as they support each other in life. The Monshu further states; *"There are people who turn their backs on the universal truth of this world. However, Buddhism encompasses all of space, time and humanity itself".* Whether the Buddha awakened to it or not, this truth has existed and always will. What also doesn't change throughout time and space is our human nature. Thus, the universal teaching of Buddhism that Shakyamuni expresses to humanity, applies to any time period in history and the future to come, reaching any point in the vast world we live in and beyond.

Rev. Marvin Harada, Bishop of the Buddhist Churches of America, says that Jodo Shinshu teachings are universal. The Shin Buddhist Path is open to anyone; man, woman or child, LGBTQ+, people of color without regard to race or nationality. There are those who prefer our churches and temples to be "Japanese" only. So how can we share the universal qualities of Shin Buddhism? (1) Through focusing on our everyday lives, whether we are at work or school or recreation, they are all opportunities to listen and reflect on the Dharma. (2) The Shin path is to see and awaken to one's ego, which opens up the world of non-ego. (3) Compassion has no boundaries. Shin Buddhism focuses on the compassion aspect of enlightenment. Great Compassion knows no bounds in ethnicity, intelligence, or physical capability.

Rev. Harry Bridge says you can share the Dharma as three Bs:

Be Aware – listen carefully, hear the teachings in your heart, express gratitude

Be Kind -- to even those you find it hard to show kindness. Smile, show kindness even when it is hard.

Be Yourself – Take time to think, to meditate and reflect on who you are and what is important to you.

Okagesama de. E Mālama Pono.


In gassho, Rev. Barbara

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We will continue to post its services online shortly thereafter via:

- 1) Windward Buddhist Temple website: www.windwardbuddhisttemple.org
(or Google Windward Buddhist Temple)
- 2) YouTube: www.youtube.com/windwardbuddhisttemple
- 3) FaceBook: facebook.com/windwardbuddhisttemple

| Date | Sunday Service (9:00 a.m.) | Speaker/MC |
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| November 5 | Family Service <i>(followed by intergenerational activity)</i> | Speaker: Dennis Tashiro M.C.: Naomi Kaneko |
| 12 | Monthly Remembrance Service <i>(followed by BINGO)</i> If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of November (of any year)</u> , you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. Please add the name of your loved one to the list at the sign in desk and if you have a photo, please bring it to the service. | Speaker: Rev. Barbara Brennan M.C.: Annette Tashiro |
| 19 | WBT visits Jikoen Hongwanji (Those who signed up for carpooling, meet at WBT 8:00 a.m.)  | |
| 26 | ETAIKYO Special Service (Memorial service for WBT dharma followers and temple leaders that have passed away.) | Speaker: Rev. Bert Sumikawa M.C.: Cynthia Rodriguez |
| December 3 | NO Service at WBT. HI Buddhist Council's Bodhi Day Service 9:30 a.m. at Nichiren Mission of Hawaii (33 Pulelehua Way) | |
| 10 | Family Service | Speaker: Rev. Barbara Brennan M.C.: Neil Yamamoto |
| ----- WBT Annual General Membership Meeting <i>(Refer to related article on page 6.)</i> | | |
| 17 | BODHI DAY Special Service | Guest Speaker: Rev. David Nakamoto M.C. Gerald Matsuda |
| 24 | Monthly Remembrance Service If you'd like to remember a loved one who passed away in the <u>month of December (of any year)</u> , you will be given the opportunity to do so during this service. Please add the name of your loved one to the list at the sign in desk and if you have a photo, please bring it to the service. | Speaker: Rev. Barbara Brennan M.C.: Shirley Yanagisawa |
| 31 | Family Service | Speaker: Bob Nishita M.C.: Jenn Kane |
| January 1, 2024 | New Year's Day Service 10:00 a.m. (Abbreviated service. Details in next newsletter.) | |

Nov. 5 - 26 Group A (Lisa Fujikawa, lead) in charge of after service refreshments
 Dec. 3 - 17 Group B (Dana Arakaki, lead) in charge of after service refreshments
 Dec. 24 & 31 Group C (Merle Tashiro, lead) in charge of after service refreshments

Reverend David Nakamoto
Bodhi Day Service Guest Speaker

December 17, 2023

Reverend David Nakamoto grew up in Honolulu. He graduated from Iolani High School and furthered his education at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, graduating with a B.A and MSW (Masters in Social Work).

He worked at the family business (Beretania Florist) and at the State Dept. of Health and retired from Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center after 35 years of service.

Reverend Nakamoto decided to become a Jodo Shinshu minister and in 2003, he received his Tokudo (minor ordination). Through the years, he served the following temples: Kapolei Buddhist Sangha, Waipahu Hongwanji, Wahiawa Hongwanji and Kailua Hongwanji.

His wife, Irene, also received her Tokudo at the same time as Rev. David.

He serves as a board member of the Kokua Kalihi Valley Community-based Health Center and is on the Advisory Board of 15 Craigside (senior living complex).

Windward Buddhist Temple members, we hope to see you at temple as we welcome "home" Rev. David!



Nov. 10, 2023 –
FRIDAY

(Veteran's Day)



5:30 p. m. Dinner
6:30 p. m. Movie & Snacks

Sign-up at temple or contact Dennis (808)226-0339



New Temple Member

Yi-Hsin Chen



October 15 to November 12, 2023
Non-perishable items are being collected at
the temple. Donations for the
Hawaii Food Bank

Windward Mall Bon Dance October 7, 2023



A dedicated "Andagi Line" with a monitor and stanchions, helped keep things in control this year.



☸ Mahalo ☸

for your kind monetary donations

Autum Equinox (Ohigan):

Beatrice Kaneshiro
Kenneth & Lillian Kadomoto
Amy Abe
Thomas Yagi
Rose Nakata
Masuo & Alice Kino
Kiyoko Katagihara
Jean Fukumoto
Roy & Cynthia Miyamoto
Ryan Miyamoto
Cynthia Rodriguez
Paul Tatsuguchi
Keiji & Janet Kukino
Ronald & Shirley Yanagisawa
Leslie & Joanne Yamamoto
Greg & Naomi Kaneko
Bob & Joyce Nishita
Paul & Misae Hironaka

Kathleen Hashimoto: Obon IMO Robert & Setsuko Okuda
Edwin Miyamoto & Family: Amy Miyamoto 49th day Memorial
Family of Miyuki Masuda: 1 year Memorial
Roy & Cynthia Miyamoto: IMO Donna Yonamine
Bob & Joyce Nishita: IMO Chieko Nishita, Kazunari Nishita,
Hatsuyo Takashiba
Greg & Naomi Kaneko: IMO Gary Kaneko, Emiko Goya
Dennis & Merle Tashiro: IMO Wataru Tashiro, Eiichi Kanda
Ruby Nagao: IMO Wataru Tashiro
Florence Wasai: IMO Wataru Tashiro
Leslie & Joanne Yamamoto: IMO Janet Hiramoto
James & Dorene Toma: For Windward Mall Bon Dance
Mary Matsuda: For Windward Mall Bon Dance

Autum Equinox (Ohigan):

Ed Diehl
Mary Lou Lomaka
Allen & Prudence Kusano
David Kagawa
Gary & Annette Tashiro



Ma'i Movement Hawaii supports women and girls who are in need of period products and are unable to afford them.

60% of Hawai'i families are struggling to make ends meet. 42% of Native Hawaiian and other Pacific islanders are in need of period products. Until recently many public schools did not have readily available period products and several girls were not attending school during their period.

The organization provides kits that include various period items to local Oahu organizations such as, but not limited to: Waimanalo Health Center, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, Hale Kipa, Family Promise of Hawaii, Child & Family Service, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Hawaii Food Bank, Family Hui Hawaii and also provides kits to organizations on Hawai'i island, Moloka'i, Kaua'i, Ni'ihau and Lana'i.

On October 22, 2023, WBT members packaged 100 kits to donate to the Ma'i Movement Hawaii.



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ANNUAL MEETING



WBT Members:

The Annual **General Membership Meeting** will be held at the temple on **SUNDAY, Dec. 10, 2023**, immediately following the Sunday service.

There will be an electronic **RSVP** sent to you via email for members who would like to join us for the short meeting followed by lunch at the New Mui Kwai restaurant. (We do need a count for lunch.) Those without email contact Dennis (808)226-0339 to attend. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the temple on Sundays leading up to Nov. 26. Mahalo.

Coming Soon!
WBT Movie Night
(Family Friendly)

See inside this newsletter for more information

