



WAIPAHU HONGWANJI BUDDHIST TEMPLE
(A Shin Buddhist Temple)

GOLDEN CHAIN

Monthly Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2024

Building Healthy Sanghas: Sharing Nembutsu Moments



**JODO SHINSHU, Teaching of Pure Land
Amida Buddha's Vow #29, (10th Vow) 11/2024**
Jeffrey Soga, Resident Minister

It's a month of November, Thanksgiving approaching, it's a heartwarming season. I'm really looking forward to seeing how everyone spends this time which is unrepeatably. Life is only lived once, so please make sure to live each day precious. I'd like to continue about the Tenth Vow of Amida.

If, when I attain Buddhahood, the humans and devas in my land should give rise to only thought of attachment to their body, may I not attain the perfect enlightenment.

(Page 21, The Three Pure Land Sutras Volume II, The Larger Sutra)

(My interpretation):

If I, Amida, attain enlightenment as a Buddha, but all the people of my land have thoughts and attachments from ignorance, then I can not be a Buddha of Enlightenment.

At this issue, I'd like to write Ten Transgressions (*ju-aku*). The Buddha taught us this term, which arises from thoughts of attachment, and encourages us to live our daily lives with care and awareness, by not doing this.

Ten Transgressions are (The Buddhist precepts against):

- (1) Destroying life, (2) Theft, (3) Adultery, (4) Lying, (5) Harsh words,
- (6) Speaking ill of others, (7) Idle talk, (8) Greed, (9) Anger, (10) Wrong views

This all arises from a mind of attachment, from rigid thoughts that insist things must be a certain way. Such negative actions not only harm ourselves but also hurt others. Our attachment to the idea of "it must be this way" makes us stubborn and obstinate. How about it, everyone? Aren't there times when you become rigid and stubborn as well?

This is something I heard in a sermon a long time ago. Two people were injured and hospitalized. Let's call one of them Mr. A. It seems Mr. A complained constantly from morning until night. He always had a face like upset and unhappy face, saying the food was terrible, the room wasn't clean, and that he got hurt because of someone else's fault. He blamed the doctors for his pain and said the nurses weren't doing their jobs well, finding fault with everything.

Now, let's call the other person Mr. B. Mr. B was always having happy face and expressed

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gratitude with words like "thank you" to the nurses and doctors. He accepted that his injury was due to his own carelessness. If I took time and chewed well, the hospital food wasn't so bad after all. He spent each day with a grateful heart. He accepted and always show his gratitude to doctors and nurses.

When Mr. A presses the button to call the nurse, it seems that everyone avoids the patient and makes excuses. However, when Mr. B, who is always smiling, presses the button, it turns into a competition with everyone saying, "I'll take care of him," "I'll go," "I'll go," as they head toward the patient's room.

Well, you might find yourself in a situation where you unexpectedly need to go to the hospital. In such cases, what kind of patient will you be? Will you be like Mr. A, someone who makes those around them uncomfortable? Or will you be like Mr. B, who might have a few complaints but remembers to smile and say "thank you," earning the affection of the nurses? While you're healthy, think about this now and practice for the future.

I'm sure that Amida Buddha hopes "when people comes to my (Pure) land, there will be no such things as the Ten Transgressions, and there will be no one who causes suffering to others due to attachments. If there were such a person, I would wish to start my practice all over again."

SHIRLEY's KORNER (started new corner)

KOHI AZUKI KANTEN

This recipe for Kohi Azuki Kanten is adapted from Japanese Cooking Hawai'i Style by Muriel Miura. Muriel Miura was a local home economist and educator to Hawai'i's youth, home cooks, and aspiring chefs including Alan Wong and Sam Choy. Alan Wong said of Muriel, "She's brutally honest. She would tell you like it was." He commented that this only made them all "up their game".

Muriel hosted her first TV program, "Cook Japanese" on Hawai'i Public Television starting in 1973. It was one of the most popular programs ever aired on the channel. This program led to another TV program, "The New World of Cooking with Muriel" which aired in 1979 in Hawai'i and on the Mainland.

While working for The Gas Company as Director of Home Economics, Muriel created "The Blue Flame Notebook" pamphlet, which became very popular and eventually led to her career as a cookbook author. She published 26 cookbooks, with the most recent one, "Muriel Miura's Home Cooking Hawai'i-Style: Island Comfort Food at Its Best", published posthumously in October 2021.

Let's get cooking Japanese with this delightfully refreshing coffee confection.

KOHI (coffee) AZUKI KANTEN

4 packets unflavored gelatin powder (1/4 cup)

1/2 cup cold coffee

2 1/2 cups hot coffee

1 can sweetened condensed milk (14 oz)

1 can tsubushian (mashed azuki beans (18 oz)

Pour cold coffee into a large mixing bowl. Sprinkle the gelatin powder over the cold coffee (do not mix), and let stand for 15 minutes.

Then pour the hot coffee into the bowl and stir.

Pour in the sweetened condensed milk and stir until evenly mixed.

Stir in the can of tsubushian.

Pour everything into an 8"x 8" or 9"x 11" pan. Refrigerate overnight till firm.

Cut into squares – Enjoy!

Reference: Muriel Miura: Trailblazer of Hawai'i Regional Cuisine by Jennifer Hasegawa

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WE NEED YOUR KOKUA, HELP WANTED,

Waipahu Hongwanji's "**Hosha Group**" needs new volunteers to help clean the temple's hon-doh (chapel) interior, conference room, temple office and occasionally the social hall's floor. No heavy cleaning is involved; mostly just vacuuming the carpet, wiping the pew cushions, and mopping the floors (in the conference room and office). Cleaning usually requires about 90 – 100 minutes each time. Individual volunteers come about once or twice a month. Volunteers arrange with Reverend Soga which days they will come. (The Hosha volunteers who did the cleaning in years past have either passed away or are now unable to help.)

Waipahu Hongwanji's "**Kokua Gang**" needs more kitchen volunteers to prepare lunch on Thursdays for the dozen or so Kokua gang members who maintain the temple grounds and buildings. Two or three kitchen volunteers man the temple's kitchen about one Thursday a month from about 9 AM to 12 noon. Volunteers plan the menu, go to the markets to purchase the items and then prepare the lunches. Save all receipts and be reimbursed by the temple (About \$50 per lunch).

Contact Reverend Soga if you have any questions.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Evan Watarida, President of Waipahu Hongwanji

In Gassho,



CONGRATURATIONS

Reverend Masafumi Nagaoka and Ms. Ayako Nagaoka had their wedding ceremony at Waipahu Hongwanji Temple, September 5, 2024.



SPECIAL DONATION

Huong Sen Buddhist Temple ... \$50
Visitation

Marjory Funasaki... \$500
In memory of Toshio Yamamoto

Family of Helen Nakayama ... \$100
In memory of Helen Nakayama

Robert & Joyce Oshita ... \$500
In memory of Tomoju & Aiko Oshita

Tsunako Sakata ... \$50
Use of conference room

Noreen Sur ... \$300
Funeral for Sachiko Miyashiro

Lee Uehara ... \$100
Wedding for Andrew & Jesica McCarthy

Ardis Ikehara ... \$100
In memory of Tadashi Ayabe

Harles Nakagawa ... \$250
In memory of Fred Edamatsu

Family of Richard Nomura ... \$200
In memory of Richard Nomura

Koshin Soga ... \$300
Special

Kirana Soga ... \$1,000
Special

Peggy Tsukida ... \$100
In memory of Clarence Otsuka

AUTUMN OHIGAN

MEMBERSHIP DUES: Margaret & Robert Itagaki, Chiyono (Kyle) Kinoshita, Sheree Tamura & Melvin Tanaka

Reminder - Membership Dues

We are currently in the process of updating and reconciling our membership list. For those of you who have already submitted your 2024 membership dues, thank you for supporting and subsidizing our efforts to maintain our Sangha.

As you may know, the temple and its supporting structures are aging and in need of constant repair and improvements, therefore, any funds received, helps in our goal of keeping the Waipahu Hongwanji Mission (WHM) around for many generations to come.

Every year, a significant portion of each member's dues are also used to support the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii and its mission. Therefore, it helps us out tremendously whenever we receive your submission in a timely manner.

Again, thank you all for your support and commitment to our WHM Sangha and we look forward to seeing everyone soon! Mahalo

Project Dana Caregiver Support Program

Saturday, November 9 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Topic: Palliative Care v. Hospice Care

Speaker: Hope Young, Kokua Mau

Location: Zoom and Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
(94-821 Kuhaulua Street, Waipahu, HI 96797)



Wednesday, October 9 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Topic: Protect Yourself and Your Money from Predatory Tactics

Speaker: Theresa Kong Kee, DCCA

Location: Zoom and Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin
(1727 Pali Highway, Honolulu, HI 96813)

Saturday, November 30 10:00 am to 11:30 am

- Caregiver Training Workshop: Caregiver Burnout and Self-Care
- Featuring: Maria Morales, MSW, Project Dana Program Coordinator
- Location: Zoom
- **Attendees must register before the workshop.**

Please call or email if you are interested in attending or need more information:
Maria Morales, Program Coordinator, (808) 945-3736, cgs@projectdana.org

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR 2024

NOVEMBER

1st (2023)

November 29 Shigeo Toma

3rd (2022)

November 30 Rodney Yoshio Narusaki

November 19 Lisa Toshiko Shinsato

November 14 Stanley Masazumi Miyahara

7th (2018)

November 22 Timothy Jo Nakamura

November 15 Steve Kazuto Hama

November 14 Shizuo Nakamura

November 6 Aiko Oshita

13th (2012)

November 7 Harriet Momoe Hirata

17th (2008)

November 30 Laura Tokuyo Kawaguchi

November 6 Alvin Susumu Ichori

25th (2000)

November 18 Herbert Hisao Matsuo

November 11 Yoshio Kanechika

November 6 Beatrice Takeko Murakami

33th (1992)

November 10 George Tadao Shigeta

November 8 Kamato Akamine

November 5 Wallace Hakubun Kaya

50th (1975)

none

DECEMBER

1st (2023)

December 27

Gilbert Shigemi Mikami

December 25

Yoshito Paul Sasaki

December 1

Clyde Rikio Yoshimi

3rd (2022)

December 16

Ken Ikehara

December 14

Shoko Kawasaki Roberts

December 13

Linda Chieko Momohara

December 4

Carol Chieko Inouye

7th (2018)

none

13th (2012)

December 26

Hiroji Miyashita

17th (2008)

December 3

Ellis Richardson Travis

25th (2000)

December 26

Asao Yabuno

December 23

Harry Isamu Umeno

December 19

Myles Michio Yoshihiro

December 10

Eric Tadashi Ishii

33rd (1992)

December 25

James Shigeo Nishimura

December 17

Shizue Yamato

December 16

Eiko Oshiro

December 15

Masayuki Kamisato

50th (1975)

December 29

Thomas Masayuki Miyakaku

December 13

Takaichi Tanouye

December 2

Masao Ishihara

浄土真宗の教え 2024年11月
 「阿弥陀様の願いその29（第十願） 不貧計心の願（その2）」
 駐在開教使 曾我大円

無事バザーも終わり、今年もあと二月となりました。今月は感謝祭も来ます、皆様はどんな祭日を過ごされるでしょうか。繰り返すことのできない人生、大切にお過ごし下さい。続いて阿弥陀様の第十願のお話をさせて頂きます。

たとひわれ仏を得たらんに、国中の天人、もし想念を起こして、身を貧計せば、正覚を取らじ。（不貧計心の願）（浄土真宗聖典17ページ）

（私の意識）もし私（阿弥陀様）が佛としての悟りを得る時に、私の国のすべての人々が、もし想念を起こして、執着の心を起こすことがあるならば、私は聖覚の佛となることは出来ません。

この度は人間の十悪ということについて書かせて頂きましょう。お釈迦様は執着の思いから作るこの十悪という言葉をお教えられ、私たちに日々の生活を注意して生きる様に教えて下さっています。十悪とは次のものです。

殺生 — ものの命をとること

偷盗 — 人のものを盗むこと

邪淫 — 男女の淫らな交わり

妄語 — 偽りの言葉

綺語 — されごと

悪口 — 妬みから出てくる言葉

両舌 — 二枚舌

貪欲 — 欲の心、執着の心

瞋恚 — 腹をたてること

愚痴 — もんく、人を不愉快にさせる言葉

これは全て執着の心、こうでなければと凝り固まった考えから起こる悪い行為で、自分を傷つけるだけでなく、人も傷つけてしまうことです。私たちの執着（こうでなければならぬ）という思いから、頭を頑なに立て、意地を張ることです。どうでしょうか、皆さん時々頭を頑なに立て意地を張っていませんか。

そして貧計（とんげ）とは、^{しゅうじゃく} 執着 すること、とらわれること
この貧計^{とんげ}という思いから^{おも} 執着^{しゅうじゃく} し、とらわれて、苦しんだり、腹を立てたり、しなくてもいい
思い^たをしてストレスを溜めるのです。

青い空、眩しい太陽、雨、風、雪、は先ほどの表象作用^{ひょうしょうさよう} です。しかしこの作用に私たちの^{さよう}
執着^{しゅうじゃく} がからんで、良いお天気、悪いお天気、と自分勝手な判断^{じぶんかって} をしてしまうのです。これを
貧計（とんげ）と言うのです。

阿弥陀様^{あみださま}は、この想念^{そうねん}と貧計^{とんげ}でいっぱい^{じょうど}の私がお浄土^いへ往ったならば、このことを理解^{りかい}して
執着^{しゅうじゃく} から離れていくのだよ、と願^{ねが}って下さっておられるのです。 続く



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Sunday: 9 a.m. Family Service
All are welcome.

Every Thursday: 9 a.m. Kokua Day

Every Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Hosha Day

1st and 3rd Thursday: 12:30 p.m.
Karaoke Club Everyone welcome

2nd Saturday: 9:30 a.m.
Project Dana, Caregiver Support Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Project Dana Caregiver Support Program
Saturday, October 12, 2024, 10 a.m.
Social Hall