



Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin

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Re: 2023-2024 HHMH Social Concerns Fund Drive

The month of November is a special time for reflecting on gratitude. Observing Eitaikyo and celebrating Thanksgiving are opportunities to appreciate the innumerable causes and conditions that sustain our lives and how we are deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of profound gratitude that we invite you to participate in the statewide Annual Social Concerns Fund Drive.

Your generosity enables the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH) to support worthy organizations and programs making a difference in our community. Your selfless giving also provides for compassionate aid during times of disaster and the ability to skillfully respond to issues affecting our local and world communities.

Through the Social Welfare Fund, HHMH was able to immediately support relief efforts on Maui in the aftermath of devastating wildfires, giving over \$25,000 to various organizations and affected individuals. Your generous support ensures HHMH can respond quickly when disasters strike.

This year, HHMH continued to advocate for mental health care, addressing homelessness, and alleviating food insecurity in our community by donating to the Samaritan Counseling Center of Hawaii, Spill the Tea Café, Hope Services, and the various food banks on each island. The organization also awarded several Golden Chain Grants to help nurture Sangha-based compassionate action.

The fund drive will begin November 1, 2023, and run till August 31, 2024. ***To contribute to the 2022-2023 HHMH Social Concerns Fund Drive, please make a check payable to Honpa Hongwanji Hawai'i Betsuin (or HHHB for short), note "HHMH Social Concerns" on your check, and return it in the enclosed envelope.*** The temple office will consolidate donations to pass along to Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

We encourage you to make your donation early, but any time through August 2024 will ensure your donation is counted in the current fund drive. Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

In Gassho,

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Rimban

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(This letter is based on one sent to temple presidents and resident ministers from Bishop Toshiyuki Umitani, HHMH President Dr. Warren Tamamoto, and the chair of the HHMH Committee on Social Concerns, Rev. Blayne Higa.)