

# **HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII**

## **AFFIRMATION RITES CEREMONY (KIESHIKI)**

**DATE: Nov. 19, 2016**

**TIME: 10:00AM**

**PLACE: MO'ILI'ILI HONGWANJI MISSION**

### **AFFIRMATION RITES**

THE MEANING OF THE AFFIRMATION RITES BECOMES CLEAR IF WE LOOK INTO THE ORIGINAL NAME, "KIESHIKI." KIE MEANS TO SEEK REFUGE, AND IN BUDDHISM, WE MEAN TO SEEK REFUGE IN THE THREE TREASURES OF THE BUDDHA, THE DHARMA AND THE SANGHA. THE OTHER PART, SHIKI, MEANS RITUAL. THEREFORE, WITH THESE MEANINGS IN MIND, THE TERM "AFFIRMATION RITES" WAS ADOPTED.

AFFIRMATION RITES IS OFFICIATED BY THE BISHOP OF HONPA HONGWANJI MISSION OF HAWAII. IT IS A RITUAL THAT GIVES THE RECIPIENT A DEFINITE AWARENESS THAT HE/SHE IS BECOMING A FOLLOWER OF THE BUDDHA'S TEACHINGS AND A MEMBER OF THE HONGWANJI. DURING THE RITES, EACH RECIPIENT WILL RECEIVE HIS/HER OWN HOMYO (DHARMA BUDDHIST NAME) FROM THE BISHOP.

THERE IS NO AGE LIMITATION. HOWEVER, IF THE ASPIRANT IS BELOW 20 YEARS OF AGE, HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN ON THE OFFICIAL RECORD.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS RITUAL ONE WOULD GAIN CONVICTION INTO HIS/HER RELIGION AND THAT IT WOULD BE A DEFINITE START INTO A LIFE OF A BUDDHIST.

THE APPLICATION FEE FOR THE AFFIRMATION RITES IS \$50. IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE THE AFFIRMATION RITES, PLEASE COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM AND SEND IT TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS WITH YOUR APPLICATION FEE PAYABLE TO THE "MO'ILI'ILI HONGWANJI MISSION BY OCTOBER 31, 2016. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

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