



Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

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Re: 2021-2022 HHMH Social Concerns Fund Drive

We celebrate gratitude in the month of November. The Thanksgiving holiday and the Eitaikyo observance are reminders of the countless blessings in our lives and how we live deeply connected to the world around us. It is in this spirit of gratitude that we begin our participation in the annual Social Concerns Fund Drive organized by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii (HHMH). The fund drive runs from November 2021 through August 2022.

Through the generous contributions of Sangha members, the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii is able to support worthy organizations and programs with funding to continue their work in our community. Your support also allows us to provide compassionate action during times of disaster and the ability to respond to social issues affecting our community.

Because of your commitment to promoting the Buddhist values of compassion and loving kindness, we are able to lend our support to organizations such as Project Dana, Hawaii Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Hawaii VOAD), Malama Kauai, A Cup of Cold Water, and various food banks on each island.

Your support also funds the Golden Chain Grant program, established to promote compassionate action through innovative community service projects. Any person or group part of the Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii ohana can apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to help put the Dharma into action.

Hawaii Betsuin will combine donations from temple members and friends to present to HHMH Headquarters. ***To contribute to the 2021-2022 HHMH Social Concerns Fund Drive, please make a check out to Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin (or HHHB for short), note "HHMH Social Concerns" on your check, and return it in the enclosed envelope.***

The suggested donation is the cost of just one restaurant meal per person in your household. We encourage you to make your donation early, but any time through August 2022 will ensure your donation is counted in the current fund drive. Your kokua is greatly appreciated. Mahalo!

In gassho,

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(This letter is based on one sent to temple presidents and resident ministers from Bishop Eric Matsumoto and the chair of the HHMH Committee on Social Concerns, Rev. Blayne Higa.)