

Puna Hongwanji Mission





Tolling of the bell at Joya-e (New Year's Eve service)



Shusho-e (New Year's Day service)
Refreshments



Individually prepared
incense for offering



Puna Hongwanji
chocolate candy



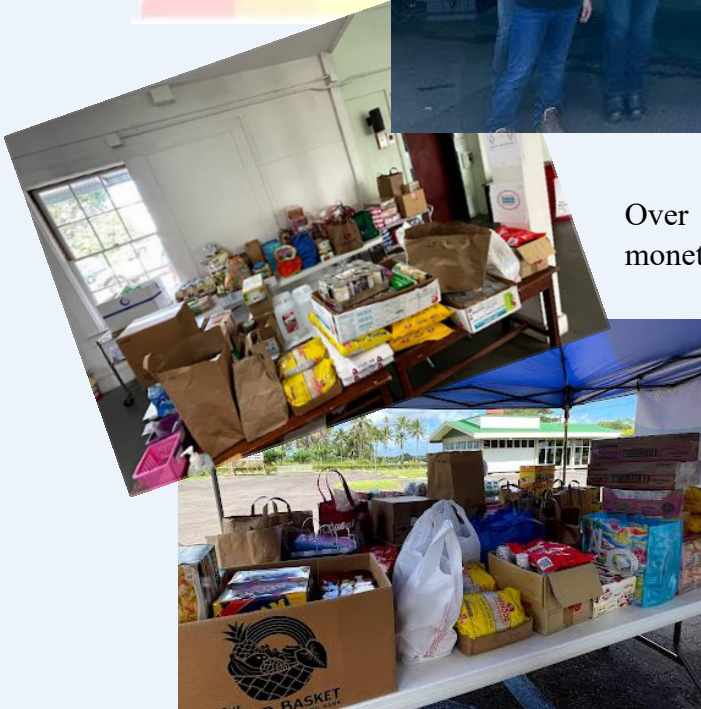
Remembering the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr.



Food Drive
for the
Food Basket



Over 1000 pounds of goods and US\$600 in monetary donations were collected.



Celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr

Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations observes Martin Luther King Jr. Day as one of its annual activities. This year, BWA groups including the Puna Hongwanji BWA took part in folding origami cranes and stringing them into a lei to place on the temple's Shinran Shonin statue. The origami crane, a symbol of peace combined with the lei that is an expression of Aloha represents our wish for peace as we celebrate the life and legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., who advocated for peace and nonviolence towards his dream of equality and justice.



I have a dream...



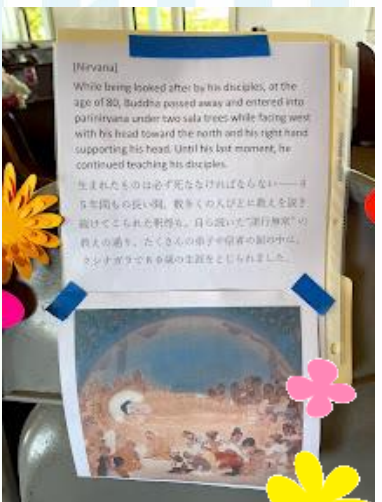
Placing a lei of peace made of origami cranes on the temple's Shinran Shonin statue.



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Puna District Interfaith Memorial Day Observance



Located on the front lawn is a memorial monument with names of Puna District residents killed in action from WWII, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Iraq-Afghanistan Conflicts. Each year, district churches from various religious backgrounds gather at Puna Hongwanji to pay their respects in an interfaith memorial observance.

Quick group shots of a few of the temple members who came out to help make beautiful floral arrangements with flowers donated for the Memorial Day observance.



Hybrid OBON Festivities



Yummy for the tummy following the bon dancing workout. Puna Hongwanji is known to always feed people. Itadakimasu!



Halloween drive thru

& school visit



The temple's Taiko, BWA, Sr. YBA, Kyodan, and Dharma School groups created a variety of tents for members and friends to drive by and enjoy the Halloween mood.



Pre-K children at Pahoa Elementary School were visited by members of Puna Hongwanji's Halloween crew.



Winter Craft fair



With many events cancelled due to the pandemic, the temple while following strict protocols to ensure the health and safety of everyone, organized its first outdoor Winter Craft Fair. The Donation-based operation included over 30 local craft vendors and food trucks. Positive feedback was received from many and it was enjoyable for all to be able to get out and do something.

Hybrid Sunday services



Honoring graduates under the Bodhi Tree



ZOOM general membership meeting

As restrictions were eased, Sunday service and Dharma gatherings slowly returned maintaining social distance to new hybrid styles such as in-person and online.

