



15th BWA State Membership Conference Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations



“NURTURING NEMBUTSU: SHARING GRATITUDE”

March 28 - 29, 2026 • Ala Moana Hotel by Mantra

Keynote speaker Ms. Michiko Miyaji Inanaga
Director of the Endowment Foundation (BCA)

Conference Schedule

March 28, 2026

8:00 - 9:00 am Registration
9:00 - 9:20 am Opening Service
9:30 - 10:15 am Keynote Speaker - Michiko Inanaga
10:15 - 10:30 am Break
10:30 - 11:45 am General Membership Business Mtg 1
11:45 - 12:30 pm Lunch Break
1:00 - 4:30 pm Workshops- Attend three assigned sessions
(See attached)
4:45 - 5:00 pm Closing Announcements
6:00 - 8:00 pm Dinner and Entertainment

March 29, 2026

7:30 - 8:15 am Continental Breakfast
8:15 - 8:35 am Closing Service
8:35 - 9:20 am General Membership Business Mtg 2
9:30 - 11:45 am Panel Presentation
11:45 - 12:00 pm Closing Announcements
Gratitude Tree
World Convention Update

Unique & Inspiring Workshops:
You will be assigned three Workshops
Rank top four selections

Panel Presentation “The Role of Women in Society 2026”

Featuring:
Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke
Supreme Court Justice Sabrina McKenna
Ms. Kehaulani Lum
Ms. Lori Teranishi
Moderated by Ms. Caroline Otani



Ala Moana Hotel:

Waikiki Tower: \$219.00 (1 King or 2 Double) or Kona Tower \$189.00 (1 Queen)

Room rates are good for 3 days prior to and 3 days post conference.

Book your room by registering below!

REGISTER HERE: <https://tinyurl.com/15thbwa>

Registration Deadline: December 1, 2025

Fee: \$200 (Does not include Hotel Fee)



2026 BWA State Conference Workshops

Workshop A: “Brave, Willing, and Awesome: A Throughline in the Hongwanji Archives”

Dave Atcheson

This workshop will share the process of archiving materials and provide practical tips for introducing or expanding archiving efforts at individual temples.

Workshop B: “Healing Through Gratitude: Living with Appreciation”

Edna Matsuoka

In times of difficulty, self-reflection and gratitude can be powerful tools for healing – not just physically, but emotionally and in our relationship with others.

Workshop C: “Sounding Joy Therapy” with Nina Guerrero

This interactive presentation of music therapy aids individuals with Parkinson’s and other neuromotor conditions through hands-on experiential demonstrations.

Workshop D: “Healthy Benefits of a Positive Lifestyle”

Pieper Toyama and Mavis Niino

Over the last decade, there has been a significant shift in the health consciousness of Americans, particularly in relation to the impact of gratitude. Participants will create a card and write a message of appreciation to someone significant.

Workshop E: “Capital Campaigns: Dharma Forward and Living Gratitude”

Michiko Inanaga and Irene Nakamoto

“Dharma Forward” and “Living Gratitude” are the names of the endowment programs in the Buddhist Churches of America and the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii. Michiko Inanaga and Irene Nakamoto will share their programs and how transformative it has been for BCA and hope to become for Hawaii Kyodan.

Workshop F: “18th World Convention Entertainment Rehearsal”

Hanakia Tui

Learn a hula, “Me Kealoha Nui” (Such an Overwhelming Love), to perform at the World Convention. No previous hula experience is needed. Video: [“Me Kealoha Nui” Music Video.”](#)