

Oahu District Annual Affirmation Rite

You are cordially invited to participate in the Annual Oahu District Affirmation Rite to be held at the Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission in celebration of its 100th anniversary on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 10:00 A.M.

Background Information About the Affirmation Rite

The Affirmation Rite or “Kieshiki” is a ceremony affirming a person as Buddhist. “Kie” means to seek refuge, meaning that an affirmed Buddhist seeks refuge in the Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha, the Three Treasures of Buddhism. “Shiki” means rite.

What is the significance of the Affirmation Rite?

It affirms the person’s commitment as Buddhist to follow the Buddha’s teachings and as a member of the Hongwanji.

Who is the officiating minister?

The ceremony is conducted by the Bishop. However, in case of emergency any resident minister may conduct this ritual with the Bishop’s approval.

How old must one be to participate in this ritual?

There is no age limit. However, if the aspirant is a minor, his/her parent or guardian will be asked to sign the official record.

Please fill out the application form below and return it to the temple by **July 25, 2008**. The registration fee is \$35.00. Make checks payable to **Oahu Hongwanji Council**. Address envelope as follows: Centennial Affirmation Rite, c/o Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission, P.O. Box 860265, Wahiawa, HI 96786.

Temple Name:			
Name:	Sex:	Age:	Birthday:
Name (Japanese Characters):			
Address:			Telephone:
Applicant’s Signature:			
Name of Parent or Guardian (if applicant is a minor)			Relationship to Applicant
Signature of Parent or Guardian (if applicant is a minor)			

Participants are asked to be present at 9:30 A.M.