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Statement on the Wildfires and Relief Effort in Maui

On behalf of the Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada, we are deeply saddened and concerned about the deadly wildfire that struck the Hawaiian island of Maui. The fire destroyed most of the town of Lahaina - including Lahaina Hongwanji Mission and the resident minister's residence. The wildfire caused immeasurable damage to the entire community.

One of the core practices in Buddhism is *Dana* – Giving or Generosity. I would like to humbly ask and encourage all the Jodo Shinshu Temples and their members to contribute to the wildfire relief, if you can.

The Hawaii Bishop's office has created several ways to support Maui fire relief. JSBTC is currently reviewing with the Canada Revenue Agency Charitable Directorate the best approach for Canadian charities to donate funds.

1. Online at <https://hongwanjihawaii.com/> by clicking on the “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief” button under the “Donate” tab.
2. Through GoFundMe at the following link: <https://gofund.me/ff77a520>
3. Cheque and cash donations can be sent directly to Hawaii Kyodan Headquarters. Please make cheques payable to: HHMH and in the memo line designate “Maui Wildfire Disaster Relief” to ensure proper credit.

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
1727 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96813 USA

** All donations collected will go to support Lahaina Hongwanji and Maui relief efforts.*

ハワイ・マウイ島での火災で、ラハイナ本願寺が全焼しました。開教使住宅も焼け落ち、廣中先生とご家族、メンバーの方も避難生活をしています。援助が必要です。皆さまのご支援をお願い申し上げます。

(主にクレジットカード利用での義援金支援となります。分からない方はご所属開教使へご相談ください。)

In gassho,
Tatsuya Aoki

Bishop, Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada

BEFORE



Lahaina Hongwanji Temple

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