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“Feeding our Keiki and Kupuna” will continue in Honoka’a

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HONOKA’A, HAWAI’I ISLAND— As of Friday, March 13, 2020, the Peace Committee of Honokaa Hongwanji Buddhist Temple decided to institute additional food safety practices, distributing “Feeding Our Keiki and Kupuna” meals via take-out only. This reduces the chance of transmitting any illnesses via social contact, and is in line with public health directives.

“Feeding our Keiki and Kupuna” is an important community meal program, which has become a critical resource for many. And, while the initiation of the takeout style service seemed extreme at first, review of current events worldwide and nationwide demonstrates that an overwhelming number of governmental and business organizations are taking equivalent actions to reduce the chances of spreading the dangerous virus.

While no member of the Honoka’a Hongwanji Buddhist Temple or any of its volunteers have tested positive for the corona virus, in the spirit of emphasizing safety and health first, the temple has also postponed its Buddha's Birthday Party (originally scheduled for Sunday, April 5). Mindfulness Meditation sessions have also been cancelled until further notice.

In the meanwhile, food preparation of the weekly Friday meals continues under supervision of certified food safety handlers. Cautionary steps include “social distancing” and volunteers strictly follow Department of Health food handling and preparation guidelines as well as disinfecting techniques recommended by the federal Center for Disease Control.

The next “Feeding our Keiki and Kupuna” will take place Friday, March 20, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm, at Honoka’a Hongwanji Buddhist Temple. Meals can be picked up outside the kitchen, as was done last week. The public’s understanding and cooperation is appreciated. During difficult times, our focus remains on peace, compassion and inter-dependence.

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