



## 11<sup>th</sup> BWA State Membership Conference

Planning Committee  
expresses their  
heartfelt gratitude!  
June 2, 2010

One year in the planning and two days to execute, the Honolulu United BWA units of Hawaii Betsuin, Jikoen, Kailua and Moiliili Hongwanjis worked diligently to present this once in 4-year conference in a meaningful way for 294 participants. 75% of you felt it was an “excellent” conference, 24% a “good” conference and less than 1% a “fair” conference. Thank you so much for your attendance and positive evaluations. We felt appreciated!

The spirit of the BWA glowed over the 2 days. Many of you practiced the dharma, letting go of the noisy reality to do your best to enjoy the speakers, workshops and meals. You also expressed your joy in mingling with others that you had met for the first time through the conference. Your voices lifted beautifully in our two conference songs and made for “chicken skin”. Thank you for practicing!

Ooh~ ahh~ you loved the very special fashion show! Thank you to all the ladies who stretched their comfort levels to be models and to share their own part of the kimono and yukata legacy held so dearly from the days of the early immigrants.

An 11<sup>th</sup> Conference folder has been created to pass on to the Big Island through Donna Higashi. Hopefully, the structure of our planning meetings will be of help to you. The information we pulled from the 10<sup>th</sup> Conference folder really helped us too.

Please take the time to access the Federation website at: <http://www.hawaii-bwa.org> Look through the left menu bar to find the 11<sup>th</sup> BWA State Conference link. Click and you will find the “Declaration of Interdependence” shared by Donna, collage photos of the conference made by Ruth Tokumi (Hawaii Betsuin) and coming soon, Rev. Eric Matsumoto’s Sunday Dharma message.

Till we meet again. Stay well! Hohoemi to tomoni...^^

In gassho,  
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Chairperson  
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