

Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii
Federation of Buddhist Women's Associations
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Resolution to Survey World Federation Resolutions

WHEREAS, the World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha Buddhist Women's Associations was officially formed in 1961 to advance a world-wide Buddhist women's movement and to spread the Buddha-Dharma throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, to promote its goals and objectives, the World Federation has encouraged the submission of resolutions by member organizations at its World Buddhist Women's Conventions, and

WHEREAS, resolutions which were presented, discussed, and approved at the World Buddhist Women's Conventions are implemented by member organizations of the respective Federations of Buddhist Women's Associations of Japan, South America, Buddhist Churches of America, Canada, and Hawaii, and

WHEREAS, these approved resolutions have increased in numbers throughout the years (see attached list);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that member organizations of the World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-Ha make a concerted effort to implement the approved resolutions, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that member organizations be asked to survey the implementation of these resolutions within their respective Federations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that member organizations complete the provided checklist for submission at the next Representative Assembly to be hosted by Japan in 2009, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a compiled report and recommendations be presented at the 14th World Buddhist Women's Convention in 2011.

List of World Federation Resolutions

| Date | Place | Resolutions |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---|
| March 22, 1961 | Kyoto, Japan | 1. Establish World Federation of Jodo Shinshu Hongwanji-ha B.W.A – comprised of Japan, Hawaii, N. America, S. America, Canada, to promote practical applications of the “Daily Creed of Jodo Shinshu”: stimulate interchange of Faith, promotion of Buddhist women’s movement, launching of membership drive, and how to bring up children. Lady Yoshiko Ohtani, President |
| May 14-16, 1965 | New York City, U.S.A. | 2. Adoption of Federation ByLaws 3. Establish Annual Dana Day in February 4. Publish <u>Megumi</u> |
| June 16-18, 1967 | Honolulu, Hawaii | 5. Dana Day – collections to benefit charitable and social agencies in respective countries 6. <u>Megumi</u> – to include English section and “kana” in the Japanese section, one issue of 4 publications yearly should be directed to World Federation News 7. Pay tribute to Eshinni-ko - encourage members to read “Eshinni-sama” written by Lady Yoshiko Ohtani 8. Sponsor interchange of female high school or university students of various countries 9. To set aside each month “Hosha No Hi” |
| April 16-17, 1970 | Kyoto, Japan | 10. Revise part of Dana Day to continue to utilize funds for social welfare and charitable work 11. Student Exchange – make corrective provisions 12. Publish an overseas edition of <u>Megumi</u> once a year 13. Exchange of Japanese and English Buddhist Literature to be put into effect with countries of World Federation 14. Publish understandable and clearer Buddhist books for youth. Fujinkai Federation to provide funds to the sponsoring Kyodan (country) for propagation and distribution according to situations. |
| August 29-31, 1974 | San Francisco U.S.A. | 15. Student Exchange length of stay-about 2 weeks 16. Administration of approved resolutions will be the responsibility of the country hosting the convention until the next convention. Administrative expenses shall be absorbed by the country in charge |
| June 24-25, 1978 | Sao Paulo, Brazil | 17. Establish Eshinni Day |

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| July 23-25, 1982 | Honolulu, Hawaii | 18. Establish Sister District Relationship 19. Appreciation to Lady Yoshiko Ohtani (resignation as President of World Federation) |
| October 7-9, 1986 | Kyoto, Japan | 20. Promote World Peace – Designate Eshinni Day as the Day of Peace 21. Provide Relief for Starving Children for coming 2 years for each Federation to send funds through UNICEF 22. Composition of Eshin-ni-sama Song and arrangement of dance steps for Bon Odori use 23. Financial Support for Publication and World-wide Distribution of Shin Buddhist Translation Series Texts 24. Propagate World-wide the “Joy of Being Sustained Through the Nembutsu.” By financial assistance for translation and publication of the Video Buddhist Sutra Stories Series 25. Promote Sister Buddhist Women’s Associations ties 26. Survey of Resolutions Passed Between 1965-1982 |
| May 31- June 2, 1990 | Vancouver, Canada | 27. Translation of the Creed into English. 28. Propagation of Membership: designate membership month, initiate activities to increase Membership, and report strategies in 1994 29. Support and participate in educational programs relating to aging and aged populations and caregivers 30. Support educational programs on AIDS and AIDS prevention 31. Develop educational materials to enhance and promote teaching of Nembutsu by exchange of ideas and materials and any proceeds be directed toward youth education 32. Transmitting the preciousness of joining hands in “Namu Amida Butsu” |
| Sept 2-4, 1994 | Anaheim, Calif. USA | |
| April 12, 1998 | Osaka, Japan | |
| Oct. 8-10, 2002 | Sao Paulo, Brazil | 33. Promote world peace by engaging in seminars, workshops, and instigate activities relating to seek peace inwardly and outwardly 34. Celebrate and honor the life of Kakushin-ni-ko who undertook to establish the foundation of the future Hongwanji 35. Observe “CARE DAY” annually to extend Compassion and Assistance in Response to Elders (CARE) |
| | | TOTAL: 35 resolutions (Not a complete list) |

CHECKLIST TO SURVEY WORLD FEDERATION RESOLUTIONS

Submitted By _____

Date: _____

| | RESOLUTIONS | YES (X) | NO (X) | COMMENTS |
|---------|--|------------|-----------|----------|
| 3,5,10 | Establish Annual Dana Day in February | | | |
| 4,6,12 | Publish <u>Megumi</u> ; Include English section, “kana’ in Japanese section, one issue to World Federation News; Overseas edition once year. | | | |
| 7,17 | Pay tribute to Eshinni-ko; Establish Eshinni Day | | | |
| 8,11,15 | Promote Student Exchange | | | |
| 9 | To set aside each month “Hosha No Hi” | | | |
| 13 | Exchange of Japanese and English Buddhist Literature | | | |
| 14 | Publish Buddhist books for youth – Fujinkai Federation provide funds to sponsoring Kyodan (country) | | | |
| 16 | Administration of approved resolutions will be responsibility of country hosting convention until next convention | | | |
| 18,25 | Establish Sister – District Relationship | | | |
| 20,33 | Promote World Peace through activities | | | |
| 21 | Provide Relief for Starving Children for coming 2 years | | | |
| 22 | Composition of Eshin-ni-sama Song | | | |
| 23 | Financial Support for Publications and World Wide Distribution of Shin Buddhist Translation Series Texts | | | |
| 24 | Propagate World-Wide the “Joy of Being Sustained Through the Nembutsu” | | | |
| 26 | Survey of Resolutions Passed Between 1965-1982 | | | |
| 27 | Translation of Creed into English | | | |
| 28 | Propagation of Membership; Report strategies in 1994 | | | |
| 29,35 | Support program relating to aging and aged populations and caregivers; Observe CARE DAY | | | |
| 30 | Support Educational programs on AIDS and AIDS prevention | | | |
| 31 | Develop educational materials to promote teaching of Nembutsu and proceeds to youth education | | | |
| 32 | Spread to others the Nembutsu | | | |
| 34 | Celebrate and honor life of Kakushin-ni-ko | | | |