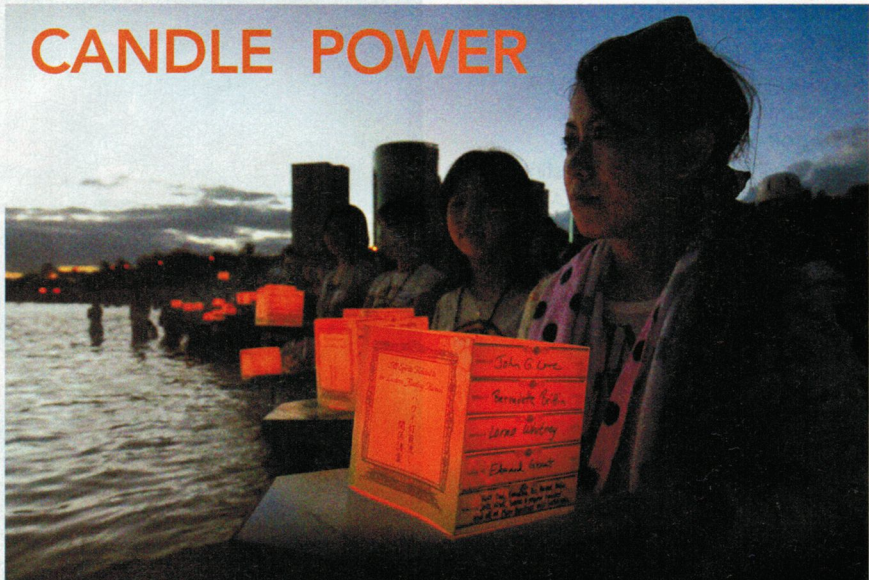


CANDLE POWER



More than 40,000 people will gather at Honolulu's Ala Moana Beach Park on May 31 for **Lantern Floating Hawai'i**, a surprisingly intimate event that honors ancestors, remembers lost loved ones, and evokes world peace and harmony. Led by Her Holiness Keishu Shino Ito, the opening ceremony begins at 6:30 P.M. and features Japanese *taiko* drummers, a *shomyo* choir chanting Buddhist hymns, and Hawaiian hula. As the sun sets, individuals commune in quiet reverence as more than 2,000 reusable candle-lit lanterns, carrying messages of love and hope, are released into the gentle surf. Attendance is free and open to all. The Hawai'i Convention Center provides free parking from 9 A.M. to midnight, and free shuttle bus and handicap-accessible vans are available from 4 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. (808) 947-2814; lanternfloatinghawaii.com. —Kathleen Guthrie