

Bon Dance 盆おどり

August 19, Saturday: 5:00pm-9:30pm

[Facial Masks Recommended for Safety]



4:15pm

Jizo Bon prayer will be held in front of Jizo statue)

4:30pm

*Taiko performance by Dragon Beat
to begin our Bon Dance*



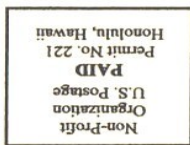
Please come, bring your family and friends with their kimonos, happi coats and dance around the yagura and enjoy the many food items:

Maki sushi, garlic chicken bento; spam musubi, curry bowl, hamburger; chili bowl, chili plate, saimin, Andagi (Okinawan donuts), juice, soda, shave ice, water, etc.



Food booths will be open at 4:30 pm

Parking Limited: Parking available on Jodo Mission property until **4:00 pm**. After 4 pm, no cars can enter or leave until the end of Bon Dance at 9:30 pm; A handicap turnaround will be provided at entrance. Other limited parking available at Hawaii Mission Academy Ka Lama Iki School, Shriners Hospital for Children, and **after 5pm** Central Union Church only at Punahou Street side paved parking lot only—
not on grass. [More Bon Dance info on pg. 3]



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JODO MISSION OF HAWAII
BULLETIN - AUGUST 2023



Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission of Hawaii,

Thank you very much for your warm support and participation in our Obon services last week. It was wonderful to see you and your families. Some of you were our long-time members and friends, while others were new faces. Obon felt like a reunion of "Jodo Mission ohana members," bringing together both the living and the departed.



As we welcomed Obon, it was a honor for me to write 37 Hatsubon O-Toba and to pray for departed loved ones who welcomed their first Obon this year since last summer. It allowed me to recall and think of your beloved ones and families. Your generosity and kindness during this Obon season deeply moved me.

On the first day of Obon, the 522 O-Toba looked lonely with nothing but sticks and tables at the social hall. However, as soon as the doors opened, our members started making food offerings and dedicated flowers to the O-Tobas. The empty O-Tobas were gradually adorned with colorful flowers and various foods each day, as if the spirits of our ancestors were visiting one by one. After the Obon service ended, all the O-Tobas were taken down within an hour, as if our ancestors had returned to the world they came from, leaving no trace behind. The sincere offerings on the O-Toba were beautiful due to their ephemerality.

I would like to express my gratitude to President Daryl Masaki, the board members, ministers, and volunteers who dedicated their time and energy to plan, prepare, and observe Obon with the 522 O-Tobas. Special thanks to Ms. Christine Inouye who was our Obon chairperson. She took the time to take photos of O-Toba and sent it to those who ordered. She also prepared meals for the ministers and volunteers. Another Mahalo goes to Ms. Sally Hayashi for her great work, taking care of everything but the religious services for our temple. All of your support and help were invaluable in making Obon a success.

I also extend my heartfelt thanks to Mr. Darin Miyashiro for his beautiful Koto performances, which our beloved ones must have enjoyed along with the food offerings and flowers. Mr. Miyashiro teaches Koto and Gagaku (Imperial Court Music) at both UH and Jodo Mission, so if anyone is interested in learning these instruments, please let us know. I have recently started learning the "Ryuteki" or Japanese transverse flute and would appreciate someone to practice with. Let's learn together! Also I would like to thank Ryugen Taiko, led by Mr. Nolan Miyahara, for entertaining both the living and the departed with powerful Taiko drumming as we concluded Obon.

Lastly, my sincere "Arigato" goes to my wife and children. I always take it for granted for their help and I forgot to mention and introduce them to you before the services. Their help has been invaluable. Though I'm sorry internet connection was not stable, but my children managed to record high-quality videos of the services. So if you'd like to watch them, please let me know.

This month, we are looking forward to another significant event, the Bon Dance. In Hawaii, Bon Dance is considered an important fundraiser, but it's also an essential community

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service to provide a fun festive atmosphere and great opportunity to meet both old and new friends. We sincerely wish you to enjoy our Bon Dance. At the same time, We'd very much appreciate your help and support for our Bon Dance.

Once again, a heartfelt mahalo nui loa to you, your family, and your beloved ones from the bottom of my heart!

Gassho,
Kosen Ishikawa

Sweet Pineapple by Kosen Ishikawa

When I used to work for Sushi bar in the grocery store on Kauai over a decade ago, there was a table for pineapples for sale just in front of my workplace. As a result, I often saw customers choosing a pineapple and actually I was often asked by customers who were mostly tourists, "How do you select a sweet pineapple?"

My answer had been "I'm sorry I don't know" or sometimes, "who knows?". Because I often received questions, I became curious about sweet pineapple and looked online.

One website says, "choose a pineapple that is heavy." It also says to "choose darker green leaf of pineapple." Then, another website says to "smell the butt of the pineapple! If it doesn't smell like pineapple juice, it doesn't contain much sugar." Another tip which I thought interesting was "Flip the pineapple upside down for a while before you eat."

I still don't know whether those tips were correct or not. While I am still curious which pineapple would be sweet, I happened to find a way to make pineapple sweeter.

The answer is simple: wait. I know everybody waits for the pineapple to be yellow. But does it ripe well? And how many days do you wait?

Well let me share my experience. Several summers ago, I bought a pineapple as an offering during O-Bon service at Koloa Jodo Mission at the end of July. Then right after O-Bon, I went to Japan and completely forgot the Pineapple. After I came back to Kauai weeks later, I saw the pineapple looked so dry and brown. I realized I forgot to tell my family to eat it. I honestly thought I wasted a pineapple.

However, the sweet aroma tempted me try it. Oh my goodness, that was the sweetest pineapple I've ever had. Before eating this pineapple, I only waited for a few days for the pineapple to ripe. But after this experience, I wait a few weeks to ripe. It's so simple but realized that waiting can be the best answer for sweet pineapple. Here at Jodo Mission, we have a tradition to offer apples to the Buddhas, but in the future, I may change this custom to offer another kind of apple so-called "Pine-apple" since it lasts longer and become sweeter over time.





Introducing “Sento-e” or One thousand Lights Ceremony during Bon Dance

We are very excited to introduce our first “Sento-e” during our Bon Dance on Saturday, August 19. “Sento-e” literally means “one thousand lights Ceremony.” This ceremony is to light up our temple-altar with many lights from the lanterns. Traditionally, lighting up candles to offer various Buddhist deities have been highly praised as a virtuous practice. All Buddhist temples without exception offer candle lights as well as incense, flowers, and foods to Buddhas and to our beloved ones. The candlelight represents Buddha’s wisdom to light up our ignorance and to guide us to true happiness.

Originally, this ceremony was started as “Mando-e” which literally means “Ceremony of the Ten Thousand Lights.” The oldest “Mando-e” in Japan was held in the 7th century and 2,700 candle lights were offered to the Buddha. Currently both “Sento-e” or “Mando-e” are commonly observed at various Buddhist temples and shrines throughout the year, however, many temples do this candle light ceremony either during Obon or New Year’s Eve.

Again this year, we are very grateful to have Koto performance by students of Mr. Darin Miyashiro at Hondo during Bon Dance night. While having a break during Bon Dance, we truly wish all guests to enjoy visiting our beautiful temple with illumination of “sento-e” with beautiful Koto music.

Hundreds of paper lanterns will be available during Bon Dance on August 19, 2023. No reservation is necessary for this lantern with LED lights but your donation will be greatly appreciated. You may write your name and message to your beloved ones onto your lanterns.

Additional Bon Dance Information:

Bon Dance Practice: *Bon Dance practice will be held on Tues./Wed, August 15 & 16—6:30 to 8:30 pm. Please come to brush up on your bon dance skills.*

For safety of everyone:

- No cars to enter or leave Jodo Mission property after 4:00 pm.
- Facial masks are recommended; after eating or drinking, please use masks.
- Wash hands often or use sanitizer.
- Social distance is recommended.
- If you are not well, please do not attend.



**Volunteers Needed: Yagura Set up—Sunday, Aug 13, at 8:00 am—Help needed
Yagura Take Down—Sunday, August 20, at 8:00 am—Help needed**

Other volunteers needed: Volunteers needed for food preparation (Fri, Aug 18 & Sat, Aug 19), food service, grilling, dishwashers, elevator attendants, help with sales in evening, help cooling rice for sushi & spam musubi, even guides if someone cannot find something. Information help persons, etc. It takes manpower for all these things—your help is needed. Please contact temple office and give your name and contact info and someone will get back to you. *Thank you very much.*

AUTUMN O-Higan Chutoba Form (彼岸会中塔婆申し込み用紙)

Your Name(お名前) : _____ Phone (電話) : _____

Name of Deceased (亡くなった方のお名前) :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Virtual & In-Person Higan Service
September 10 at 10 a.m.

Zoom link will be on website
www.jodo.us

____ I plan to attend service

____ I do not plan to attend

One Chutoba is \$7 X Total of Chutoba _____ = Total \$ _____
(中塔婆1本7ドル) (本数) (合計)

Please make checks payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii”. DEADLINE: Fri, Sept 1, 2023
Membership dues (Gojikai)(\$80) and maintenance may also be included with your payment. Thank you.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by _____ Date accepted _____ / _____ /2023 (In person/ Mail / By phone)

Received by _____ Date paid: _____ / _____ /2023 (Cash / Check # _____)

Write _____

O-HIGAN SERVICE

The word “Higan” literally means “the other shore” in Japanese. One shore represents the world we are in, and the other shore “Higan” represents Amida Buddha’s Pure Land. The river represents the bad mind we all possess. The concept is that we practice the teaching to reach the other shore across the river.

We have two Higan seasons in a year. One in spring, the other in autumn, as Higan is held during the week of the spring and autumn equinox. Shan Tao, one of the highest ranking priests of Jodo Buddhism in China said that the sun sets due west during the equinox thus it is a good opportunity to think about Buddha’s Pure Land which exists far away in the west, as well as appreciate our ancestors who are also there.

Please join us for our Hybrid Higan service and think about Amida Buddha’s Pure Land and our ancestors. Our **Hybrid Higan Service** will be held: in person & virtually

Sunday, September 10 at 10:00 am

Chutoba prayers will be conducted during this service. If you would like a Chutoba prayer for your ancestors, please fill out the form on this page and send it or drop it off at the Jodo Mission office **by Friday, September 1st. Thank you.**

What is a “Chutoba”? Chutoba is a paper-thin rectangular piece of wood approximately 3” wide by 15” tall. The top 5” are cut on each side so that one can easily identify the shape of a pagoda. “Chu” means middle-size in Japanese. “Toba” means Pagoda. Chutoba means middle-size pagoda. A Pagoda indicates a memorial tower for Shakyamuni Buddha in Buddhism. People buried Buddha’s ashes and his belongings under the pagoda after Shakyamuni Buddha passed away.

Because one of the sutra tells of the significance of worship for a Pagoda, many different forms of it were built in China, Japan and other countries. In earlier times, people began putting their ancestors’ names on the toba and having prayers for their ancestors.



What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

When the date of death of a deceased occurs, ministers do prayers on the anniversary date each year. Prayer services are held each day at 9:30 am (times may change due to scheduling). This perpetual memorial service is called *Eitaikyo* in Japanese.

Please contact temple office if you are interested..

Notice to Nokotsudo Visitors

(Sometimes referred to as the **Niche** rooms)

Many people come to visit the Nokotsudo/Columbarium (or sometimes known as Niche rooms) to honor their deceased ancestors.. Please ring the blue bell.. **We recommend you wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer going in and coming out and go home and wash your hands with soap.** No more than 4 people at a time, with social distancing.

New Hours: 10 am to 5 pm Mon to Sat
12 pm to 3 pm Sunday*
10 am to 3 pm Holidays

*Sundays no one in office since we have Sunday Service

REMINDERS

Gojikai or Membership—\$80.00 per year

Persons of the same family but living separately should have their own membership

Niche owners should continue their Membership or Gojikai each year (Gojikai is paid only once each year). **AND**

Maintenance donation \$5.00 per year per niche

Become a Jodo Mission Member!

If you're coming to services, volunteers at events, and/or donates to the temple, please become a Jodo Mission member for \$80 a year!

Thank you for your understanding.

2023 Memorial Years Observed

1 st year	2022
3 rd year	2021
7 th year	2017
13 th year	2011
17 th year	2007
23 rd year	2001
25 th year	1999
27 th year	1997
33 rd year	1991
37 th year	1987
43 rd year	1981
47 th year	1977
50 th year	1974
100 th year	1924

Email Monthly

Bulletin—Please advise if you wish to have your monthly bulletin via email instead of U.S. mail.

Please also keep Jodo Mission advised of your current address & phone number.

Mail forwarded adds additional costs.
Thank you for your cooperation.

お知らせ

2023年より年間護持会費、又はメンバーシップ費が一世帯につき1年間で80ドルへと変更になります。(お住まいの家族世帯が別の場合は個々にメンバーシップが必要となります。)

また、納骨堂(ニッチ)内に納骨棚を所有の方は、護寺会費とは別途、5ドルの年間管理費をお納めください。

皆様にはご負担をおかけしますが、ご理解ご協力のほどよろしくお願い致します。 合掌



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister



Rev. Takaaki Kouken
Tanabe
Resident Minister

Jodo Mission Office Hours:

[New Covid Hours]

Monday to Saturday
10am–5pm
Sunday & Holidays
10am–3pm

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for August

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Cordelia Reiko Ushiroda | Hideo Yamagata
Aileen Fukunaga | Hana Noyama |
| 2 Sato Hirouji
The Miyamasu & Hirouji Family
Tadashi Nakamura
The Nakamura Family
Janet Hiromi Okawa | 11 Tomegusu Kotake
Kuranoshin Matsumoto
Thomas Yoshiaki Shimizu
Ernest R. Okumoto | 20 Shizue Iwamoto
Henry Sueo Hashimoto
Kame Namihira
Jean Chie Nakagawa
Wataru Muramoto
Kazue Kasashima Morimoto |
| 3 Satsu Hashimoto
The Hashimoto Family | 12 Hatsuichi Karimoto
Toshiko Elsie Otani | 21 Yoshisuke Sato
The Sato & Suzuki Family
Yutaka Teshima
The Teshima Family
Saka Kuniyuki
Morishige Inage
Misao Kuniyuki
Yoshi Nishimura
Richard Toshiyuki Ogawa
Toraiichi Kurakake
Ryan Rikio Awaya |
| 4 Tsuru Nomura
The Nomura Family
Sumako Iguchi
Kenkichi Kimoto
Keisuke Masuda
Masaichi Harada | 13 Doris Kiyoko Miura
Toshio Kouchi
Hisashi Okamoto | 22 Yuri Hironaka
The Hironaka & Ishimoto Family
Masuichi Tabata
Miyoko Hokushin
Takenouchi |
| 5 Tori Matsubara
The Matsubara Family
Tahei Higashimura
The Higashimura Family
Mantaro Nitta
Toichiro Tomita
Thomas Yutaka Kubota
Yaeko Muranaka
Herbert Kiichi Tanaka | 14 Ashizuchi Fujikami
The Fujikami Family
Shizuo Yokomichi
The Yokomichi & Kondo Family
Ichi Yanagihara
Yoshiji Iwamoto
Shizuno Muraoka
Satoshi Muraoka | 23 Keisuke Masuda
Raymond Tetsuji
Nishiyama
Matsuyo Sakuda
Tsutoe Taira |
| 6 Toshiko Nishimura
Yoshio Fujii
Grace Kiyoko Sadaoka | 15 Maki Hara
The Hara Family
Bishop Shoshin Inouye
The Nose Family
Sata Nitta
Torano Toyoshiba
Noboru Hamamura
Hatsue Yamada Watanabe
Robert Tokusei Kaneshiro | 24 Kazuo Kano
The Kano & Wataba Family
Teisuke Hamamoto
The Hamamoto Family
Eizo Fukuda
Tatsuki Heirakuji
Sueko Onaga (2)
Francis Aihara
Suma Iwakawa |
| 7 Kametaro Yano (2)
The Yano, Konaka & Hayashi Family
The Yano Family
Chokichi Tanaka
The Tanaka Family
Aiko Fukuhara
The Inoue Family
Kikuno Yamane
Kaneichi Kato
Uno Iba | 16 Masao Mizuno
The Mizuno & Ohta Family
Ume Miyamasu
The Miyamasu Family
The Masaki Family
Yoneo Masuda
The Masuda Family | 25 Tema Iuchi
The Iuchi Family
Kiku Masuda
The Masuda & Asamura Family
Etsuko Ohta
The Ohta Family
Koji Yasumoto
Gladys Otsui Ikeda |
| 8 Takao Tsuda
Kitae Yamanaka
The Yamanaka Family
Zentoku Takara
Kame Taira
Russell Hideo Uehara | 17 Toshikata Shinagawa
David Kenji Moritsugu
Kiyoji Yamamoto
Kazuyo Furukawa | 26 Tadasuke Nishida
Masaji Ishida
Umeno Masuda
Torao Maehara
Yachiyo Tamura
Edna Shizuka Ajimura |
| 9 Takeo Sato
The Sato & Suzuki Family
Hiro Yonemoto
The Yonemoto Family
Tora Higashi
The Higashi Family
The Hashimoto Baby
Evelyn Kam Murakami
Alvin Shoichi Amano | 18 Mitsuru Morisako
The Morisako & Ishii Family
Shinsuke Mito
The Mito Family
Fuji Yasumoto
Hanayo Imai
Miyuki Ono
Toraichi Kurakake
Rev. Ryokai Yamanaka
Ruysuke Machida
Haruo Okuhara | 27 Harumi Tasaka
Shigeo Kobashigawa
The Kobashigawa Family
Kenji Kawano |
| 10 Seitaro Yamamoto
The Yamamoto & Suzuki Family
Takaji Shigeoka
Kinichi Imai
Saburo Nishimura
Ito Fujita
The Fujita Family | 19 Eiko Maeda
The Maeda Family
Kiyoshi Hisamura
Hisano Oyabu
The Oyabu & Kondo Family
The Wakichi Suzui Family
Takeshi Umetsu
Sakae Matsumoto | 28 Hitoshi Mizuno
The Mizuno & Ohta Family
Seikuro Hisamura
Shichiemon Ebisuzaki (2) |
| | | 29 Tadashi Higashi
The Higashi Family
Kenji Hamada
The Hamada Family
Atsushi Fujita
The Fujita Family
Masahiko Miyagi
Namiko Teraoka |
| | | 30 Thomas Takeshi Tanaka
Elsie Kikuye Tatei
Katsumi Nishimoto
Sojiro Takamura
Rikiichi Yagi |
| | | 31 Toshiyasu Misawa (2)
The Misawa & Watanabe Family
The Misawa Family
Akira Misawa
Riyo Yano
Edith Kiyoko Kaneshiro |

Obituaries

The Jodo Mission of Hawaii extends its sincere condolences to the family members and loved ones of the following members who have recently left this world for the Pure Land.

James Torao Serikaku	94
Shinpei Izumi	87
Elaine Otome Nakamura	99
Hatsue Asato	99
Hideyoshi Takasawa	74

August 2023

9:30am Morning Service Everyday
 Note: Time may change due to
 COVID-19 Schedule

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00 Sunday Service	7	8	9	10	11	12 8-12—Sewing Circle
13 No Sunday Service 8 am Yagura Set up	14	15 6:30—8:30 pm Bon Dance Practice	16 6:30—8:30 pm Bon Dance	17	18	19 Bon Dance 5:00 pm to 9:30 am
20 No Sunday Service Yagura kuzushi	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:00 Sunday Ser-	28	29	30	31		

Coming Events:

- Sept 1 Deadline for Higan Chutoba Order
- Sept 10 @ 10am Autumn Higan Service
- Sept 16 HCJM (Kyoku) Meeting (In person)
- Oct 15 Bazaar prep day—**help needed**
- Oct 22 Jodo Mission BAZAAR

Jodo Shu Calendar for Aug 2023: On hot days in the summer, refreshing breezes from the Pure Land come to cool us.

NO MEETINGS OR CLASSES in August for Fujinkai, YBA, Sunday

Bazaar Donations: Please call temple office (808) 949-3995, if you have Bazaar donations. Thank you.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues, please be sure to do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). Gojikai or Membership Dues is \$80. Also, please include any maintenance fee or fees. *Thank you.*