



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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良いお年でありますように！

Happy New Year

2023



ラハイナ浄土院

A Peaceful and Healthy New Year to you all!
Although 2022 was a challenging year with the continued COVID situation, we were happy to see many of you and grateful to all of you for your cooperation and kokua. We ask for your continued support and hope to see more of you this year. May the Compassionate Light of Amida Buddha shine upon you and your family always!

Namu Amida Butsu
Lahaina Jodo Mission

NEW YEAR GREETING

By Ed Sera, Kyodan President

Happy New Year! As we start this year, let us give a moment and reflect on 2022. We accomplished most of what was planned, although on a smaller scale. Our Obon Festival again was limited due to covid concerns and we held most multi-temple events via Zoom. Hard to imagine how technology has become so prevalent in our society.

I am honored to be an integral part of this temple and humbly accept the role of president. It will be a challenge to fill the shoes of our past presidents but I will try my best. Donald Fujii, our past president, paved the way for our success and we are truly grateful for his leadership.

Looking forward to 2023, we hope to normalize our activities pre covid. We have our challenges but with determination we will continue our tradition at Lahaina Jodo Mission. Many thank you to all of you for your help and support!

GYOKI-E

ST. HONEN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE

Recite Nenbutsu daily, and after death, you shall be born in Amida Buddha's Pure Land (Jōdo) because of Amida's Great Vow to save all beings. So there is absolutely no worry or fear in this present life.

– St. Hōnen

Gyoki-e is the memorial service honoring Hōnen Shōnin, our Jodo Shu founder, who taught that Amida Buddha would save all beings just as we are by calling the Sacred Name, *Namu Amida Butsu*, giving people from all walks of life strength, courage, and hope in chaotic social-political times.

Although 800 years have passed since Master Hōnen was born, we live in uncertain times with many people suffering. Let us learn from his teachings and live our lives with hope, embraced by Amida Buddha's Great Compassion.

Date: **Sunday, January 15, 2023**
Time: **9:30 a.m.**
MC: Valentina Stewart
Message: Rev. Gensho Hara

Hope to see you all there!

JANUARY KYODAN BOARD MEETING

Our first board meeting will be held after the *Gyoki* Service on **January 15, 2023 at 12 noon** at our pavilion.

WORLDWIDE NENBUTSU CHANTING

Byodo-ji Temple in Kathmandu, Nepal and Busshin-ji Temple in Bodh Gaya will cohost the upcoming Worldwide Nenbutsu chanting session on January 24 from 11:00 p.m. (Hawaii time). We will be participating for an hour on **January 24 from 11:00 p.m.** Hawaii time from Lahaina Jodo Mission. All participants are asked to come over by 10:40 p.m.

2023 LJM MAIN FUNCTIONS

Jan. 15 (Sun.) – St. Honen’s Memorial Service
Feb. 19 (Sun.) – Nirvana Service
March 19 (Sun.) – Spring Ohigan Service
April 16 (Sun.) – Hanamatsuri Service
May 21 (Sun.) – Mothers’ Day Service
June 18 (Sun.) – Fathers’ Day Service
July 1 (Sat.) – Obon Service, Dance,
Floating Lantern Ceremony
August 20 (Sun.) – Tsukinami Service
September 17 (Sun.) – Fall Ohigan Service
October 15 (Sun.) – Ojuya Service
November 19 (Sun.) – *Butsumyo-e* Service
December 17 (Sun.) – Bodhi Day Service
28 (Thurs.) – Mochi pounding
31 (Sun.) – New Year’s Eve Service

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

- Tues. (8:30 a.m.) Tai Chi with Juliet
- Mon/Wed/Fri. (7:30 am) Yoga with Ray
- Thurs. Kyudo (Japanese archery) practice
- Thurs. (noon) Rotary Club of Lahaina, meeting in the pavilion
- Farmers Market (4-7 pm), 2nd & 4th Thurs.

LJM FARMERS MARKET

Our Farmers Market will continue to be held monthly on the 2nd and 4th Thursday. The market’s purpose is to highlight the importance of food security and to support our local economy. Our Jan. markets will be on **Thurs., Jan. 12 and 26 from 4-7p.** Anyone interested in helping or joining, contact Maya Hara at ljmfarmersmarket@gmail.com

INTRO TO MEDITATION

Dr. Stephanie Dent of Ola Loa Family Practice will offer a free course on the fundamentals of meditation on **Thursday, January 19 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** This course will provide an overview of the physical and mental health benefits of meditation, explore several meditation techniques, and offer guidance on how to start your own meditation practice. Bring a blanket, chair, or yoga mat to sit on. For more info or to reserve a spot, contact Dr. Stephanie at 808-281-0255.

2023 MEMORIAL SERVICES

The memorial service is an opportunity to express our gratitude to our loved ones, who we are deeply connected with. Through this service, we reconnect with our loved ones and reflect on our own life’s journey through the love, guidance, and encouragement, we received from them. Customarily we observe memorial services for our departed loved ones in the following years (note: the counting method follows the traditional way in which the year your loved one departed is Year 1). If you wish to schedule a memorial for your loved ones and ancestors, please contact Rev. Hara.

| Memorial Service | Year of Passing |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 st Memorial Service | 2022 |
| 3 rd Memorial Service | 2021 |
| 7 th Memorial Service | 2017 |
| 13 th Memorial Service | 2011 |
| 23 rd Memorial Service | 2001 |
| 25 th Memorial Service | 1999 |
| 27 th Memorial Service | 1997 |
| 33 rd Memorial Service | 1991 |
| 37 th Memorial Service | 1987 |
| 43 rd Memorial Service | 1981 |
| 47 th Memorial Service | 1977 |
| 50 th Memorial Service | 1974 |
| 100 th Memorial Service | 1924 |

BON DANCE VIDEO BY YUMI TAKEDASU

I have known Hara Sensei since I worked at Pacific Media Group as a Japanese-language host from 1993 to 2015. I also saw Hara Sensei every summer during the O-Bon season because I’m a “Bon Dance freak,” who doesn’t miss any Bon Dance on Maui. Especially at Lahaina Jodo Mission with the Floating Lantern Ceremony to the ocean can’t be missed. Hara Sensei in harmony with Rev. John and Rev. Shinri chanting that resounds out to the ocean front is overwhelming.

I am so glad Hara Sensei gave me the opportunity to report on the O-Bon at this historical temple for my Youtube “Yumi Freestyle Channel” (episode 14). Please watch it at the link below and subscribe. *Yoroshiku onegaishimasu!*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsR3c2RdeGQ>
