



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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AUTUMN OHIGAN SERVICE

Today is higan, the day we plant the seeds of enlightenment.
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Traditionally, Buddhists in Japan set aside time for a week-long Ohigan retreat twice a year, around the time of the spring and autumn equinox. It is believed that the sun setting due west on the equinox represents the direction of the Pure Land so on the equinox, people pray in the direction of the sunset. During Ohigan, people visit their family cemetery to extend their gratitude and report their lives to their ancestors and beloved ones.

On this Ohigan, let us reflect on our own life's journey and realize the preciousness of our lives.

Date: **Sunday, September 11, 2022** **

Time: **9:30 a.m.**

MC: Edwin Sera

Message: Rev. Shinri Hara

** Due to the Laypersons' and Fujinkai Zoom Convention on Sept. 17-18, we will hold our Ohigan service on the second Sunday (Sept. 11).

BOARD MEETING

Our monthly Board meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 11 from 12 noon** after our service and luncheon. The agenda will include: reports by the Secretary, Treasurer, Minister, and the Housing Committee; reports on concrete sidewalk repair project, wooden fence painting project, temple carpet reinstallation; and HCJM Laypersons' and Rengo Fujinkai Convention, etc.

HCJM LAYPERSONS AND RENGO FUJINKAI ZOOM MEETING

The Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions Laypersons' Association and Rengo Fujinkai will be holding convention and Statewide Service via Zoom on **Saturday and Sunday, September 17-18** as announced by the Laypersons' President Joycelyn Tengan (Kahului) and State Rengo Fujinkai President Iris Nitta.

All are invited all of us to join and support each other to strength our Jodo Shu connection. The Zoom convention will be held on **Saturday, September 17 from 9 a.m. to noon**. Donald Fujii, Ed Sera, Lanny Daise, and Vashti Daise will represent our Kyodan, and Setsuko Hara and Valentina Watson will represent the Fujinkai.

The Statewide Sunday Service will be held on **Sunday, September 18 from 9:00 a.m.** Bishop Kosen Ishikawa will officiate the service from the Honolulu Betsuin via Zoom. Delegates and members, please come to the temple by 8:45 a.m. on both or either day to join the Zoom convention and/or Sunday service. All are welcome!

PEACE DAY BELL RINGING

Lahaina Jodo Mission will join the "Peace Day Bell Ringing" sponsored by the Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii on **Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.** We will participate by ringing our temple's *Imin hyakunen no kane* (Commemorative Centennial Bell) for five minutes. Please come and join to ring the bell and pray for world peace.

WORLDWIDE 24-HOUR NENBUTSU

To commemorate the 800-year founding of Jodo Shu, a Worldwide 24-Hour Nenbutsu session will be held as a gratitude observance at the Jodo Shu head temple Shojoke-in in Kyoto on September 30 to October 1, 2022. This session connects worldwide Nenbutsu followers via Zoom.

Lahaina Jodo Mission will join for an hour on **Friday, September 30 from 6 to 7 p.m.** Please participate at the temple or from home via Zoom. Let us join in this opportunity to express our gratitude by living in a life embraced by the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha.

BEACH CLEANUP

The Rotary Club of Lahaina and our temple will partner up on **Saturday, September 3, from 9 to 10 a.m.** Sunscreen, hat, sun glasses, and appropriate footwear recommended. Please bring a friend, your smile, and your love for community!

TEMPLE GROUNDS TREES PRUNED

Our temple courtyard trees need constant attention and maintenance. At our last board meeting, we decided to contract Tradewinds Tree Care LLC to prune all the trees in our temple courtyard. This major undertaking started on Sept. 1 and will take three days to complete.

LJM FARMERS MARKET MARKS 2 YEARS

During COVID-19 lock-down Lahaina turned into a bit of a ghost town. Many stores and restaurants closed and we saw only a few people in town as people were asked to “shelter in place.” In an effort to give the community the opportunity to diversify their economic means and to discuss food security in Hawaii by showcasing and supporting farmers and encourage backyard gardeners Yayoi Hara spearheaded a community farmers market in August 2020. Since then, the market has continued to be held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 4-7 PM.

Mahalo to Yayoi for establishing this community market and Mahalo to our volunteers for their help – Lanny Daise (park cleanup), Kelvin Lam (market runner), Ed Sera (handyman), Coy Owens (hanging street sign). Our thanks also go to the musicians (Masako Yoshida, Job Cabato, Al Nip & friends, Keali’i Lum, John Kahaialii II, Josh and Naiwi Teruya) for their uplifting music and to the vendors and customers for their participation in making the market a success!

TEMPLE ACCESS LIFT MAINTENANCE

Due to the salty winds from the ocean, our temple’s access lift requires an annual maintenance. This was done by Access Lifts of Hawaii, Inc. before our O-Bon this year.

MOVIE NIGHT @ LJM

The Lahaina Town Action Committee will be sponsoring a free movie night on Friday,

September 9, from 7 p.m. at Lahaina Jodo Mission. Bring your lawn chair and friends to view *Sing 2!*

JAZZ PIANIST VISITATION

Lahaina Jodo Mission will be hosting critically-acclaimed, Japanese-born pianist, composer, and interdisciplinary media artist Motoko Honda from September 11 to October 9, while she creates a site-specific composition, which she will perform on the temple grounds in October (concert date to be announced in October bulletin). Honda has created a distinctive sound through her holistic approach to music, her collaborative sensibility to multiple art forms and inspired use of innovative technologies. For more information: www.motokohonda.com; patreon.com/motokohonda

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept. 3 – Rotary Club of Lahaina and Lahaina Jodo Mission joint beach cleanup
Sept. 9 (Fri.) – Movie night, “Sing 2” from 7 p.m.
Sept. 11 (Sun.) – Ohigan Service, 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 11 (Sun.) – Board Meeting, noon
Sept. 17 (Sat.) – Laypersons & Fujinkai Convention (via Zoom)
Sept. 18 (Sun.) – Statewide Service at the Betsuin (via Zoom), 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 18–23 – Wisdom University workshop, conducted by Dr. Apela Colorado
Sept. 21 (Wed.) – Peace Day Bell Ringing Ceremony, 8:30–9:30 a.m.
Sept. 25 (Sun.) – Bacchata Dance, 4p (pavilion)
Sept. 30 (Fri.) – Worldwide Nenbutsu Session

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

- Tues. (8:30a) Taichi with Juliet
- Mon/Wed/Fri. (7:30 am) Yoga with Ray
- Thurs. Kyudo (Japanese archery) practice
- Thurs. 12p, Rotary Club meeting
- Farmer’s Market, 2nd & 4th Thurs. (4-7p)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS @ LJM

- HMSA Event for Senior Healthcare
Fri., October 21, 9–11 a.m., pavilion
 - Mon., November 21, 9–11 a.m., pavilion
 - Hawaiian Mission Houses History Theatre
November 18–19, temple courtyard
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