

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

“Marry, and you will regret it; don’t marry, you will also regret it either way.”

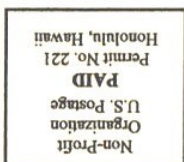
You may have heard of this phrase before, and this phrase was by the Danish philosopher Kierkegaard. Of course, this is not always true since we can find both happy couples and happy singles. However, the truth lies in that there are only two kinds of “regret” in this world; one is a regret of what we may have of the past. Another is regretting what we didn’t do. “Marry” and “don’t marry” or “Did” and “Didn’t do” are completely different choices and different ways. But once we have chosen it, there is always the possibility of regret because of the two choices we have every moment regardless of the choice made. In other words, two kinds of regrets are nothing but two kinds of actions we do every moment.

In our daily lives, we commit ourselves to many tasks. Actions such as waking up, eating breakfast, and reading the newspaper all count as such. However, all these actions we do can be divided into two types of actions. They are “to do” and “not to do.” Then once we decide between the two, the other choice you didn’t take could be the source of regret.

Of course, our simpler daily actions such as eating, walking, reading, or watching hardly produce regret since they can be redone or delayed should we choose to not take these actions. But most actions that require us to choose “to do” or “not to do” at this moment cannot be redone. Once we choose it, we cannot take it back and this is the very reason we regret our actions and inactions alike.

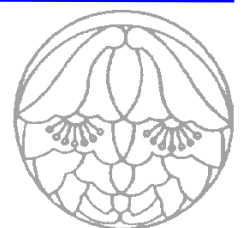


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As long as we live, regret is always around us. Although we cannot eliminate regret, there is a way to forget regret in the past. How? That is to practice Samādhi which is a state of meditative consciousness. The well-known classic way is meditation and various religions teach various kinds of meditation. Doing meditation instantly makes us forget not only regrets in the past but also worries in the future. Thus, we can live in this present moment.

Our foremost practice of Jodo Shu, Nenbutsu was considered to be meditation as Nenbutsu literally means to contemplate the Buddha. Because of the high level of patience and concentration required, traditionally Nenbutsu meditation was regarded as a higher practice. As compared to this contemplation, the practice of calling Buddha's name which was started by Master Shandao (613-681), was much easier but considered to be the lower level of practice as this practice was much more accessible to everyone.

Honen Shonin (1133-1212) had an unshakable faith in Master Shandao and realized that calling Buddha's name was the ultimate way for universal salvation. Because many more people could recite "Namu Amida Butsu" so easily, Honen Shonin found the Nenbutsu was much more valuable and higher level of practice than contemplation of the Buddha. By reciting Nenbutsu at this moment, peace and happiness are always with us and we can attain birth in the Pure Land in the future.

The year 2024 will mark a significant milestone for all Jodo Shu temples and followers as we celebrate the 850th anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shu in 1175. Also this year Hawaii Jodo Shu celebrate the 130th anniversary of the arrival of the first Jodo Shu ministers to Hawaii in 1894. We are planning various commemoration projects, including an October commemoration service at the Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Simultaneously, we will continue to support Lahaina Jodo Mission throughout the year. We appreciate your continued help and support. Lastly, I pray you have a happy and healthy new year!

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

The Simultaneous NENBUTSU Recitation Meet 2024 January 18-24, 2024 (HST)
January 25th is the memorial day of our founder "HONEN-SHONIN".

Before Honen Shonin passed away, he was once asked about his memorial temple by his disciple, Shinku. "Where shall we build your memorial temple after you are gone? All distinguished monks from ancient times have left memorial temples, but none such has yet been erected for you."

Honen Shonin replied, "if you erect a memorial for me in one place, it would prevent the spread of my teaching. My memorial site should exist throughout the country. Wherever Nenbutsu is recited, that shall be my memorial." Propagation of Nenbutsu throughout the country was his life-long purpose but modern technology has made it possible to spread much more widely and quickly in the world.

Jodo Shu Young Ministers' Association proudly present its "The Simultaneous Nenbutsu Recitation Meet" again this year in order for us to chant "Namu Amida Butsu" anytime and anywhere in the world.

Young Ministers' Association has prepared a special map on their website. When you recite Nenbutsu and register it, the lotus flower will be indicated on the map. Please scan the QR code to participate in this online event. The registration starts on January 18th. **For more information, please visit www.hawaiiiodo.net.**



MESSAGE FROM JODO MISSION PRESIDENT

Akimashite Omedeto.

Happy New Year!!! 2024 THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON.

2024 is the year of the dragon. It is told that the dragon indicated calmness, loyalty, reliability and dragons endow with prominent abilities and revolutionary ideas.

First and foremost, our current board members and officers of Jodo Mission of Hawaii would like to wish all of you good prosperity, long life and good health in the coming 2024.

2023 was a very busy year with a lot challenges throughout the year. In October some of our members visited Japan on the 2023 Jodo Shu Pilgrimage tour. It was very memorable as we met and shared friendships with other members from different countries. Thank you to our Bishop Ishikawa, Rev. Ezaki and Rev. John Hara who planned the trip for all of us to enjoy the wonderful sites, tasty foods and most of all to visit the newly renovated Chion-in Main Head quarters. It was a trip to remember for a long time. They took us to many other temples and other tourist destinations. As for myself I never saw so many different types of temples and architecture just in Kyoto and Osaka.

As we all know about the Maui wildfire devastation that affected everyone throughout the state, our historic Lahaina Jodo Mission temple lost its entire structure but was very lucky that it had not sustained any human losses. The Lahaina Jodo Mission temple will be rebuilt even stronger, but it will be a long recovery and costly. For many of you who donated to the Lahaina Jodo Mission, we thank you for your generosity of monetary donations. For many of you that have not or wanting to donate toward the rebuilding of the temple you may visit Lahaina web page and pledge your donation.

Our annual bazaar was held with much success of donated items. Many volunteers came to help organize the products and helped price all of them. To all the volunteers thank you for all your hard work!

We also had a huge turnout for our yearly bon dance. We sold out on many yummy food items early in the evening. But this year our Bishop along with our board member Darin Miyashiro provided Koto music with lighted candles in the Hondo for anyone who just wanted to meditate or pray. It was a sight to see and relax in the air conditioned hall away from all the crowd.

We closed out our 2023 year with mochi making. We pounded over 500 pounds of mochi thanks to many volunteers who showed up including the Oshiro family and Herbert who led the way. We started at 4am in the morning and ended around 2pm. It was a very long day for everyone. Once again, thank you to the many volunteers who showed up to help make mochi.

2024 will be Jodo Shu 850th Anniversary and 130-Year Celebration in Hawaii. Many Jodo Shu dignitaries from Japan and other dignitaries will come to visit the main temple. It will be a once-in-a-lifetime event for many to enjoy.

In closing, in 2024 we will continue to work hard to make a difference to our community. **We are looking for younger members to come out to help with many up and coming events and share the fellowship. We are all aging, and it is time for the younger generation to help us lead the way. Our grandparents, uncles and aunts did it and now it is time for the younger generation to take the lead.**

In January we will have our Annual General Membership Meeting in the temple followed by a New Year's Party in the social hall, a New Year's party which we have not had since the pandemic.

Please attend our meeting. It will be informative and exciting to see the new direction we are heading. If you are unable to attend we will be zooming the meeting live. Please come and join us.

Yours truly,

Daryl Masaki

President

Jodo Mission of Hawaii



“Hybrid”

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii, you are welcome to attend the 2024 General Membership Meeting on **Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 10:45 a.m., following the Sunday Service** in the temple. It will be held as “hybrid” meaning you may come in person or you may attend via a link given on website **jodo.us**. Please join us and meet your Board of Directors.

The following is a list of officers and directors to Jodo Mission of Hawaii Board of Directors:

President:	Daryl Masaki
First VP:	Christine Inouye
Second VP:	Gail Okamura
Secretary:	Sally Hayashi
Assistant Secretary:	Jon Riki Karamatsu
Treasurer:	Akiko Nishiyama
Assistant Treasurer:	Ian Kitajima
Director:	Darin Miyashiro
Director:	Lyvonne Loui
Director:	Patsy Takemura

2024 Concerns; Suggestions

If you have any concerns or suggestions you want to address, please do so at this General Membership meeting. We welcome all your help in making 2024 a very good year..

Ministers; Bishop Kosen Ishikawa, Rev. Myoko Takano, Rev. Takaaki Tanabe

Zoom Meeting—Topic: General Membership Meeting

Time: January 28, 2024 @ 10:45 am Hawaii time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82219966613?pwd=cFZpQzE2ejhBVDNUR1k4TStkZUk3QT09>

You may also join via telephone by calling the following number at the above date and time: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

QR code for 2024 General Membership Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 10:45 am

Step 1: From your smartphone, open the camera (ensuring the rear-facing camera is selected.)

Step 2: Point your camera at the QR code. Center the box over the code to scan it.

Step 3: Tap on the URL popup banner at the top of the screen, and you'll be connected directly to the intended Zoom site.



Shinnenkai 新年会 New Year's Party

Please join us for our New Year's Party following the Annual General Membership meeting. All members, volunteers and friends are invited—delicious food, lucky number, Bingo game, and entertainment.

Date: Sunday, January 28

Time: 11:30 a.m. (after General Membership Meeting)

Place: Jodo Mission Social Hall



GYOKI-E CHUTOBA FORM 2024 (御忌会中塔婆申し込み用紙)

Deadline: January 13, 2024

YOUR NAME (お名前) : _____ PHONE (お電話番号) : _____

NAME OF DECEASED (亡くなった方のお名前) :

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

**Hybrid Gyoki Service
January 21 at 10 a.m.
In-Person and Virtual**

Zoom link will be on website
www.jodo.us

One Chutoba is \$ 7.00 × 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”. Membership dues (Gojikai)(\$80) and Niche maintenance donation may also be included with your payment. Thank you.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by: _____ Date accepted: _____ / _____ / 2024 (In person / Mail / By phone)

Received by: _____ Date paid: _____ / _____ / 2024 (Cash / Check # _____) Write _____

“Hybrid” Gyoki-e (Honen Shonin’s Memorial Service)

Gyoki-e means the memorial service for **Honen Shonin**. Honen Shonin, who is the founder of Jodo Shu, passed away on January 25, 1212. He was 80 years old.

After Honen Shonin passed away, his disciples and believers started to have a memorial service for him on the 25th of every month. The biggest ceremony was held on the 25th of January every year. This service was held not only locally in Kyoto but it spread all over Japan. In those days, the word “Gyoki” meant the anniversary of the deaths of the Emperors or their wives. The word “Gyoki” was such a respectable word for the Emperor's family.

Three hundred years after Honen Shonin passed away, Emperor Gokashiwabara mandated Jodo Shu to call the anniversary of Honen Shonin’s death “Gyoki”. Since then, people called his annual memorial service “Gyoki”. This occasion implied that Honen Shonin was clearly accepted and revered by the Emperor and the people.

Our Gyoki-e service will be held on **January 21st at 10 a.m.** Please join us.

Chutoba is available for this Gyoki service. At this service you may also honor your deceased ancestors with a Chutoba prayer. See above for the Chutoba order form.



**Founder of
Jodo Shu :
Honen Shonin
(1133-1212)**

Hyakusai (100 year olds) 百 歳

We would like to honor all 100 year olds and older members at our New Year’s Party. To live to be 100 is amazing! If you know of anyone who will be 100 years old or older by January 28 and he/she will be attending the Shinnenkai, please call our office at **(808) 949-3995** with the name of the member. *Thank you.*

What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

When the date of death of a deceased occurs, ministers do prayers on this 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 call to see if the Nokotsudo/Columbarium (or sometimes known as Niche rooms) are open. We let people in if you come and 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.

Memorial Years Observed

1 st year	2023
3 rd year	2022
7 th year	2018
13 th year	2012
17 th year	2008
23 rd year	2002
25 th year	2000
27 th year	1998
33 rd year	1992
37 th year	1988
43 rd year	1982
47 th year	1978
50 th year	1975
100 th year	1925

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
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10am–3pm

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Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) For January

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| <p>1 Sekitaro Hirohama
The Hirohama & Kawasugi Family
Kenji Fujikami
The Hashimoto Family
The Ohara Family
Haruko Ikuta
Tsugio Takamatsu Family
Kiyotaka Glenn Mitsuyasu
Tomomitsu Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Tokusaburo Fukuda's Father
Hon-yo Jo-dai Shin-ji
The Fukuda Family
The Nakabayashi Family
Members of Honolulu Meisho YBA
Chukichi Asamura
Toyo Asamura
The Masuda & Asamura Family
The Yamasaki & Hara Family
The Yoshizaki Family
The Matsushita Family
The Aoki Family
The Sakuda Family
The Okamura Family
Stanley Satoru Morimoto
Tomoyo Yanagihara</p> | <p>Asa Hayashi
Hisako Takamura</p> <p>10 Hiroko Yoza
The Yoza Family
Kami Higa
The Higa Family
Bishop Ninryo Nago (2)
The Nago & Kunimoto Family
Janice Misao Okamoto</p> <p>11 Tokoe Imaguchi
The Imaguchi Family
Hatsuko Hayashi
The Hayashi Family
Masakichi Teruya
Reginald Hisao Hisamura
Uichiro Ishii
Kohei Umeda
Matsuyo Yamamoto
Tadashi Yanagihara (2)</p> <p>12 Heiji Fukuda (2)
The Fukuda Family
Nagao Yamada
Shokichi Harada
Katherine Kayoko Uyehara</p> <p>13 Bishop Jiko Kuya
Shima Morita (2)
Shizue Fujita
Kinmatsu Nakagawa
Maruo Sasuga</p> <p>14 Akitaka Chikamoto
The Ohta Family
Genzo Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Tsuchiyo Kimoto
Miyoko Kaya
James Akira Tamura
Edward Kisaku Teraoka
Yaichi Nakao
The Nakao Family
Richard Megumi Fujie, Sr.</p> <p>15 Tane Nagata (2)
The Nagata Family
Sukeichi Kameoka
The Kameoka Family
Tane Nagata
Mildred Misako Tanimura
Shizue Kimura</p> <p>16 Take Shinagawa
Tomojiro Fujita
The Fujita Family
Kenji Iwamoto
Chiyoka Mizuno
Seiichi Shimamoto
Tatsuo Fujimoto
Helen Kinuko Iwakawa</p> <p>17 Hanayo Taniguchi
Kame Okamoto
Moto Kawasugi
Nobuo Hayashi
Amy Hideko Tanaka</p> <p>18 Kiyomatsu Daitoku (2)
The Daitoku Family (2)
The Kochi Family
Katsutoshi Takata
The Takata Family
Itaro Kurihara
The Kurihara Family
Masao Ishii</p> | <p>Richard Shoichi Ishida</p> <p>19 Tai Kawano
The Kawano Family
Chiyo Tomai
The Tomai Family
Miyo Ueno
The Ueno Family</p> <p>20 Shinazo Nishiguchi
The Nishiguchi Family
Noboru Ajimura
The Ajimura Family
Kiku Kimura
Yuriko Nishimoto
Nisuke Oyama</p> <p>21 Sueko Higashimura
Kiku Kimura
The Kimura & Muroshige Family
Masao Teruya
Takeo Yamane
Shimo Hatanaka
Hiroshi Furuya
Tsuneko Shintaku
Ronald Koichi Namihira
Aileen Mitsuyo Kishida</p> <p>22 Masae Tanimura
Konoshin Kimura
Fukukichi Tatei</p> <p>23 Shokichi Fukumoto
The Fukumoto Family
Takeo Yoshihara
The Yoshihara Family
The Tanaka Family
Jiro Kiyama
Ralph Toshiaki Hashimoto
Terry Kazuo Yorimoto</p> <p>24 Heikichi Isobe
The Isobe Family
Machi Yokoyama
The Yokoyama & Morita Family
Toranosuke Kinoshita
Tane Kinoshita
The Kinoshita Family
Tsune Aoki
George Masao Tanaka
Helen Katsuko Ito
Tetsuo Shinohara (2)</p> <p>25 Taka Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Saiichi Hyodo
Joseph Yoshihiko Fujihana
Sadako Oki
Teruko Mamiya (2)
The Sato Omura Family
Takeshi Tanaka
Kasuke Yamane</p> <p>26 Take Arita
The Arita Family
Haruo Harry Nakamura
The Nakamura Family
Kimio Yagi
The Yagi Family
Sueyoshi Yanagihara
Yoshi Yamamoto
Chester Takeo Kaita</p> <p>27 Seiichi Fujimoto
The Fujimoto Family
Takeshi Sato</p> | <p>Charles Shoichi Kimura
Hiroko Nakano
Yoshiro Ohta
The Ohta Family
Marie Umeda Kekuewa</p> <p>28 Yoshie Sato
The Sato & Suzuki Family
Sae Higashimura
The Higashimura Family
Tome Yamanaka
The Yamanaka Family
Chizuko Saeki
Sadamu Iwamoto
Yooko Fujimoto</p> <p>29 Tomo Isobe
Hana Kinoshita
The Kinoshita Family
Jisaburo Kanemoto
The Kanemoto & Miyamoto Family
Kansuke Shintani
Fusao Taniguchi
Ralph Hitoshi Tanaka
Toshito Fukuda
Hisayo Higashi
Helen Fusaye Morita</p> <p>30 Kumaichi Tomonari
The Tomonari Family
Tsunejiro Kawasaki
The Kawasaki & Nakagawa Family
Ine Yoshizaki
The Yoshizaki Family
Tomota Kakehashi
Masao Kume
Akio Matsuda
Kiyoshi Kamimura
Barbara Okimoto
Stanley Takayuki Ajimura
Frederick Seikichi Kamimura</p> <p>31 You Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Shizuko Aoyama
Kaname Yamanaka
Harold Takeo Tanaka
Shigeno Ohara</p> |
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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.

Kenji Sato	96
Sayoko Nanbara	98
Hideaki Nakao	91
Mae Meiko Miyoshi	89

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

January 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:00 am New Year's Day Service	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 8:30 am Fujinkai Mtg 10:00am 1st Sunday Service	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 8:00 Board Meeting 10:00 Sunday Service Deadline to Order Chutoba	16	17	18	19	20 8:00-11:30 Sewing Circle
21	22 10am Hybrid Gyoki Service	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 10:00 Sunday Service 10:45 "Hybrid General Membership Mtg 11:30 New Years Party	30	31			

COMING EVENTS:
 Feb. 12, 2024 Nehan-e Family Service
 Feb 25, 2024 Fujinkai General Mem Mtg &
 New Years's Party
 March 1, 2024 Deadline for O-Toba Orders

Sunday School to join Family Ser-
 vice Sunday 1/14/24 @ 10 am

Fujinkai Meeting on 1/7/23
@ 8:30 am in Iko Hall

Sewing Circle: Saturday
 1/20/24 @ 8:00-11:30 am
NO Meetings in January for YBA

Bazaar Donations will be accepted Kindly call temple office (808) 949-3995, if you have donations. Thank you..

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$80). If you did not pay for 2023 and would like to pay for 2023 and 2024, please do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). You may also include your niche maintenance donation. *Thank you.*