

Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,



Do you have any “Kuse” or habits? All animals, not just humans, have “Kuse” or habits. For example, cats purr when they feel comfortable, and dogs wag their tails to show affection. The Japanese term "Kuse" can be translated into English as "habit," and a habit is more precisely, something we do unconsciously and may not be aware of.

I seldom hear it now, but some people say the local word "Dakine" to describe anything in place of “that kind”. When I was a new minister, one of our members said “Dakine came to the office” and I thought that there was a person named “Dakine” who came to the office. Soon I found out “Dakine” simply meant someone was just struggling to recall someone’s name. I used to laugh about it but now I cannot laugh as I get older. I sometimes find it difficult to recall some names and the word “Dakine” comes to my mind.

Speaking of habitual expression, it is famous that the Showa Emperor always says “Ah, so” in Japanese in response to everything. Because of this pet phrase, the following joke became popular in Japan.

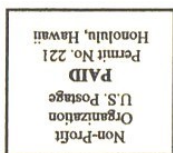
Guide: "Your Majesty, over there is Mount Ahso."

Emperor: "Ah, so."

The phrase "Ah, so" can be translated into English as "Is that so?" and similarly, in English, you might find people who frequently use the phrase "Is that so."

As habits are performed unconsciously and are hard for us to notice, there's a Japanese proverb: “Nakute Nana-kuse” meaning "No habit means Seven habits.” This means that even if someone claims they have no habits, upon closer inspection, it is likely that they have at least seven habits. Of course, there might be people with fewer than seven habits, but everyone undoubtedly has their habits, which helps us empathize and feel at ease with others.

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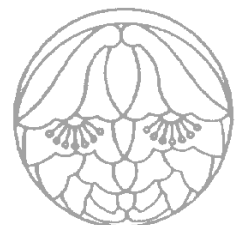


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I think this proverb can be rephrased as a statement about misfortune. In other words, no matter how lucky or happy someone appears, if we think about it calmly, we will find that they face many misfortunes every day. Therefore, we should never envy others' happiness or luck because everyone experiences misfortune that we may not know about. At the same time, we must not forget the fortune we experience daily.

Do you wake up consciously every morning? Many people probably wake up unconsciously, heading straight to the bathroom, washing their face, or immediately preparing to go out, merely racing against time without appreciating the fortune of being alive.

However, waking up in the morning is inherently special. Honen Shonin composed the following poem:

I chant "Namu Amida Butsu" ten times before going to bed since
this can be my eternal sleep.

Honen Shonin always chanted the Nenbutsu. But especially before he went to bed, he was mindful of chanting Nenbutsu. In other words, he was fully aware that life is not guaranteed and that waking up the next morning isn't a certainty. This awareness of the possibility that each sleep might be the last leads to a profound appreciation for the act of waking up. I have made it a habit to take a deep breath and chant "Namu Amida Bu" immediately after waking up each morning, as I believe that the fact of being alive right now is nothing but a miracle and fortune that surpasses everything else.

September is another busy month. We have our annual bazaar on Sunday, September 22nd and preparation will start on Sunday, September 15th. Please check our work schedule to help with this big event. Also, we have a bigger event of 130th Anniversary Celebration of Jodo Buddhism in Hawaii, and the 850th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Jodo Buddhism on October 20th. We will have special services, entertainment, and fellowship with many ministers from Japan. Since these are held for our members, please consider joining our membership if you haven't done so. Affirmation ceremony includes special ritual to receive blessing from our Jodo Shu Secretary General Bishop Kokyo Kawanaka. Please plan to attend these events. At the same time, no matter how busy you are, please remember to savor the joy of living and maintain a heart of gratitude. If there is any way I can assist you, please let me know. I pray for your good health and happiness.

Last but not least, thank you very much for your continued support. Especially, my biggest MAHALO to those who have helped our Bon Dance recently.

Gassho,
Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

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 Hibrid Higan service and think about Amida Buddha's Pure Land and our ancestors. Our **Hybrid Higan Service** will be held: on **Sunday, September 8 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 in the August Bulletin and send it or drop it off at the Jodo Mission office as soon as possible as the deadline has passed.





Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions

This year marks 850 years since the founding of our Pure Land Buddhist school, Jodo Shu, by our founder Honen Shonin and the 130th anniversary since the arrival of the first Jodo Shu ministers to Hawaii. The Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions will observe these commemorative celebrations on **October 20, 2024** at the Jodo Mission of Hawaii. We would like to extend this invitation to our members of any Jodo Shu temples.

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2024

10:00 am Commemorative Affirmation Ceremony at the Jodo Mission Hondo

This ceremony is for both new and existing members to confirm official member of Jodo Shu. This is a ritual where members commit to Jodo Buddhist practice and principles. All participants will receive blessing from the officiant.

11:00 am Commemorative Service at Jodo Mission Hondo

12:30 pm Commemorative Lunch & Entertainment at the Jodo Mission Social Hall

The Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions consists of thirteen historic temples on four major islands across the State. Hamakua Jodo Mission is the first sanctioned Buddhist temple built in Hawaii in 1896. Most recently, Lahaina Jodo Mission was destroyed by the 2023 Lahaina fires and working to rebuild. Through this celebration, we wish to overcome our challenges to continue to serve our community by providing religious, cultural, and educational programs and activities throughout our beautiful State. Please RSVP to us at jodobulletin@gmail.com by using the RSVP form in this bulletin.

Bon Dance August 17—Arigato

Thank you to everyone who helped with Jodo Mission of Hawaii Bon Dance on Saturday, August 17th. It was on a one-day event, and we are so grateful for the many volunteers to come out to help. Parking was one of the most important things people called about. Thank you to the Kiwanis Club, Mr. Tsuyoshi Afuso and the Hauoli Tours, who helped with parking. Also, the Hawaii Mission Ka Lama Iki School, Shriners Hospital for Children and Central Union Church for allowing our guests to park.

For the first time, we had gagaku music at 4 pm. See below photo of Darin Miyashiro and 3 gagaku members under the Bodhi tree.

Thank you everyone for your help, and the main thing, did you enjoy yourself? Hope you did. **See you again next year.** Please stay safe until then.



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BAZAAR
Sunday, September 22, 2024
8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Many Donations Received: We received many, many donations. Thank you for thinking of Jodo Mission of Hawaii with your many donations. A Bazaar is scheduled for **Sunday, September 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in our Social Hall.** We need your help! It takes a lot of volunteers to have a Bazaar. Other than donating items, we can surely use more help. Please contact the temple office or fill out the form below to let us know if you are available to volunteer.



Bazaar Preparation: Help is needed on **Saturday, September 15, 2024 at 9:00 am to bring out all the stored Bazaar items to the Social Hall.** Please come to help take out all the stored items.

PLANTS—Our plant person will be here so please come and he may help you with your plants.



Donations of plants, fruits and baked goods—Are greatly appreciated. **Please bring your plants, fruits and baked goods on Saturday, September 21st.** Donation of baked goods should have ingredients listed as many people have all types of allergies. As much as possible, please do not bring your baked goods the morning of the bazaar as it is always hectic in the morning. **Sunday, October 22, Bazaar Day Please come and shop—you may find some wonderful items!**



Volunteers Needed for Jodo Mission Bazaar
Sunday, October 22—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please fill out form and either mail to Jodo Mission of Hawaii (1429 Makiki St, Honolulu, HI 96814) or email at jodobulletin@gmail.com. Any questions, please call Jodo Mission at (808) 949-3995. Thank you. See website jodo.us for a larger form.

Name: _____ Email address: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone: _____

When will you be able to help? Sunday, 9/15 (9am to _____) Bazaar Prep Day
 Monday, 9/16 _____ Tuesday, 9/17 _____ Wed, 9/18 _____ Thurs, 9/19 _____
 Fri, 9/20 _____, Saturday, 9/21 _____ Sunday, 9/22 _____ Sunday, 9/22 after Bazaar _____

Type of help: Pricing of goods ___ Kitchen help ___ No kitchen help ___ Washing dishes ___
 Parking attendant ___ Plant sales ___ Organizing & sorting ___ Set up help ___ Runner ___
Clean up help at end of Bazaar _____ Thank you for your help!

Keiro Kai and Grandparents' Day

On September 8 at 10am, Jodo Mission will honor all grandparents and all those 80 year olds and older who attend service that day.



If you are able to attend, please come. As you can see, this day is a happy occasion for our seniors. The Intermediate YBA will sponsor a special ceremony for our Keiro seniors.

The above photo of last year's Keiro Kai and Grandparents' Day group photo of all those who attended this wonderful event.

To our younger generation, would you please honor your 80 year olds and over by bringing your mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, even great grandparents, if they are able to come to this service. They might enjoy seeing their old friends. Sometimes, they might not say anything but just a smile to see old friends or people their own age or make new friends.

If you are unable to bring them to Sunday service, you may honor your grandparents by giving them a call—face time would be great or Skype or Zoom or send them a nice note to say thinking of you. They will always remember that you are thinking of them. If you do not want to write, just do a cute drawing—thinking of you.



Visitation by Rev. Hiroyoshi Oeda

On July 16, 2024, Jodo Mission had a visit by a former minister Rev. Hiroyoshi Oeda and his wife Mari. Rev. Oeda rook over his father's temple in Sendai City of Miyagi prefecture in Japan. His temple grounds are so large it has three hotels on it.

Mari Oeda is an accomplished pianist and singer. As a thank you, she played two or three songs on our beautiful piano and also sang. It was so beautiful to hear music from our piano which has not sound so beautiful since the passing of Rev. Nakano in 2020.

Arigato Rev. Oeda and Mari whaat a wonderful visit!



Photo with Mrs. Hisamoto 100 and Mea. Niahim 95



What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaijyo)

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 *Eitaijyo* 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 Hours]

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

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for September

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|---|---|--|---|
| <p>1. Seijiro Mitsuyasu
The Mitsuyasu Family
Takao Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Kamado Gushikuma
Mary Fujie Takimoto
Nathaniel Hiromasa Shindo</p> | <p>Family
Ikuzo Kuniyuki
Nobuo Tsuda
Mike Shigeo Hara</p> | <p>The Weiss Family
The Sunagawa Family
Fusae Ippongi
Bryan Kenji Weiss</p> | <p>The Yamachika &
Matsushige Family
Ishi Uyenoyama
Yuu Kunihisa
Yoshiwa Tarumoto
Chieko Yamamura</p> |
| <p>2. Kiku Sugimoto
The Sugimoto & Samoto Family
Yutarō Karamatsu
The Karamatsu Family
Kiku Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Minbunosuke Sakuda
Albert Shigetoshi Wachi</p> | <p>12. Junji Sano
The Nishimoto Family
Sada Hayashi
The Hayashi Family
Masao Fukuzawa
Tsuneyasu Tamanaha
Ann Umeyo Ohta
Taeko Stella Uehara
Shikazo Hayashi
Minoru Muraoka</p> | <p>20. Shoichi Ishida
The Ishida & Aimoto Family
The Iwamoto's Baby
The Iwamoto Family
Kiyoko Isobe</p> | <p>30. Francis Kiyoshi Furutani
Charles Tanaka
Jean Miyoko Higaki
George Giichi Ohara
Tamayo Nakamura</p> |
| <p>3. Eikichi Nakamoto
The Okamoto & Nakamoto Family
Reverend Hoyu Ohta
The Ohta Family
Katsume Kuniyuki
Tetsuji Tamura</p> | <p>13. Yoshigoro Takata
The Takata Family
Kumayo Nomura
The Nomura Family
Robert Yoshio Kawakami
Yasuichi Moritsugu
The Henry Tsuruhisa Hijii Family
Tatsui Oshita
Ella Umeno Minaai Fujie</p> | <p>21. Kumanoshin
Yamamoto(2)
Yoshiko Nakahara (2)
Wanda Akemi Hamada</p> | |
| <p>4. Shizuko Morita
Helen Kikuno Mitsutani
Bert Nobuo Yoshida
Eisuke Tamura
Hoichi Ogawa</p> | <p>14. Matsu Ohta
Kikuzuchi Takaoka
Toshio Mitani
Frances Yano
Shizuko Uyehara</p> | <p>22. Miyo Koyama
The Koyama Family
Keikichi Mishina
The Mishina Family
Kame Higa
The Higa Family
Ruth Yoshiko Medeiros
Tsuchitaro Iwamoto
Eleanor Haruko Nose
Shigecko Machida</p> | |
| <p>5. Kikuyo Iwamoto Kam Siu
Shigeki Hayashi
Yuriko Naito</p> | <p>15. Umeyo Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Ishi Yagi
The Yagi & Okada Family</p> | <p>23. Kiyoshi Matsushita
The Matsushita Family
Yoshiaki Ono
The Ono & Yamada Family
Yoshio Uchiumi
Riichi Hirouji</p> | |
| <p>6. Toramatsu Yamamoto
Kamekichi Shigeoka
Suteno Yoshida
Masaichi Toishigawa
Kichigoro Ikeda
Yukimi Okada
Sayoko Inasaki Nanbara</p> | <p>16. Matsu Ohta
Takeji Kobara
Masaji Kawasugi
Shizue Masuda
Stanley Yuji Yokoyama
Ayako Nakata
James Hajime Koike
Chikayo Arakaki</p> | <p>24. Ryuichi Hamada
The Hamada Family
The Sakaue Family
Shieto Saiki
Aya Asaumi
Noboru Sakauye
Katherine Masumi Hadano</p> | |
| <p>7. Nobuo Hara (2)
Ryogen Matayoshi</p> | <p>17. Shigenori Uesugi</p> | <p>25. Haruyo Yanagihara
Kamematsu Onohara
Mitsuru Harada</p> | |
| <p>8. Suke Muranaka
The Muranaka Family
Azuma Tojo
The Tojo Family
Toshiko Judy Maeda
Yanagihara</p> | <p>18. Rikuji Hashimoto
The Hashimoto Family
Fujie Nomiya
Tomio Machida
Teruto Soma
Koharu Hadano</p> | <p>26. The Nishimura's Baby
Kimie Nitta</p> | |
| <p>9. Mitsue Shigeoka
Shunsuke Ogi
The Ogi Family
Shigeru Takeda
Yone Wakayama Umeda
Masako Koyama</p> | <p>19. Kinjuro Sugimoto
The Sugimoto & Samoto Family
Take Kitagawa
The Kitagawa Family
Tameo Shintani
Kamejiro Uyeda
Hoichi Fujita
The Fujita Family
Mie Kashiwa
Fumiko Yamane
Nobuko Tsuruda</p> | <p>27. Seiichi Tanaka
The Tanaka & Takahashi Family
Hakuyo Ebisuzaki (2)
Goro Shindo</p> | |
| <p>10. Ritsu Inada (2)
The Inada Family (2)
The Morimoto Family
Tsune Kuniyuki
Shimo Hashimoto
Sana Tamura
Yukie Sakauye</p> | <p>28. Kimi Morita
The Morita & Ashinaka Family
Dorothy Natsue Hayashi
The Hayashi Family</p> | <p>29. Kiku Tanimura
The Tanimura Family
Ryosuke Yanagisawa
The Yanagisawa Family
Ushi Shimabukuro
Akio Shimabukuro
The Shimabukuro Family
Kiyō Yamachika</p> | |
| <p>11. Yorizo Yamane
The Yamane & Harada</p> | <p>29. Kichijuro Miyashige
The Goto & Miyashige Family
Seitoku Higa</p> | | |

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.

Allan Nobuo Kaya 75
Nancy Shikano Ogino 75

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

September 2024

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	8:30 Fujinkai Meeting 10:00 Sunday Service	2	3	4	5	6	7 8-11:30 Sewing Circle
8	8:30 Board Meeting 10:00 Autumn Higan Service & Keiro & Grandparents Day	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	No Sunday Service 9:00 Bazaar Prep Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	8:00 Jodo Mission Bazaar 10:00 Statewide Online Sunday Service—QR code>>>>>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	10:00 Sunday Service	30	Jodo Shu Calendar for September 2024: On the other side of the western horizon lies the Pure Land				

Events:

- Aug. 31 **Deadline:** Autumn Chutoba Orders
- Sept 8 **Hybrid Autumn Higan Service**
- Sept 15 Bazaar Preparation Day at 9am
- Sept 22 Jodo Mission Bazaar 8am to 1pm
- Oct 20 Commemorative Service & Luncheon
- Nov 10 O-Juya Service
- Dec 15 Mochitsuki or Mochi Making Day

Sept 1 @ 8:30 am Fujinkai Mtg

Sept 7 @ 8 to 11:30 am Sewing Circle

No Meetings or Classes in September for Sunday School, YBA

Bazaar Donations: Please kindly call temple office (808) 949-3995, if you have any donations. Good time to bring donations is during week of 9/15 to 9/20/24.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues this year, 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 \$80.00.** Please also include any niche maintenance, if appropriate. *Thank you.*