

Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

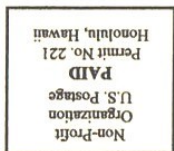


There is a phrase to describe sudden disasters in Japanese. We call it “Seiten no hekireki” which literally means “Blue Sky’s thunderbolt.” Maui fires that took many lives and thousands of buildings including Lahaina Jodo Mission were more than shocking and heartbreaking for us all. I cannot help but express my deepest condolences to those who lost their lives and all those affected by these devastating wildfires on Maui. Amidst this ongoing tragedy, I was truly grateful to know our Lahaina Jodo Mission Minister, Rev. Gensho Hara and the family were safe.

When I knew this devastation in the morning on August 9, I was busy packing for going to Japan to help Obon at my family temple in Niigata. My flight was at 1:50 pm. At first, I thought I should cancel my trip as I knew Lahaina Jodo Mission had been burnt. However, when I imagined both what I could do here and what I could do in Japan, I realized I could coordinate the relief efforts to Maui and Lahaina Jodo Mission thanks to the technology developed during the pandemic. This means I could send my support to Maui and my parents at the same time.

Thanks to Rev. Koji Ezaki whom I asked to be an acting Bishop during my absence here, also our HCJM President Leonard Chow, JM President Daryl Masaki, board members and Rev. Takano, my trip to Japan became possible and meaningful. I’ve received and responded to many texts, calls and emails wherever I went. I was able to update our HCJM website (hawaiiiodo.net) from Haneda Airport. I also called the HBC Bishops Meeting on Zoom from the hotel I was staying in Tokyo. Then I was able to meet in-person Bishop Yugen Miyabayashi, Jodo Shu HQ staffs, Rev. Shodo Tsuchiya of Kanchiin Temple, Bishop Shodo Kobayashi and Rev. Yoshiharu Tomatsu who are both executive board members of the World Fellowship of Buddhists and All Japan Buddhist Federations. They kindly passed me their Omimai or relief funds for Rev. Hara and Lahaina Jodo Mission.

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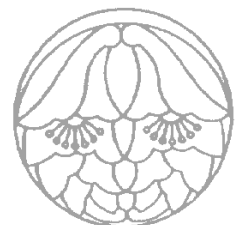


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Above all, I was very grateful to have opportunities to help my old parents during the busiest season of Obon. Especially when I saw them walking with faltering steps, I honestly thought my decision was right. One of the reasons why I always work hard from early in the morning is because I don't need to worry my parents only when I am busy working. Now coming back to Hawaii, I would like to work even harder to help whatever I can do for Maui as well as for members of Jodo Mission.

Before asking relief fund, we were overwhelmed and touched by the generosity and quick responses from all of our donors, members, friends, neighbors and community organizations. Thank you very much for your thoughts and prayers to Lahaina. As there is a long recovery ahead for the people in Lahaina, let us continue to support whatever we can help for them for a longer period time. Any amount of donation and help will make a difference.

Last but not least, my sincerest Mahalo goes out to all who have helped and supported our 2023 Bon Dance on Saturday, August 19th, 2023. My thank-you may be short and simple at this time because I couldn't find any words except Mahalo, thank-you, and Arigato to express my deepest gratitude to each one of you who have supported our Bon Dance. Is there anything we can do for you? We look forward to many more opportunities to serve you in the future.

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,
Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Lahaina Jodo Mission

The wildfires of Maui did devastating damage to the beautiful and scenic Lahaina Jodo Mission. Its temple, the minister's residence, the pagoda were destroyed.

Jodo Mission of Hawaii is collecting donations to help Lahaina Jodo Mission rebuild their temple.

At Jodo Mission Bon Dance on August 19, photos were shown of the before and after. As you can see the temple and living quarters were destroyed, the pagoda on the property, except for its foundation was



destroyed, the temple bell, except for its foundation was destroyed, the large Buddha statue was spared.

If you wish to donate to Lahaina Jodo Mission, you may kindly send your check payable to Lahaina Jodo Mission and in another envelope mail your donation to Jodo Mission of Hawaii (1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). Jodo Mission will be collecting from all Jodo Shu temples in Hawaii and forwarding to Lahaina Jodo Mission. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact temple office (808) 949-3995. Thank you.

Bon Dance Photos



Arigato to everyone who helped with Jodo Mission Bon Dance on August 19. Many people came and this year we tried to have enough food. Our menu board showed the delicious foods. Some foods went like hotcakes!



Dancers on the right dancing around the yagura and watchers on the left. So many people!



Lots of hap[I coats for sale!

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help cook, clean, set up, help with security, helped the elderly at the handicap drop off and pick up area, helped with trash pick up, helped the elderly with the elevator [for a short period of time the elevator was out of order], the dancers and instructors of the inner circle, Taiko sensei and his students, Miyashiro Sensei and his students playing koto in the temple while many lanterns were offered to light up Hondo during the Sento-e or One Thousand Lights Ceremony. Rev. Takano made vegetable curry and he and Rev. Tanabe helped serve and sell the curry bowls.

Volunteer parking attendants from the Kiwanis Club of Honolulu and 2 or 3 drivers of Hauole Tours at parking sites at Hawaii Mission School, Shriners Hospital for Children and the Punahou Street paved parking at Central Union Church. Thank you so much. Some people used Uber to come, which was a pretty good idea and they did not have to fight traffic.

Thank you everyone who came, who helped and the main thing, did you enjoy yourself! Hope you did. See you next year! Please stay safe until then!



Delicious Andagi! Long lines.!

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 Virtual Higan service and think about Amida Buddha’s Pure Land and our ancestors. Our **Virtual and in person** Higan Service will be held:

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 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—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.



Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions
Saturday, September 16, 10am to 2 pm

Due to the various situations on Maui, the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions in-person meeting scheduled in September will now be held as a Zoom meeting on **Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 10 am to 2 pm.**

The Zoom information for HCJM meeting and Statewide Sunday Service with password follows:

Zoom Meeting ID: 851 6161 2016 10:00 am

Password: Jodo

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85161612016?pwd=UEkxVTJDanh1MFk4cnRNRHdieUZmUT09>

If you are unable to use Zoom and would like to participate on Zoom at the temple, please call temple office. You are welcome to attend. We just would like to know the number of people attending at the temple

It is a wonderful way to familiarize yourself with the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions. For more information, please contact the temple office. Thank you.

Statewide Sunday Service via Zoom—Sunday, September 17, 2023 @ 10 am



Keiro Kai and Grandparents' Day

On September 10 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 is from last year's Keiro Kai.



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.



Congratulations and Aloha to Koyuki Sophia Narashiba

Jodo Mission of Hawaii through the Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai and the Aloha State Meisho Senior YBA, awarded **Koyuki Sophia Narashiba (known as Sophie)** scholarships from these statewide organizations.



Fujinkai ladies presented Sophie with the 2023 Namiye Nakamura Scholarship

Sophie was born and raised at Jodo Mission. She is the daughter of the late Bishop Yubun Narashiba and Yukari Narashiba. She graduated from Iolani High School this past June and is presently in Portland, Oregon, to attend Reed College majoring in physics. Sophie is very smart and talented. She learned to play Koto with Miyashiro sensei, Karate with Kimura sensei and has been involved in many robotics contests as well as many koto performances and also hula dancing at one time. Sophie has been a part of the Jodo Mission community and now she will

begin another part of her life which we all wish her well, study hard, come home whenever you can. On her last day she came to say goodbye and seeing everyone she wanted to have her last bowl of chili with everyone! ALOHA SOPHIE!



The YBA scholarship was given to Sophie on Bon Dance Day. Before the doors were opened, everyone stopped for a few minutes for this presentation.

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 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>Ikuzo Kuniyuki
Nobuo Tsuda
Mike Shigeo Hara</p> | <p>The Sunagawa Family
Fusae Ippongi
Bryan Kenji Weiss</p> | <p>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
Shigeko 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
Takeji Kobara
Masaji Kawasugi
Shizue Masuda
Stanley Yuji Yokoyama
Ayako Nakata
James Hajime Koike
Chikayo Arakaki</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</p> | <p>16. Shigenori Uesugi</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. Rikuji Hashimoto
The Hashimoto Family
Fujie Nomiya
Tomio Machida
Teruto Soma
Koharu Hadano</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. 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>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. Kichijuro Miyashige
The Goto & Miyashige Family
Seitoku Higa
The Weiss Family</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>11. Yorizo Yamane
The Yamane & Harada Family</p> | | <p>29. Kiku Tanimura
The Tanimura Family
Ryosuke Yanagisawa
The Yanagisawa Family
Ushi Shimabukuro
Akio Shimabukuro
The Shimabukuro Family
Kiyo Yamachika
The Yamachika &</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.

Takako Nakayama	77
Emiko Tamura	95
Yoshiko Tamashiro	97
Kyoko Homareda	95
Hisako Yasukochi	98
David leroy Becler	84
Masahiyo Ogura	58

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

September 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jodo Shu Calendar for September 2023: To continue means to never give up.						
3 8:30 Fujinkai Meeting 10:00 Sunday Service	4	5	6	7	8 1 Deadline for Chutoba Order	9 2 8-12 Sewing Circle
10 10:00 Autumn Higan Service 11:00 Board Mtg	11	12	13	14	15	16 10-2pm HCJM Zoom Meeting
17 10:00 Statewide Sunday Service	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:00 Sunday Service	25	26	27	28	29	30

Events:

- Sept 1 Deadline: Autumn Chutoba Orders
- Sept 10 **Virtual & In Person Autumn Higan Service**
- Sept 16 HCJM or Kyoku Zoom Meeting 10 am—2 pm
- Sept 17 10 am Statewide Sunday Service
- Oct 15 Bazaar Preparation Day
- Oct 22 Jodo Mission Bazaar
- Nov 12 O-Juya Service

Sept 3 @ 8:30 am Fujinkai Mtg

Sept 9 @ 8 to 12 pm Sewing Circle

NO MEETINGS OR

CLASSES in Sept for

Sunday School, YBA

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

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.*