

Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends,

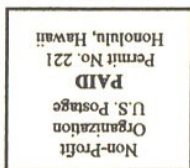
Thank you very much for your generous support. Especially a huge MAHALO to those who have helped our Koinobori Celebrations. Thanks to all of you, we were able to kick off this special event again this year with over 800 carp streamers. The celebration started with the opening Taiko performance by Dragon Beat Hawaii led by Sensei Tsutomu Nakai, followed by our Buddhist Blessing service and hula presentation by my daughter Sally. I also thank Ms. Sally Hayashi and the Fujinkai ladies who prepared refreshments for the Koinobori events. If you haven't seen Koinobori yet, please come to enjoy our Koinobori and special cultural presentations by May 19th. We'll be very happy to accept more sponsorships and messages anytime.



Lately, I've been immersed in practicing the piano. Perhaps those who often visit the temple might have encountered the sound of me practicing simple melodies again and again. As you may know, the piano at our temple is an electric grand piano donated by Fujinkai when the late Rev. Nakano, a former music teacher, was assigned to the Jodo Mission. While Rev. Nakano was alive, he had performed beautiful music at various memorial services and events. Unfortunately, after he passed away, the piano fell into disuse, which I felt was "Mottainai", a waste. As such, I decided to pick up the piano again.

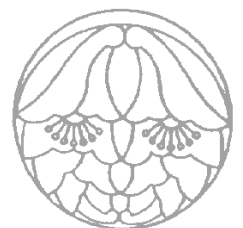
Actually, I didn't just start learning the piano recently. I began learning when I was seven years old. Why the piano? Well, that year in the 1970s, my father had a chance to travel to Hawaii with Jodo Shu, with the other young ministers (of course, he was much younger back then). In Hawaii, he attended Sunday service here at Jodo Mission for the first time. This event sparked the interest. At that time, there was almost no Buddhist Sunday Service in Japan, and my father learned a lot while participating in the program with Hawaii Jodo Shu.

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Since my father was so impressed by their Sunday School and musical service, upon returning from Hawaii, he decided to purchase a piano. At the time, pianos were very expensive in Japan, but he invested in one for both the temple and his children's future, providing my sister and I with the opportunity to practice.

After experiencing Sunday Service and fellowships here in Hawaii, he also started a Sunday school at my family temple. However, to be honest, I didn't like Sunday school because there were only three students: my older brother, sister, and me. While our friends were out playing or enjoying baseball on Sundays, we were chanting sutras at the temple. However, looking back now, because of this experience, I was able to learn the practice and culture of a monk, memorizing many verses from the sutras including the Amida Sutra. And above all, I came to love chanting sutras.

I also liked the weekly private piano lessons, but eventually, it started conflicting with baseball practice, so I quit playing the piano. I deeply regret this decision because my sister, who used to be less skilled than I was, is now excelling in piano performance as she continued. My father is very happy to see the fruits of his investment as my sister and her daughter, who is a talented violinist of the Toho Gakuen School of Music, have music concerts for the temple from time to time.

As for me, after diligent practice whenever I had free time here, I can finally play some Buddhist Gathas including "Ima Sasagu" on the piano, and I am once again grateful for what my father has taught me. I am deeply moved by the fact that my father's experience of attending Sunday service with the ministers and members of the Jodo Mission in the 1970s has deeply influenced my life, too. Perhaps my father met you or your parents, and had conversations with them at that time. Thinking about it, I feel a profound connection with this temple.

Needless to say, we are connected to each other more or less with the invisible Karma. The fact I had an opportunity to meet you was caused by many factors and causes of the past. They were mostly invisible and beyond our knowledge. But because of the connections, we get to know you and get opportunities to meet. The more people we meet, the more conversations we do, we naturally find connections and sometimes common acquaintances. I believe one of the interesting parts of our lives is to find out these invisible connections and our temple can be the place to connect people in the past, in the present and in the future.

Again, thank you very much for everything you do for our temple. Bazaar donations, fresh fruits and vegetables, flowers and sweets for the altar, your home-made desserts, Bentos you bring to our staff, your kind help as well as monetary donations are truly grateful. I'm sorry I couldn't thank you enough for each of your kind donations and gifts, but I truly look forward to having an opportunity to thank you in-person. Please stay safe and healthy. I sincerely wish you to have a Happy Children's Day, Mother's Day and Memorial Day this month!

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

| **June 9th 4 to 6 pm = PLEASE HOLD this date. Jodo Mission would like to participate in |**
| **the Pan Pacific Parade as part of the 850th & 130th Jodo Shu anniversary celebration. |**
| **AND your participation is appreciated. Please call temple for more information. |**
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Marie Otani's Eclipse Experience in Austin, Texas

Seeing a total eclipse has always been on my bucket list and I planned for at least a year to see the Monday, April 8 event. I decided to go to Austin, Texas, because a college friend who I hadn't seen in many years lives there.

A week before the eclipse, meteorologists were predicting clouds over Austin. I arrived late on Saturday and on Sunday, my friend was my tour guide around the Texas capitol and the University of Texas campus. This helped tremendously because I was on my own on eclipse day.

Totality in Austin would start at about 1:36 PM and last about two minutes. I said that I didn't need minutes of totality; ten or twenty seconds would be sufficient. Well, be careful what you wish for!

I chose to visit the Bullock Texas State History Museum on the campus of the University of Texas in the morning, then step outside to watch the eclipse in the afternoon. The weather predictions were correct and the skies were completely overcast. At around 12:30



PM, I joined the other optimists on the museum lawn. Luckily, we knew when to search for the sun because the kids yelled, "I see it!" whenever the clouds lifted. Then the heavy clouds rolled in and lingered. It got steadily darker and cooler as totality arrived and it truly was like night. Just before totality ended, the clouds blew off slightly and we saw eclipse for about three seconds. Everyone clapped and cheered! Then the clouds returned thicker than ever and it was over.

This five-day trip (I stopped in Southern California for two days on the way to Austin) cost a third more than last October's Jodo Shu pilgrimage to Kyoto tour, but I accomplished a lot. **I'm planning to catch totality again in two years in Spain. Wish me luck!**



O-Bon Schedule—Plan is for the following O-Bon Services in July:

Friday, July 19	10 am	Hatsu Bon Families
Freiday, July 19	6 pm	Regular O-Bon Service
Saturday, July 20	10 am	Regular O-Bon Service
Saturday, July 20	6 pm	Regular O-Bon Service
Sunday, July 21	10 am	Final O-Bon Service
		Then cleanup

Private O-Toba Service appointments can be scheduled from Monday, July 15 to Thursday, July 18th for appointments at 10:00 am to 12:40 pm and also 3:00 pm to 5:40 pm at 40-minute intervals.

Koinobori Celebration

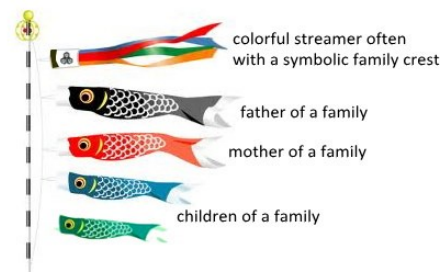
“Koinobori” means carp streamer kite and the carp was chosen as the symbol for Children’s Day because Japanese people consider the carp as the most spirited fish, full of energy and power to fight its way up rapidly flowing streams.

Originally, Koinobori was exclusively celebrating boys and recognizing fathers (Boys Day), while Hinamatsuri (March 3) was a day recognized celebrating girls. **However, it has since been changed to include both male and female children, as well as recognizing mothers along with fathers and family unity.**

In Japan, Children’s Day is called *Kodomo no hi* and is a national holiday. It is a day set aside to respect children’s personalities and to celebrate their happiness. It was designated a national holiday in 1948 by the Japanese government. It is said that on this day families raise the *Koinobori carp* because there is a Chinese legend that a carp that swims upstream of the Yellow River becomes a dragon and flies to Heaven and the way the Koinobori blows in the wind looks like they are swimming.

Kashiwa mochi (steamed mochi with azuki bean filling) is sometimes served on Children’s Day. Since we live in Hawaii, we will use Ti-leaf and serve Kashiwa mochi for refreshments.

TYPICAL PATTERN TO SET UP KOINOBORI



Children’s Day—May 5th—Sunday Service @ 10:00 am

Guest Speaker: Darin Miyashiro
Koto and Gagaku music

Presentation of traditional Japanese toys by Bishop Ishikawa.

Please come to our Sunday Service on May 5th at 10:00 am.

While here at Jodo Mission of Hawaii, please look at the beautiful Koinobori on the front lawn. You may want to bring your children and/or grandchildren to take photos with the Koinobori.

If you wish to sponsor a Koinobori by honoring someone, or in celebration of an event, or in memory of someone, you may either come to Jodo Mission of Hawaii office and fill out a form or use the form in the April 2024 Bulletin.

Scholarships for Graduating Students

Please call Jodo Mission of Hawaii if you will be graduating this year and looking for scholarship assistance. We have applications for two scholarships:

- 1) Aloha Meisho Senior YBA has a scholarship available. **Deadline is May 31, 2024.**
- 2) Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai has a \$1,000 scholarship available. **Deadline is June 15, 2024.**

Any interested person should call Jodo Mission office at (808) 949-3995 for a copy of the scholarship applications. Thank you.



Nenbutsu Chanting—May 18 @ 9am to 10am Everyone Welcome!

Announcements

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HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

**May 12th Is Mother's Day
(Haha No Hi)**

Mother's Day is celebrated as an expression of love and appreciation to our mothers.

**Guest Speaker: Tsutomu Nakai
Taiko Sensei**

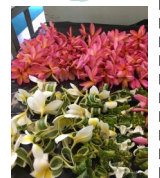
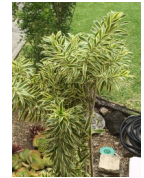
Please come to our Mother's Day Service and bring your mothers and grandmothers on May 12 at 10 a.m.

Flowers Needed for Temple Lei Making Project, Friday, May 24

Please bring **plumeria, crown flowers** or other small flowers for leis or even the beautiful bougainvillea flowers, as well as greenery like the branches pictured here at Jodo Mission on **Thursday, May 23. Any amount of flowers and greenery will be greatly appreciated. Every little bit counts.**

Everyone is invited on **May 24 at 9:00 am in Ikoi Hall** for lei making to help sew leis for our veterans at Punchbowl Cemetery and at the same time enjoy the fellowship for this wonderful event! It can be very relaxing concentrating on your lei making.
Thank you!

Please call Jodo Mission at (808) 949-3995 if you have any questions.



Hawaii Buddhist Council's Memorial Day Service

Hawaii Buddhist Council will have its Memorial Day Service at **Punchbowl Cemetery** (behind a stature) **on Monday, May 22, 2024 at 9:30 am.**

Hawaii Buddhist Council is made up of seven (7) Buddhist denominations: Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Jodo Mission of Hawaii, Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, Nichiren Mission of Hawaii, Soto Mission of Hawaii and Tendai Mission of Hawaii.

BON DANCE PRACTICE

Are you interested in getting ready for Bon Dance? If so, our bon dance group, Hawaii Shin Kobukai, is having one practice day at Jodo Mission Social Hall:

May 24, Friday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

The senseis are Betty Delacuesta and Lydia Morikawa. Please come and practice on the above open practice day. It is lots of fun and good exercise! The practice is free and donations to this group is always welcome.

Photos on this page are from the open practice held on March 10, 2023.



What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitai-kyo)

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 *Eitai-kyo* 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]

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Sunday & Holidays
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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for May

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|--|--|---|--|
| <p>1 Tome Iwamoto
Tome Toishigawa
The Ochiai Family
Kenneth Akiyoshi Murao</p> | <p>Matsuichi Onaga
Hanako Kume</p> | <p>The Fujikami Family
Francis Tadashi Higuchi</p> | <p>30 Tamezo Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Heikichi Ichida
The Ichida Family
Setsu Yamamoto
Mackay Umeichi
Yanagisawa
Tsunejiro Iwamoto
Yoshiko Moritsugu</p> |
| <p>2 Bishop Buntetsu Miyamoto
Etsuo Nakagawa
Fusaye Mizuta</p> | <p>12 Konosuke Tsuda
The Tsuda Family
Kimie Takaoka
Mieko Takara
Yasu Ogi
Kenji Otani
Kikuye Okamura</p> | <p>22 Tsunekichi Tamanaha
The Tamanaha Family
Masuo Tomita
Alan Haruo Nakagawa
Howard Seishi Kobayashi</p> | <p>31 Hideo Kuniyuki
Ichiro Obara
Tahei Harada
Violet Sui Fun Murakami</p> |
| <p>3 Mitsuyo Nakahara
The Fukunaga Family
Mitsuko Sakai
Carole Masako Yano
Kaoru Kobayashi Higa</p> | <p>13 Imazo Nakai
The Nakai Family
Hikoichi Hirai
The Hirai Family
Moushi Uehara
Teruo Sawamura
Fumiko Yogi
Kenichi Hayashi
Teruo Sawamura
The Sawamura Family
Betty Toshiko Oshita
Katsutoshi Kano
Akino Tamura
Kimiko Hayashi
Shizue Murashige</p> | <p>23 Hichizo Nishimura (2)
The Nishimura & Aoki Family
Harukichi Hirohama
The Hirohama Family
Ishi Onaga
The Onaga & Nakamura
Family
Tomoko Hayashi
Kenzo Hashimoto</p> | |
| <p>4 Eikichi Hirouji
The Miyamasu Family
Tamotsu Takaoka
Toshio Yoshioka
James Mitsuyoshi Uesugi</p> | <p>14 Kiku Miyashige
The Goto & Miyashige
Family
Fui Yamato
The Yamato Family
Toshio Karamatsu
Kiku Matsumoto
Kura Harada
Blackie Shinichi Yanagihara
Mitsuko Takemoto
Yukie Sakamoto</p> | <p>24 Zensuke Yokomichi
The Yokomichi &
Kondo Family
Kaizo Goto (2)
The Goto & Miyashige Family
Kichizo Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family
Takeji Ogata
Kiseno Nakano(2)
Satsuki Nakano
Kamazoo Teruya
Natsu Muramoto</p> | |
| <p>5 Sadaichi Mito
The Mito Family
Michie Makino (2)
The Makino & Okamura
Family
Morita Kokubun
Miyoko Sasuga</p> | <p>16 Kamekichi Hayashi
The Hayashi Family
Kozo Okamoto
Peggy Miyako Ogi</p> | <p>25 Keiichi Mineishi
The Mineishi Family
Kazuo Shidaki
The Shidaki Family
Yoshio Nishimura
Shinsuke Uchiumi
Minoru Yamane
Yonosuke Ikuta
The Takasawa Family
Jiroichi Otani
Kazuma Ogata</p> | |
| <p>6 Tokusaburo Fukuda (2)
The Fukuda Family (2)
Tora Kanayama (2)
The Kanayama Family
Hitoshi Nitta
Kamato Uyehara
Florence Tamayo Matsumori
Laurie Tomie Cho
Kazuo Karimoto
Kuma Tatei
Masaru Morimoto</p> | <p>17 Hiromu Hayashi
Wallace Kazuyo Sakai
Helen Miyoko Fujikami
Tamashiro
Hanako Thelma Ogawa</p> | <p>26 Senkichi Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Fukuji Muranaka
Rikio Kunihisa
Mitsuki Kimoto
Toshiko Higa
Edward Toshimasa Fujikami</p> | |
| <p>7 Minetaro Katagiri
The Katagiri & Imamiya
Family
Tsuyako Kishii
Ross Kiyoshi Hirano
Satoru "Sugar" Miura</p> | <p>18 Hatsuyo Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family
Tadami Uemoto
Chizuko Koto
Haru Shimizu
The Kawabe Family
The Mitsujiro Kurashige
Family
Kiyoshi Narahara</p> | <p>27 Kichi Hisamura
Torakichi Miyao
Takashi Saiki
Gladys Tomi Uemoto</p> | |
| <p>8 Toshiko Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Tami Kawasaki
The Kawasaki & Nakagawa
Family
Tsuru Kitamura
The Kitamura Family
Yasuo Kagihara
Seki Tamura
Shigeru Gushikuma
Betty Ayako Ishii</p> | <p>19 Kamechiyo Uyehara
Fumio Fujiwara
Takayuki Nakamura
Kayoko Miyamoto
Toshiko Yamanaka
Yaeko Ogata Sugai</p> | <p>28 Iro Yamane
Misao Yasuda
Shuso Gushikuma
Shurei Gushikuma
Kamaru Gushikuma
Kama Gushikuma
The Kusaki Family
Clarence Yukio Mitsuyasu</p> | |
| <p>9 Roy Shigeyoshi Kawafuchi</p> | <p>20 Sukeo Matsuno
The Matsuno Family
Hatsue Tsuda
The Tsuda Family
Kamei Akamine
Koan Takara
Haruyo Iwamoto
Benzo Takahashi</p> | <p>29 Mayo Yamamoto
The Yamamoto &
Suzukawa Family
Yosaburo Shioji
The Shioji Family
Joji Sakaguchi
Tomiko Yamanaka
Haruo Kito
The Kito Family
Hatsuko Toishigawa
Sumie Ito
Shizue Murashige</p> | |
| <p>10 Sada Kurihara
The Kurihara Family
The Ajimura Family
The Ito Family (Stillborn)
Shinichi Takenouchi
Minokichi Oshiro</p> | <p>21 Fuji Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family
Shigekeo Fujikami</p> | | |
| <p>11 Masataka Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Shuzo Mitsutani
The Mitsutani Family
Ayataro Nambu
The Nambu Family
Kimiko Fujii
Kikuyo Hayashi
Kinuyo Matsui</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.

Jodo Mission of Hawaii is happy to report that we have no obituaries to report at printing time. Thank you.

9:30am Morning Service Everyday

Note: Time may change due to Schedule

May 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	8am-11:30 Sewing Circle ??
5 10:00 Sunday Children's Day Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10am Mother's Day Service with Sunday School?	13	14	15	16	17	18 8am-11:30am Sewing Circle 9-10 am Nenbutsu Chanting Everyone Invited
19 8:30 am Board Meeting	20	21	22	23	24 9:00 to 12 noon Lei Making Iko Hall 6:30-8:30 pm Open Bon Dance Practice	25
26 10am Sunday Service	27	28	29	30	31	

Coming Events:

Apr 14-May 19 Koinobori Display on Jodo Mission lawn

June 9 - 4 to 6 pm Pan Pacific Parade in Waikiki

July 14 General Cleanup & O-Toba Set up in Social hall

July 19-20: O-Bon Services

July 21 Final O-Bon Service: 10:00 am

Aug 17 : Jodo Mission Bon Dance (one day only)

Jodo Shu Calendar for May 2024: You have your own good qualities so don't compare yourself with others. Just be who you are

No Meetings or Classes in May—
Fujinkai & YBA

Temple Lei Making Proj—May 24 @ 9 am in Iko Hall

Sunday School -Children's Day on 5/5 & Mother's Day on 5/12

Bazaar Donations will be accepted. Kindly call temple office if you have donations. Thank you for your understanding.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues (\$80) 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). *Thank you.*