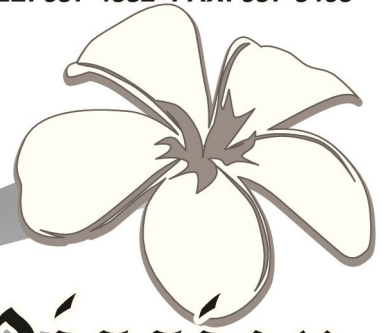
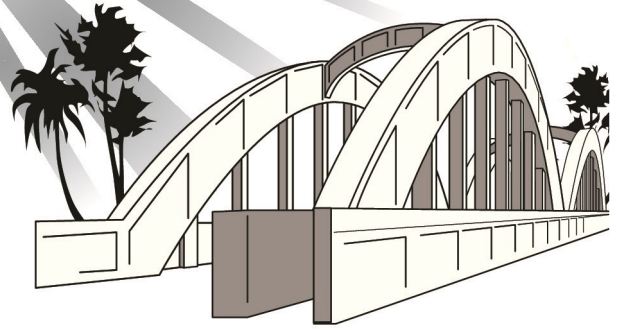
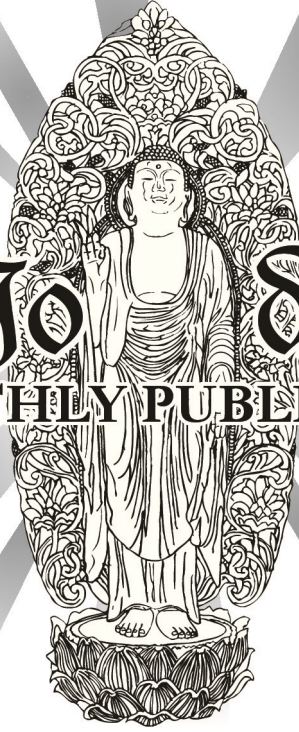


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HALEIWA JODO MISSION

MARCH, 2023



HIGAN FAMILY SERVICE

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

YOUTH RETREAT

HALEIWA AND HONOLULU SUNDAY SCHOOLS WILL HAVE A JOINT SERVICE
AND A FUN VISIT TO LOKO EA FISHPOND IN HALEIWA
SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

ZOOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

KOKUA DAY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MEMBERSHIP DUES (2023)

Diane Koga	Myles Murakami
Frances Hirakawa	Julie Sakai
Douglas Ohta	Herbert Nakagawa Jr.
Etsuko Morikawa	Sandy Endo
Katherine Fujii	Carrie Aoki
Calvin Kunihisa	Leanne Kunihisa
Linda Seyler	
Stanley Dalbec (2022 & 2023)	

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Clarence Murata
(In memory of Yoshiko Murata)

Shirley Kitamura
(In memory of Jennie Miyasaki)

Katherine Fujii
(In memory of Amy Ebisu)

OMAMORI DONATIONS

Grace Iwane	Karen Rodrigues
Leanne Kunihisa	Susan Tasaki
Melvin Fukuda	

OTHER DONATIONS

Myles Murakami	Herbert Nakagawa Jr.
Douglas Ohta	Sandy Endo
Melvin Fukuda	Michie Takemoto
Jeanette Nakata	Susan Tasaki
Stanley Dalbec	

NEHAN SERVICE

Shinae Sakai	Joan Yamamoto
Kenneth Masatsugu	Marianne Ono
Melanie Matsui	Jennifer Pang
Grace Iwane	Glenn Matsumoto
Donald Koga	Nadine Matsukawa
Dennis Nakamura	Myra Shiratori

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MONTH OF MARCH

23rd YEAR

ONO, ROY
MARCH 20, 2001
KUNIHISA, THOMAS
MARCH 20, 2001
FUKUDA, TOKUICHI
MARCH 1, 1999

25th YEAR

REV. SUGINOHARA PASSED AWAY

A former minister of Haleiwa Jodo Mission, Rev. Junji Suginothara, passed away in Japan. He arrived in Hawaii in 1979 and served the Haleiwa Jodo Mission from 1979 to 1981. Later, he was assigned to Kahului Jodo Mission and Hilo Meishoin. He returned to Japan in 1997 and became the head minister of the Komyoji Temple in Osaka.

HAWAII STATE JODO SHU FUJINKAI SCHOLARSHIP NAMIE NAKAMURA SCHOLARSHIP

The Hawaii State Jodo Shu Fujinkai offers a \$1,000 Namiye Nakamura Scholarship to a Hawaii high school graduate or a member of the temple who wishes to further his/her education toward a degree or advanced degree in an accredited college, university or institution of higher learning.

If there are any questions about the scholarship or scholarship application forms, please consult Rev. Ezaki at (808)-637-4382.

NORTH SHORE FOOD BANK

Donations of blankets and towels to the North Shore Food Bank will be highly appreciated. Because of the heavy rain in January and February, the North Shore Food Bank wants to distribute these items to homeless people. Please call Rev. Ezaki at (808)-637-4382 to make an appointment if you will be able to drop off your donations.

PATIO RESERVATIONS

If you want to use the patio for your graduation, birthday party, or family gathering in 2023, please make your plans quickly and make a reservation as early as possible. The season from May to August is especially popular for parties. Because Haleiwa Jodo Mission will observe the Obon Festival in July this year, there will be limited time to use the patio this summer. Only currently active members (who have paid dues for at least the last three years) can use the patio. Please call Rev. Ezaki to make a reservation soon.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP ON KOKUA DAY

We would like to thank the following members for their help on Kokua Day on February 19, 2023: Sheri Yamauchi, Jess Kawachi, Melanie Matsui, and Etsuko, Ama, & Lani Morikawa.

TREASURER'S NOTE

Please bring your membership dues up to date. The membership fee covers a wedded couple. We are accepting dues for 2023 as well as past year(s) dues for those who haven't yet paid. Annual membership is \$50.00.

DHARMA TALK STORY WITH AWARD WINNING DIRECTOR YUJIRO SEKI & ONLINE DOCUMENTARY SCREENING OF CARVING THE DIVINE

The Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions' Ministers' Association will present its first "Dharma Talk Story" with a special guest, Mr. Yujiro Seki & an online documentary screening of the film "Carving the Divine" on Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm (HST).

We are so blessed and fortunate to have an award-winning director Mr. Yujiro Seki show his documentary film "Carving the Divine" to our Jodo Mission members and friends. This documentary excellently introduces the unknown world of Buddhist sculptors of Buddha statues called "Busshi" which has a history of 1,400 years in Japan. Mr. Seki spent 6 years filming and editing this documentary in Japan and captured the strict but heartwarming relationship between master and apprentices.

After Bishop Ishikawa's "Dharma Talk Story" about Buddhist statues on Zoom, we will be allowed access to watch "Carving the Divine" with a special passcode via Zoom. Please enjoy watching "Carving the Divine." Then Mr. Seki will talk about the film and the stories behind Carving the Divine, followed by questions and answers.

This is a free event, but please register your name and email address in advance to receive a Zoom link. Those who are interested, please email Rev. Ezaki at ezarin@hotmail.com to get a link or QR code.

JODO SHU PILGRIMAGE TOUR

Please check the attached flyer of the Jodo Shu Japan Tour. Those who are interested, please call Rev. Ezaki as space is limited.

HIGAN FAMILY SERVICE IN MARCH

Higan is a day when the season changes from winter to spring. It is a good time to appreciate our lives that we received from our ancestors. The service starts at 10:00 am on March 5, 2023. Lunch will be served. Please join us.

SERMON AT THE NEHAN SERVICE

Rev. Koji Jeff Ezaki

Resident Minister of Haleiwa Jodo Mission

Today, we are observing the Nehan Service. Nehan is a memorial service for Shakyamuni Buddha, the founder of Buddhism in India, who passed away about 2,500 years ago. Shakyamuni was enlightened when he was 35 years old. He traveled around India with his disciples to spread his teaching until he was 80 years old. Today I would like to talk about what is true happiness for us.

There was a movie titled "Encounter Love and Death" in Japan a couple of decades ago. This movie was based on a true story. Miko, a high school girl who had a tumor, had written in a diary for five years. She passed away when she was 21. One of the entries in her diary was titled, "Please give me health for only three days." The diary explained how she would spend those three days if she received a healthy body. It said, "If I were healthy for only three days, I would like to do: on the first day, go to my hometown and give my father a massage, make sweets with my mother and eat at the dining table with my siblings. On the second day, I would like to go to my boyfriend's house and eat pizza with him and hug him. On the third day, I would like to be alone and think back on the memories of my life. I would be thankful for the three peaceful days and say goodbye to everybody with a smile." This is the story she wrote in her diary. Her wish was not to go out to some fancy restaurant, not to travel to a place she had never been, nor to go shopping and spend a lot of money. What were her wishes? They were just simple things that we can do almost every day. The things we take for granted were the special things for her. These three wishes were treasures for her. How about us? Do you regard these simple things as your treasures? True treasures exist here and there in our ordinary lives.

My friend had a colonoscopy a month ago. He asked me, "Ezaki Sensei, have you ever had a colonoscopy? I'm scared should the doctor find something wrong in my intestine." Do you look forward to learning the result from the doctor? Do you visit the doctor cheerfully, happily, and does it uplift your mind? I think everybody feels, "I wonder if he will find any problem? I'm scared." We are relieved when we hear good results. A guy who had cancer once said that health is a treasure. However, in his mind, health was never a treasure until he found out he had cancer. Health was already a treasure even though he was healthy. We never thank health when we are healthy. We never stop to realize that everything is a treasure, that ordinary things can be extraordinary. Treasures are things like waking up, walking, seeing, talking, hearing, and

so on. We always realize they are treasures only after we have lost them.

There is a story of a boxer who had an accident during a boxing match. He hurt his spine and became paralyzed. When he woke up in the hospital room, he felt very heavy in the lower half of his body. He explained, saying, "My feet forgot how to walk." He started his rehabilitation. He cried every night. After a few months, he realized how thankful we should be when we can go everywhere on our own feet. He thanked everybody who supported him and now he can walk with someone's help. Do you know the opposite words of "to thank"? It's "to take for granted." When we take for granted everything around us, we forget a sense of appreciation. Which is your life? Is it filled with thanks for things around you or is it the opposite?

Buddhism teaches us that everything is something to be thankful for. The sense of appreciation grows your joy, pleasure, and motivation. This morning, how many of you were thankful for having a house, for having clothes, for having a car, and so on. We sometimes complain when nothing happens in our daily lives; however, from the Buddhist's viewpoint, nothing happening is a very thankful thing. We all have a small ruler in our minds. We measure everything with a small ruler and that's why we focus only on shortage, lack, and scarcity. Our life never changes unless you change this ruler. Without realizing that we are already surrounded with many treasures, we will never feel happy.

The person who participates in this service is very lucky because by listening to my sermon you received a chance to change your ruler. If you focus on one happy thing per hour, you can feel happiness 24 times in a day. If you sleep for 7 hours, you can still feel happiness 17 times in a day. If you find one happy thing every 30 minutes, you can feel happiness 34 times while you are awake. It's a very easy practice to find happiness 100 or 200 times a day because we are surrounded with countless treasures. Your father, mother, siblings, aunty, uncle, classmates, teachers, co-workers, neighbors, and friends; they are all treasures for you. We must thank them. Happiness only belongs to a person who is thankful. Remember, only a sense of appreciation improves our lives.

At the end of the service, again, we will watch a short YouTube movie clip. Today's title is "20 MUST VISIT things to do in Kyoto 2023." This is not religious content but just an entertaining 10-minute movie.

(Please search "20 MUST VISIT things to do in Kyoto 2023" on YouTube and find the short movie clip we watched)

The 850th Anniversary Celebration of the Founding of Jodo Shu
2023 Hawaii Jodo Shu Pilgrimage Tour to Kyoto, Japan

Date: Thursday, October 5 - Friday, October 13, 2023

Total Cost \$2261.55 - \$2475.55 per person

Japan Land Cost (Tour Fee): \$822-\$1036 per person + Hawaiian Airlines Air Ticket Cost \$1,439.55 per person

*Interisland flights : plus US \$200.00 per person

Tour Fee	16-19 travelers	20-24 travelers	25-29 travelers	30 travelers
Tour fee per person (Twin Use)	USD 966	USD 905	USD 855	USD 822
Tour fee per person (Single Use)	USD1036	USD 975	USD925	USD 892

*Exchange rate was based on JPY130 for the above tour fee and subject to change at the time of final payment. Tour fee is packed. Deviations from any travel service/component of the group, there will be no refunds or adjustment in tour fee.

Features of this Pilgrimage Tour

- ◆ Participation in the 850th Commemorative Service, sponsored by Jodo Shu, at Chion-in Head Temple.
- ◆ Conference and Fellowship with members from Brazil, L.A., Europe and also the former ministers of Hawaii.
- ◆ Staying at Ala Hotel (Brand-new Hotel) in Kyoto for 7 nights with breakfast
- ◆ More free time to explore Kyoto
- ◆ Participating ministers will offer their special guided tours.
- ◆ Nara One Day Sightseeing Tour (Todaiji, Nara Park and Horyuji Temple)

Day	Itinerary	Hotel (Breakfast Inclusive)	Meal
10/5	Leave HNL for Kansai International Airport (KIX) by Hawaiian Airlines (afternoon)		-
10/6	Arrival at KIX (Evening) Depart KIX to Hotel by medium size coach (28 pax) Check in at Hotel	Ala Hotel Kyoto	-
10/7	Free at Leisure Excursion of your choice *Participating ministers will offer you a special guided tour.	Ala Hotel Kyoto	B / - / -
10/8	Free at Leisure Excursion of your choice *Participating ministers will offer you a special guided tour.	Ala Hotel Kyoto	B / - / -
10/9	Depart Hotel to Chion-in by city Bus or Taxi. Commemorative Service & Guided tour at Chion-in Temple	Ala Hotel Kyoto	B / - / -
10/10	Kaikyo Conference at Jodo Shu Headquarters Tofu Kaiseki cuisine Lunch at Nanzenji Junsei	Ala Hotel Kyoto	B / L / -
10/11	Nara One Day Sightseeing Tour (English-speaking guide & Lunch) Todaiji Temple, Nara Park & Horyuji Temple	Ala Hotel Kyoto	B / L / -
10/12	Free at Leisure Excursion of your choice	Ala Hotel Kyoto	B / - / -
10/13	Check out at Hotel Leave Hotel for KIX / Leave KIX for HNL / Arrival at HNL		B / -

Contact: Bishop Kosen Ishikawa (808)635-8530 / Email : kosenishikawa@hotmail.com
 \$310.50 (Deposit Due by March 1, 2023)

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ALA HOTEL KYOTO (2022. 7. Grand Open) Ph: 075-371-0007 <https://alahotel-kyoto.co.jp>

Address: Shiokoji-cho, Shichijo-dori, Higashinotoin-dori, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto 〒600-8212

ALA is pronounced as “A=rua”. The name of Ala(Arua) comes from “Alluring” which means “enchanting.” A luxurious space that is enchanting for first-time customers. Feel the sense of “Enchanting” Japanese hospitality! One of the features of this hotel is communal baths called “Gokuraku no yu (Hot water of the Pure Land)”. We’ll stay at this hotel for 7 nights!



Amenities : bath towel • face towel • shampoo • conditioner • body Soap • facial cleansing foam • toothbrush • hairbrush • cotton • cotton swab • razor / Wifi • air conditioner • tv set • iron (rental) • washer / dryer (shared) • hair dryer • refrigerator • kettle • cups

Facilities & Sightseeing sites near the Ala Hotel Kyoto



Higashi Hongwanji Temple.
4-minute walk from the hotel.



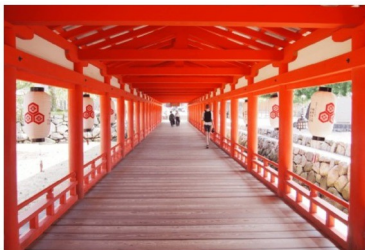
Kyoto Station—Japan’s 2nd largest station building which has a shopping mall, restaurants, and Isetan department store etc. 4-minute walk from the hotel.



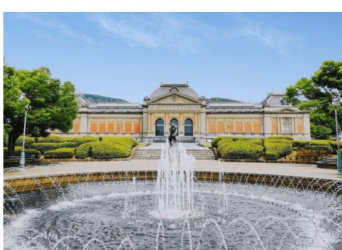
Kyoto Tower—famous observation tower located in front of Kyoto Station. Observation deck is 328 ft high. 4 min.



Toji Temple the only surviving remains of Heiankyo with a history of more than 1200 years since its foundation. 25 min.



Sanjusangendo Temple. 14-minute walk from the hotel.



Kyoto National Museum. 14 min.



Fushimi Inari Taisha Shrine which is a main shrine of 30,000 Inari shrines in Japan. 40 min.



Shosei-en Garden. 5 min.

Highlights of Nara One Day Trip:

Horyuji Temple
Japan’s first UNESCO World Heritage Site.



The temple was founded by Prince Shotoku in 607.

The Kondō (main hall) is widely recognized as the world’s oldest wooden building.



Todaiji Temple
Originally founded in 738 by the order of Emperor Shomu and dedication ceremony of Daibutsu or Great Buddha Statue was held in 752. The height of the statue is 49.2 ft and weighs 500 tons.

Two great gate guardians created by the legendary sculptors Unkei and Kokei are also great feature of this temple.