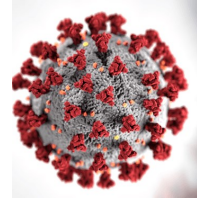


# O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission of Hawaii Postponed from July 17-19 to August 21-23, 2020

Your Board of Directors has decided to postpone Jodo Mission's O-Bon Services scheduled for July 17-19 to **August 21-23, 2020**.

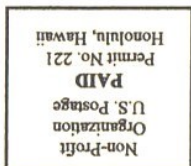


Because of Coronavirus and the guidelines of the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the State and the City, your Board thought it best for the safety of everyone that we **postpone the O-Bon Services to August 21-23, 2020**. O-Bon Service is an important Buddhist service when our ancestors' spirits return to this world and we welcome them. At the same time we must obey whatever rules are in effect, specifically social distancing of 6 feet, wearing cloth facial masks, no touching of eyes, nose and mouth with unclean hands, washing hands often with soap or using an alcohol

base sanitizer. We are working on ways so we can still have this event. Should we not be able to have O-Bon Services as we know them, they can be held virtually and we will make every effort to allow you to visit your O-Tobas. Things may change by August, good or bad, so please stay home, be safe, and obey the rules. Namu Amida Butsu. Namu Amida Butsu. Namu Amida Butsu.

**Bon Dance scheduled for August 21 and 22, 2020 is CANCELLED.**

This popular event is definitely very hard for social distancing and avoiding crowds.



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JODO MISSION OF HAWAII  
BULLETIN - JUNE 2020

# Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

Thank you very much for your support and understanding during this difficult time of pandemic. As Governor Ige commended the people in Hawaii, we have done a good job so far by following the strict emergency rules such as staying-at-home order. Though I feel sorry for many people who have been victims of this pandemic, the spread of Covid-19 has now slowed down and Hawaii is getting ready to be a safer place. More Hawaii businesses are permitted to reopen on May 7 (Kauai & Hawaii Island) by the latest “Safer-at-home” proclamation by the Governor. However, our temple, so-called “place of worship” is not allowed to reopen yet and we need to be more patient.



About a decade ago, when Koloa Jodo Mission temple was under renovation as a centennial project, I had a chance to climb up at the very top-roof. The roof was very high and steep but had great views. I enjoyed taking photos of unusual sceneries from the roof. When I came down, Mr. Hattori, the master carpenter from Japan, taught me something very interesting. He asked me, “Aren’t you frightened to be at such a high place?” I replied, “Yes, I was very scared.”

Then he told me, “I’m glad to hear you felt scared. You will not be falling down as long as you don’t forget the feeling of being scared. The one who apt to fall down is usually the guy who has no fear at all.”

This reminded me of a short episode which was written by **Yoshida Kenko** about 700 years ago. He was a Buddhist monk but was famous as an essayist. His collection of essays called “Tsurezuregusa” has been a very popular book in Japan. The title of this episode is “A Famous Tree Climber” in Tsurezuregusa.

Once upon a time, there lived a famous man called “Master of Tree Climber.” When he ordered his men to climb high on the tree to trim some branches, he said nothing to them while they were working at dangerous positions on the tree.

It was when they came down to the lower position, he finally warned his men, “Pay attention! Be careful about getting down” while it didn’t look dangerous at all. Then, the author Yoshida Kenko who was watching this, asked the master” Why did you give them warning in such a safe position? I thought they could jump easily.” Then master replied,

“Good question! I didn’t say anything when they were working at high and dangerous position because they knew they had to be careful. But mistakes or failures always happen when people think it’s Ok and safe.” The author continued to make comments, “Though he may not be a noble man, but I thought he was telling the same truth that ancient saints left to us.”

**The reason why I share this story with you is because now is the time we need to be extra careful about Covid-19. As Hawaii is getting back to be safer, we need to realize the feeling of security could be the greatest enemy. So, let us all continue to do our part such as washing hands well and frequently, wearing cloth covering at the required places, having social distancing and avoid any social gatherings of more than 10 people and so on.**

**Last, but not least, please feel free to let us know if you need spiritual assistance and help. We, ministers, and staffs are here to serve you. And we continue to pray for your good health and safety of everyone.**

With Gassho,  
Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

2009年3月のことです。コロア浄土院旧本堂の修理で、屋根のてっぺんに登って写真を撮っていた時、大工棟梁の服部親方から面白いことを教えてもらいました。

親方「先生は高いところ平気？」

私「いえいえ、平気じゃないです。すごく怖いです。」

親方「怖いなら大丈夫。先生は落ちないよ。時々、高いところでも平気な大工がいるけど、そういう怖いもの知らずの者が、落ちる傾向がある。恐怖心を持っていると用心するでしょ。何事も油断は大敵。」

面白いことに、約700年前の有名な随筆「徒然草」にも、このような油断大敵を説いている逸話があります。その章の題名は「高名の木登り」。著者吉田兼好が、実際に木登りの名人から見聞きした「なるほど！」といった内容です。

ある時、木登り名人が、見習いを高い木に登らせて、梢を切らせたときのこと。人が見ている、はらはらするぐらい高いところで仕事をしている時には、一言も発しなかった名人が、軒の低さにまで降りてきた段になって、はじめて「気をつけて降りなさい」と言ったといひます。その一部始終を見ていた著者の兼好法師が、「あれぐらいの高さだったら、ジャンプしても安全に降りられるのに、なんで、あのタイミングで言ったのですか？」と名人に尋ねたところ、名人は、「目がまわるほどの高さでは、たとえ誰に言われなくても注意はする。でも、ミスというのは、「大丈夫、危なくない」と思ったときに起きるものなんだ」と言ったそうです。

兼好法師は、この一言に深く感銘をうけ、

「名人はたとえ身分は低いかもしれないが、言っていることは古の聖人が言い残したことと同じだ」と書き残しました。

これが「高名の木登り」です。この話を、一言で言い表すと「油断大敵」になると思いますが、英語では、” Security is the greatest enemy.” (直訳では、Security(安心)は最大の敵)と言ひ表しています。

皆様ご存知のように、ハワイは新型コロナウイルスの世界的流行下で、厳しい規制と法令で臨んできました。勿論、経済的な損失は大きく今も困難な状況は続いています。多くの人の協力で新規感染者数の減少に成功しつつあります。先般、ハワイ州イゲ知事の発表により、ハワイ経済の段階的な再開もはじまりました。しかし、より安全な印象をもつことで、気がゆるみがちです。こういう時だからこそ、木登り名人にならい、注意を怠ることなく、引き続き、手洗いやマスク、社会的距離をとるなど、一人一人ができることを継続して実行していきましょう。

末筆ですが、皆様とご家族の御健康を心より祈念申し上げます。

合掌

石川広宣

**Father's Day—June 21st:** We always remember our Mothers, but do we always remember our Fathers? Even though we need to follow guidelines of safe distance of 6 feet, everyone wears a facial mask, washing hands often with soap or use an alcohol based sanitizer, no touching of eyes, nose and mouth with unclean hands, please try to remember your father on Father's Day, June 21st. Give him a telephone call and have a nice chat with him or if you live with him, say *Happy Father's Day* and give him the shaka sign and while you are stay-at home, maybe you can create something for him or make him a nice lunch or dinner!



## Message by Rev. Myoko Takano

We would like to express our profound sympathy to all those infected by COVID-19 and to everyone who is spending hard daily life under the stay at home guidance. It is difficult for us to spend our time peacefully in this situation, and the uncertain future brings us anxiety. I always strongly pray for our lives to soon return to normal.



Buddha preached the teaching of "Nothing is permanent." This is a teaching that everything is in flux and change, nothing is permanent. Buddha teaches us that people should accept the constant changes and keep our hearts calm.

Now that the situation has changed completely due to the coronavirus, please accept the rapidly changing current situation every day. Please share your feelings of anxiety, sadness, joy, and fun with your family and friends by phone or letters and try to keep your heart calm. If you do not have anyone to talk to, you can always call me.

Due to your voluntary-restraint efforts, various restrictions are gradually relaxed and Oahu is moving in a good direction. But our daily lives are still restricted a lot, please be careful about feeling too much stress due to suffering from a cabin fever.

It has been two months since Oahu was locked down and Jodo Mission was closed on March 23. At the beginning of the lockdown, all activities at the temple were suspended. However, in order to meet the requests of many members, some religious activities such as funerals and memorial services were resumed in May by abiding by the restrictions of attendance of 10 and less, everyone wearing masks and social distancing. I think there are still some difficulties under various restrictions, but please do your best to prevent COVID-19 and stay safe and healthy.

Gassho,  
Rev. Myoko Takano

このたびの新型コロナウイルスに罹患された皆様と、感染拡大により生活に影響を受けている皆様に、心よりお見舞いを申し上げます。今般の世界規模での厳しい状況は、心穏やかではいられず、先の見えない不安をおおるものであり、一日も早い終息を祈るばかりでございます。

お釈迦様は「諸行無常」という教えを説かれました。形あるものは全て移ろい変わりゆくという教えです。お釈迦様は物事は常に変化しているからこそ、人々はその変化を受け入れ心を豊かに保つことが大切だと説かれました。

コロナウイルスにより情勢が一変した今こそ、激しく変わりゆく現状を日々受け入れてください。不安や悲しみ、喜び、楽しみなどの感情を電話や手紙などを使って家族や友人と共有し、心を豊かに保てるように努めてください。

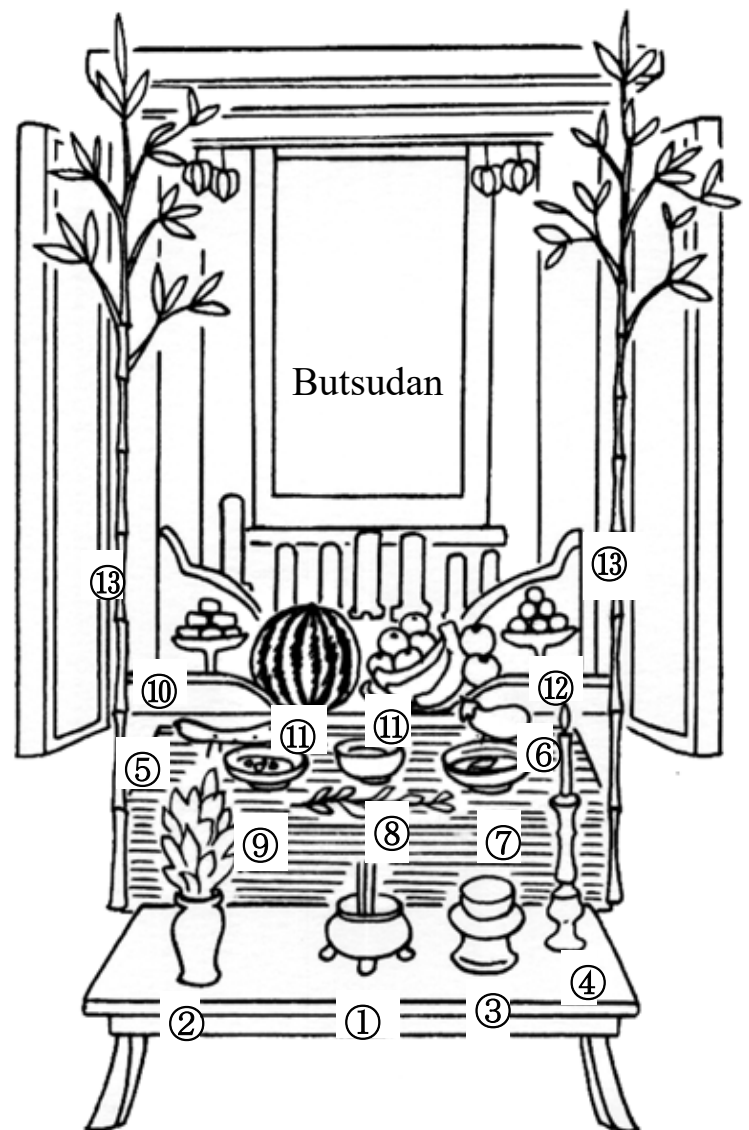
皆様の自粛生活の努力により、様々な制限が徐々に緩和されてハワイの街は良い方向へと歩んでおります。しかしながら、まだまだ日々の生活が制限されておりますので、自粛生活によるストレスをためないようにお努め下さい。

3月23日より街がロックダウンし、浄土宗別院も閉鎖して二ヶ月が経ちました。ロックダウン当初は、一切のお寺での活動を停止しておりましたが、5月よりお檀家様からの葬儀や法事のご要望に応えるために一部の宗教活動を再開致しました。生活の制限によりまだまだ様々な困難もあるとは思いますが、できる限りの予防策をもって安全にお元気にお過ごしくださいませ。

合掌  
浄土宗ハワイ別院開教使 高野 明宏

# Introduction of Sho-ryo Dana in O-Bon

- 1) **Incense:** Purify the area of Sho-ryo Dana with the smoke of incense
- 2) **Flower:** Flower is a symbol of purity. There are numerous flowers in the Pure Land.
- 3) **Water:** Water is a symbol of offering. The offered water is called "AKA" that is translated from a Sanskrit word "Argha", the most valuable thing.
- 4) **Candle:** A candle light is showing us the light of wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.
- 5), 6) **Cucumber and Eggplant with sticks:** With a Cucumber, make a horse (using sticks) for your ancestors to return home early. Make a cow with an Eggplant (using sticks) for them to return to the Pure Land slowly.
- 7) **Mizu-noko:** The fresh cut eggplant and cucumber with washed rice. Offering food in prayer to help everyone from hunger in any realms. (Optional)
- 8) **Some rice in a bowl of Water and a leaf of Lythrum ancepts:** This expands food limitlessly. (Optional)
- 9) **Nishime without meat:** A traditional Japanese food used as monasterial food called Sho-jin Ryo-ri.
- 10) **Somen noodle:** Somen noodle is a symbolic food for longevity.
- 11) **Fruits and vegetables:** Offer gifts of nature to Buddha and ancestors.
- 12) **Mochi or any favorite food:** Offer gifts of nature to Buddha and ancestors.
- 13) **Bamboo grass:** Protection to keep away the bad spirits from the Sho-ryo Dana.



## **Due to Coronavirus, we have changed our procedures regarding Makuragyō, or last rites, funerals and inurnments, 49 day service:**

Our ministers can conduct these services at your request, however *with no attendees*. If *with attendees*, we can do these services for 10 or less attendees, everyone wears a facial mask, social distance of 6 feet and no one touches their face with unclean hands. This is for the protection of our ministers, as well as the deceased's family members. Services with or without attendees can be conducted by telephone, skype or other agreeable means so family will be able to participate in the service. This is especially helpful for family living out of state and Hawaii's 14-day isolation when traveling. This is also helpful for large families who find it difficult to have only 10 people attend a funeral. In the case of no attendees, the family could at the time of the scheduled service light a senko at their home altar or in the case of a funeral, it can be done at the gravesite followed by inurnment. Although some families may want to postpone the funeral to a later time, however, because of the current situation, it may not happen for a long time. Please call Jodo Mission of Hawaii office at **949-3995** for further details in your particular situation. *Thank you for your understanding.*

# Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions 2020 Bon Schedule under Covid-19 outbreak

(As of May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**Oahu** Total 414 cases

<u>Temple Name</u>	<u>2020 Bon Dance</u>	<u>Bon Service</u>	<u>Note:</u>
Jodo Mission of Hawaii (808) 949-3995	Cancelled (Aug.21-22)	Postponed to Aug 21-23 (July 17-19)	Haleiwa to accept Toba orders for virtual toro nagashi
Haleiwa Jodo Mission (808) 637-4382	Cancelled Bon Dance & Toro Nagashi (July 24-25)	July 11 to 25 toba prayer services in-person private appts or private appts via video streaming	

July 25 @ 6:00 pm Public video streaming

**Hawaii** Total 75 cases

Kurtistown Jodo Mission (808) 936-7828	TBA (Aug.1)	TBA (Aug.1)	
Hilo Meishoin (808) 935-6996	TBA (July 19)	TBA (July 19)	
Hakalau Jodo Mission (808) 936-7828	TBA (Aug. 15)	TBA (Aug. 15)	
Hamakua Jodo Mission (808) 775-0965	TBA (Aug.8)	TBA (Aug. 8)	
Kohala Jodo Mission	TBA (July 11)	July 11. Hatsubon & Toba by following CDC guidelines.	
Hawi Jodo Mission	Cancelled	Cancelled (Aug.1)	

**Maui** Total 117 cases

Wailuku Jodo Mission (808) 244-0066	Postponed (from June 12 to September.) Date: TBA	Postpone from June 12 to September. Date to be an- nounced later.	
Kahului Jodo Mission (808) 871-4911	Cancelled (June 26-27)	Postpone from June to September. Date: TBA	
Lahaina Jodo Mission (808) 661-4304	Cancelled (July 1 & 2)	July 2-3. Only private prayer offerings will be held.	

**Kauai** Total 21 cases

Kapaa Jodo Mission (808) 742-7835	Cancelled (July 31- Aug.1) *KBC decided to cancel 2020 Kauai Bon Season on March 17 <sup>th</sup> .	July 26 @10:00 am. Planning to have a Bon service at Social Hall with more social distancing. Live stream service with a private link. Only Kotoba prayer will be done. O-Toba & Toro Nagashi will be cancelled.	*Grove Farm offer help for KBC to sponsor an event similar to Bon dance in Sept.
Koloa Jodo Mission (808) 742-7835	Cancelled (June 26 -27)	June 21 @10:30 am. Planning to have a live stream service without attendees. Only if large gatherings allowed, we invite members to attend.	Toro Nagashi discontin- ued for good.

## Jodo Mission Office Hours:

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### Mailing address:

Please keep Jodo Mis-  
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change of address.

Every time you move  
and your mail is for-  
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charges Jodo Mission.  
Please keep us up to  
date on your mailing  
address & telephone  
numbers. *Thank you  
for your cooperation.*



**Bishop Kosen Ishikawa**



**Rev. Kanjun Nakano**  
Resident Minister



**Rev. Myoko Takano**  
Resident Minister

## EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for June

- |  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| 1 Tatsuo Nonaka  | The Tanimura Family<br>Kenzaburo Ishii   | Mitsue Ikuta<br>George Tsuneharu<br>Masaki  | The Mitsutani Family<br>Nobuyuki Nishida<br>Yukio Hirata  |
| 2 Takayo Fukuda<br>The Fukuda Family<br>Yasuichi Nakai<br>The Nakai Family<br>Kikue Tejima<br>The Tejima Family<br>Yasu Kawamura<br>Fujio Fujita   | 10 Yoshisuke Miyakawa<br>The Miyakawa Family<br>Ariki Fujimoto<br>Mieko Ono<br>Hisako Mitani<br>Bertha Takako Homareda   | 19 Kiyomatsu Ueno<br>The Ueno Family<br>Shinei Kanehira<br>The Kanehira Family<br>Mitsuru Ogi<br>Kenichi Naito<br>Sam Saburo Taniguchi<br>Kikuyo Morioka<br>Miyoshi Akashi<br>Hatsukichi Yamamoto | 26 Fuji Yano<br>The Yano, Konaka,<br>& Hayashi Family<br>Taizo Kawamura<br>The Kawamura Family<br>Mokunosuke Taniguchi<br>Isamu Nakano<br>Keigo Soma<br>Clarice Sadako<br>Yamamoto              |
| 3 Sumiko Norma<br>Muramoto   | 12 Bunjiro Umemoto<br>The Umemoto Family<br>Miyoshi Okamura<br>The Okamura Family  | 20 Hisataro Yanagihara<br>The Yanagihara Family<br>Naoji Yokoyama<br>Moushi Kobashigawa<br>Kame Uehara<br>Ichitaro Matsuda<br>Hisakichi Yamamoto<br>Wade Kenji Sakai<br>The Ashimine Family       | 27 Ron Kiyoshi Amasaki<br>Akira Shimoda   |
| 4 Rui Yasumoto<br>Shizutaro Kimura<br>Helen Katsu Yokoyama<br>Fujiko Teruya<br>Susan Teruko Lubick<br>Rose Kikue Hata<br>Koma Kokubun<br>Hisashi Nakamura  | 13 Charles Harumi<br>Takabayashi (2)<br>Jeane Sachiko Ebisuzaki<br>Sakaye Ogata<br>Gosaburo Gary Nanbara   | 21 Sumi Takeda<br>The Takeda Family<br>Komanoshin Masatsugu<br>Teruo Masatsugu<br>Lillian Ayako Tasaka<br>Suzuko Shigehara<br>Yoshito Charles Oshita<br>Don Shigeo Toishigawa                     | 28 Shintaro Masuda<br>The Masuda & Asamura<br>Family<br>Ryoshichi Himuro<br>The Himuro Family<br>Kiyochi Oshiro<br>Shiro Koike  |
| 5 Kamematsu Kano<br>The Kano & Watanabe<br>Family<br>Shuichi Arakawa<br>Yoshikazu Ebisuzaki<br>Tamon Yamaguchi<br>Japanese Marines<br>Masanori Matsumoto<br>Tsuyo M. Matsumoto<br>Rihei Matsumoto  | 14 Masuzo Konaka<br>The Konaka, Yano,<br>& Hayashi Family<br>Kiichi Morisako<br>Katsuko Sakakibara<br>Shigeki Narahara<br>Hisako Asaeda<br>Nakamura                                  | 22 Isuke Iwasaki<br>Murakami's Baby<br>Kazumi Mizuta<br>Yoshimi Maruichi<br>Edward Isamu Kimoto<br>Moshi Takara<br>Takara's Baby<br>Edwin Kyoichiro Arakaki<br>Hiroshi Furutomo                   | 29 Kumanosuke Morikawa<br>The Morikawa Family<br>Sadamu Yanagihara<br>The Yanagihara Family<br>Kinuyo Karimoto<br>Ziu Takaoka<br>Kiichi Takaoka<br>Shizuko Heirakuji<br>Grace Setsuko Kawafuchi |
| 6 Chujiro Nishimura<br>The Nishimura Family<br>Matsu Wakaki<br>The Wakaki Family<br>Tomo Daitoku (2)<br>The Daitoku & Fujimoto<br>Family<br>The Daitoku &<br>Kawauchi Family<br>Shinichi Fukuda<br>The Fukuda Family<br>Miyoshi Takara<br>Giushikuma Ancestors | 15 Yoshio Morita<br>The Morita Family<br>Kikutaro Higashide<br>The Higashide &<br>Fuyukawa Family<br>Albert Akira Sakuda   | 23 Isamu Yonemoto<br>The Yonemoto Family<br>Yoshio Higa<br>The Higa Family<br>Yoshiko Hamasaki<br>Jonosuke Arakawa<br>Kosuke Takara<br>Hibachi Kishimoto<br>Bishop Chikai<br>Shibamura            | 30 Hana Ishizaki<br>HelenTsurue Nagaishi<br>The Nakauye Family<br>John Yoshito Nakauye<br>Charles Hiroshi Taketa<br>Gerald Kenji Sato   |
| 7 Ayako Morikawa<br>The Morikawa Family<br>Taki Asai<br>Kichi Kunihsa<br>Shina Kotake<br>Yukiyo Matsumoto<br>Robert Hidenori Iwai<br>Yaeko Ishida<br>Tomezo Furutomo   | 16 Onichi Chinen<br>The Chinen Family<br>Chiyo Heirakuji<br>Harry Noboru Matsumoto<br>Iwao Oki<br>Faye N. Shinohara  | 24 Yoshito Ebisuya<br>The Ebisuya Family<br>The Fujii Family<br>Tokiko Kurakake<br>Dorothy S. Kobayashi<br>Harry Wakaso Iwai<br>Koei Andy Takara  |   |
| 8 Soichi Hirano<br>The Hirano & Kaneko<br>Family<br>The Hirota Family<br>Dorothy Saku Yokoyama   | 17 Natsu Kawamura<br>The Kawamura Family<br>Senjiro Ogawa<br>Ichiro Nakatsuka<br>The Hirotsu Family<br>Helen Miyoko Oda<br>Hachijiro Homareda<br>Tora Nakamura<br>Hisa Furutomo      | 25 Hana Mitsutani   |   |
| 9 Sueko Tanimura   | 18 Tama Morita<br>The Morita Family<br>Chiyo Mori<br>Hatsuyo Yoshikawa<br>Kame Uyehara<br>Bunkichi Kamimura<br>The Uyehara Family<br>Kay Kimiko Yamamoto<br>Janice Yoshiko Kitashiro |   |   |

### *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.

Kay Igarashi Higashi	80
Violet Yoshie Najita	98
Ichiko Kanno	95
Noriyoshi Watanabe	95

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

# June 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	<b>Live Stream SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE 2020</b>					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
11:45 am Board Meeting (Virtual)	<b>Go to website “<a href="http://jodo.us">jodo.us</a>” for link to Sunday Service</b>					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	<b>Jodo Shu Calendar for June 2020: From time to time, give your mind and body a good rest</b>			

Coming Events: **Events may change due to COVID-19**

**2020 BON DANCE CANCELLED** (normally in August)

**Aug 21-23:** O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission of Hawaii\*\*

**Sept. 6** Keiro Family Service

**Sept 25-27:** Laypersons/Fujinkai Convention on Maui ??

**Dec. 27:** Mochitsuki or Mochi Making Day

\*\* **HELP** will be needed for O-Bon preparation and services.

Please wait for July Bulletin or earlier info at website [jodo.us](http://jodo.us)

**ALL ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS IN JUNE CANCELLED**

FUJINKAI YBA: SEWING CIRCLE  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL

**BAZAAR DONATIONS will NOT BE accepted temporarily.** Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

**Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER:** If you have not paid your membership dues (\$60) 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.*