



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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MAUI JODO SHU JOINT SERVICE

The Annual Maui Jodo Shu Tri-temple (Wailuku, Kahului, and Lahaina) joint service and fellowship gathering will be at long last held in person on **Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 9:00 a.m.**, after two years of Zoom gatherings due to the pandemic.

We are so happy to finally be able to meet up with our Maui Jodo Shu Ohana on this occasion. The day's program includes service, fellowship luncheon, and entertainment.

Lahaina members will carpool from the Mission, departing at 8:10 a.m. Please come by 8:00 a.m.

Hope to see you all on this happy occasion!

OJUJA "NENBUTSU DAY" SERVICE

お十夜法要

「十日十夜の念仏を 積まば浄土の千年に
勝る功德と諭されし 佛の教えありがたや」

Doing good deeds (calling Amida Buddha's Sacred Name – Namu Amida Butsu) here and now exceeds a thousand years of good deeds in the land of all the Buddhas. – The Larger Pure Land Sutra

Date: **Sunday, October 16, 2022**

Time: **9:30 a.m.**

MC: Lanny Daise

Message: Rev. Gensho Hara

Come and recite *Namu Amida Butsu* together!

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Our October Kyodan board meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 16 from noon** at the pavilion. The agenda includes reports from the secretary, treasurer, minister, and housing committee.

COMMUNITY WORK DAY

October's Community Work Day will take place on **Sunday, October 23 from 8:30 a.m.** The main projects will be: 1) Cleaning solar panels on top of the pavilion; 2) Painting wire fence on makai side of Ala Moana Street. Please come and kokua!

MOTOKO HONDA LIVE AT OUR MISSION

Our special guest Motoko Honda, a pianist, composer who has been doing an artist residency at our temple for a month, will perform on **Thursday, October 6 from 7 to 8 p.m.** in our courtyard. Please join us for this free concert to enjoy the beautiful music created by Motoko during her time on Maui.

Mahalo to Trevor Arnholt of Fuzz Box for AV expertise and Dave Shively for creating our poster!

CLOTH ZORI-MAKING WORKSHOP

Keiko Maeda (our friend Satoko's mom!) from Japan will be teaching how to make *nuno zori*, cloth house slippers, using upcycled materials such as old t-shirts on **Wednesday, October 12 from 9:30 a.m.** at the pavilion. These *zori* are both comfortable and can be used to clean the floor when you wear them at home! Space is limited so please call Rev. Hara to reserve a spot!

LAYPERSONS & FUJINKAI **UNOFFICIAL ZOOM MEETING**

Laypersons and Fujinkai members gathered for an unofficial Zoom convention held on September 17 and a hybrid service on September 18. Mahalo nui to Jocelyn Tengan, Laypersons' Association President, and Iris Nitta, Rengo Fujinkai (Women's Association) president, for their dedication and hard work in organizing this a successful event. Representatives from Lahaina included Ed Sera, Vashti and Lanny Daise, Valentina Watson, Machiko Nagao, and Setsuko Hara.

Impressions of Meeting by Ed Sera

Our recent zoom gathering was a constructive and informative event concerning the future of Jodo Shu in Hawaii. Numerous important topics were presented and many ideas were brought forward by our members and ministers. It was interesting to see that the challenges are common among the various churches. The issue of declining membership and the resulting stresses it causes was the focus of discussion within our group. The obvious aging and passing of many of our members over the years has created a void that is greatly missed. Innovative ideas were shared such as making the Mission more open to the community with different events such as yoga classes, farmers markets, flea markets, etc. were discussed. One activity that caught our attention was honoring veterans by a Big Island church. All ideas were good and should help. However, the biggest challenge in my opinion is to get not only get community involvement but somehow get more youth participation.

Meeting Overview by Valentina Watson

On September 17, 2022, the Statewide Laypersons and Fujinkai Committees held an informal convention via Zoom. Vashti Daise, Valentina Watson, and Setsuko Hara represented Lahaina Jodo Mission's Fujinkai. Edwin Sera and Lanny Daise represented the Mission's Laypersons. The meeting organizers Jocelyn Tengan and Iris Nitta of Kahului served as moderators.

Each temple statewide presented a summary of the status of their Laypersons and Fujinkai committees' accomplishments over the last year. Lahaina Jodo Mission spoke extensively, through Edwin Sera, about the rental houses, improvements

to the park, and other matters. We did not have a representative of the Fujinkai speak. Leonard Chow, the Statewide Kyoku President from Hilo, spoke about the dwindling membership and the need to do things to increase membership.

The convention broke into three separate sessions: Future convention; Temple issues & Fujinkai; Small temples).

SPECIAL THANKS!

A special thanks to our hardworking President Ed Sera for beautifully painting our roadside fences, constructed in 1968 of wood from a historic building at Lahainaluna, and for making compost with a wood chipper at our park side, and to our tireless VP Lanny Daise for cleaning the park area for the Farmers' Market. Mahalo to you both!

2ND FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHT

Lahaina Town Action Committee will hold a movie night on our temple grounds as part of Lahaina Town's 2nd Friday event for the rest of this year. They will present the Disney animation *Encanto* on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m.

There will also be food vendors and music entertainment. Admission is free.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 2 (Sun.) – Maui Jodo Shu Joint Service, 9a
Oct. 6 (Thurs.) – Motoko Honda Concert (7 p.m.)
Oct. 7 & 8 – Park used for private parties
Oct. 13 (Thurs.) – LJM Farmers' Market, 4-7 p.m.
Oct. 14 (Fri.) – 2nd Friday Movie Night
Oct. 16 (Sun.) – Ojuya Service, Board Meeting
Oct. 20 (Thurs.) – Park used for private function
Oct. 21 (Fri.) – HMSA Sr. healthcare event, 9-11a
Oct. 23 (Sun.) – Community Work Day, 8:30 a.m.
Oct. 23 (Sun.) – Bachata Dance, 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 24–26 – Lahaina Shores meeting (pavilion)
Oct. 27 (Thurs.) – LJM Farmers' Market, 4-7 p.m.
Oct. 27–30 – Usato Trunk Sale (pavilion)

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

- Tues. (8:30a)/Fri. (5p) Taichi with Juliet
 - Mon/Wed/Fri. (7:30 am) Yoga with Ray
 - Fri. Kyudo (Japanese archery) practice
 - Thurs. 12p, Rotary Club meeting
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