### New Year's Eve Sunday Service on Sunday, December 31, 2023 at 10:00 am (No Midnight Service)



70 tons of the Chionin's Temple Bell since 1636.

New Year's Eve Service is one of the most familiar annual ceremonies for Buddhists in Japan. Here in Hawaii, the New Year's Eve Bell ringing service is observed at each Buddhist Temple. When we listen solemnly to the sounds of the bell, we reflect in ourselves and have a feeling of deep meditation. Do you know why the temple bell rings 108 times on New Year's Eve? To ring the bell 108 times signifies the dispelling of 108 evil passions which all human beings have. In Buddhism, we have 108 different kinds of evil thoughts in our minds. While the temple bell is ringing, we pray to dispel our evil passions and thoughts. Japanese people call this night "joya" which literally means "Dispelling Night." It is the very night when we should try to remove all evil things in our lives.

The New Year's Eve service gives us a good opportunity to meditate and reflect on our life on this last day of the year. And it is also a time to express our gratitude to every blessing which we have received in our lives and at the same time to our ancestors, parents, our country and our Lord Amida Buddha. In so doing, we can welcome a most Happy New Year!

The New Year's Eve Service this year will be held together with Sunday Service from 10:00 am on Sunday, December 31st. Please be aware that no midnight service will take place, and please help us to spread the word of this daytime New Year's Eve Service. Let us ring the temple bell together and enjoy traditional Soba noodles after the service. Also please come to our New Year's Day Service and Blessing on the following day, January 1st, 2024 at 10:00 am.

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### POLLETIN - DECEMBER 2023



### Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

### Dear Members and Friends,

Aloha and Mahalo for your ongoing support. I also thank you for your generous donations to Lahaina Jodo Mission. It's already December, with everybody busier with holiday events and gatherings. I hope you've had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

In old Japanese, December is called "Shiwasu" which means "Reverend (Master) running." As you may know, according to our old tradition, it is said that reverends should not run.

However, the word "Shiwasu" indicates December is so busy that even reverends have to run about the temple. Please forgive us if you happen to see us running in the temple.

Jokes aside, we will be quite occupied this month. We'll have a Bodhi Day Service, Pearl Harbor remembrance, General Clean-up (Ōsouji), Mochi Pounding, and New Year's Eve Service in addition to the daily memorial services. Also, many of us are busy with holiday traditions such as sending greeting cards and presents along with hosting gatherings. Because we are using more SNS or email, I feel in-person gathering and sending cards are more valuable.

When I was a freshman in high school, I started my very first "Arubaito" or "part-time job." Younger Japanese call it just "Baito" which is a shorter word of "Arubaito." Interestingly, the word "Arubaito" came from the German word "arbeit" meaning "labor" or "work." Anyway, my first "Arubaito" experience was at the local Japan Post office operated by the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPT). My job was to sort and deliver New Year's cards called "Nengajo" to houses in my hometown starting from New Year's Day. At the time, sending Nengajo was a must-do custom for new year in Japan. MPT issued nearly 4 billion Nengajo and the population in Japan was 120 million. This means one person sent average of 33.3 cards. Therefore MPT used to need lots of workers to sort and deliver the mail. I understand now students can choose a part-time job among many other jobs. But back when I was a high-school freshman, Japan Post Office was one of the few jobs for students. This also meant I saw some of my classmates working during the winter break as well.

What I loved about this job was that I got to know my hometown better. Before delivering mail, I didn't realize the names of the people who lived in the houses. Of course, I knew people in my neighborhood. But I didn't know the larger community. As I walked around the town, I saw the houses as scenery but never imagined what kind of people lived there. It was quite interesting to know each house had the names of the people living there. Also, I delivered many Nengajo to many houses, and many people kindly told me "Thank you." This made me happy and motivated me to work hard. Later among many workers, I was liked by the boss and asked to continue to work for summers and winters for the rest of my high school days. Though I used up all the money I earned from the post office soon after I became a college student, I still cannot forget this precious experience as a delivery man, followed by many more "Arubaitos" both in Japan and here in Hawaii.

December is the month when we need to reflect upon the past year and plan for the upcoming new year. I wish you'll have a wonderful holiday and the year 2024 will be a safe, healthy and prosperous new year for you and your family.

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

### HBC 2023 Hybrid Jodo-E or Bodhi Day Celebration

Hawaii Buddhist Council cordially invites you to its 2023 Jodo-E or Bodhi Day celebration when Siddhartha Gautama became a Buddha under the Bodhi tree in Bodh Gaya, India on December 8 about 2,500 years ao. Please join us on

Sunday, Dec. 3 2023 @ 9:30 am at Nichiren Mission of Hawaii 33 Pulelehua Way Honolulu, HI

See flyer >>>>>

Live YouTube link:

https://youtube.com/live/oXWO6T d4iQ?feature=share

QR Code:

Hawaii Buddhist Council consists of 7 Buddhist denominatons: Higashi Hongwanji, Honpa Hongwanji, Jodo Mission, Koyasan Shingon Mission, Nichiren Mission, Soto Mission and Tendai Mission.



Bodhi Day Service

Sunday, December 3, 2023
9:30 a.m.

Nichiren Mission of Hawaii
33 Pulelehua Way
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
For More Information:
Nichiren Mission of Hawaii 958-3517
Soto Mission of Hawaii 537-9409

Guest Speaker:
Bishop Myokei Caine-Barret
"Buddhism and Women"

This event is sponsored by the Hawaii Buddhist Council
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### Thank You So Much For Your Donations and Help at our Bazaar!

We are very thankful for the many donations received for the Bazaar held on October 22.

Many people throughout the year were cleaning their homes or downsizing and thought of Jodo Mission of Hawaii to give their donations. We thank you very much for thinking of Jodo Mission. For the Bazaar, there were many food items like delicious baked goods, spam musubis, chili rice bowls, plants of various kinds, someone even donated some tiny fishes which were put in glass jars for people to purchase. Thank you everyone.



It takes a lot of people spending hours ad hours sorting and pricing and trying to make things

look presentable. This year we also used Ikoi Hall for items that could be displayed like these girls day dolls. To the many people, members, friends and relatives who came to help during our Bazaar, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Everyone worked so hard, we really appreciate your help. We had additional help from the Kiwanis Key Clubs from Farrington, Iolani, Kalani, Roosevelt and the Honolulu Kiwanis. We hope the buyers and workers all had a wonderful day. Thank you everyone!





### Mochi Order Pick Up Reminder

Those who ordered mochi, please remember to pick up your order (and also your Omamori, if ordered) on

### Sunday, December 17 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Social Hall)

If you wish to help with the mochi making, please join us on **Sunday, December 17, from 7 am.** This is a fun activity and there are many things to do in the making of mochi so it is ready for you to pick up. Things like working with the hot mochi, runners to carry trays of mochi to the social hall to be cooled, brushing excess powder off the mochi, weighing and packaging each pound of komochi and placed in specific pickup boxes for pickup. **Please call the temple office to let them know you are willing to volunteer and how many are coming.** Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy your mochi!

### Hawaii Gagaku Kai and Jodo Mission of Hawaii

On Sunday, October 29th, a gagaku mini concert was held at Jodo Mission of Hawaii. It was not publicized much but about 30 people attended. Gagaku music is a kind of Japanese classical music performed at the Imperial Court in Kyoto for centuries. Through the efforts of Darin Miyashiro who teaches koto and other instruments and Bishop Ishikawa, the Hawaii Gagaku Kai was able to perform here. Bishop Ishikawa and Rev. Takano were participants on a couple of songs as they have been studying to play the Japanese flute *ryūteki*. Some of you remember several years ago when the Shizuoka Gagaku group came from Japan and we had a concert. In the future, maybe we will have other



Above in the center is the taiko drum used in gagaku. Behind this large taiko drum is the drummer whom you are able to see when a song is completed and he stands up.

culture concerts of this type and have more people attend.

### Columbarium or Nokotsudo—Are you familiar with these terms?

"Columbarium" in a Buddhist temple is a room with little cubicles called "niches" where deceased ashes are placed in ash cases or urns. It's called "Nokotsudo" in Japanese, which literally means "Temple hall to keep bones (ashes)".

Niche Owners at Jodo Mission of Hawaii should continue to pay their membership dues each year since as members you were able to purchase a niche from Jodo Mission. As members pass away, some people may have inherited the niches because the niche or niches have their relatives in them. When he/she passes, someone in the family carries on the responsibility of the niche and should continue to pay membership dues



and niche maintenance. What is niche maintenance donation you might ask? Niche maintenance donation is currently and has been for many, many years \$5 per year per niche. This maintenance donation is so that the columbarium or nokotsudo is respectfully clean and maintained in a dignified manner. If your niche is empty and you have no use for the niche, please come to the office to sign a document that you relinquish the niche back to Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Niches cannot be sold to another individual.

Some people in lieu of paying membership and niche maintenance fee prefer to give a donation every year equivalent to membership fee and maintenance. That is totally acceptable and appreciated in honor of your beloved ancestors. Any questions, please contact Jodo Mission office at (808) 949-3995. *Thank you*.

### New Year's Eve Service

NEW Time: Because this year New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday and instead of having 2 services on the same day, Bishop Ishikawa suggested and your Board agreed to have New Year's Eve Service on Sunday, December 31st at 10:00 a.m. to help ring the temple bell and dispel all our evil passions and thoughts! After service, we will serve soba noodles. This may be good for some members who do not want to drive at night with traffic and fireworks. [Please note that we want everyone who wants to attend to come, however, because we are not sure of the COVID restrictions on December 31st, we recommend people wear a facial mask, keep social distance



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### New Year's Day Service

New Year's Day Service is another special service held on January 1st. New Year's Day has three beginnings. It is the beginning of a new day, a new month and a new year. Therefore, it is a very important and significant day.

Buddhist temples have a special service which is called **Shusho-e**. This service means a religious gathering to reflect on the past life (year) and correct it and think of the New Year with hopes of a better life. We can reflect on our past lives (years), confess to past deeds, and resolve for a better life by following the teachings of Amida Buddha. And we can begin the New Year with hopes for the future. Both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day services have long been the practices for Buddhists to finish the old year and begin the first day of the New Year. In so doing, you can begin the New Year with strengthened faith in Amida Buddha.

Shusho-e or New Year's Day Service - Please join us on Monday, January 1, 2024 at 10 a.m. for the first service of the year and pray for our safety, happiness and world peace for the coming new year.

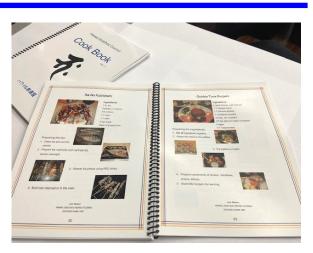
Blessings will be given to everyone who attends this New Year's Day Service. Happy New Year! [Please note that we want everyone who wants to attend to come, however, because we are not sure of the COVID restrictions on January 1st, we recommend people wear a facial mask. keep social distance, and use the sanitizer.]

Thank you for your cooperation, and may everyone begin the new year healthy and safe! Namu Amida Butsu.

### Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai Reprinted HBC Cookbook 1

Copies of the cookbook are available at Jodo Mission office.

HBC Cookbook 1 was originally printed in color in 2012 and contains recipes submitted by all seven HBC denominations. Former Bishop Yubun Narashiba cooked all the recipes, took color photos showing the steps via photos.



### What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

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 *Eitaikyo* 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

### Memorial Years Observed 2023 2024

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1 <sup>st</sup>	year	2022	2023
3 <sup>rd</sup>	year	2021	2022
7 <sup>th</sup>	year	2017	2018
13 <sup>tr</sup>	,	2011	2012
17 <sup>tr</sup>	' year	2007	2008
23 <sup>rd</sup>	' year	2001	2002
25 <sup>tr</sup>	' year	1999	2000
27 <sup>tr</sup>	' year	1997	1998
33 <sup>rd</sup>	•	1991	1992
37 <sup>tr</sup>	¹ year	1987	1988
43 <sup>rd</sup>	,	1981	1982
47 <sup>tr</sup>	¹ year	1977	1978
50 <sup>tr</sup>	,	1974	1975
100	) <sup>th</sup> year	1924	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.

### 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.

### 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 Miinister

### Jodo Mission Office Hours:

[New Covid Hours]

Monday to Saturday 10am-5pm Sunday & Holidays 10am-3pm

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### Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) for December

- Jusaku Kimura
  The Kimura & Muroshige
  Family
  Sato Imaguchi
  The Imaguchi Family
  Isamu Matsumoto
  Masayoshi Tanigawa
  Ushi Matayoshi
  Ronald Seiji Buna
- Kame Aoki (2) The Aoki & Kimura Family Kame Yano (2) The Yano, Konaka & Hayashi Faimily Ayako Yokoyama The Yokoyama & Morita Family Shizue Matsuda The Matsuda Family Shizue Nakano Hisashi Kochi Tose Terada Michiko Miyao Tsuruko Tanaka The Kodama Family
- 3 Fumie Chinen
  The Chinen Family
  Fumiko Hayashi
  Fujino Masatsugu
  Isogai Tama Camanga
- 4 Ryuichi Higashimura
  The Higashimura Family
  Gunichi Morioka
  The Morioka Family
  Nobusuke Shinagawa
  June Setsuko Eki Arakawa
- 5 Tatsuji Kusunoki
  The Kusunoki Family
  Yuichi Kanayama
  Yasuyo Hirano
  The Hirano & Kaneko
  Family
  Kane Otani
  Rite Ishii
  Kameyo Morimoto
  Irene Kazue Nishida
  Kiyoichi Kishida
  Tane Oda
  The Kanayama Family
  Yasuo Nishida
- Tokuemon Imamoto
  The Imamoto & Kawakami
  Family
  Hideo Morita
  Hazel Kiyoko Maehara
  Kazue Ukeda
  Charles Masakazu Iwakawa
- 7 Matsujiro Tanimura

- 8 Reisuke Wakaki
  The Wakaki Family
  Seiichi Nakamura
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  Yoshio Higashimura
  Matsuyo Tanimura
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  Takaichi Tamakawa
  Joginder Lal Bhanot
- 9 Genjiro Shimabukuro The Shimabukuro Family Tora Aoki The Aoki Family Ichiro Kishi (2) The Kishi Family (2) Earl Yutaka Onaga (2) Sadakichi Yoshida Hanae Fujimoto
- 10 Hyoichi Sugihara(2) The Sugihara Family Asa Namba Chokichi Nakamura Hiroshi Hayamoto Ito Kawanishi Matsu Gushiken Jiro Saiki
- 11 Asajiro Inada
  The Inada & Morimoto Family
  Zenshiro Sato
  Paul Tanigawa
  Edward Yutaka Yokoyama
  Hanako Uchiumi
  Grace Saiki Beringer
  Roy Takeo Yokomichi
  Phyllis Miyoshi Aoki
- 12 Rokuichi Yanagihara Jisaku Yanagihara Robert Wong
- 13 Mosaku Hayashi
  The Yano, Konaka &
  Hayashi Family
  Hana Imai
  Sachiko Kathlee Fujikami
  Mutsuko Reed
  Joyce Tomoe Yoshikawa
- 14 Umetaro Ogata
  James Yuichi Nose
  Thomas Tamikichi Yasuda
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- Kisei Takara Manabu Omura Yoshiko Kitagawa Natsuko Kamihara
- 16 Fusakichi Okawa The Shigeoka & Okawa Family
- 17 Yasukichi Kaya
  The Kaya & Shimazaki
  Family
  Rinsuke Uesugi
  Hideo Moritsugu
  Kona Matsuda
- 18 Bishop Kyodo FujihanaAlice Yoshie Fukunaga (2)Kiyoko KagiharaTaichi Ebisuzaki
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- 20 Satoshi Yasumoto
- 21 Tokutsuchi Saeki
  The Saeki Family
  George Kiyoshi Kimoto
  Masao Yano
  Seiichi Kimura
  Judith K. Kodama
  Hikato Okamura
- 22 Emiko Hirai
  The Hirai Family
  Kama Chinen
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  Tsurumatsu Miyamasu
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  Umekichi Yamachika
  The Yamachika &
  Matsushige Family
  Kikuyo Goto
  Harold Torao Hamasaki
  Kazuyoshi Homareda
- 23 Tsuru Nakamura
  The Nakamura Family
  Teruo Asai
  Hideko Wada
  Giichi Kawamura
  Setsuko Onaga
  Florence Hanayo Masaki
- 24 Totsuchi Namba The Namba Totsuchi Family(2)

Tokutsuchi Muranaka The Muranaka Family Matsu Yokomichi Kame Yanagihara Ryuichi Ipponsugi

- Hatsuno Hirai Michika Umeda Gaines Roy Toyosuke Ohnaga (2) Yokichi Tanaka Tome Tanaka Tanaka Brothers
- 25 The Sato Family Robert Umeo Mitsuyasu Fumiyo Kouchi
- 26 Haru Ogawa Seiji Minehira Maurice Bungo Udo Shinemon Toishigawa Doris Hisayo Imaguchi
- 27 Tsunesuke Yamamoto
  Robert Tamito Yasuda
  Evelyn Hideko Yagi
  Edith Fusae Mizuno
  Richard Sadao Murashige
- 28 Ichiro Sagawa
  The Kawahara Family
  Saichi Ikeda
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  Dorothy Tamano Yasuda
- 29 Kiku Yanagihara Shotaro Nose Kamato Akamine Chiyoe Kameoka Teruo Gushikuma
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- 31 Hira Yamane
  The Yamane & Harada
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  Frances Sachiko Johnson Ito
  Teruyo Kishii
  Yoshikazu Wada
  Wilfred Masaichi Taira
  The Agari Uebaru Family
  The Naka Uebaru Family
  The Uebaru Guwa Family

### **Obituaries**

Jodo Mission of Hawaii extends its sincere condolence to the family members and loved ones of the following members who have recently left this world for the Pure Land.

Misao Hayamoto

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## 9:30am Morning Service Everyday

Note: Time may change due to Schedule

# December 2023

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### HIGHLIGHT OF EVENTS:

Dec. 3 at 9:30 am HBC Jodo-e (Bodhi Day) @ Nichiren Missioni Dec. 10 at 9:00 am General Clean-up—WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dec. 16 at 9:00 am Mochitsuki Prep Day

Dec. 17 Mochitsuki Day—Help needed from 7 am—call temple

Dec 17 Mochitsuki Day—Pickup time 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Dec. 31 at 10:00 am Sunday Service & New Year's Eve Service

Jan. 1 at 10 am—New Year's Day Service Jan. 13 Deadline for Chutoba Order

Jan. 21 at 10 am Gyoki Service or memorial service for St. Honen Jan. 28 at 10 am Sunday Service, Gen Mem Mtg; New Year's Party

Sunday School to participate in Temple Cleaning on Sunday, Dec.10th

Fujinkai's Sushi Vinegar & HBC Cookbook I available at temple office

NO Meetings or Classes in December for

Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle

office (808) 949-3995, if you have donations. Thank you Bazaar Donations will be accepted. Kindly call temple

\$5 per niche per year, please do so by making your check payable to Jodo Mission of Hawaii (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues (\$80) or niche maintenance of

HI 96814). Thank you.