

Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

First, let me pray for your good health and safety during the toughest time of this pandemic. Also I'd like to express my sympathy to those who are victims of the Covid-19 with Namu Amida Butsu.

It's been a month since National Emergency was declared by President Trump. During this time, many orders were issued by the State and Counties and their guidelines were also often updated in such a short period. Indeed, I've never seen declarations of orders so often and never experienced such a rapid changing situation. This reminded me of a Chinese/Japanese saying "Chorei-bokai" which literally means "Order issued in the morning was changed in the evening."

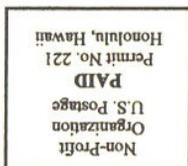
This saying has a connotation of unstable condition and is usually used for bad politics. "Chorei-bokai" indicates law or order should not be changed easily. Especially "speedy changed" order is bad since we all expect law or order to be unchanged. How can we trust constant changing law? This is the traditional understanding of this saying.

However, this time I deeply realized "Chorei-bokai" or constant changing guidelines should be better for this outbreak of the Covid-19 because we know so little about this virus. In order to keep up with new facts and this changing situation, updated guidelines are actually important and necessary.

In the beginning of the outbreak, CDC clearly stated face mask would not be effective for this Covid-19 but now completely changed its guideline to recommend everyone to wear the mask. They found out wearing a mask is much better than nothing. If they stick to the old policy, this outbreak could be much worse. Constant update is actually very helpful as reality always changes.



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Our Buddhist teachings exist in order to respond to this reality, too. Buddhism teaches us nothing is permanent, and everything is constantly changing. What is important in this changing nature is to live together in this current moment of reality. We should not stick to the past nor the future but to live in this moment. By fully realizing this moment, we can forget about the regret in the past and worry in the future. Reciting Namu Amida Butsu is one of the best ways to realize this moment.

Let us all take the time to say Namu Amida Butsu mindfully now, so that we can easily know this moment is so precious and so peaceful. At the same time, reciting Namu Amida Butsu will surely take us to the Pure Land called "Jodo" when the time comes. Please be assured Amida Buddha is always with us whenever we say Namu Amida Butsu.

With Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa
(April 13, 2020)

“Live Stream Sunday Services” - During the “Stay at Home’ guideline, Bishop Ishikawa has conducted “Live Stream Sunday Services”. Please go to our website jodo.us and when we receive the link to the live stream, it will usually appear on the first page of the website and also in the Events section. **If you are unable to get to the website jodo.us, please contact Jodo Mission of Hawaii office at (808) 949-3995 for assistance.**

Message by Rev. Kanjun Nakano

Dear Members and Friends,

Now we are fighting against the incredibly invisible enemy. It is a coronavirus. We have more anxiety than hope.

Many people cannot return to their work and some of us cannot return to life with our lost family members. The cry of the human beings pushes us all into sorrow and despair. We feel great anguish and fear because of the dangers of this situation.

We are only tiny creatures living on the surface of the great earth. But, we must remember that we are alive. We must go forward with our lives. I believe that we will be restored. But, it will take a long time. And from now, the next chapter in history starts. Also, we must begin a new chapter of hope for all human beings.

Where is our hope? What should we do? We should live with faith. Reciting “Onenbutsu” helps us to live with faith. “Onenbutsu” leads us to the future.

Wishing all of you Healthy and Peaceful Days!

Namu Amida Butsu

Rev. Kanjun Nakano



Message by Rev. Myoko Takano

We would like to express our profound sympathy to all those infected by new coronavirus and to everyone who are spending hard daily life under the stay at home guidance.



We have Eight-Fold-Path which is one of the Buddha's teachings. The words of "Right conduct" are the important thinking in the Eight-Fold-Path. This is a teaching to do the right thing. "Let us try to behave ourselves at all times." This sentence is referred to in Jodo Shu Otsutome book.

In the current situation of coronavirus epidemics, your Right conduct can save the world. The important thing is to refrain from going outside even a little time and have a mind to prevent the spread of infection.

Amida Buddha always watches over people who do Right conduct, and will always help you when in trouble.

Reciting Amida Buddha's name, Nembutsu, is utmost Right conduct in Jodo Shu. Please recite Namu-Amida Butsu in your house. Together through Nembutsu we will be able to get through this distressful situation!

Jodo Shu is grateful for your support and understanding, and wishes good health to you and your family.

Gassho,

Rev. 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。

仏様の教えに八正道という教えがあります。そのうちの1つに“正業”という言葉があります。正しい行いをしましょうという教えです。

コロナウイルスが流行している現状において、皆さんの一人一人の正業が世界を救うことができます。

大切なことは少しでも外に出ることを控えて、感染の拡大を防ごうという気持ちを持つことです。

阿弥陀様は良い行いをしている人を必ず極楽から見ており、困った時に必ずあなたを助けてくれます。浄土宗別院は皆さんのサポートとご理解に感謝するとともに、皆さんと皆さんの家族の健康をお祈りしております。

合掌

浄土宗ハワイ別院開教使 高野 明宏

2020 O-BON AND BON DANCE SCHEDULE OF JODO SHU TEMPLES IN HAWAII

Because of Covid-19, decision on Bon Dance Schedule of Jodo Shu Temples in Hawaii will be determined after announcement at the end of April 2020. This Bulletin was sent for printing before April 30 announcement. Please contact Jodo Mission of Hawaii office at 949-3995 if you have any questions. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Announcements

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY

**May 10th Is Mother's Day
(Haha No Hi)**

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

Our Sunday School will probably have a wonderful program.

Please come to our Mother's Day Service and bring your mothers and grandmothers on May 10 at 10:00 a.m.

IF THE STAY AT HOME GUIDELINE IS STILL IN EFFECT ON MAY 10, this Mother's Day event is CANCELLED. Thank you for your understanding BUT please do not forget your Mother!

Hawaii State Jodo Shu Fujinkai Scholarship (Namiye Nakamura Scholarship)

Any high school graduate or a member of this temple who wishes to further his/her education towards a degree at any accredited college, university or institution of higher learning may apply for this \$1,000.00 scholarship.

Applications must be submitted with postmark by **May 15, 2020**. For application forms and scholarship criteria, please contact your minister or contact Sally at Jodo Mission of Hawaii office at 949-3995.

Flowers Needed for Honolulu Meisho Sr. YBA Lei Making Project, Friday, May 22

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 to Jodo Mission on **Thursday, May 21, 2020**. Any amount of flowers and greenery will be greatly appreciated. Little bit here and little bit there adds up.

Everyone is invited to join us (students, retirees, etc) on **May 22, 2020 at 9 am in Iko Hall** for the Memorial Day lei making project, sponsored by the Honolulu Meisho Senior YBA. Please come 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. Lunch will be provided. *Thank you!*

IF THE STAY AT HOME GUIDELINE IS STILL IN EFFECT ON MAY 21 & 22, THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED. Please call Jodo Mission at 949-3995 if you have any questions. **Thank you for your understanding!**



JODO SHU HAWAII KAIKYO-KU

Please note that the **Jodo Shu Hawaii Tour to Japan** planned for October 19 to 26, 2020 **may be suspended**. Because of conditions in Japan, decision on postponement of trip as of the printing of this Bulletin was not made.

If you have any questions, please contact **Bishop Kosen Ishikawa at (808) 635-8530** or email him at **kosenishikawa@hotmail.com**

Please do not forget 1) safe distancing of 6 feet; 2) wash your hands with soap often for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol based sanitizer; 3) wear a cloth mask when going shopping or any public place. Keep safe!

VISION FOR THE FUTURE (5)

By The Late Bishop Yubun Narashiba

Japanese Buddhism in Hawaii has a very unique cultural background. In Japan, Buddhist customs differ from village to village, town to town, prefecture to prefecture. This is because Buddhism has been localized to fit to the custom in each area. Since Japanese immigrants came to Hawaii from the various regions of Japan, ceremonial customs are different according to the area where the family came from. However, as time passes, those customs are becoming unclear and more confusing for the younger generations. Because of this confusion, younger generations seem to be going away from Buddhism by saying that Buddhism is hard to understand. Therefore, in this article, I would like to explain the standard procedure of doing a service. First, let me show you the two common procedures of having funerals among the members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii.



1. When Someone Passed Away

Death
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Medical examination
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Call for a minister
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Makuragyo (Bedside service)
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Call for a mortuary
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Body pick-up
↓
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
↓
Viewing service
↓
Cremation
↓
FUNERAL with the first 7th day service
↓
49th day service
Burial service
↓
Hatsubon (1st O-Bon) service
↓
1 year memorial service

2. When Someone Is Very Close To Death

Call for a minister
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Rinju Gyogi (Last rites)
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Death
↓
Medical examination
↓
Call for a mortuary
↓
Body pick-up
↓
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
↓
Viewing service
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Cremation
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1 year memorial service

****Editor's note:** This article is a reprint from our August 2011 issue. Because this article contains information you will need to know some day, we will continue to reprint it from time to time as space permits.

Due to Coronavirus, we have changed our procedures regarding the above.

Makuragyo, or last rites, funerals and inurnments, 49 day service: Our ministers can conduct these services at your request, however *with no attendees*. This is for the protection of our ministers, as well as the deceased's family members. Services without attendees can be conducted by telephone, skype or other agreeable means so family will be able to participate in the service. 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.*

Note: Procedure above may be modified to include attendance; please call temple office 949-3995 for further information.

Hawaii Buddhist Council's Memorial Day Service

Everyone is cordially invited to the Memorial Day Service, sponsored by the Hawaii Buddhist Council:

When: **May 18 at 9:30 am**

Where: **Punchbowl Cemetery**

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.

IF THE STAY AT HOME GUIDELINE IS STILL IN EFFECT ON MAY 18 THIS EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED. Please call Jodo Mission at 949-3995 if you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding!

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Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Kanjun Nakano
Resident Minister



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister

Things to do during Stay at Home

Reciting Nenbutsu—Reading and hearing about Coronavirus each day on TV, radio and reading about it can be very stressful. Try beginning each day by reciting the Nenbutsu, which is an important part of Jodo Shu Buddhism. Repeating Amida Buddha's name: Namu Amida Butsu ten times each day and thanking Amida Buddha for being alive on this wonderful day! If you have time, maybe you could repeat his name over and over for several minutes or for an hour. Nenbutsu Meditation.

Exercise is also important—Start by breathing exercises, light exercise or stretching exercises. During the day you might want to take a moment and stop what you are doing and do these breathing exercises, light exercise or stretching exercises.

Gardening can also be a form of exercise. Plant something in your garden or in your home, planter or container gardening. Flowers, vegetables, greenery, herbs can be planted in your garden—**don't overdo it** or you will get tired or get a backache. Just do little at a time.

Creative cooking using your vegetables and herbs. **Flowers can make you happy and also make a nice table decoration.**

Cook a dish using whatever ingredients you have. You'd be surprised what you can do. Like Sam Choy does on TV using leftovers in your refrigerator. How about leftover **canned corned beef and cabbage**. You had only a little bit leftover and normally you either throw it out or stuffed yourself even more so there would be no leftover. If you saved just a little bit of the corned beef and cabbage, add an egg or two on top of it and put it over hot rice or between 2 slices of bread and you have dinner or lunch.

Hope this helps your stress!

Eat healthy means try to each more fruits and vegetables, even those you grew in your garden. Keep in mind that too much fruits or too much of certain vegetables may not be good for you as your doctor said.

EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for May

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| <p>1 Tome Iwamoto
Tome Toishigawa
The Ochiai Family</p> <p>2 Bishop Buntetsu Miyamoto
Etsuo Nakagawa
Fusaye Mizuta</p> <p>3 Mitsuyo Nakahara
The Fukunaga Family
Mitsuko Sakai
Carole Masako Yano</p> <p>4 Eikichi Hirouji
The Miyamasu Family
Tamotsu Takaoka
Toshio Yoshioka
James Mitsuyoshi Uesugi</p> <p>5 Sadaichi Mito
The Mito Family
Michie Makino (2)
The Makino & Okamura
Family
Morita Kokubun
Miyoko Sasuga</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>7 Minetaro Katagiri
The Katagiri & Imamiya
Family
Tsuyako Kishii
Ross Kiyoshi Hirano
Satoru "Sugar" Miura</p> <p>8 Toshiko Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Tami Kawasaki
The Kawasaki & Nakagawa
Family
Tsuru Kitamura
The Kitamura Family
Yasuo Kagihara
Seki Tamura</p> <p>9 Roy Shigeyoshi Kawafuchi</p> <p>10 Sada Kurihara
The Kurihara Family
The Ajimura Family
The Ito Family (Stillborn)
Shinichi Takenouchi
Minokichi Oshiro</p> <p>11 Masataka Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Shuzo Mitsutani
The Mitsutani Family
Ayataro Nambu
The Nambu Family
Kimiko Fujii
Kikuyo Hayashi
Kinuyo Matsui
Matsuichi Onaga
Hanako Kume</p> <p>12 Konosuke Tsuda
The Tsuda Family</p> | <p>Kimie Takaoka
Mieko Takara
Yasu Okii
Kenji Otani
Kikuye Okamura</p> <p>13 Imazo Nakai
The Nakai Family
Hikoichi Hirae
The Hirae Family
Moushi Uehara
Teruo Sawamura
Fumiko Yogi
Kenichi Hayashi
Teruo Sawamura
The Sawamura Family
Betty Toshiko Oshita
Katsutoshi Kano
Akino Tamura
Kimiko Hayashi</p> <p>14 Kiku Miyashige
The Goto & Miyashige
Family
Fui Yamato
The Yamato Family
Toshio Karamatsu
Kiku Matsumoto
Kura Harada
Shinichi Yanagihara
Mitsuko Takemoto</p> <p>16 Kamekichi Hayashi
The Hayashi Family
Kozo Okamoto
Peggy Miyako Ogi</p> <p>17 Hiromu Hayashi
Wallace Kazuyo Sakai
Helen Miyoko Fujikami
Tamashiro
Hanako Thelma Ogawa</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>19 Kamechiyo Uyehara
Fumio Fujiwara
Takayuki Nakamura
Kayoko Miyamoto
Toshiko Yamanaka
Yaeko Ogata Sugai</p> <p>20 Sukeo Matsuno
The Matsuno Family
Hatsue Tsuda
The Tsuda Family
Kamei Akamine
Koan Takara
Haruyo Iwamoto
Benzo Takahashi</p> <p>21 Fuji Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family
Shigeo Fujikami
The Fujikami Family</p> <p>22 Tsunekichi Tamanaha
The Tamanaha Family
Masuo Tomita
Alan Haruo Nakagawa
Howard Seishi Kobayashi</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>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>25 Keiichi Mineishi
The Mineishi Family
Kazuo Shidaki
The Shidaki Family
Yoshio Nishimura
Shinsuke Uchiuni
Minoru Yamane
Yonosuke Ikuta
The Takasawa Family
Jiroichi Otani
Kazuma Ogata</p> <p>26 Senkichi Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Fukuji Muranaka
Rikio Kunihisa
Mitsuki Kimoto
Toshiko Higa
Edward Toshimasa Fujikami</p> <p>27 Kichi Hisamura
Torakichi Miyao
Takashi Saiki
Gladys Tomi Uemoto</p> <p>28 Iro Yamane
Misao Yasuda
Shuso Gushikuma
Shurei Gushikuma
Kamaru Gushikuma
Kama Gushikuma
The Kusaki Family
Clarence Yukio Mitsuyasu</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</p> <p>30 Tamezo Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Heikichi Ichida
The Ichida Family
Setsu Yamamoto
Mackay Umeichi
Yanagisawa
Tsunejiro Iwamoto
Yoshiko Moritsugu</p> <p>31 Hideo Kuniyuki
Ichiro Obara
Tahei Harada</p> |
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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.

Tsutae Tanimura 102
Faye Asako Moritsugu 54

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

May 2020

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	Live Stream SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY 2020					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Go to website “jodo.us” for link to Sunday Service					
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Jodo Shu Calendar for May 2020: When you feel all is without hope, a loud shout restores physical vigor

Coming Events: Events may change due to COVID-19
 June 5-7 State YBA Convention in Hilo
 July 5: General Cleanup & O-Toba Set up in Social hall
 July 17 & 18: O-Bon Services; 10:00 am Hatsubon only
 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
 July 19: Final O-Bon Service: 10:00 am
 Aug 21-22: Jodo Mission Bon Dance

ALL ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS IN MAY CANCELLED
FUJINKAI YBA: Possibly No lei making for Punchbowl SUNDAY SCHOOL SEWING CIRCLE

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.*