



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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BELATED MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

*It is pleasant to be a loving child toward your mother.
It is pleasant to be a loving child toward your father.
It is pleasant to show proper respect to the recluse.
It is pleasant to behave respectfully to holy beings.*
– The Dhammapada

Happy Mother's Day! Let us honor our mothers, albeit late, at our belated Mother's Day Service.

Date: **Sunday, May 21, 2023**

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

MC: Ed Sera

Message: Rev. Gensho Hara

Those who wish to share your thoughts at the service, please bring us your special story about your mother or message of appreciation.

MAY KYODAN BOARD MEETING

Our Kyodan meeting will be held after our belated Mother's Day Service and luncheon on **Sunday, May 21, 2023** at our pavilion. The agenda will include reports and the main topic of our O-bon planning.

CARP STREAMER DISPLAY

Praying for the health and happiness of children, traditional Japanese *koinobori* (carp streamers) will be displayed on our Temple grounds during the month of May. *Koi* or carp is believed to be a spirited fish, which represents strength and vigor in overcoming great difficulty.

18TH GRAND HEAD TEMPLE ZOJOJI'S 24-HOUR WORLDWIDE NENBUTSU

The 18th Grand Head Temple Zojoji's 24-Hour Worldwide Nenbutsu Session will be held on May 26 to 27, 2023. Our Mission will join online on **Friday, May 26 from 6–7 p.m.** Please come by 5:45 p.m. for the live broadcast.

Let us join with our worldwide Nenbutsu sangha on this auspicious occasion!

MALA CEMETERY CLEANUP

The annual Mala Cemetery cleanup sponsored by the West Maui Buddhist Council will take place on **Friday, May 19 from 7:00 a.m.** Please come over to *kokua*! Those who can help, please bring a hoe, rake, or grass cutter and *kokua* for this community project.

2023 O-BON FESTIVAL

This year will be the first year since the pandemic in which we will hold our O-Bon festival that is open to the public. We are planning to observe our usual O-Bon service, *toba eko* (individual prayer offerings), floating lanterns ceremony, Maui Taiko drum offering, Bon Dance, and a food sale on **Saturday, July 1**. We will be rethinking and revising our food sales but will need all of your help and cooperation to revive our celebration so please let Rev. Hara or our O-bon committee chairs Ed Sera and Lanny Daise know if you have any ideas and/or can volunteer.

TOBA AND TORO ORDER FORMS

The *toba* (wooden prayer tablets) and *toro* (lantern) order forms will be sent out with next month's bulletin and be available at the temple. The deadline for the orders will be June 20.

SPRING WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Acupuncturist Kayo Malik and Reiki practitioner Cristina DeLeon will hold a Spring Wellness Workshop in the pavilion at our temple on **Sunday, May 7 from 2–3:30 p.m.**

Spring is the season when our Yang energy rises spontaneously from its depths, marking the return of Life Force. In Chinese medicine, this season is associated with the Wood element and the liver. Explore nutrition & lifestyle to support the liver and receive a mini acupuncture treatment to tonify your Wood element.

RSVP at lahainajodomission@gmail.com.

DHARMA LIGHT RELAY SERVICE
In commemoration of the 850th Anniversary of
the Founding of Jodo Shu

Jodo Shu will celebrate the 850th Anniversary of its founding in 2024. As part of this commemoration, Bishop Ishikawa and the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions invites all members and friends to participate in the Dharma Light Relay Ceremony of Nenbutsu on **Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 11:00 am at Jodo Mission of Hawaii (Betsuin)** in Honolulu. This Dharma Light Relay will start at Seiryuji Temple in Japan, where our founder Honen Shonin first encountered the verse: “All will be saved by calling Amida Buddha’s sacred name, *Namu Amida Butsu*” in the *Commentary on the Visualization Sutra* by the Chinese Pure Land Master Shandao. Honen Shonin then realized that Nenbutsu was the ultimate way for universal salvation. After this, he descended to the capital of Kyoto and stayed at Yoshimizu (today, Chionin temple) where he dedicated himself to the spread of Nenbutsu teachings. Thus Nenbutsu was transmitted from person to person, from generation to generation. We call this transmission of Nenbutsu, the transmission of the “Dharma Light.” Reflecting on Honen Shonin’s footsteps of the initial transmission of “Dharma Light” from Seiryuji Temple, young Jodo Shu ministers will carry the light by candle on foot from Seiryuji temple to Chionin where various representatives will get together to receive and pass this light to many more temples and members. Bishop Ishikawa will attend this service in Japan in order to transmit this Dharma Light to Jodo Mission temples in Hawaii.

Ministers from the neighbor islands will then gather at the Betsuin for this special Dharma Light Relay ceremony to receive and pass on the light throughout the state. Candle with Dharma Light of Nenbutsu will be passed out to all the participants at the service.

Light refreshments will be served after the service. A special koto concert will also be held after the refreshments at 1:00 pm.

Reiwa-Edition Registry of Nenbutsu Devotees

As part of the 850th Anniversary Celebration, Bishop Ishikawa encourages as many people as possible to establish a karmic connection with

Amida Buddha by participating in the Reiwa-Edition Registry of Nenbutsu Devotees. On the one-year memorial service for Honen Shonin, his foremost disciple Genchi Shonin expressed his devotion to his master by having a standing statue of Amida Buddha carved in his memory. Inside the image was discovered sheets of paper in which as many as 46,000 names of devotees, who were karmically connected to the statue, were written. This registry attests that many people who wished to be born in the Pure Land of the Western Paradise, created a strong bond with Honen Shonin’s teachings and recited Nenbutsu with deep appreciation.

Now almost 850 years after Honen Shonin founded the Pure Land Sect, *Jodo Shu*, let us recite the Nenbutsu and write down “Namu Amida Butsu” for the Reiwa-Edition Registry. Your Nenbutsu offerings will be compiled in the registry and dedicated in front of the Statue of Amida Buddha created by Genchi Shonin.

Registry sheets will be available at the Dharma Light Relay service. We hope you will take this opportunity to make a strong karmic connection with the Nenbutsu.

MAY CALENDAR

- May 3 (Wed.) – Wailuku Hale Makua service
- May 6 (Sat.) – Celebration of Life (Tsuda family)
- May 7 (Sun.) – Board Meeting
- May 7 (Sun.) – Spring Wellness Workshop, 2p
- May 11 (Thurs.) – Farmers’ Market, 4–7p
- May 13 (Sat.) – Wrestling Club Fundraiser (Park)
- May 20 (Sat.) – Dharma Light Ceremony, Betsuin in Honolulu
- May 21 (Sun.) – Mother’s Day service, 9:30 am
Kyodan Board Meeting, noon
- May 25 (Thurs.) – Farmers’ Market, 4–7p
- May 26 (Fri.) – Zojoji Worldwide Nenbutsu, 6p
- May 26 (Fri.) – Kari Alexander (Park)
- May 27 (Sat.) – Shawn Chang (Park)
- May 28 (Sun.) – John Coston (Park)

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

- Tues. (8:30a) Taichi with Juliet
 - Mon/Wed/Fri. (7:30 am) Yoga with Ray
 - Mon. (4:20 am) Marijuana Anonymous
 - Fri. Kyudo (Japanese archery) practice
 - Thurs. 12p, Rotary Club meeting
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