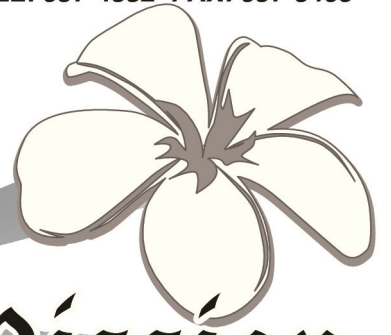
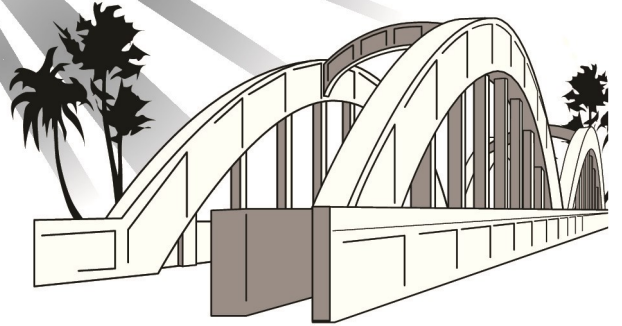
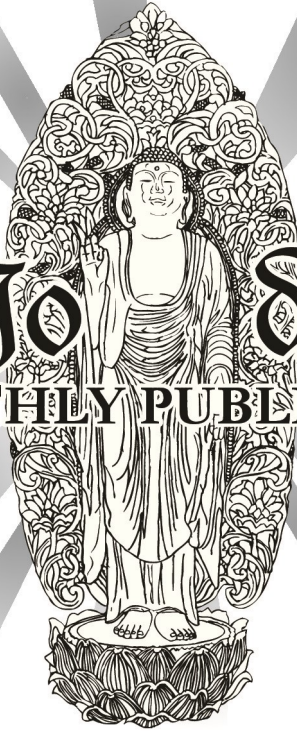


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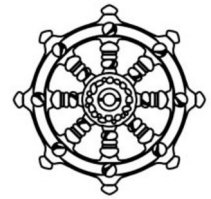
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WAIALUA-HALEIWA BUDDHIST ASSOCIATION CEMETERY SERVICES

8:00 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

START AT KEMOO CEMETERY

IN-PERSON BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2023

BON DANCE PRACTICE

7:00 PM

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 2023

BON DANCE PRACTICE

Bon Dance practices will be held on June 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 7:00 pm. We added two new songs for this year: Fuyumi no Soran Bushi and Reiwa Ondo. Bon dance lovers, please join us!

TANAGYO HOUSE VISITS

Rev. Ezaki will start the *tanagyo* house visits in June. He will send you a reminder showing the date and time. Please contact Rev. Ezaki at 637-4382 if you would like to newly request or reschedule the *tanagyo* house visits.

FIRST SUNDAY OF JUNE

There will not be a Service on the first Sunday in June. We will have our annual Cemetery Services at Kemoo, Puuiki, and Kawaihoa Cemeteries on the first Sunday of June and will have our General Clean-up on the first Sunday of July. Because of both events, we will not have Family Service until August.

PET MEMORIAL

Haleiwa Jodo Mission prays for your beloved pets who were one of your family members. You can choose a shelf urn burial or a communal burial with

different types of nameplates, depending on your donation amount. Even though you keep the ashes of your pets in your home, bury them in your family grave or niches, or scatter them in your yard, you can order a nameplate of your pets for our Pet Memorial.

PATIO AND HALL RESERVATIONS IN SUMMER

Many Sundays and Saturdays are already booked during the summer break. But there are still some days available for your party! Please call Rev. Ezaki to make reservations to use the patio and/or the hall. Only dues-paying members will be able to use these temple facilities. Please enjoy your memorable gathering with your family and friends at the Haleiwa Jodo Mission.

PET MEMORIAL

Available to Members and Non-Members



With Love, We Remember

SERMON FOR FAMILY SERVICE

ON MAY 7, 2023

Rev. Koji Jeff Ezaki

Minister of the Haleiwa Jodo Mission

Let's read the sacred passage and think of Buddha's teaching. Today's passage is quoted from the book, "The Teaching of Buddha."

To those who choose the path that leads to Enlightenment, there are two extremes that should be carefully avoided. First, there is the extreme of indulgence in the desires of the body. Second, there is the opposite extreme of ascetic discipline, torturing one's body and mind unreasonably.

The Noble Path, that transcends these two extremes and leads to Enlightenment and wisdom and peace of mind, may be called the Middle Way. What is the Middle Way? It consists of the Eightfold Noble Path.

The important thing in following the path to Enlightenment is to avoid being caught and entangled in any extreme, that is, to always follow the Middle Way.

We love traveling. Before COVID, many people from Hawaii visited Las Vegas. When restrictions were lifted, people started traveling around the world again. My family will go to Japan at the end of this month. When we travel, we plan ahead of time: destination, meals, what to buy, and so on. Planning is one of the enjoyments of traveling. No person buys an airplane ticket without deciding his final destination. If you want to go to Vegas, you buy the right airline ticket and catch the right airplane. If you buy a Japan Airline's ticket and sit down in the Maui-bound airplane, you will never reach Las Vegas. How about our life? Do you plan your entire life in detail? What is your life's goal? Many people never think about the final destination of their lives.

Once I listened to the speech of a financial adviser. She was a motivational speaker. She insisted that we must plan our life as short-term, middle-term, and long-term. We must save or invest money for our life plans. Her speech concluded with "What is your goal?" When I listened to her speech, I thought I could apply it to Buddha's teaching. Our goal is to obtain a state of Buddha, enlightenment. Kindness, consideration, warm welcome, honesty, and diligence are parts of enlightenment. In order to carry these good qualities, we practice Buddha's teaching every day. The teaching of Buddha shows us the way to reach our goal.

Shakyamuni Buddha prohibited living an extreme life and encouraged us to live the Middle Way. He said that extremes in life destroy our lives. A couple of examples that are incorporated into our daily lives are eating habits and financial situations.

Eating a mix of vegetables, meats, and fish is well-balanced. This is the Middle Way. If you eat a well-balanced variety of foods or in moderation, you can keep your body healthy. We tend to eat to the extreme and eat harmful foods, like fatty foods, junk food, and sugary sweets daily. This can develop into problems in our bodies. Tasty foods are often bad for our health. We are not supposed to eat a lot. We know that, but we cannot resist. I can say the same thing about financial decisions. Credit card debt is one of the major results of desire. You want this, want that, have no patience, and spend money without thinking about payments. The next month, you pay only the minimum, and the bills eventually snowball. The reason why many people face these kinds of problems is they cannot control their desires as they walk the extreme way. Our desires are very strong. We are tempted by them. In order to reach your goal, you must defeat desires. Try to eat well-balanced foods in every meal. This is a short-term investment in your body. Continue this practice and invest in your health and reach your goal. Investments in IRA or mutual funds are the same. A small contribution every month or yearly will increase your retirement fund. A long-term goal is achieved by an accumulation of short-term goals. If you cannot achieve short-term goals, you cannot reach your long-term goals. That means we must live our lives moderately every moment.

When you travel, you take different vehicles, depending on where you go. If you go to the supermarket, you drive your car. If you go to Japan, you will take an airplane. If you want to enjoy cruising, you will choose a ship. You select the right vehicles for your trip. Our daily life is the same. Shakyamuni Buddha showed us different practices to reach our short-term goals in the Eightfold Path. When we are almost defeated by desire and are going the extreme way, we should remember the Eightfold Path and return to the right way. If you become stubborn, remember the Right Understanding. If you become lazy, remember the Right Behavior. If you complain, remember the Right Speech, and so on. Follow his teaching every moment to achieve your short-term goal. Receive small enlightenment each moment, then, eventually, we obtain the perfect state of enlightenment. Like, "Rome was not built in a day," our enlightenment does not appear in a day. Keep today's passage in your mind, practice it, and reach your long-term goal, the state of enlightenment.

JODO SHU JAPAN TRIP IN OCTOBER

The deadline for the Jodo Shu Japan tour is extended until the end of May. If you want to visit Japan with Rev. Ezaki, please ask him detail information at 808-637-4382.

2023 OBON PROJECT

The Board of Haleiwa Jodo Mission Buddhist Temple has decided to have an in-person bon service, bon dance, and toro nagashi on July 21 and 22, 2023. This will be our first in-person Bon Festival since 2019. Because we haven't had this kind of large festival for three years, we need a lot of energy to restart the project. Without your help, we cannot achieve the project. The board heartily asks for your help to succeed. Please help us.

General clean-up and Toro shelves building	July 2 at 9:00 am
Toro Making & Yagura set-up	July 9 at 9:00 am
Tenting & preparing food	July 13 at 4:00 pm
Beach clean-up	July 23 at 6:00 am
Yagura take-down	July 30 at 9:00 am

KOINOBORI CELEBRATION

Haleiwa Jodo Mission displayed 120 koinobori or carp streamers on the temple grounds for Boy's Day from May 3 to 7, 2023. This project, called "Koinobori Celebration," was proposed state-wide by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa. The budget was approved by the Jodo Shu Headquarters and Bishop Ishikawa ordered them from Amazon to distribute to Jodo Mission temples in Hawaii.

Jodo Mission of Hawaii displayed 700 koinobori in their yard and Hilo, Kahului, Lahaina, Kapaa, and many more temples displayed hundreds of koinobori during this time. Rev. Ezaki created a short movie clip of the "Koinobori Celebration" and posted it to his YouTube channel. Please find the video and watch it.



MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MONTH OF JUNE

7th YEAR MATSUKAWA, SACHIE
 JUNE 26, 2017
25th YEAR TANAKA, YUKUYO
 JUNE 28, 1999

DHARMA LIGHT RELAY

A Dharma Light Relay Ceremony was held on May 20, 2023, at Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Rev. Ezaki and his family participated in this service.

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa received the Dharma Light from Seiryoji Temple in Kyoto during the Dharma Light Relay Service. At the Dharma Light Relay Ceremony at the Jodo Mission of Hawaii, all the Jodo Shu reverends in Hawaii received the light to take back to their own temples.



Dharma Light Ceremony at the Jodo Mission of Hawaii.

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Raymond Yoshimura (new member)

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Myra Shiratori (In memory of Tsugie Shiratori)
George Masatsugu (In memory of Charles Masatsugu)
Otsuka/Keao Family (In memory of Thomas Otsuka)
Motoko Matsuura (In memory of Hiroshi Matsuura)
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