



# Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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## NIRVANA DAY SERVICE (NEHAN-E)



*My disciples, my last moment has come, but do not forget that death is only the end of the physical body. The body was born from parents and was nourished by food; just as inevitable are sickness and death. The true Buddha is not a human body; it is Enlightenment. A human body must die, but the Wisdom of Enlightenment will exist forever in the truth of the Dharma (Buddha's Teachings), and in the practice of the Dharma. Those who sees merely my body does not truly see me. Only those who accepts my teaching truly sees me. After my death, the Dharma shall be your teacher. Follow the Dharma and you will be true to me.*

Date: **Sunday, February 19, 2023**  
 Time: **9:30 a.m.**  
 MC: Larry Daise  
 Message: Rev. Gensho Hara

Honoring Shakyamuni Buddha's Great Passing (Nirvana; Nehan in Japanese), let us join together!

## FEBRUARY KYODAN BOARD MEETING

Our Kyodan meeting will be held after our Nirvana Day Service on **Sunday, February 19, 2023 at 12 noon** at our pavilion. Various reports, project planning, and other matters will be discussed.

## JODO SHU PILGRIMAGE TOUR

In commemoration of the 850th Anniversary Celebration since the founding of Jodo Shu in 1175, the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions is organizing a pilgrimage tour to Kyoto from October 5 to 6, 2023. The highlight of this trip is to participate in the commemorative service, sponsored by Jodo Shu, at the grand head temple Chion-in, which completed its renovation in 2020. Also, half-day conference and fellowship gathering with our former Hawaii ministers and members of Jodo Shu from other overseas districts are being planned. Those interested in staying longer, may also stay up to October 23.

Anyone interested in this 2023 Hawaii Jodo Shu Pilgrimage Tour to Kyoto, please contact Rev. Hara as space is limited.

## THE 850TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF JODO SHU

In 2024, Jodo Shu celebrates 850 years since Honen Shonin (1133 –1212) founded our sect. Honen Shonin realized the way of Nenbutsu was the ultimate path for universal salvation after discovering the verse from the *Commentary on the Visualization Sutra* by the Chinese Pure Land Master Shandao, "All will be saved by calling Amida Buddha's sacred Name, Namu Amida Butsu." This happened in 1175 when Honen Shonin was forty-three years of age.

Since this spiritual encounter, Honen Shonin began disseminating the teachings of Nenbutsu at Yoshimizu in Kyoto, where the grand head temple Chion-in currently stands. Our founder's teachings have been passed for almost 850 years from generations to generations, and even now and into the future, we can continue to walk on the path of Nenbutsu, which would lead us all to the Pure Land.

Every fifty years, Jodo Shu has a major celebration for this commemoration and various projects are being planned for the approximately 7,000 Jodo Shu temples. The projects observed in

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the year before the anniversary is called “Omachi-uke” (meaning “awaiting and preparing”). For this reason, several pre-events are planned in 2023, including the commemorative service at Chion-in in October – the very reason for our Pilgrimage tour to Kyoto.

### **WAILUKU JODO MISSION SHINZENKAI**

Wailuku Jodo Mission will hold their New Year’s party on Saturday, February 11 at 10 a.m. Those who wish to attend, please call Rev. Hara.

### **MEDITATION & TEA**

So much more than just a beverage, tea can be used medicinally and as a vehicle for self-cultivation. The relationship between tea and meditation is rich and goes back thousands of years. Experience this simple yet transformative practice with Dr. Stephanie Dent, DNP of Ola Loa Family Practice for a meditative sitting with tea on Thurs., Feb. 16 from 5:30-6:30 pm. Please RSVP with Dr. Stephanie Dent at 808-281-0255.

### **LJM FARMERS MARKET**

Our Farmers Market will continue to be held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday. The market’s purpose is to highlight food security and to support our local economy. Our markets will be on **Thurs., Feb. 9 and 23 from 4-7p.**

### **FEBRUARY CALENDAR**

Feb. 9 (Thurs.) – Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m.  
Feb. 11 – George Kawabata Memorial Service  
Feb. 12 – Ministerial seminar online  
Feb. 16 (Thurs.) – Meditation & Tea, 5:30 p.m.  
Feb. 17 – Takeo Miyazaki Memorial Service  
Feb. 19 (Sun.) – Nirvana Service, 9:30 a.m.  
Kyodan Board Meeting  
Feb. 23 (Thurs.) – Farmers Market, 4-7 p.m.

### **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES**

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

### **ALOHA DINNER FOR TOMO-SAN**

Our good friend and supporter Tomo-san will return to Japan soon, so we will hold a dinner for him on Fri., February 10 from 5:30p at the pavilion. RSVP with Rev. Hara by Feb. 9 for a head count.

### **LION DANCE AT LAHAINA JODO MISSION**

By Vashti Daise

The week-long rains paused for Au’s Shaolin Arts Society from Honolulu to perform their lion dance on the grounds of the Lahaina Jodo Mission on Sunday, January 29, celebrating the Chinese New Year. Where just 24 hours earlier the temple grounds had resembled a large pond, everything was back to normal. Church and community members gathered to enjoy the group’s five beautiful lions and percussion group. The lions accepted offerings of bright red envelopes in playful and delightful ways... at times posing for photos, winking, wagging their short fuzzy tails, and even “chewing” on people’s legs. They brought smiles and laughter as they pranced all around the temple grounds. The little yellow lion was manned by two very small, enthusiastic children who gave their all, winning hearts all around. In a very special gesture, the lions made their way to the statue of the Buddha, the Pagoda, and the Temple, bowing and showing respect to each in turn. Any time and any place you are able to attend a lion dance you are sure to enjoy the special event, but there’s no doubt that the lion dance performed on the uniquely beautiful Jodo Mission temple grounds was exceptional!

