



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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CELEBRATING THE 850th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF JODO SHU AND THE 130th ANNIVERSARY OF HAWAII JODO SHU



念仏の声高らかに 浄土宗開宗 850 年 ハワイ開教 130 周年念法要 つとめられる

With deep gratitude to our Great Master, Honen Shonin, and to countless Pure Land masters, teachers, and members, we celebrated the 850th Anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shu and the 130th Anniversary of Hawaii Jodo Shu. The commemorative services, officiated by Archbishop Kokyo Kawanaka, Secretary General of Jodo Shu, with assistance by nearly 40 ministers, was held on October 20 at the Honolulu Betsuin. Embraced by Amida Buddha's unconditional love, we recited *Namu Amida Butsu* together with deep appreciation.

From our temple, Juliet DiGiovanni, Rev. Gensho & Setsuko Hara, Maya Hara, Yayoi Hara, Machiko Nagao, Ryan Nishimura, Ken Tasaka, Valentina Watson, Masako & Nobuyuki Yoshida attended this auspicious event. Our friends Mike, Amon and Jaiya Hagopian, John Signor, Joel Moffett, and Dr. Ryuei Sato also joined.

Special Thanks and Honorable Mentions:

Mrs. Machiko Nagao represented Lahaina in the offering of incense, Maya Hara served as M.C., and Masako and Nobu performed *Inochi no Riyu* (Reason of Life) and *Mokugyo no Uta* (A Hymn of the Fish Drum) and led the congregation in singing *Hawaii Aloha*.

Mrs. Ken Tasaka and Rev. & Mrs. Hara received *Keiro* Certificates of Appreciation. Rev. & Mrs. Hara were also recognized for their long-standing service in Hawaii.

On October 21, Bishop Ishikawa, Kyoku President Leonard Chow, and ministers and guests from Japan and Brazil visited Maui's three temples. A prayer service was held in Lahaina, in front of our Daibutsu. A welcome luncheon was held at Star Noodle, where State Rep. Elle Cochran delivered a heartwarming message expressing hope for the restoration of our town and temple, followed by a message of appreciation and encouragement from Archbishop Kyoko Kawanaka.

Special thanks to Ed Sera, Lanny Daise, Machiko Nagao, Ryan Nishimura, Nobu, Masako, Brian & Maya, and Yayoi Hara for their assistance. We also extend gratitude to Leon Matsui for capturing photos and to Maki and Abiy for filming the Lahaina service. Mahalo to Rev. John Hara and members of Kahului and Wailuku Jodo Mission for their assistance with logistics, *omiyage* bags and co-hosting the group at their temple. Special thanks to Ryan Hedani, Kelvin Sato, and Brian Kozumplik for driving the vans for our guests.

REFLECTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS

Filled with Gratitude by Ken Tasaka

I am filled with gratitude for being able to participate in the important observance celebrating the 850th anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shu and the 130th anniversary of the Jodo Shu in Hawaii, thanks to the people of Lahaina. On that memorable day of the ceremony, I felt deeply grateful for the celebration of respect for the elderly and receiving the Keiro Award by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa of the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions. I sincerely thank all those who have supported me until now. As I was unfamiliar with the Honolulu Betsuin, I felt quite nervous that day, but the warm smiles of those around me helped me regain my composure, which truly made me happy.

I have spent 63 years in Hawaii, cherishing the connections I have made. I strive daily to not be a burden on the younger generation, encouraging myself and valuing interactions with those around me. I want to cherish this day of celebrating respect for the elderly and focus on what I can do now, hoping to live this life meaningfully and happily. Thank you very much. Gassho.

Attending the Commemorative Celebration by Machiko Nagao

On October 20, I had the honor of attending commemoration service at Hawaii Jodo Mission in Honolulu, together with other members from Lahaina. The day began with the *kikyoshiki* ordination ceremony, which was a solemn and grand event, unlike any I had experienced before. It filled my heart with a profound sense of gratitude and reverence. Following that, we participated in the commemorative service including a ceremony celebrating the elderly members. The chanting during the service was truly remarkable, something I had never heard before. I felt deeply moved as we collectively chanted the Nenbutsu together.

From Japan, we were honored to have many distinguished ministers, including the Bishops Kawanaka, Motegi, Sugiyama, Miyabayashi, Kobayashi, Tanaka, and Tsuchiya, and many distinguish ministers. From Hawaii, we were joined by Bishop Ishikawa and Jodo Shu ministers from across the islands, as well as bishops from various Buddhist denominations in Hawaii. The heartfelt

resonance of their chanting left a profound impression on me.

Congratulations to our beloved Rev. Gensho Hara on his sixty-one years of service at Lahaina Jodo Mission. We sincerely wish for his continued good health and guidance in the future.

With Gassho, Namu Amida Butsu.

I Am Grateful by Juliet DiGiovanni

I am grateful to have been part of the group representing Lahaina Jodo Mission in Honolulu at the Anniversary Celebration of 850 years and of 130 years! I am also grateful to be included and welcomed as part of the Lahaina Jodo Mission. I appreciate getting to know better, you and all the Maui members who attended.

The Jodo Mission of Hawaii's anniversary and affirmation ceremony service was wonderful with solemn rituals and all the Bishops, Priests, clergy in their beautiful attire, the magnificent temple, and all the members in attendance made it a moving, meaningful, memorable and auspicious event. It was especially touching with our Kahului and Wailuku friends being representatives participating in the purification ritual. I was also grateful that Rev. and Mrs. Hara were celebrated and recognized for their over 61 years of service to the Lahaina Jodo Mission! I enjoyed the delicious lunch and meaningful entertainment by members and friends. I still feel a sense of being connected and nurtured by Amida Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha on that Anniversary day! Thank you!

Praying for the Winds of Hope by Nobuyuki Yoshida

For many years, I've been cleaning the restrooms at Lahaina Jodo Mission. Sometimes, after events in the pavilion, I would do cleanup, I felt as though I had also cleansed my heart after seeing the toilets spotless. The temple, with its beautiful sunsets and the Great Buddha watching over us, holds a special place in my heart. With hopes for the future of our temple, I challenge myself to perform in Honolulu.

Singing with Hope by Masako

Thanks to Rev. Hara, I was honored to perform *Mokugyo no Uta* (Song of the Fish Drum), a song he wrote, and *Inochi no Riyu* (The Reason for Life) by Sada Masashi, at the Honolulu temple. Though I was anxious, singing is the only way I can feel close

to Rev. Hara. The more I sang, the more his feelings were conveyed to me. I sang with all my heart, hoping to express those feelings to everyone there. The next day, when the dignitaries visited Lahaina Jodo Mission and spoke on recovery, tears filled my eyes. I felt our prayers had finally been heard.

感謝の気持ちで一杯

田坂ケン

浄土宗開宗 850 年、ハワイ浄土宗開教 130 年の大切な行事にラハイナの皆さんに連れられて、参加させて頂き感謝の気持ちでいっぱいです。その記念すべき式典の日、敬老のお祝いを頂き有り難く感謝申し上げます。今まで私を支えてくださった多くの方々に心より御礼を申し上げます。慣れないホノルル別院でのお参りなので、当日は大変緊張しておりしておりましたが、周りの人々の温かい笑顔で自分を取り戻すことが出来たことを、本当に嬉しく思っております。

私はご縁を得てハワイに参り 63 年の月日を過してまいりました。これからの人生、若い世代の人たちに迷惑をかけないようにと、自分を励まし、周りの人々との交流を大切に日々を過ごしてまいりたいと思います。

敬老を祝って頂きました今日の日を大切に、今の自分にできることを大切にしてこの人生を阿弥陀さまに護られて、送って参りたいと願っております。ありがとうございました。合掌🙏

浄土宗開宗 850 年、ハワイ開教 130 周年 記念法要にお参りして

長尾マチコ

去る 10 月 20 日ラハイナのメンバー皆さんと共に、ホノルルのハワイ浄土宗別院にお参りさせて頂きました。当日はまず帰敬式から始まり、今までにない荘厳な、厳粛な式典で、尊く有り難く、心より敬虔な気持ちにさせられました。

引き続き、記念法要、敬老者メンバーのお祝いの式典と、お参りの読経も、今まで耳にしたこともない、素晴らしいお参り、皆様とお念仏を共に唱えさせて頂き、有り難く、たいへん感動致しました。

日本から、川中宗務総長先生、茂木先生、杉山先生、宮林先生、小林先生、田中先生、土屋先生はじめ、立派な多くの先生方、ハワイ州からは、石川総監先生始めハワイ全島の先生方、またハワイ佛教界の各宗のビショップ方、約 40 名にも及ぶ

先生方の心に染みる読経の響きにも、大変心に残るお参りをさせて頂きありがとうございました。

私たちの原源照先生におかれましては、61 年の開教の歩み、誠におめでとうございます。これからも、益々、ご健在で私達をお導き下さいませ。

南無阿弥陀仏 合掌🙏

希望の風が吹くことを祈り

吉田信行

長い間 Lahaina の御寺のトイレ掃除をしていました。時にはパビリオンなどで催し物があった時などは目を疑う様な汚さでしたが、掃除を終え綺麗になったトイレを見ると、自分の心の汚れも綺麗になった気持ちになりました。

私が愛してやまない、夕陽の美しい、今も大仏様がしっかりと見守って居てくれる Lahaina の御寺に希望の風が吹く事を祈り、今回の Honolulu で の演奏に挑みました。

願い込めて歌う

政子

原先生の計らいで、この度、原先生の作られた(木魚の唄)とサダマサシさんの(命の理由)を Honolulu の別院で歌うと言う大役を引き受けました。不安でしたが、私には歌う事でしか原先生のお側に居る事ができません。

歌えば歌うほど原先生のお気持ちが伝わりました。この気持ちをどうにかお偉い先生方や皆さんに伝えようと必死で歌いました。

次の日、先生方が Lahaina の御寺を視察され“復興を考えましょう”と言われ時、私達の願いが伝わった!と涙が出ました。



UPCOMING SERVICES

Lahaina members are encouraged to attend services at the Wailuku and Kahului Jodo Missions:

- November 3 at 8:30 AM at Kahului Jodo
- November 10 at 8:30 AM at Wailuku Jodo
- November 17 at 8:30 AM at Kahului Jodo

NON-PROFIT 101 WORKSHOP **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10**

Colleen Megowan-Romanowicz, prof. emeritus and founder of the American Modeling Teachers Association, will be offering a workshop on nonprofit organization and strategic planning at Wailuku Jodo Mission on **Sunday, November 10, from 10:15 a.m.** Please join us to learn more about nonprofits and discuss our mission and vision statements.

WORLDWIDE NENBUTSU

The 18th Worldwide Nenbutsu Session, hosted on zoom by the Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions, will take place on **Saturday, November 30, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM**. Lahaina members can join in person at Wailuku Jodo Mission. Please attend to recite Namu Amida Butsu with Dharma friends around the world.

DEBRIS REMOVAL STARTED ON **NOVEMBER 2**

US Army Corp of Engineers and debris removal contractor Hui Huliau have begun the debris removal process at the temple's property on November 2nd. The temple, pagoda, social hall, minister's residence, 8 rental units and storage units are all slated to be completely removed. Buddha and bell tower base are not being removed. We are expecting the property to be cleared by the end of the month and will have a thorough update in next month bulletin.

The urns in the pagoda are secure in one of the containers on the temple property, we will establish a timeline for cleaning the urns and working to identify your family urns after the debris removal process is completed. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Please let us know if you have a change of address. If we are missing sending bulletin to any of your family members that are interested please inform us of your address, email or phone number please email lahainajodominion@gmail.com or call Rev. Hara at 661-4304. As we rebuild we need our members and their families to stay informed.

RESOURCES FOR LAHAINA MEMBERS

For those directly effected by the fire, please get yourself on the disaster case management (DCM) list by calling 211. Although it may take a long-time to get assigned a case manager, this program is the gateway for other resources.

Homeowners- if you haven't yet gone to speak to Hawaii Community Lending, they have been working to find resources and funding for owner occupied homeowners. Currently there is funding available for property survey, they are even reimbursing property owners if they already did a survey.

County has released the draft of the Long-Term Recovery Plan (available for viewing on www.mauirecovers.org website) feedback is open till November 15th. Final plan will be open to the public in December. This plan proposes 40 projects that lay the ground work for Lahaina's recovery.

Sign-up for email or text updates via www.mauirecover.org

OKAGESAMA DE- HAWAII NIKKEI **WOMEN'S TRAJECTORY FILM** **SCREENING**

Screening the film "*Okagesama de- Hawaii Nikkei Women's Trajectory*" with director Hiroyuki Matsumoto on **Tuesday, November 12 at Wailuku Jodo Mission** social hall. Doors open at 4:30 PM, screening will start at 5:30 PM. Admission is free, donation is encouraged.
