

# Bon Dance 盆おどり

August 17, Saturday: 5:00pm-9:30pm

[Facial Masks Are Optional]



4:15pm

Jizo Bon prayer to be held in front of Jizo statue

4:30pm

Taiko performance by Dragon Beat  
to begin our Bon Dance



**Please come, bring your family and friends with their kimonos, happi coats and dance around the yagura and enjoy the many food items:**

Maki sushi, garlic chicken bento; spam musubi, curry bowl, hamburger; chili bowl, hot dog, saimin, yaki mochi, Andagi (Okinawan donuts), juice, soda, shave ice, water, etc.

**Food booths will open at 4:30 pm**

**Children's games will be back** –may be something different!

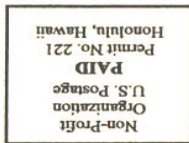
**Parking Limited:** Parking available on Jodo Mission property until **4:00 pm**. After 4 pm, no cars can enter or leave until the end of Bon Dance at 9:30 pm; A handicap turnaround will be provided at entrance. Other limited parking available at Hawaii Mission Academy Ka Lama Iki School, Shriners Hospital for Children, and **after 5pm** Central Union Church only at Punahou Street side paved parking lot only—**not on grass.**

[More Bon Dance info on pg. 4]

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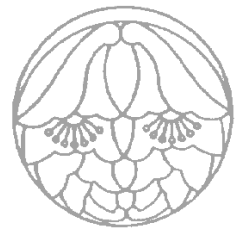
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JODO MISSION OF HAWAII  
BULLETIN - AUGUST 2024



# Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission of Hawaii,



First of all, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your warm support financially, physically, materially, and spiritually. I would like to especially give a huge MAHALO to those who volunteered during our 2024 Obon services.

In Japanese, there is a phrase “Okage-sama.” “Okage-sama” is usually translated as “Because of you, I am what I am today.” Or “Thanks to you, we are what we are today”. However, the original meaning of “Okage-sama” is “shadow.” We can easily notice light but hardly notice its shadow. However, a shadow is never born without light. The fact there is light means there is shadow, too. The Buddha taught us the significance of our interdependence and we should see the reality of ourselves as the totality of countless forces of life. For example, Hawaii has many beautiful flowers which give us a comfortable feeling. A simple flower sometimes makes us happy. It sometimes relieves us from our very hectic lives.

However, we usually don’t recognize a flower in its totality. We tend to see only its result of blooming and surface. But there must be roots under the ground that we don’t readily see. The roots support the tree and nourish numerous sub-roots. The roots help the tree grow and make flowers bloom. Yet, that is not all. A simple flower never blooms without sun, soil, and water. Without these elements, the flower cannot show its beauty to us.

In like manner, there exist countless invisible blessings in our daily life. It is difficult to recognize all blessings because blessings are not seen just as the stem of a flower has its roots hidden under the ground. The efforts of recognition, however, should not be forgotten. The word “Okagesama” makes us realize the importance of the shadow, the invisible blessings we have been receiving.

In this sense, I would like to be more aware of your contributions as possible. Please remember we appreciate any contribution. Your donation of time, effort, material donations, or monetary donations is very valuable to us. I truly appreciate your support because the profits of our temple also support my life and my family to live here at the Jodo Mission.

Again, Mahalo from the bottom of my heart. I humbly ask for your continued support especially for the upcoming Bon Dance.

Gossho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

## **Mahalo for your continued support to our Lahaina Jodo Mission**

It’s been almost one year since the Lahaina Fire occurred in August 8, 2023. I’d like to thank you very much for your kind and generous donations.

The current situation in Lahaina is that debris removal operations are undergoing by the US Army Corps but the foundation bases of temple buildings still remain.

There is a need to decide whether to reuse them as they are during reconstruction.

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Regarding reconstruction plans, the plan for the town of Lahaina itself is undecided, and with the global trend of rising sea levels, the coastline is receding, which may mean that buildings cannot be constructed near the traditional coastline. They are monitoring the government's policies. One difficult challenge in reconstruction is that Lahaina Jodo Mission is designated as a historic site so there are various constraints and complete permits required from government agencies even for reconstruction.

On the other hand, FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) frequently holds workshops with temple authorities to introduce resources for assistance and explain the application process for public assistance grants, and local inspections of Lahaina Jodo Mission were conducted.

Your continued support to Lahaina Jodo Mission is greatly appreciated.

### **Useful Information for Travelling Japan**

Have you had a chance to visit Japan? If not yet, I highly recommend it. Compared to the expensive prices in Hawaii, due to the favorable exchange rate, everything in Japan feels affordable, and the food is delicious across the board. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please consider it. As we had a successful pilgrimage tour last year, I'd like to start planning another tour in the future.

Now, when you go shopping in Japan, do you pay with cash or with a credit card? Of course, depending on the type of credit card, transactions are usually done at a better exchange rate than cash, so paying with a card is advantageous. However, some cards may charge a service fee during currency exchange, so it's important to understand this beforehand. Costco's Visa card, for instance, has no service charge and offers a good rate, so it is recommended. Additionally, Japanese cards like Suica or ICOCA, known as prepaid rechargeable contactless smart cards, are very convenient as they can be used not only for trains, buses, and taxis but also at convenience stores, many restaurants and vending machines. Being able to pay with credit cards and electronic money means you won't need to carry much cash, ensuring you won't face many difficulties in Japan.

Now, among those who make payments with credit cards during their stay in Japan, have you ever been asked the following question in Japan? **"Do you wish to pay in Japanese yen or in US dollars?"** This question actually came up casually during the HBC Bishops' luncheon meeting just before going to Japan. I had never been asked such a question before, and initially, I had no idea what it meant, but it wasn't until the May Business trip that I was asked the same question that I finally understood its meaning. So, what would you choose: paying in Japanese yen or US dollars?

To cut to the chase, when shopping in Japan, always specify that you want to pay in Japanese yen. Paying in Japanese yen allows your credit card to calculate the exchange rate and settle in US dollars later automatically. However, if you decide to pay in US dollars, the Japanese company will add its own exchange rate and service charge on top of what the card company offers, and you'll be billed in dollars right there. Such questions are rare, but even at Japanese hotels, companies aiming for higher profits sometimes offer customers a choice between paying in Japanese yen or US dollars when using a credit card. Just for your information.

**October 20 (Sunday) - Please save this date for the 850th Anniversary of Jodo Shu and the 130th Anniversary of Jodo Shu in Hawaii.** There will be a special Sunday Service and luncheon with entertainment. There will be ministers from Japan as well as possibly former Hawaii ministers.



## **“Sento-e” or One thousand Lights Ceremony during Bon Dance**

Like last year, we will have a “Sento-e” or One Thousand Lights Ceremony during our Bon Dance on **Saturday, August 17**. This ceremony is to light up our temple-altar with many lights from lanterns. Traditionally, lighting up candles to offer various Buddhist deities have been highly praised as a virtuous practice. All Buddhist temples without exception offer candle lights as well as incense, flowers, and foods to Buddhas and

and to our beloved ones. The candlelight represents Buddha’s wisdom to light up our ignorance and to guide us to true happiness.

Originally, this ceremony was started as “Mando-e” which literally means “Ceremony of the Ten Thousand Lights.” The oldest “Mando-e” in Japan was held in the 7th century and 2,700 candle lights were offered to the Buddha. Currently both “Sento-e” or “Mando-e” are commonly observed at various Buddhist temples and shrines throughout the year, however, many temples do this candle light ceremony either during Obon or New Year’s Eve.

Again this year, we are very grateful to have Koto performance by students of Mr. Darin Miyashiro at Hondo during Bon Dance night. During a break after Fukushima Ondo around 8 pm, we will have time for a lantern procession to offer lights to the altar. Guests will be able to enjoy our beautiful temple with th illumination of “sento-e” with beautiful Koto musi.

Hundreds of paper lanterns will be available during Bon Dance on August 17th. No reservation is necessary for this lantern with LED lights but your donation will be greatly appreciated. You may write your name and message to your beloved ones onto your lanterns.

See separate Lantern form.



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### **Additional Bon Dance Information:**

***Bon Dance Practice:*** *Bon Dance practice will be held on Tues., August 13—6:30 to 8:30 pm. Please come to brush up on your bon dance skills.*

#### **For safety of everyone:**

- No cars to enter or leave Jodo Mission property after 4 pm.
- Facial masks are optional
- Wash hands often or use sanitizer.
- Social distance is recommended.
- If you are not well, please do not attend.



**Volunteers Needed: Yagura Set up—Sunday, Aug 11, at 8:00 am—Help needed**  
**Yagura Take Down—Sunday, August 18, at 8:00 am—Help needed**

**Other volunteers needed:** Volunteers needed for food preparation (Fri, Aug 16 & Sat, Aug 17), food service, grilling, dishwashers, elevator attendants, help with sales in evening, help cooling rice for sushi & spam musubi, even guides if someone cannot find something. Information help persons, etc. It takes manpower for all these things—your help is needed. Please contact temple office and give your name and contact info and someone will get back to you. *Thank you very much.* **See separate Volunteer form.**

## AUTUMN O-Higan Chutoba Form (彼岸会中塔婆申し込み用紙)

Your Name(お名前) : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (電話) : \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Deceased (亡くなった方のお名前) :

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Virtual & In-Person Higan Service  
September 8 at 10 a.m.

Zoom link will be on website  
**www.jodo.us**

\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend service

\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to attend

One Chutoba is \$7 X Total of Chutoba \_\_\_\_\_ = Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(中塔婆1本7ドル) (本数) (合計)

**Please make checks payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii”. DEADLINE: Sat Aug 31, 2024**  
**Membership dues (Gojikai)(\$80) and maintenance may also be included with your payment. Thank you.**

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by \_\_\_\_\_ Date accepted \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /2024 (In person/ Mail / By phone)

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /2024 (Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_) Write \_\_\_\_\_

## O-HIGAN SERVICE

The word “Higan” literally means “the other shore” in Japanese. One shore represents the world we are in, and the other shore “Higan” represents Amida Buddha’s Pure Land. The river represents the bad mind we all possess. The concept is that we practice the teaching to reach the other shore across the river.

We have two Higan seasons in a year. One in spring, the other in autumn, as Higan is held during the week of the spring and autumn equinox. Shan Tao, one of the highest ranking priests of Jodo Buddhism in China said that the sun sets due west during the equinox thus it is a good opportunity to think about Buddha’s Pure Land which exists far away in the west, as well as appreciate our ancestors who are also there.

Please join us for our Hybrid Higan service and think about Amida Buddha’s Pure Land and our ancestors. Our **Hybrid Higan Service** will be held: in person & virtually

**Sunday, September 8 at 10:00 am**

Chutoba prayers will be conducted during this service. If you would like a Chutoba prayer for your ancestors, please fill out the form on this page and send it or drop it off at the Jodo Mission office **by Saturday August 31st. Thank you.**

**What is a “Chutoba”?** Chutoba is a paper-thin rectangular piece of wood approximately 3” wide by 15” tall. The top 5” are cut on each side so that one can easily identify the shape of a pagoda. “Chu” means middle-size in Japanese. “Toba” means Pagoda. Chutoba means middle-size pagoda. A Pagoda indicates a memorial tower for Shakyamuni Buddha in Buddhism. People buried Buddha’s ashes and his belongings under the pagoda after Shakyamuni Buddha passed away.



**Jodo Mission of Hawaii Fundraiser: Kauai Kookies will be sold as a fundraiser at the Bon Dance on August 17. Please look for them. Maadamia Shortbread, Chocolate Chip, Guava Macadamia and Kona Coffee Macadamia..**

### What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

When the date of death of a deceased occurs, ministers do prayers on this anniversary date each year. Prayer services are held each day at 9:30 am (times may change due to scheduling). This perpetual memorial service is called *Eitaikyo* in Japanese.

Please contact temple office if you are interested..

### Notice to Nokotsudo Visitors

(Sometimes referred to as the Niche rooms)

Many people call to see if the Nokotsudo/Columbarium (or sometimes known as Niche rooms) are open. We let people in if you come and ring the blue bell. **We recommend you wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer going in and coming out and go home and wash your hands with soap.** No more than 4 people at a time, with social distancing.

**New Hours:** 10 am to 5 pm Mon to Sat  
12 pm to 3 pm Sunday\*  
10 am to 3 pm Holidays

\*Sundays no one in office since we have Sunday Service

### REMINDERS

#### Gojikai or Membership—\$80.00 per year

Persons of the same family but living separately should have their own membership

**Niche owners** should continue their Membership or Gojikai each year (Gojikai is paid only once each year). **AND**

**Maintenance donation \$5.00 per year per niche**

#### Become a Jodo Mission Member!

If you're coming to services, volunteers at events, and/or donates to the temple, please become a Jodo Mission member for \$80 a year!

*Thank you for your understanding.*

### Memorial Years Observed

1 <sup>st</sup> year	2023
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	2022
7 <sup>th</sup> year	2018
13 <sup>th</sup> year	2012
17 <sup>th</sup> year	2008
23 <sup>rd</sup> year	2002
25 <sup>th</sup> year	2000
27 <sup>th</sup> year	1998
33 <sup>rd</sup> year	1992
37 <sup>th</sup> year	1988
43 <sup>rd</sup> year	1982
47 <sup>th</sup> year	1978
50 <sup>th</sup> year	1975
100 <sup>th</sup> year	1925

### Email Monthly Bulletin—

Please advise if you wish to have your monthly bulletin via email instead of U.S. mail.

**Please also keep Jodo Mission advised of your current address & phone number.**

Mail forwarded adds additional costs. Thank you for your cooperation.

### お知らせ

2023年より年間護持会費、又はメンバーシップ費が一世帯につき1年間で80ドルへと変更になります。(お住まいの家族世帯が別の場合は個々にメンバーシップが必要となります。)

また、納骨堂(ニッチ)内に納骨棚を所有の方は、護寺会費とは別途、5ドルの年間管理費をお納めください。

皆様にはご負担をおかけしますが、ご理解ご協力のほどよろしくお願い致します。 合掌



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano  
Resident Minister



Rev. Takaaki Kouken  
Tanabe  
Resident Minister

### Jodo Mission Office Hours:

[New Hours]

Monday to Saturday  
10am–5pm  
Sunday & Holidays  
10am–3pm

Phone: (808) 949-3995

Website: [www.jodo.us](http://www.jodo.us)

## EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for August

- |   |   |  |   |
|---|---|--|---|
| 1 Cordelia Reiko Ushiroda   | Hideo Yamagata<br>Aileen Fukunaga   | Sakae Matsumoto  | Shichiemon Ebisuzaki (2)<br>Hana Noyama   |
| 2 Sato Hirouji<br>The Miyamasu & Hirouji Family<br>Tadashi Nakamura<br>The Nakamura Family<br>Janet Hiromi Okawa  | 11 Tomegusu Kotake<br>Kuranoshin Matsumoto<br>Thomas Yoshiaki Shimizu<br>Ernest R. Okumoto<br>Clifford Terufumi Miyamoto  | 20 Shizue Iwamoto<br>Henry Sueo Hashimoto<br>Kame Namihira<br>Jean Chie Nakagawa<br>Wataru Muramoto<br>Kazue Kasashima Morimoto  | 29 Tadashi Higashi<br>The Higashi Family<br>Kenji Hamada<br>The Hamada Family<br>Atsushi Fujita<br>The Fujita Family<br>Masahiko Miyagi<br>Namiko Teraoka |
| 3 Satsu Hashimoto<br>The Hashimoto Family   | 12 Hatsuichi Karimoto<br>Toshiko Elsie Otani  | 21 Yoshisuke Sato<br>The Sato & Suzuki Family<br>Yutaka Teshima<br>The Teshima Family<br>Saka Kuniyuki<br>Morishige Inage<br>Misao Kuniyuki<br>Yoshi Nishimura<br>Richard Toshiyuki Ogawa<br>Toraichi Kurakake<br>Ryan Rikio Awaya | 30 Thomas Takeshi Tanaka<br>Elsie Kikuye Tatei<br>Katsumi Nishimoto<br>Sojiro Takamura<br>Rikiichi Yagi   |
| 4 Tsuru Nomura<br>The Nomura Family<br>Sumako Iguchi<br>Kenkichi Kimoto<br>Keisuke Masuda<br>Masaichi Harada  | 13 Doris Kiyoko Miura<br>Toshio Kouchi<br>Hisashi Okamoto   | 22 Yuri Hironaka<br>The Hironaka & Ishimoto Family<br>Masuichi Tabata<br>Miyoko Hokushin<br>Takenouchi   | 31 Toshiyasu Misawa (2)<br>The Misawa & Watanabe Family<br>The Misawa Family<br>Akira Misawa<br>Riyo Yano<br>Edith Kiyoko Kaneshiro                       |
| 5 Tori Matsubara<br>The Matsubara Family<br>Tahei Higashimura<br>The Higashimura Family<br>Mantaro Nitta<br>Toichiro Tomita<br>Thomas Yutaka Kubota<br>Yaeko Muranaka<br>Herbert Kiichi Tanaka        | 14 Ashizuchi Fujikami<br>The Fujikami Family<br>Shizuo Yokomichi<br>The Yokomichi & Kondo Family<br>Ichi Yanagihara<br>Yoshiji Iwamoto<br>Shizuno Muraoka<br>Satoshi Muraoka  | 23 Keisuke Masuda<br>Raymond Tetsuji<br>Nishiyama<br>Matsuyo Sakuda<br>Tsutoe Taira  |   |
| 6 Toshiko Nishimura<br>Yoshio Fujii<br>Grace Kiyoko Sadaoka   | 15 Maki Hara<br>The Hara Family<br>Bishop Shoshin Inouye<br>The Nose Family<br>Sata Nitta<br>Torano Toyoshiba<br>Noboru Hamamura<br>Hatsue Yamada Watanabe<br>Robert Tokusei Kaneshiro                                | 24 Kazuo Kano<br>The Kano & Wataba Family<br>Teisuke Hamamoto<br>The Hamamoto Family<br>Eizo Fukuda<br>Tatsuki Heirakuji<br>Sueko Onaga (2)<br>Francis Aihara<br>Suma Iwakawa  |   |
| 7 Kametaro Yano (2)<br>The Yano, Konaka & Hayashi Family<br>The Yano Family<br>Chokichi Tanaka<br>The Tanaka Family<br>Aiko Fukuhara<br>The Inoue Family<br>Kikuno Yamane<br>Kaneichi Kato<br>Uno Iba | 16 Masao Mizuno<br>The Mizuno & Ohta Family<br>Ume Miyamasu<br>The Miyamasu Family<br>The Masaki Family<br>Yoneo Masuda<br>The Masuda Family  | 25 Tema Iuchi<br>The Iuchi Family<br>Kiku Masuda<br>The Masuda & Asamura Family<br>Etsuko Ohta<br>The Ohta Family<br>Koji Yasumoto<br>Gladys Otsui Ikeda   |   |
| 8 Takao Tsuda<br>Kitae Yamanaka<br>The Yamanaka Family<br>Zentoku Takara<br>Kame Taira<br>Russell Hideo Uehara  | 17 Toshikata Shinagawa<br>David Kenji Moritsugu<br>Kiyoji Yamamoto<br>Kazuyo Furukawa   | 26 Tadasuke Nishida<br>Masaji Ishida<br>Umeno Masuda<br>Torao Maehara<br>Yachiyo Tamura<br>Edna Shizuka Ajimura  |   |
| 9 Takeo Sato<br>The Sato & Suzuki Family<br>Hiro Yonemoto<br>The Yonemoto Family<br>Tora Higashi<br>The Higashi Family<br>The Hashimoto Baby<br>Evelyn Kam Murakami<br>Alvin Shoichi Amano            | 18 Mitsuru Morisako<br>The Morisako & Ishii Family<br>Shinsuke Mito<br>The Mito Family<br>Fuji Yasumoto<br>Hanayo Imai<br>Miyuki Ono<br>Toraichi Kurakake<br>Rev. Ryokai Yamanaka<br>Ruysuke Machida<br>Haruo Okuhara | 27 Harumi Tasaka<br>Shigeo Kobashigawa<br>The Kobashigawa Family<br>Kenji Kawano   |   |
| 10 Seitaro Yamamoto<br>The Yamamoto & Suzuki Family<br>Takaji Shigeoka<br>Kinichi Imai<br>Saburo Nishimura<br>Ito Fujita<br>The Fujita Family   | 19 Eiko Maeda<br>The Maeda Family<br>Kiyoshi Hisamura<br>Hisano Oyabu<br>The Oyabu & Kondo Family<br>The Wakichi Suzui Family<br>Takeshi Umetsu   | 28 Hitoshi Mizuno<br>The Mizuno & Ohta Family<br>Seikuro Hisamura  |   |

### *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 Land0

Gene Kurao Ikeda                      102  
Raymond Yoshio Tomita            80

9:30am Morning Service Everyday

Note: Time may change due to Schedule

# August 2024

*Jodo Mission of Hawaii*  
 Phone: (808) 949-3995  
 Website: www.jodo.us

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 8-11:30 Sewing Circle—prep for Bon Dance
4 8:30 Fujinkai Mtg 10:00 Sunday Service	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 No Sunday Service 8 am Yagura Set up	12	13 6:30—8:30 pm Bon Dance Practice	14	15	16	17 Bon Dance 5:00 pm to 9:30 am
18 No Sunday Service 8 am Yagura kuzushi	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:00 Sunday Service	26	27	28	29	30	31 Chutoba Order Deadline

**Jodo Shu Calendar for Aug 2024:** Cleaning your family's grave will make your spirit lighter.

**Coming Events:**

- Aug 31 Deadline for Higan Chutoba Order
- Sept 8 @ 10am Autumn Higan Service
- Sept 15 Prep day for Bazaar HELP Needed
- Sept 16-21 Preparation Week Bazaar—Help Needed
- Sept 22 Jodo Mission Bazaar Day 8am-1pm
- Oct 20 850th/130th Anniversary Celebration

**Fujinkai Meeting**  
 Aug 4th  
 8:30 am

**Sewing Circle**  
 Aug 3rd  
 8 am - 11:30am

**NO MEETINGS OR CLASSES in August for YBA, Sunday School**

**Bazaar Donations: Please call temple office (808) 949-3995, if you have Bazaar donations. Thank you.**

**Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER:** If you have not paid your membership dues, please be sure to do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). Gojikai or Membership Dues is \$80. Also, lease include any maintenance fee or fees. *Thank you.*