

# Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

Did you know that McDonalds in Japan used to offer a “smile” on the menu? It was a real smile for free. On the menu board, it clearly said, “Smile.... ¥0” in Japan. Therefore it was possible to ask “Can I have a smile?” and you could have a big smile from the service staff for free before. I thought this was a wonderful idea to provide something free to customers all the time. I heard they discontinued “Free Smiles” on the menu boards because they can now give smiles without your ordering!



Needless to say, smile is so important. When I see someone smiling I become so happy that I can forget whatever unhappiness might be present. Although I don't have a handsome smile, I do like smiling and I like seeing people smiling back.

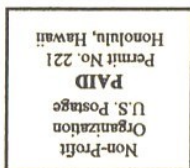
The Japanese often say, “*Warau kado ni wa, Fuku kitaru.*” It's a proverb that means: “Happiness comes to those who wear a smile.” Another definition is: “laugh and grow prosperous.” It indicates that the attitude of the person is what creates their happiness or unhappiness.

The late well-known Vietnamese Buddhist Master, Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh had taught many people around the world about the easy way to mediate. As a method of meditation, he recommends that we can become aware of our breathing at any time and in any place. Here are the four lines that Thich Nhat Hanh recommended to recite as we mindfully breathe in and out:

Breathing in, I calm my body.  
Breathing out, I smile.  
Dwelling in the present moment,  
I know this is a wonderful moment.

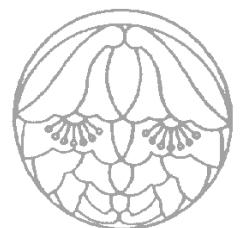
The Buddha teaches we should be the master of ourselves. Whenever we have to do something that we don't enjoy, we may begin to frown or even make an angry face. Thich Nhat Hanh stresses that we put a smile on our face in times like those in order to gain mastership over ourselves. In fact, anytime is a good time to smile.

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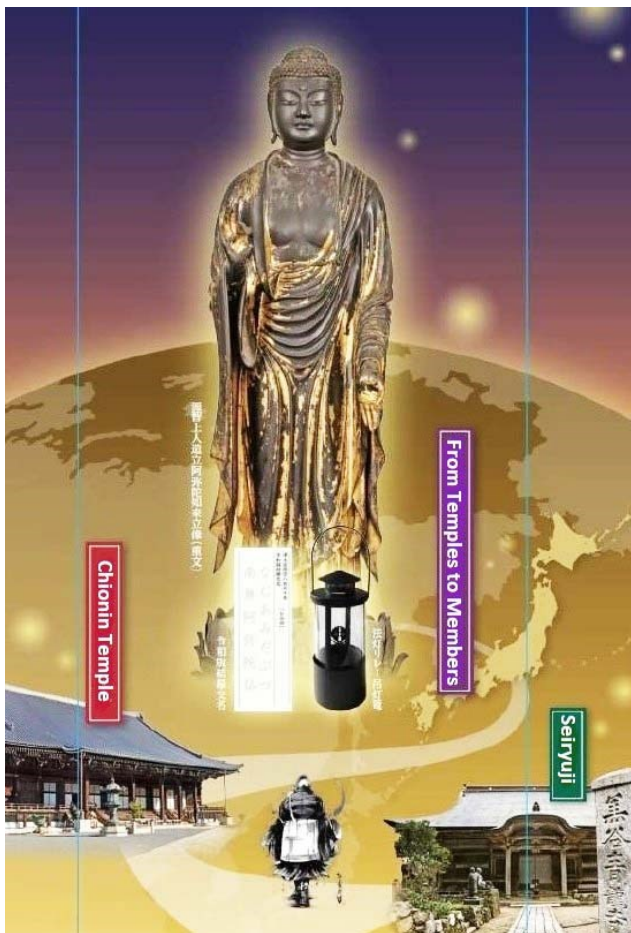
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It is not easy to become the master of yourself. It is, however, not too difficult to be the master of your smile. When smiling, we use many muscles in our face. By using the many muscles in our face, they naturally become very healthy and comfortable. And when we smile to others, we share the strength of the power of our smile with others.

Our world is not always a peaceful place. Violence, terrorism, and war are always going on somewhere in the world. It may be idealistic to try to live peacefully in these times, but unless we remain idealistic and continue in our efforts, the world will never change. I encourage each and every one of you to practice smiling as well as Nenbutsu. Bringing peace to the world can begin with one smile. I pray everyday that Amida Buddha's gentle smile always surrounds you no matter where you are in the world.

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



## Dharma Light Relay Service

In commemoration of the 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of Jodo Shu

**Date: Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11:00 am**

**Place: Jodo Mission of Hawaii**

As you may know, Jodo Shu will celebrate the 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its founding in 2024. As part of this commemoration, we invite you to participate in the **Dharma Light Relay Ceremony of Nenbutsu** at Jodo Mission of Hawaii on **Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11:00 am** at Jodo Mission of Hawaii.

This Dharma Light Relay starts at Seiryuji Temple where Honen Shonin 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 realized that Nenbutsu was the ultimate way for universal salvation. Then he descended to the city and stayed at Yoshimizu (currently Chionin temple) where he dedi-

cated himself to the spread of Nenbutsu teachings. Thus Nenbutsu spread gradually and was transmitted from person to person from generation to generation. We call this transmission of Nenbutsu as transmission of "Dharma Light."

In recognition of Honen Shonin's footstep of the initial transmission of "Dharma Light" from Seiryuji Temple, young ministers will carry Light with a 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 is attending this service in order to pass out this Dharma Light to Jodo

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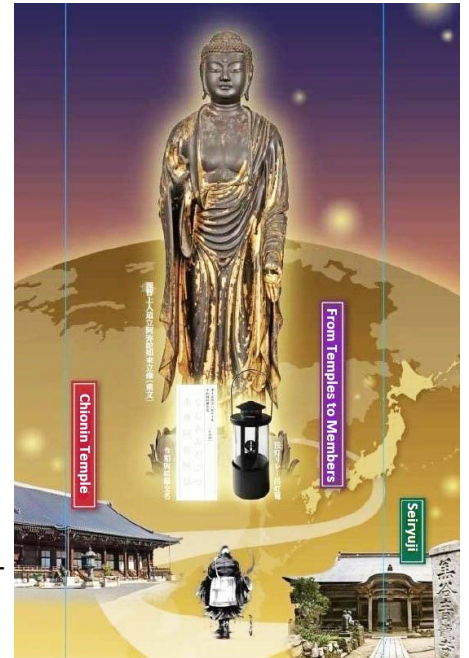
Mission temples in Hawaii.

**Ministers from neighbor islands will gather for this ceremony at Jodo Mission to receive and pass out the light to its members. All are invited and we will present candle light with Dharma light of Nenbutsu to each participant.** Light refreshments will be served after the service. Also special Koto Concert will be held after the refreshments at 1:00 pm.

In relation to this Dharma Relay, we'd like to encourage 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 were written, who were karmically connected to the statue. 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 called "Jodo Shu", let us also 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 paper will be available at the service. We hope you will take this opportunity to make a strong karmic connection with the Nenbutsu.



## Sophie's Graduation Recital

Saturday, May 20, 2023

1:00 pm

Jodo Mission Hondo (main worship hall)

Please come and join Sophie and her friends as they perform some of Sophie's favorite koto pieces.

**This recital is free and open to the public**

Many of you know Sophie Narashiba who graduates from high school soon and will probably go away for college. She has been apart of this temple since she was born to proud parents the Late Bishop Yubun and Yukari Narashiba.

## The 18th 24-Hour Ceaseless Nenbutsu Chanting Relay

The Jodo Shu head temple, Zojoji in Tokyo will host the 18th 24-Hour Non-Stop Nenbutsu Chanting Relay, which will be held and livestreamed at various temples around the world, from Friday, May 26th at 6:00pm to Saturday, May 27th at 6:00 pm. The Jodo Mission of Hawaii will join them in chanting "Namu Amida Bu(tsu)" on Saturday, May 27th from 9:00 –10:00 am. Please come to join us for 60 minutes to recite Nenbutsu. For more information, please visit our HCJM's website, [www.hawaiijodo.net](http://www.hawaiijodo.net)

## Koinobori Opening Ceremony

On Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 am, we had the Koinobori Opening Ceremony which began with the Dragon Beat Taiko group playing several songs (a lot of their younger students performed). The weather was just great!



Then everyone turned around and looked up while Bishop Ishikawa and Rev. Takano chanted and at several



points Rev. Takano scattered plumeria blossoms in the air. Just so beautiful.

Then the ministers came down to the middle of Koinobori on the front lawn and had a blessing ser-



vice.

The Koinobori will be up until May 20th. If you have not seen them,, please come to the temple and see how beautiful the Koinobori are.



If you want you can sponsor a koi.

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## Children's Day

Many people call May 5th Boy's Day and it is also called Children's Day which in Japan it is a National holiday. Children's Day is defined as "a day that honors the personality of children, hope for happiness, and to thank their parents." We will celebrate Children's Day on **Sunday, May 7th at 10 am Sunday Service**. Younger students of Dragon Beat do not have too many chances to perform and we would like them to come back for a *Hana Ho* performance. **Please come and see and hear the taiko drums**. We will again try to make some Kashiwa mochi and spam musubi on that day. Bring your young children or grandchildren to also see the beautiful Koinobori in the front lawn.

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## Scholarships for Graduating Students

Please call Jodo Mission of Hawaii if you will be graduating this year and looking for scholarship assistance. We have applications for two scholarships:

- 1) Aloha Meisho Senior YBA has a scholarship available. **Deadline is May 31, 2023.**
- 2) Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai has a \$1,000 scholarship available. **Deadline is June 15, 2023.**

Any interested person should call Jodo Mission office at (808) 949-3995 for a copy of the scholarship application. Thank you.



# Announcements



HAPPY  
**Mother's**  
DAY

**May 14th Is Mother's Day  
(Haha No Hi)**

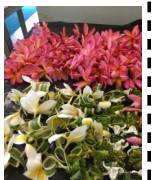
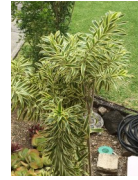
**Mother's Day is celebrated as an expression of love and appreciation to our mothers.**

**Our Sunday School may have a wonderful program.**

**Please come to our Mother's Day Service and bring your mothers and grandmothers on May 14 at 10 a.m.**

## Flowers Needed for Temple Lei Making Project, Friday, May 26

Please bring **plumeria, crown flowers** or other small flowers for leis or even the beautiful bougainvillea flowers, as well as greenery like the branches pictured here to Jodo Mission on **Thurs, May 25. Any amount of flowers and greenery will be greatly appreciated. Every little bit counts.**



Everyone is invited on **May 26 at 9 am in Ikoi Hall** for lei making to help sew leis for our veterans at Punchbowl Cemetery and at the same time enjoy the fellowship for this wonderful event! It can be very relaxing concentrating on your lei making. *Thank you!*



Please call Jodo Mission at (808) 949-3995 if you have any questions.

## **Hawaii Buddhist Council's Memorial Day Service**

Hawaii Buddhist Council will have its Memorial Day Service **at Punchbowl Cemetery (behind a stature) on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 9:30 am.**

**Hawaii Buddhist Council** is made up of seven (7) Buddhist denominations: Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Jodo Mission of Hawaii, Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, Nichiren Mission of Hawaii, Soto Mission of Hawaii and Tendai Mission of Hawaii.

## **BON DANCE PRACTICE**

**Are you interested in getting ready for Bon Dance?** If so, our bon dance group, Hawaii Shin Kobukai, is having one more open practice day at Jodo Mission Social Hall:

May 12, Friday      6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**The senseis are Betty Delacuesta and Lydia Morikawa. Please come and practice on May 12. It is lots of fun and good exercise!** The practice is free and donations to this group is always welcome. Next chance for Bon Dance practice will be the week of our Bon Dance on August 19—please check our August Bulletin.



Photos on this page are from the open practice held on April 14.

### What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

When the date of death of a deceased occurs, ministers do prayers on the 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.*

### 2023 Memorial Years Observed

1 <sup>st</sup> year	2022
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	2021
7 <sup>th</sup> year	2017
13 <sup>th</sup> year	2011
17 <sup>th</sup> year	2007
23 <sup>rd</sup> year	2001
25 <sup>th</sup> year	1999
27 <sup>th</sup> year	1997
33 <sup>rd</sup> year	1991
37 <sup>th</sup> year	1987
43 <sup>rd</sup> year	1981
47 <sup>th</sup> year	1977
50 <sup>th</sup> year	1974
100 <sup>th</sup> year	1924

### 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 Covid Hours]

**Monday to Saturday**  
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## EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for May

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|--|--|---|--|
| <p>1 Tome Iwamoto<br/>Tome Toishigawa<br/>The Ochiai Family<br/>Kenneth Akiyoshi Murao</p>   | <p>Matsuichi Onaga<br/>Hanako Kume</p>   | <p>The Fujikami Family<br/>Francis Tadashi Higuchi</p>  | <p>30 Tamezo Yanagihara<br/>The Yanagihara Family<br/>Heikichi Ichida<br/>The Ichida Family<br/>Setsu Yamamoto<br/>Mackay Umeichi<br/>Yanagisawa<br/>Tsunejiro Iwamoto<br/>Yoshiko Moritsugu</p> |
| <p>2 Bishop Buntetsu Miyamoto<br/>Etsuo Nakagawa<br/>Fusaye Mizuta</p>   | <p>12 Konosuke Tsuda<br/>The Tsuda Family<br/>Kimie Takaoka<br/>Mieko Takara<br/>Yasu Ogi<br/>Kenji Otani<br/>Kikuye Okamura</p>   | <p>22 Tsunekichi Tamanaha<br/>The Tamanaha Family<br/>Masuo Tomita<br/>Alan Haruo Nakagawa<br/>Howard Seishi Kobayashi</p>  | <p>31 Hideo Kuniyuki<br/>Ichiro Obara<br/>Tahei Harada<br/>Violet Sui Fun Murakami</p>   |
| <p>3 Mitsuyo Nakahara<br/>The Fukunaga Family<br/>Mitsuko Sakai<br/>Carole Masako Yano<br/>Kaoru Kobayashi Higa</p>  | <p>13 Imazo Nakai<br/>The Nakai Family<br/>Hikoichi Hirai<br/>The Hirai Family<br/>Moushi Uehara<br/>Teruo Sawamura<br/>Fumiko Yogi<br/>Kenichi Hayashi<br/>Teruo Sawamura<br/>The Sawamura Family<br/>Betty Toshiko Oshita<br/>Katsutoshi Kano<br/>Akino Tamura<br/>Kimiko Hayashi<br/>Shizue Murashige</p> | <p>23 Hichizo Nishimura (2)<br/>The Nishimura &amp; Aoki Family<br/>Harukichi Hirohama<br/>The Hirohama Family<br/>Ishi Onaga<br/>The Onaga &amp; Nakamura<br/>Family<br/>Tomoko Hayashi<br/>Kenzo Hashimoto</p>  |  |
| <p>4 Eikichi Hirouji<br/>The Miyamasu Family<br/>Tamotsu Takaoka<br/>Toshio Yoshioka<br/>James Mitsuyoshi Uesugi</p>   | <p>14 Kiku Miyashige<br/>The Goto &amp; Miyashige<br/>Family<br/>Fui Yamato<br/>The Yamato Family<br/>Toshio Karamatsu<br/>Kiku Matsumoto<br/>Kura Harada<br/>Shinichi Yanagihara<br/>Mitsuko Takemoto<br/>Yukie Sakamoto</p>  | <p>24 Zensuke Yokomichi<br/>The Yokomichi &amp;<br/>Kondo Family<br/>Kaizo Goto (2)<br/>The Goto &amp; Miyashige Family<br/>Kichizo Yamamoto<br/>The Yamamoto Family<br/>Takeji Ogata<br/>Kiseno Nakano(2)<br/>Satsuki Nakano<br/>Kamazoo Teruya<br/>Natsu Muramoto</p> |  |
| <p>5 Sadaichi Mito<br/>The Mito Family<br/>Michie Makino (2)<br/>The Makino &amp; Okamura<br/>Family<br/>Morita Kokubun<br/>Miyoko Sasuga</p>  | <p>16 Kamekichi Hayashi<br/>The Hayashi Family<br/>Kozo Okamoto<br/>Peggy Miyako Ogi</p>   | <p>25 Keiichi Mineishi<br/>The Mineishi Family<br/>Kazuo Shidaki<br/>The Shidaki Family<br/>Yoshio Nishimura<br/>Shinsuke Uchiumi<br/>Minoru Yamane<br/>Yonosuke Ikuta<br/>The Takasawa Family<br/>Jiroichi Otani<br/>Kazuma Ogata</p>                                  |  |
| <p>6 Tokusaburo Fukuda (2)<br/>The Fukuda Family (2)<br/>Tora Kanayama (2)<br/>The Kanayama Family<br/>Hitoshi Nitta<br/>Kamato Uyehara<br/>Florence Tamayo Matsumori<br/>Laurie Tomie Cho<br/>Kazuo Karimoto<br/>Kuma Tatei<br/>Masaru Morimoto</p> | <p>17 Hiromu Hayashi<br/>Wallace Kazuyo Sakai<br/>Helen Miyoko Fujikami<br/>Tamashiro<br/>Hanako Thelma Ogawa</p>  | <p>26 Senkichi Fukuda<br/>The Fukuda Family<br/>Fukuji Muranaka<br/>Rikio Kunihisa<br/>Mitsuki Kimoto<br/>Toshiko Higa<br/>Edward Toshimasa Fujikami</p>  |  |
| <p>7 Minetaro Katagiri<br/>The Katagiri &amp; Imamiya<br/>Family<br/>Tsuyako Kishii<br/>Ross Kiyoshi Hirano<br/>Satoru "Sugar" Miura</p>   | <p>18 Hatsuyo Yamamoto<br/>The Yamamoto Family<br/>Tadami Uemoto<br/>Chizuko Koto<br/>Haru Shimizu<br/>The Kawabe Family<br/>The Mitsujiro Kurashige<br/>Family<br/>Kiyoshi Narahara</p>   | <p>27 Kichi Hisamura<br/>Torakichi Miyao<br/>Takashi Saiki<br/>Gladys Tomi Uemoto</p>   |  |
| <p>8 Toshiko Kusunoki<br/>The Kusunoki Family<br/>Tami Kawasaki<br/>The Kawasaki &amp; Nakagawa<br/>Family<br/>Tsuru Kitamura<br/>The Kitamura Family<br/>Yasuo Kagihara<br/>Seki Tamura<br/>Shigeru Gushikuma<br/>Betty Ayako Ishii</p>             | <p>19 Kamechiyo Uyehara<br/>Fumio Fujiwara<br/>Takayuki Nakamura<br/>Kayoko Miyamoto<br/>Toshiko Yamanaka<br/>Yaeko Ogata Sugai</p>  | <p>28 Iro Yamane<br/>Misao Yasuda<br/>Shuso Gushikuma<br/>Shurei Gushikuma<br/>Kamaru Gushikuma<br/>Kama Gushikuma<br/>The Kusaki Family<br/>Clarence Yukio Mitsuyasu</p>   |  |
| <p>9 Roy Shigeyoshi Kawafuchi</p>  | <p>20 Sukeo Matsuno<br/>The Matsuno Family<br/>Hatsue Tsuda<br/>The Tsuda Family<br/>Kamei Akamine<br/>Koan Takara<br/>Haruyo Iwamoto<br/>Benzo Takahashi</p>  | <p>29 Mayo Yamamoto<br/>The Yamamoto &amp;<br/>Suzukawa Family<br/>Yosaburo Shioji<br/>The Shioji Family<br/>Joji Sakaguchi<br/>Tomiko Yamanaka<br/>Haruo Kito<br/>The Kito Family<br/>Hatsuko Toishigawa<br/>Sumie Ito<br/>Shizue Murashige</p>                        |  |
| <p>10 Sada Kurihara<br/>The Kurihara Family<br/>The Ajimura Family<br/>The Ito Family (Stillborn)<br/>Shinichi Takenouchi<br/>Minokichi Oshiro</p>   | <p>21 Fuji Yamamoto<br/>The Yamamoto Family<br/>Shigekeo Fujikami</p>  |   |  |
| <p>11 Masataka Fukuda<br/>The Fukuda Family<br/>Shuzo Mitsutani<br/>The Mitsutani Family<br/>Ayataro Nambu<br/>The Nambu Family<br/>Kimiko Fujii<br/>Kikuyo Hayashi<br/>Kinuyo Matsui</p>  |  |   |  |

### 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 Land.

Clyde Yoshiaki  
Kawamoto 84  
Yoko Emily Ota 81

9:30am Morning Service Everyday  
Note: Time may change due to  
 COVID-19 Schedule

# May 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 10:00 Sunday Children's Day Service	8	9	10	11	12 6:30—8:30 Bon-Dance Open Practice	13
14 10am Mother's Day Service with Sunday School?	15	16	17	18	19+	20 10:00 amDharma Light Relay Ceremony 1:00 pm Koto Recital
21 NO Sunday Service Konobori Take Down 11:00am Board Meeting	22	23	24	25	26 9:00 to 12 noon Lei Making Ikoi Hall	27 8am-12pm Sewing Circle
28	29	30	31	<b>Jodo Shu Calendar for May 2023—</b> When you are tired, take a rest, then start forward afresh.		

**Coming Events:**  
 Apr 15-May 20 **Koinobori Display on Jodo Mission lawn**  
 July 9: General Cleanup & O-Toba Set up in Social hall  
 July 14-16: O-Bon Services  
 July 16 Final O-Bon Service: 10:00 am  
 Aug 19 : Jodo Mission Bon Dance

**Sunday School to attend Children's Day on May 7th**

**No Meetings or Classes in May—**  
 Fujinkai & YBA

**Sewing Circle:**  
 Saturday 5/27  
 @ 8 am

**Temple Lei Making Project**  
 May 26 @ 9 am  
 Ikoi Hall

**Bazaar Donations will be accepted.** Kindly call temple office if you have donations. Thank you for your understanding.

**Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER:** If you have not paid your membership dues (\$80) this year, please be sure to do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*