

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Last September, Rev. Gensho Hara of Lahaina Jodo Mission sent me the photo of calligraphy written by Rev. Taijo Matsuo who was our first Jodo Shu minister in 1894. The unique calligraphy was written as "Namu Amida Butsu" and its font style is known as "Riken Myogo" which literally means "Beneficial Sword of the Holy Name." The edges of these characters are like the sharp sword so that we could wish to cut the badly karma and desires.



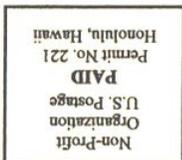
According to Rev. Hara, this original printing block was discovered at Hakushinji Temple in Iida city, Nagano Prefecture amid of coronavirus pandemic and Rev. Matsuo was from this temple. Thanks to Rev. Hara who is related to the Hakushinji Temple, I was able to introduce the meaning of beneficial sword of the Holy Name during the 1st International Zoom Nenbutsu Practice held in November 20, 2020.

This was actually meaningful discovery since this kind of sword style Holy Name have been written by various priests in the history, especially for the prayers for ending the epidemics in Japan. It is said that Chionji Temple in Kyoto, which is one of Jodo Shu head temples observed one million times of Nenbutsu chanting for the prayers toward ending the natural disasters and epidemics in 1331. Then they received the sword style Holy Name written by Kukai or Kobodaishi from the Emperor Godaigo. Since then Chionji temple became known as a temple of many times Nenbutsu chanting and the Riken Myogo.



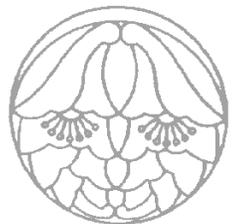
The background of this "Riken Myogo" is originated in the

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verse called "Gouma-ge" "the verse to defeat evil" composed by Master Shan-tao (613-681).

"Although eighty four thousand Buddhist gates are not the same, all teachings are to extinguish ignorance and to cut off badly karma. Beneficial Sword is indeed Holy Name of Amida Buddha. Just a single utterance of Namu Amida Butsu will remove all sins." - Master Shan-tao

What a grateful blessing, just one time Namu Amida Butsu will bring us great peace in this moment and in the future.

As we welcome a brand-new year, may the Holy Name of Amida Buddha always be with you and your family. At the same time, I'd like to pause a moment to thank every one of you for your kind support during this difficult time. Please stay safe and Happy New Year.

Gassho,

Kosen Ishikawa

Message by Rev. Myoko Takano

Dear Jodo Shu Members,

Thank you very much for your cooperation this year. I am very grateful to you for your wonderful support in Jodo Mission. I wish the new year will be the happiest and best for you.



Looking back on this past year, 2020, everything had changed since Covid-19 spread out all over the world. At Jodo Mission, especially the way memorial services are held had changed.

During Covid-19, Jodo Mission started to officiate the memorial services in virtual, either zoom or skype. We positively tried our best to find a way of helping our members.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas. The New Year will be starting again. I sincerely pray that the New Year will be filled with peace, good health and happiness.

Furthermore, with Amida Buddha's compassion and love, I hope we will soon get back to normal life in early 2021. **With Amida Buddha's love, may we all have a Happy New Year!! Namu Amida Butsu.**

In Gassho,

Rev. Takano



2021 is year of cow

Jodo Mission of Hawaii President's 2021 New Year Message

Dear Friends,



Thank you for your support! After serving as President of Jodo Mission of Hawaii for 10 years, I will be stepping down. I will continue to serve on the board of directors, so I will still be involved. 2020 was a challenging year, so in this message, I share with you some motivational energy to take positive actions in your life!

During times of change, you can make pivots in your life for your personal growth. 2020 was filled with disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic, tumultuous political climate, racial tension, and economic instability. Yet, through all of these challenges, you will find a number of wins you have achieved to better yourself and your situation, and many more that you can do. **The following are three fun actionable goals that you can continue or start if you haven't done so.**

Technology allows us to communicate with our loved ones and do our work. It has also given us the opportunity to produce and share our unique content with others even when we have to seclude ourselves physically due to the pandemic. Continue to make your technology an extension of you to spread love and compassion!

Learning new skills or launching a new passion project can stimulate your mind, increase your skills and knowledge, and bring you joy. A passion of yours may help to make you more diverse and valuable. Your passion project could also evolve into a passion business. Anything is possible when you constantly develop yourself!

Exercising can be beneficial to alleviate your stress and anxiety while keeping you physically fit. Exercise gets your heart pumping and muscles working. Plus, it releases happy chemicals in you such as dopamine and endorphins. Exercising outdoors is great because it gets you out of your home or office, so you can feel the sun, breathe the fresh air, and look out at the horizon. So, stay active to boost your mood and body!

With COVID-19 vaccines being made available, the light at the end of the tunnel is much brighter now. 2021 will still have its obstacles, but you are more ready and resilient than ever before. Focus on what you can control, like the three actionable goals I mentioned above. **Be grateful for every little good thing in your life. Count them every day, and you will see that you have much to be grateful for.**

Lastly, express your love to your loved ones and share kind gestures to others in public. Every little bit of positivity goes a long way! Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and safe 2021!

With Warmest Aloha,

Jon Riki Karamatsu

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii, you are welcome to attend the 2021 General Membership Meeting on **Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:45 a.m., following the Sunday Service** in the temple. Please join us and meet your Board of Directors.

At the General Membership meeting, you will be able to vote for your Board of Directors. The following is the slate of officers and directors:

President: Daryl Masaki
First VP: Christine Inouye
Second VP: Gail Okamura
Secretary: Sally Hayashi
Assistant Secretary: Jon Riki Karamatsu, outgoing President
Treasurer: Akiko Nishiyama
Assistant Treasurer: Ian Kitajima
Director: Clifford Miyamoto
Director: Darin Miyashiro
Director: Lyvonne Loui

If you have any concerns you want to address, please do so at this General Membership meeting. We welcome all members to attend.

Due to COVID-19 and no mass gatherings, we are sorry to say the New Year's Party is CANCELLED

Thank You to All Who Came to Help Temple Cleanup Day

We are so thankful for all those who came on Sunday, December 13, to help clean the temple: **Aki Nishiyama** wiping windows and also made spam musubi for everyone; **Darin Miyashiro** vacuumed the temple with the vacuum cleaner he donated to the temple; **Russell and Jade Yasaka** polishing metal candle holders, **Gail Masaki, Christine Inouye and Lyvonne Loui** sifted ashes from senko containers; **Clifford Miyamoto** pulled weeds near the St. Honen statue; **Rev. Takano** dusting the Buddha statues, **Marie Otani, Sophie Narashiba & Blanche Shigeoka** polished ash containers, candle holders, etc.



GYOKI-E CHUTOBA FORM 2021 (御忌会中塔婆申し込み用紙)

Deadline: January 14, 2021

YOUR NAME (お名前) : _____ PHONE (お電話番号) : _____

NAME OF DECEASED (亡くなった方のお名前) :

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Virtual Gyoki-e Service
January 24 at 10 a.m.
No Attendees

Zoom link will be on website
www.jodo.us

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 810 9416 9529

Passcode: 330899

One Chutoba is \$ 7.00 × 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”.

Membership dues (Gojikai)(\$60) may also be included with your payment. Thank you.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by: _____ Date accepted: _____ / _____ / 2021 (In person / Mail / By phone)

Received by: _____ Date paid: _____ / _____ / 2021 (Cash / Check # _____) Write _____

Gyoki-e (Honen Shonin's Memorial Service)

Gyoki-e means the memorial service for **Honen Shonin**. Honen Shonin, who is the founder of Jodo Shu, passed away on January 25, 1212. He was 80 years old.

After Honen Shonin passed away, his disciples and believers started to have a memorial service for him on the 25th of every month. The biggest ceremony was held on the 25th of January every year. This service was held not only locally in Kyoto but it spread all over Japan. In those days, the word “Gyoki” meant the anniversary of the deaths of the Emperors or their wives. The word “Gyoki” was such a respectable word for the Emperor's family.

Three hundred years after Honen Shonin passed away, Emperor Gokashiwabara mandated Jodo Shu to call the anniversary of Honen

Shonin's death “Gyoki” Since then, people called his annual memorial service “Gyoki”. This occasion implied that Honen Shonin was clearly accepted and revered by the Emperor and the people.

Our Gyoki-e service will be held on **January 24th at 10 a.m.** Please join us.

Chutoba is available for this Gyoki service. At this service you may also honor your deceased ancestors with a Chutoba prayer. See above for the Chutoba order form.



**Founder of Jodo Shu :
Honen Shonin
(1133-1212)**

Jodo Shu Masks

Jodo Shu Masks , designed by Ms. Stacey Hayashi , will be available to purchase at Jodo Mission of Hawaii. One size but mask string adjustable. For ordering mask, contact the office.



The little girl on the second mask is a legendary Japanese mermaid monster called “**Amabie**”. It is said that this monster advised, “Draw me and show to the people so they can be free from disease.”

A mythical mermaid monster from Japanese folklore has made a resurgence in Japan’s culture as people hope for the end of the coronavirus.

2021 Memorial Years Observed	
1 st year	2020
3 rd year	2019
7 th year	2015
13 th year	2009
17 th year	2005
23 rd year	1999
25 th year	1997
27 th year	1995
33 rd year	1989
37 th year	1985
43 rd year	1979
47 th year	1975
50 th year	1972
100 th year	1922

Notice to Nokotsudo Visitors

Many people call to see if the Nokotsudo/ Columbarium is open. We have been letting people in if they come and ring the bell. **You must 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, social distancing.

New Hours: 10 am to 5 pm Monday-Saturday
12 pm to 3 pm Sunday*
10 am to 3 pm Holidays

*Sundays no one in office since we have Sunday Service

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 and telephone number. Mail forwarded also adds additional cost.**

REMINDERS

Gojikai or Membership—\$60.00 per year

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

Nokotsudo owners should continue your Membership or Gojikai each year \$60.00

AND

Maintenance fee \$5.00 per year per niche



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister

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Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) For January

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| <p>1 Sekitaro Hirohama
The Hirohama & Kawasugi Family
Kenji Fujikami
The Hashimoto Family
The Ohara Family
Haruko Ikuta
Tsugio Takamatsu Family
Kiyotaka Glenn Mitsuyasu
Tomomitsu Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Tokusaburo Fukuda's Father
Hon-yo Jo-dai Shin-ji
The Fukuda Family
The Nakabayashi Family
Members of Honolulu Meisho YBA
Chukichi Asamura
Toyo Asamura
The Masuda & Asamura Family
The Yamasaki & Hara Family
The Yoshizaki Family
The Matsushita Family
The Aoki Family
The Sakuda Family
The Okamura Family
Stanley Satoru Morimoto
Tomoyo Yanagihara</p> | <p>Hisako Takamura</p> <p>10 Hiroko Yoza
The Yoza Family
Kami Higa
The Higa Family
Bishop Ninryo Nago (2)
The Nago & Kunimoto Family</p> <p>11 Tokoe Imaguchi
The Imaguchi Family
Hatsuko Hayashi
The Hayashi Family
Masakichi Teruya
Reginald Hisao Hisamura
Uichiro Ishii
Kohei Umeda
Matsuyo Yamamoto
Tadashi Yanagihara (2)</p> <p>12 Heiji Fukuda (2)
The Fukuda Family
Nagao Yamada
Shokichi Harada</p> <p>13 Bishop Jiko Kuya
Shima Morita (2)
Shizue Fujita
Kinmatsu Nakagawa
Maruo Sasuga</p> <p>14 Akitaka Chikamoto
The Ohta Family
Genzo Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Tsuchiyo Kimoto
Miyoko Kaya
James Akira Tamura
Edward Kisaku Teraoka
Yaichi Nakao
The Nakao Family</p> <p>15 Tane Nagata (2)
The Nagata Family
Sukeichi Kameoka
The Kameoka Family
Tane Nagata
Mildred Misako Tanimura
Shizue Kimura</p> <p>16 Take Shinagawa
Tomojiro Fujita
The Fujita Family
Kenji Iwamoto
Chiyoka Mizuno
Seiichi Shimamoto
Tatsuo Fujimoto</p> <p>17 Hanayo Taniguchi
Kame Okamoto
Moto Kawasugi
Nobuo Hayashi
Amy Hideko Tanaka</p> <p>18 Kiyomatsu Daitoku (2)
The Daitoku Family (2)
The Kochi Family
Katsutoshi Takata
The Takata Family
Itaro Kurihara
The Kurihara Family
Masao Ishii
Richard Shoichi Ishida</p> <p>19 Tai Kawano
The Kawano Family
Chiyo Tomai</p> | <p>The Tomai Family
Miyo Ueno
The Ueno Family</p> <p>20 Shinazo Nishiguchi
The Nishiguchi Family
Noboru Ajimura
The Ajimura Family
Kiku Kimura
Yuriko Nishimoto</p> <p>21 Sueko Higashimura
Kiku Kimura
The Kimura & Muroshige Family
Masao Teruya
Takeo Yamane
Shimo Hatanaka
Hiroshi Furuya
Tsuneko Shintaku
Ronald Koichi Namihira
Aileen Mitsuyo Kishida</p> <p>22 Masae Tanimura
Konoshin Kimura
Fukukichi Tatei</p> <p>23 Shokichi Fukumoto
The Fukumoto Family
Takeo Yoshihara
The Yoshihara Family
The Tanaka Family
Jiro Kiyama
Ralph Toshiaki Hashimoto
Terry Kazuo Yorimoto</p> <p>24 Heikichi Isobe
The Isobe Family
Machi Yokoyama
The Yokoyama & Morita Family
Toranosuke Kinoshita
Tane Kinoshita
The Kinoshita Family
Tsune Aoki
George Masao Tanaka
Helen Katsuko Ito
Tetsuo Shinohara (2)</p> <p>25 Taka Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Saiichi Hyodo
Joseph Yoshihiko Fujihana
Sadako Oki
Teruko Mamiya (2)
The Sato Omura Family
Takeshi Tanaka</p> <p>26 Take Arita
The Arita Family
Haruo Harry Nakamura
The Nakamura Family
Kimio Yagi
The Yagi Family
Sueyoshi Yanagihara
Yoshi Yamamoto
Chester Takeo Kaita</p> <p>27 Seiichi Fujimoto
The Fujimoto Family
Takeshi Sato
Charles Shoichi Kimura
Hiroko Nakano
Yoshiro Ohta
The Ohta Family
Marie Umeda Kekuewa</p> <p>28 Yoshie Sato</p> | <p>The Sato & Suzuki Family
Sae Higashimura
The Higashimura Family
Tome Yamanaka
The Yamanaka Family
Chizuko Saeki
Sadamu Iwamoto
Yooko Fujimoto</p> <p>29 Tomo Isobe
Hana Kinoshita
The Kinoshita Family
Jisaburo Kanemoto
The Kanemoto & Miyamoto Family
Kansuke Shintani
Fusao Taniguchi
Ralph Hitoshi Tanaka
Toshito Fukuda
Hisayo Higashi
Helen Fusaye Morita</p> <p>30 Kumaichi Tomonari
The Tomonari Family
Tsunejiro Kawasaki
The Kawasaki & Nakagawa Family
Ine Yoshizaki
The Yoshizaki Family
Tomota Kakehashi
Masao Kume
Akio Matsuda
Kiyoshi Kamimura
Barbara Okimoto
Stanley Takayuki Ajimura</p> <p>31 You Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Shizuko Aoyama
Kaname Yamanaka
Harold Takeo Tanaka
Shigeno Ohara</p> |
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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.

Hatsuyo Teruya	103
Masami Nakahara	89
Richard Kenji Kawakami	85
Lillian Tomiko Teruya	95
Julie Mayumi Tamura	60

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

January 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jodo Shu Calendar for January 2021: <i>Start off the year with new goal.</i>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:00am 1st Sunday Service						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
10:00 1st Family Service 11:00 Board Meeting				Deadline to Order Chutoba		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
10:00 Sunday Service						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
10am Virtual Gyoki Service						
31	10:00 Sunday Service 10:45 General Membership Mtg					

COMING EVENTS:

Feb. 10, 2021 Nehan-e Family Service
 Feb 21, 2021 Fujinkai General Membership Meeting
 March 1, 2021 Deadline for O-Toba Orders

NO Meetings or Classes in January for
 Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle & Sunday School

Bazaar Donations will not be accepted temporarily. Thank you for your understanding.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$60). If you did not pay for 2020 and would like to pay for 2020 and 2021, please do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*