

## Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends,

Last month, scholars from the Hawaiian Buddhist Cultural Properties Study Project visited our temple to investigate, record, and archive our cultural properties. This was their third official visit, and they also toured temples on Maui and the Big Island in preparation for expanding their research.

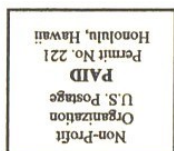


One of their goals is to help organize the inventory of our numerous cultural properties, including Buddha statues, scrolls, old photographs, and documents. They also aim to share preservation techniques with us. An exhibition will raise awareness among temple members about our treasures, and moving our collections from storage to display will improve their condition.

During their last visit, they recorded scrolls, and this time they focused on the altar objects and items in the Hondo. While no major discoveries were made, it was fascinating to learn that many altar items were renewed when our temple relocated to its current location in 1932.

The project leader, Professor Naofumi Annaka, expressed interest in two documents referenced in Dr. Takaaki Uoo's thesis. The first, titled "Jodo Shu Kaikyoin Record," consists of diaries, meeting minutes, and news articles spanning from March 1923 to May 1938. The second, "Kaikyoku Record," includes communication records between Hawaii Jodo Shu and the Jodo Shu Headquarters, comprising three books.

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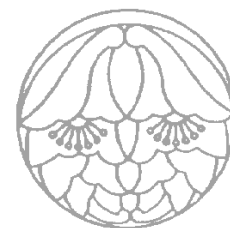


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Having read Dr. Uoo's thesis, I knew these documents must be in our library or storage. I've searched for them periodically but couldn't find them. So, when Professor Annaka inquired about their location, I had to apologize. The last confirmed sighting of these documents was in 2018 when Dr. Uoo researched them. I decided to contact him for assistance.

Fortunately, Dr. Uoo recalled clearly that the documents were not in the library but in the basement storage room. I escorted Professor Annaka to the storage room, and as soon as we entered, he pointed to a shelf and exclaimed, "I think this is it!" To my surprise, he was right—the records we had been seeking were there! They didn't look like traditional books; rather, they resembled a photo album. However, Professor Annaka's familiarity with the diaries from that time enabled him to recognize them immediately.

This experience reminded me of my search for the gravestone of the first Japanese immigrant, known as the "Gannenmono," on Kauai.

In 2018, during the 150th anniversary celebration of the Gannenmono, Uncle Dick from Anahola, Kauai, informed me that the first Japanese immigrant was buried in a graveyard in Anahola. He shared that a member of the Japanese royal family had once visited the site to pay their respects. I was unaware of this gravestone and wanted to locate it to offer my prayers.

Uncle Dick kindly offered to take me to the site during my next visit for a service. However, I was too eager and stopped by the graveyard on my own during a trip to the North. The graveyard wasn't large, featuring both Japanese-style and Western gravestones. I searched three times but couldn't find it until Uncle Dick guided me during our service.

Because I had struggled to find the stone myself, I was particularly curious about where I had missed it. When Uncle Dick arrived at the graveyard, I watched him head in an unexpected direction—completely opposite from the Japanese gravestones—toward an area designated for Christians. He stopped at a stone marked with a Holy Cross.

I recognized this stone; I had passed it before, assuming it was for a Christian. Uncle Dick said, "Sensei, this is the stone. When I first visited, it was laid down, but it looks like someone has fixed it now."

The inscription read: "Beloved Grandfather Arai Bungo - 1844 - Sept. 19, 1925 - The First Japanese Immigrant to Hawaii Arrived 1868." I was overjoyed to finally find this gravestone. Despite having examined all the stones multiple times, I had overlooked it because I had preconceptions about the first Japanese immigrant being Buddhist, which clouded my perception.

No one had told me that the first Japanese immigrants were Buddhists; this bias was my own. I had assumed they would have a traditional Japanese gravestone, leading me to ignore the truth.

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This experience underscored for me the importance of an open mind in seeking the truth. We often believe we see the truth, but it can remain hidden behind our biases and preconceived notions. Knowledge can be a double-edged sword; while it can guide us, it can also obstruct our understanding if we rely on it too heavily. To seek the truth, we must set aside our prejudices and remain open, for the truth transcends judgment.

As you know, we will soon celebrate two significant anniversaries: the 850th anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shu and the 130th anniversary of the first Jodo Shu ministers' arrival in Hawaii. In commemoration of these celebrations, Bishop Kokyo Kawanaka will give us an affirmation ceremony to bless us as an official member of Jodo Shu. If you haven't yet RSVP'd for the celebration on Sunday, October 20, please reconsider participating in this special occasion and let us know as soon as possible.

Let us honor the past, celebrate the present, and embrace the future with hope and gratitude.

Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

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## **What is Affirmation Ceremony on October 20?**

It has been 850 years since Honen Shonin (1133—1212) founded Jodo Shu. After encountering 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. Thus, Honen Shonin began teaching the Nenbutsu at Yoshimizu in Kyoto, where the grand head temple, Chion-in stands today. This precious teaching has been passed for nearly 850 years from generation to generation, and even now and into the future, we can continue to walk on the path of Nenbutsu, which leads us all to the Pure Land.

In celebration of our anniversary, we are pleased to announce two special services conducted by Bishop Kokyo Kawanaka. The first is a commemorative service, and the second is the **"Affirmation Ceremony,"** known as **"Kikyo-shiki"** in Japanese. This initiation ceremony invites our members to take refuge in the Three Treasures: Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, expressing their reverence.

In accordance with Jodo Shu beliefs, this ritual involves a formal declaration of taking refuge in the Three Treasures. Key components of the ceremony include a blessing by the officiant and the repetition of the Nenbutsu and a verse of reverence three times.

On the other hand, **the commemorative service** is to express our sincerest appreciation to our founder Honen Shonin and to offer prayer for the past ministers and members of Hawaii Jodo Shu since 1894.

The affirmation service will begin at 10 AM, followed by the commemorative service at 11 AM. We encourage you not to miss these special occasions and kindly request that you send your RSVP at your earliest convenience.



## RSVP Form for our Members

Please RSVP by emailing this form to [jodobulletin@gmail.com](mailto:jodobulletin@gmail.com)  
by **Wednesday, October 9, 2024 latest**—*Thank you.*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Temple Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Guest(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Sun. Oct. 20	Time	Attendance
Affirmation Ceremony	10:00 am – 10:40 am	<input type="checkbox"/> Will Attend <input type="checkbox"/> Will not Attend Total number of attendances _____
Commemorative Service	11:00am-12:15 pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Will Attend <input type="checkbox"/> Will not Attend Total number of attendances _____
Commemorative Luncheon with Entertainment	Sun. Oct.20 12:30pm - 3:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Will Attend <input type="checkbox"/> Will not Attend Total number of attendances _____

We'd appreciate your donation to Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions for sponsoring this event.

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**Keiro members (those 80 years old and older) will be recognized at this 2024 Celebration.** If you know of a member whether she or he attends the celebration, and would like to add that person on the list, please contact Jodo Mission of Hawaii temple office as soon as possible at (808) 949-3995 with her or his age. *Thank you!*

# Thank You Everyone for Your Help at Our Bazaar on Sunday, September 22, 2024

There were so many items for sale from the many items our members and supporters brought to the temple throughout the year. Thank you very much.

Sorting and pricing all the many items was a tremendous job and thank you everyone who came to help.

Thank you to the Kiwani Key Clubs who helped bring out our stored items and also helped with clean up.

Did you notice we used two rooms for the



Bazaar? Social Hall and Iko Hall which had a lot of Japanese treasures, some furniture, a collection of Japanese dolls, elephants of all types, etc. Thank you very much to the Sogetsu ladies who came almost every day the week before the Bazaar to clean, do research and display items so they could be sold at a fair price.

Thank you to those who brought homemade baked goods, plants for sale and other items. The ladies of the Sewing Circle displayed their treasurers as well as other craft things that came in. Kauai Kookies still are available in temple office.

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## Keiro Sunday and Grandparents Day— Sept. 8th



On Sunday, September 8th, we celebrated Keiro Sunday & Grandparents Day. The Intermediate YBA passed out treats and ice cream at lunch. They also presented the oldest male and female Keiro with leis—Masa Kitajima (91) and Akiko Nishiyama (95). It was also Autumn Higan day so the Fujinkai ladies made two types of ohagi and fried saimin with a vegetable salad for lunch.

**Keiro Members:: Masa Kitajima (91); Akiko Nishiyama (95), New Member David Tamashiro (82), New Member Katie Tamashiro (81), Shizue Tatsuta (92), Tsukiko Sakai (92)**

**Group Photo of everyone present on September 8th, including Sundaystudent Wyatt Fujikawa, who passed out all the goodies to Keiro members.**



### 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

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[New Hours]

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## EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for October

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|--|--|--|---|
| <p>1 Yuriko Hirono<br/>Sunao Kurakake<br/>Henry Kazuto Hayamoto<br/>Miwa Irie Maeda<br/>Melvin Futoshi Morimoto</p>  | <p>Nobue Noyama<br/>Gunichi Wakazuru<br/>Mamoru Furuya</p>   | <p>16 Ichijiro Aoki<br/>The Aoki &amp; Okubo Family<br/>Iwakichi Matsumori<br/>The Matsumori Family<br/>Nobuichi Nobuji<br/>Yoshio Tsuda<br/>Dorothy Kazue Uyehara</p>                   | <p>Asataro Yamamoto<br/>The Yamamoto Family<br/>Hatsuji Yamamoto<br/>Edward Komao Harada<br/>Masa Ikuta Yamada<br/>Clinton Toshihiko Tanimura<br/>Tsutomu Ohta Family</p> |
| <p>2 Takeo Taniguchi<br/>The Taniguchi Family<br/>Yasumoto Kawahara<br/>The Kawahara Family<br/>Shuichi Yamamura<br/>Yoshimi Ohara<br/>Tsukie Iwamoto<br/>Akira Hashimoto<br/>Katsuko Tsuji</p>                                | <p>9 Shinzo Kawamoto<br/>Thomas Kiyoshi Aoki</p>   | <p>17 Tome Nagata<br/>Marsha Yoshioka<br/>Susumu Yanagihara<br/>Dr. Masaru Emoto<br/>Koku Hokai Shujo</p>  | <p>26 Kikuji Okada<br/>Yaichi Maruich<br/>Taro Taira<br/>Kiyoko Aoki<br/>Judy Ukiko Tanaka</p>  |
| <p>3 Tome Yanagihara<br/>The Yanagihara Family<br/>Masa Uyeda<br/>Bishop Bino Mamiya (2)<br/>Tanezo Fujimoto<br/>Kanakano Kimura<br/>Misao Hayamoto</p>  | <p>10 Asa Isobe<br/>The Isobe Family<br/>Kiso Fujimoto<br/>Takeo Ishida<br/>Shizuko Hashimoto<br/>Henry Yoshiichi Uyehara<br/>Mildred Mitsue Yanagihara<br/>Kikue Hirota<br/>Yoshihiro Uehara<br/>Katsutoshi Yano<br/>Hatsuyo Teruya</p>   | <p>18 Takeichi Shintaku<br/>Tokuichi Iwasaki<br/>Marla Miki Horiuchi<br/>Masaru Hashimoto<br/>Tomoaki Ito<br/>Sumi Akashi</p>  | <p>27 Fumio Yanagihara<br/>The Yanagihara Family<br/>Nobuo Amakawa<br/>Mamoru Hayashi<br/>Take Kimura<br/>Toichi Toyofuku<br/>Masa Furukawa</p>                           |
| <p>4 Tsune Matsumori<br/>The Matsumori Family<br/>Senichi Iwaki<br/>The Iwaki Family<br/>Robert Yanagihara<br/>Jane Isako Yoshimoto<br/>Tsune Oyama</p>  | <p>11 Shizuo Fujikami<br/>The Fujikami Family<br/>Shizuyo Kimura<br/>The Kimura Family<br/>Takeo Nakata<br/>Ayako Nakamura<br/>Yuriko Tarumoto</p>   | <p>19 Harriet Hatsuko Umeda<br/>Saito<br/>Shizue Omura<br/>Robert Yoshio Shimoda</p>   | <p>28 Hideo Inouye</p>  |
| <p>5 Toshiro Ashinaka<br/>The Morita &amp; Ashinaka<br/>Family<br/>Daughter of Mitsutoshi<br/>Nakamura<br/>Rinji Inouye<br/>Hideo Imamoto<br/>Katherine Hatsuko<br/>Shibuya<br/>Paul Shigeo Takeuchi<br/>Edith M. Yamanaka</p> | <p>12 Mitsuo Hisamura<br/>The Aoki Family<br/>Kameyo Kurakake</p>  | <p>20 Masaichi Ishizaki<br/>Mino Kamisato<br/>Shuichi Yamamura<br/>Iso Ikuta<br/>Wayne Shoji Nakata<br/>Haruyo Kotake</p>  | <p>29 Takayuki Kameoka<br/>The Kameoka Family<br/>Take Hinotsume<br/>Haruyo Hashimoto<br/>Miwako Nakano<br/>Melvin Shigenobu<br/>Hashimoto</p>                            |
| <p>6 Masu Tanimura<br/>The Tanimura Family<br/>Kazuhiro Dean Kawabuchi<br/>Sayoko Kimoto</p>   | <p>13 Ishimoto's Child<br/>The Ishimoto &amp; Akimoto<br/>Family<br/>Yoshiko Imaguchi<br/>The Imaguchi Family<br/>Seizo Hayashi<br/>Masanobu Asai<br/>Kazuyoshi Oyama<br/>The Oyama Family</p>   | <p>21 Aiko Okamoto<br/>The Okamoto &amp;<br/>Nakamoto Family<br/>Shizuyo Fukada<br/>Bradley Yoshiaki Wada</p>  | <p>30 Fuji Yamada<br/>The Yamada Family<br/>Sue Matsuo<br/>The Matsuo Family<br/>Chiyoko Ogata</p>  |
| <p>7 Itsue Hirohama<br/>The Hirohama &amp; Kawasugi<br/>Family<br/>Wakamaru Masaki<br/>Mamu Teraoka<br/>Violet Umamoto Wada</p>  | <p>14 Yukichi Sakuda<br/>The Sakuda Family<br/>Tsunejiro Imaguchi<br/>The Imaguchi Family<br/>Shotaro Uyeda<br/>The Uyeda Family<br/>Kokichi Okimura<br/>The Okimura Family<br/>Masato Kamisato<br/>Tsune Nomiyama<br/>Teruko Sumimoto<br/>Shimo Hirouji<br/>Edward Shoichi<br/>Matsumoto<br/>Harue Nakagawa</p> | <p>22 Kei Sawamura<br/>Kiyomi Fujimoto<br/>Jerry Suyeichi Iwamoto<br/>Fukae Ono</p>  | <p>31 Rikizo Fukuda<br/>The Fukuda Family<br/>Tora Okawa<br/>The Shigeoka &amp; Okawa<br/>Family<br/>Kuni Yamamoto<br/>The Yamamoto Family<br/>Yasuko Mitsuyasu</p>       |
| <p>8 Junichi Nanba<br/>The Nanba Family<br/>Sato Morikawa<br/>The Morikawa Family<br/>Yonesuke Yonemoto<br/>The Yonemoto Family<br/>Setsuko Tanaka<br/>The Tanaka Family</p>   | <p>15 Arata Nishimoto (2)<br/>The Nishimoto Family<br/>Richard Fukashi<br/>Yamamoto<br/>Kiku Yanagihara<br/>Masumi Yano<br/>Roy Nobuharu Mukaisu</p>   | <p>23 Shigezaburo Kanayama<br/>The Kanayama Family<br/>Noboru Kuriyama<br/>The Kuriyama Family<br/>Kousai Nakamura<br/>Shozaemon Yoshida<br/>Kiyoto Horiuchi<br/>Eleanor Masayo Sato</p> | <p>24 Yoshiichi Yamada<br/>The Yamada Family<br/>Kitaro Yamato<br/>The Yamato Family<br/>Miru Umamoto<br/>Hajime Toyomura<br/>Masami Nakahara</p>                         |
|  |  | <p>25 Mamoru Fukuda<br/>The Fukuda Family</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.

Takashi Tabata	91
Patrick Yasuto	
Palekaluhi Nitta	79
Michie Nakagawa	97
Larry Michio Nakahara	79

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

# October 2024

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5	
6	8:30 Fujinkai Meeting 10:00 Sunday Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	8:30 Board Meeting 10:00 Sunday Service	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	NO SUNDAY SERVICE 10:00 Affirmation Ceremony 11:00 Commemorative Svs 12:30 Commemorative Luncheon & Entertainment	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	10:00 Sunday Service	28	29	30	31		

**COMING EVENTS:**

Oct 20 850th Jodo Shu Anniversary & 130th Hawaii Jodo Shu  
 Nov 10 10:00 a.m. O-Juya Service  
 Dec 1 at 9:00 am General Cleaning for New Year—HELP NEEDED!  
 Dec 8 HBC Bodhi Day Service (Jodo-e)  
 Dec. 15 Mochitsuki Day

**Jodo Shu Calendar for October 2024:** The moon may look different depending on where you are, but it shines down equally on us all.

**Fujinkai Mtg** NO Meetings in October for

Sun, 10/6 @ Sr. YBA, Sunday School, Sewing Circle  
 8:30 am

**Bazaar Donations will be accepted.** Kindly call temple office (808) 949-3995, if you have donations. Thank you.

**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). Please also include any niche maintenance, if appropriate. *Thank you.*