



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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BODHI DAY SERVICE

According to tradition, Shakyamuni Buddha attained enlightenment (*bodhi*) under the Bodhi tree in Buddhagaya on December 8. Shakyamuni Buddha's Enlightenment has been the source of guiding light for over 2,500 years of Buddhism. Honoring the Buddha's Enlightenment, we observe our Bodhi Day Service as follows:

Date: **Sunday, December 18, 2022**

Time: **9:30 a.m.**

MC: Valentina Stewart Watson

Message: Rev. Gensho Hara



YEAR-END BOARD MEETING

Our year-end Kyodan board meeting will be called to order by our Board President Ed Sera, after the Bodhi Day Service on **December 18, from 12 noon** at our pavilion. The main agenda will include: Secretary's Minutes; Reports by the Treasurer, the Minister, and the Housing Committee; Year-end schedule; Nomination of 2023 Officers, etc.

MOCHI POUNDING

In keeping with our year-end tradition, we will have *mochitsuki* observance on **Wednesday, December 28, 2022 from 7:30 a.m.** beginning with purification rite. This event will not be opened to the general public again due to the rise in COVID numbers. Please sign up to participate (wash hands with soap at the venue; tie hair back; if you have a fever or not feeling well, please refrain from attending in consideration of our kupuna).

MOCHI ORDER

We will be taking orders for our mochi pounding. Please send us your order (name, tel/cell, and amount) by **Saturday, December 25** via email to lahainajodomission@gmail.com or call Maya (cell 650-417-1022). Pickup can be made on the day of the *mochitsuki* on December 28 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Kasane mochi (mochi offering), 1 med set: \$7.00; *Ko-mochi* (small round mochi): 1 doz. \$8.00; and *Anko mochi* (mochi w/azuki), 6 pieces: \$8.00.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION —JOYA-E SERVICE—

In ending the old year and welcoming the new, let us gather together in front of Amida Buddha and reflect on our life's journey. Let us express our heartfelt gratitude for the countless blessings we received this past year. Let us look forward to a peaceful New Year and try to live our best lives embraced by the Great Compassion of Amida Buddha. *Namu Amida Butsu.*

December 31, 2022

- 10:00 p.m. Prayer offering at the Daibutsu
- 10:30 p.m. Prayer offering at the Pagoda
Let us give thanks to our pre-deceased members and ancestors for their guidance on the eve of the new year.
- 10:45 p.m. *Jobon* (Discarding) Rite
Bring old *omamori* and other items you wish to discard in the temple fire.
- 11:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Service and presentation of new *omamori* (Buddhist amulet for the home and car/purse)
- 11:45 p.m. *Joya no Kane* 108 Bell Ringing Ceremony

Due to rise in COVID numbers, we will serve *toshikoshi soba* (year-end noodles) only after the bell ringing and fire crackers.

DECEMBER FARMER'S MARKET

Our year-end LJM Farmer's Market will be held on **Thursday, December 8 & 22 from 4 to 7 p.m.**

Please come down to enjoy the fresh fruits & organic Kula vegetables, sweet treats, crafts, Hawaiian music, and community!

FREE FRIDAY MOVIE NIGHTS

As part of the Second Friday series sponsored by Maui County, the Lahaina Town Action Committee has been holding a free movie night since September. December featured a short film by a local filmmaker and the movie *Elf*.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec. 3 – Beach cleanup, cosponsored by Rotary Club of Lahaina and Lahaina Jodo Mission
Dec. 8 (Thurs.) – LJM Farmer's Market, 4-7 p.m.
Dec. 9 (Fri.) – Movie Night, *Elf*
Dec. 18 (Sun.) – Bodhi Day Service, 9:30 a.m.
 Board Meeting, noon
Dec. 22 (Thurs.) – LJM Farmer's Market, 4-7 p.m.
Dec. 28 (Wed.) – Mochi pounding, 7:30 a.m.
Dec. 31 (Sat.) – New Year's Eve Service

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

- Tues. (8:30a) Taichi with Juliet*
No class on 12/20, 12/27, and 1/3
- Mon/Wed/Fri. (7:30 am) Yoga with Ray
- Thurs. Kyudo (Japanese archery) practice
- Thurs. 12p, Rotary Club meeting

SAINT HONEN PLAQUE RESTORED

Our Saint Honen plaque, which had adorned our temple since 1972, became rusty due to the salt air. The plaque was a commemorative gift from the Jodo Shu Headquarters to celebrate the 800th year since the founding of Jodo Shu by Saint Honen.

Recently, our neighbor, artist Lawrence LaValle beautifully restored our historic plaque just in time to celebrate the 850th year since the founding of Jodo Shu this coming year. Lawrence also kindly restored Bishop Kindo Hayashi's calligraphic plaque. Our sincere Mahalo to Lawrence for his professional services dedicated to our Mission!

IN APPRECIATION

As our membership declines in number year after year, we, as a temple have continued to face, many challenges. Though we are small in quantity, the quality of our membership remains strong.

A big *Mahalo nui loa* goes to our hardworking board members and officers – President Ed Sera and Vice President Lanny Daise for all their efforts in beautifying and maintaining the upkeep of our temple grounds and affairs, Secretary Valentina Stewart Watson for keeping accurate minutes and her legal advice, Treasurer Maya Hara, and all the members of the Board.

All this would not have been possible without the leadership of our past officers, President Donald Fujii, Secretary Jean Yoshimura, and Project Manager Yayoi Hara.

Last and not least, a big *arigato* to all of you, our members and friends, for your kokua throughout the years! May we humbly ask for your continued support!



Kasane mochi also known as *kagami mochi* are two pieces of round mochi stacked on top of each other and offered with a piece of *konbu* (seaweed) and a *daidai* (Japanese bitter orange, here in Hawaii we use a tangerine). This offering sits on a folded piece of paper that wards off fire from the house. *Kasane* literally means ‘to stack one on top of another’ representing the going and coming years, the sun and the moon, and yin and yang. *Kagami*, or mirror, represents the idea of reflecting upon ourselves. *Daidai* means “generation after generation” and symbolizes the continuation of family for generations. The *konbu* or *kobu* is a wordplay on *yorokobu*, meaning happiness. We offer this special *kasane mochi* at our temple or at home at New Year’s in hopes to bring happiness for generations.