

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KOSEN ISHIKAWA

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission

It's been over one year since we moved from Kauai. One of the first things my wife and I did after moving here was to plant papaya seeds. As we started a new life here in Honolulu, we wanted to sow the seeds that would produce fruits. Last October, I noticed the very first flower of my papaya plant bloomed and now in March, we are about to harvest the very first fruit. You may wonder why I planted the papaya first, and I would like to tell you why.

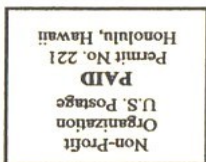


Since 2007, gardening has been a hobby I have been very much into. Gardening was what I started before I fell in love with water lilies. I cultivated land and planted vegetables and various fruits including dragon fruit. I enjoyed growing plants and still do now. Then in August, I brought some crops to the Kauai County Farm Bureau Fair for the contest, where I got blue ribbon awards. Among them, I loved papaya plants because they are easy to grow here in Hawaii. The fruit had so many seeds to sow after eating. All the papaya seeds from the fruit are free and have the potential to yield multiple fruits. Have you ever guessed and counted the number of papaya seeds?

Recently, I had a quiz to ask our members to guess the number of papaya seeds during Sunday Service. It took me about 20 minutes to count all the papaya seeds. To our surprise, the answer was 871 seeds in one papaya.

Back when I was living in Kauai, I planted many papaya plants from the seeds. Later I transplanted sprouts on the ground from the pots they once grew in. That's how I got many papaya trees. I enjoyed growing the papaya plants and shared them with others who were interested. Interestingly, a few years later, one of the older ladies I gave the papaya plant in a pot came back to me to report that the papaya plant was now producing sweet papaya. She thanked me a lot and later she joined our membership. Of course, papaya may not be the main reason for her to be our member, but this experience made me realize the importance of Dana (giving) as a source of happiness.

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[Cont'd Bishop's Message]

It is my sincere wish that I want to be the person who can always give “something.” Of course, as I’m a Jodo Buddhist minister, I would like to share the practice of Nenbutsu and Buddhist teachings with you first and foremost of all. But I would like to share more. That’s my motivation to grow papaya and water lilies here at Jodo Mission. The papayas are not ready to share but I also grow many water lilies to give to our members for free. Before selling at the bazaar, please let me know if you would like to grow water lilies. I’ll be delighted to give you plants.

As you know, April is when we celebrate the Hanamtsuri Festival in commemoration of the Buddha’s birth. At the same time, it is the month when plants begin to sprout. Let us sow the seeds for the future. And please remember that no matter how old you may be, you can always sow the seed! The best seed is absolutely Nenbutsu or to recite “Namu Amida Butusu” because the seed of Nenbutsu will surely bloom in the Pure Land without fail.

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,
Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

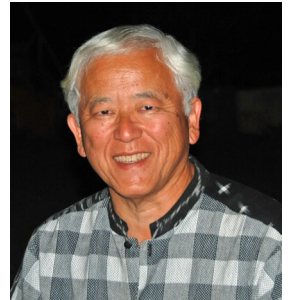
Hawaii Buddhist Council **Buddha Day Service 2023**

“Hanamatsuri” - Celebrating the Birth of Shakyamuni Buddha

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023 @ 9:30 am (HST)
Place: Jodo Mission of Hawaii
Message: Dr. George Tanabe “Why We Tell Stories?”
Feature Show: JATAKA TALES by Jeff Gere with Lesley Kline
Tea & Refreshments: Chado Urasenke Tankokai Hawaii Association & Jodo

Dr. George Tanabe Biography

Born and raised in Waialua, George Tanabe graduated from Willamette University (B.A.), Union Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and Columbia University (M.A. and Ph.D.). From 1977 to 2006, he taught in the Department of Religion at the University of Hawaii and retired as Professor Emeritus. He currently serves as president of BDK (Bukkyō Dendō Kyōkai) Hawai‘i and BDK America (Berkeley). His books about Japanese religions are published by university presses at Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia, and include *Japanese Buddhist Temples of Hawai‘i* (UH Press). In 2012, the Japanese government honored him with the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun. He still lives in Waialua.



Special Presentation of JATAKA TALES by Jeff Gere with a violinist Lesley Kline:

Jataka Tales are Buddhist Teaching Tales in which the Buddha appears as an animal with life lessons. In this delightful family-friendly performance, popular Oahu storyteller **JEFF GERE** tells these simple profound tales in his animated dramatic style, and with shadow puppets. Innovative violin wizard **LESLEY KLINE** adds her rich musical textures.



Free & Open to the Public For more information:

Please contact (808)949-3995 or email at mail@hawaiibuddhistcouncil.org / YouTube Live is also available from the HBC YouTube channel.



JODO MISSION KOINOBORI CELEBRATION 2023

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you very much for your ongoing support to our temple. We are very happy to announce to continue to have a “Koinobori Celebration” to display many colorful Koinobori streamers here at Jodo Mission in order to celebrate all lives.

We are planning to have an opening ceremony **on Sunday, April 16 at 10:00 am** with opening prayer, followed by presentation of Hula and Taiko performance by Master Tsutomu Nakai with Dragon Beat Hawaii.

Also this year, we would like to invite teachers of various cultural classes to be our guest speaker to promote their classes every weekend. We will have great opportunities to learn various cultures and their demonstrations. For more information, please check out website.

Again this year, we would like to ask your sponsorship to display “Koinobori” here at the temple. The more koinobori you sponsor, the more spectacular it will be to attract much more people. At the same time, this could be a great help for our financial situation.

If you were a sponsor for our Koinobori streamers last year, we will continue to honor your names and messages inside the temple. You don’t need to order Koinobori. However, if you would like to sponsor additional Koinobori or to be a new sponsor, please use the following sponsorship form. The sponsor fee for the smaller Koinobori is \$10 and \$20 for bigger size of Koinobori.

All the sponsors names with messages will be displayed with carp-shaped paper tag. There is no deadline but Koinobori will be displayed from April 16 until May 20. Please help us to display Koinobori to celebrate lives. Again thank you very much.

Gassho, Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Jodo Mission Koinobori Celebration Sponsorship

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Message : e.g. In honor of / In celebration of / In memory of _____



Size: Small Koinobori (about 15 inch) \$10 x _____ (Quantity)= _____

Bigger Koinobori (over 20 inch) \$20 x _____ (Quantity)= _____

(Color of Koinobori is random) Grand Total _____

Please make checks payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii” and mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Hon., HI 96814

For Office Use Only

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Order accepted /Received by _____ Date paid ____ / ____ /2023 (In person/Mail/ By phone) (Cash / Check # _____)

Youth Retreat

By Rev. Takaaki Tanabe



Youth Retreat was held in Haleiwa on Sunday, March 12. It was so lively with 24 persons from Jodo Mission of Hawaii and Haleiwa Jodo Mission. First, we used Otsutome Book at Haleiwa Jodo Mission for the Nenbutsu service. After that, we went to Mālama fishpond in Haleiwa. We got a lecture on fishpond, the shelter separates saltwater and freshwater, and how to express nature in Hawaiian languages.



After the lecture, we pulled weeds in the fishpond lake. I was surprised as I had expected to catch fish and observe them together. However, it is not easy to experience pulling weeds out of the water, so this was a valuable experience



for us. We all got covered in mud, got our feet caught in the muck, and had to use a lot of strength to bring the collected weeds up to land, but we all felt a sense of accomplishment when the pond was cleaned thanks to everyone's cooperation.

After the weeds were removed, we returned to Haleiwa Jodo Mission for a lunch of chili rice, vegetables, and fruit. I felt the food tasted good after we worked so hard. Even the other participants felt the same way.

Finally, we ended the day with shaved ice at the site of Old Sugar Mill factory in Waialua. Even though the event was only in the morning, it felt like a very rich day.

Thank you for planning Youth Retreat by Rev. Koji Ezaki. And thank you Haleiwa Jodo Members for making lunch. Also, thank you to all members who joined the Youth Retreat.

Huge Mahalo.



BON DANCE PRACTICE

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

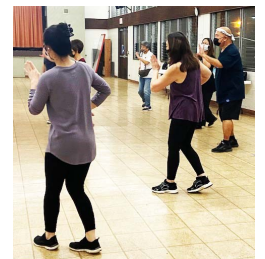
April 14 Friday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
May 12, Friday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

The senseis are Betty Delacuesta and Lydia Morikawa. Please come and practice on the above open practice days. It is lots of fun and good exercise! The practice is free and donations to this group is always welcome.



Photos on this page are from the open practice held on March 10, 2023.

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE (5)

By The Late Bishop Yubun Narashiba

Japanese Buddhism in Hawaii has a very unique cultural background. In Japan, Buddhist customs differ from village to village, town to town, prefecture to prefecture. This is because Buddhism has been localized to fit to the custom in each area. Since Japanese immigrants came to Hawaii from the various regions of Japan, ceremonial customs are different according to the area where the family came from. However, as time passes, those customs are becoming unclear and more confusing for the younger generations. Because of this confusion, younger generations seem to be going away from Buddhism by saying that Buddhism is hard to understand. Therefore, in this article, I would like to explain the standard procedure of doing a service. First, let me show you the two common procedures of having funerals among the members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii.



1. When Someone Passed Away

Death
↓
Medical examination
↓
Call for a minister
↓
Makuragyo (Bedside service)
↓
Call for a mortuary
↓
Body pick-up
↓
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
↓
Viewing service
↓
Cremation
↓
FUNERAL with the first 7th day service
↓
49th day service
Burial service
↓
Hatsubon (1st O-Bon) service
↓
1 year memorial service

2. When Someone Is Very Close To Death

Call for a minister
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Rinju Gyogi (Last rites)
↓
Death
↓
Medical examination
↓
Call for a mortuary
↓
Body pick-up
↓
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
↓
Viewing service
↓
Cremation
↓
FUNERAL with the first 7th day service
↓
49th day service
Burial service
↓
Hatsubon (1st O-Bon) service↓
↓
1 year memorial service

Note: Above two service procedures are purely for informational purpose. We shall honor your family customs and decisions to arrange a funeral service.

**Editor's note: This article is a reprint from our August 2011 issue. Because this article contains information you will need to know some day, we will continue to reprint it from time to time as space permits.

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.

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

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[New Covid Hours]

Monday to Saturday
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Sunday & Holidays
10am–3pm

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for April

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|--|--|---|---|
| <p>1 Yasuemon Kajioaka
The Kajioaka & Morita
Family
Yae Ogata
Mistuko Arakawa
Bessie Shimoyo
Karamatsu
Seiichi Kimura
George Kaname Sakuda
Carl Kaoru Saito
Masaye Oyama
The Kagimoto Family</p> | <p>Alan Sukeharu Masaki</p> <p>11 Tsunekichi Matsuno
The Matsuno Family
Sadako Yokoyama
The Yokoyama & Morita
Family
Teru Sakuda
The Sakuda Family
Sada Harada
The Kohatsu Family
Yoshiko Hara
Orin Fumio Hakoda</p> | <p>Motoo Ueda
The Ueda Family
Maka Tamanaha
The Tamanaha Family
Matsutaro Shimizu
Isamu Yoshioka
Thomas Rai
Ellen Shizuka
Yanagisawa
Myles Mitsuo Hirota</p> | <p>Misao Yamane
Masa Okamoto Miyao
Ume Kawamura
Stanley Y. Ogomori
Tsuyuko Kaneda
Fumiye Teruya
Marian Tsuyuko
Yamamoto</p> |
| <p>2 Ryosaku Maeda
The Maeda Family
Shuzaburo Kunihiro
The Kunihiro Family
Masao Kamihara
James Isamu Tomita
The Hoichi Nishimura
Family
Clarence H.ajime
Shimotsukasa</p> | <p>12 Naka Nakamura
Toshiko Umemoto
Chiyono Toyomura
Beatrice Akiko Buna</p> <p>13 Yasuko Daitoku
The Daitoku & Fujimoto
Family
Kayo Doi
Tsuyo Uchiumi
Zentoku Uyehara
Yasu Iguchi
Herbert Masashi
Yamane
Mattie W. Murphy
Yachie Kinoshita</p> | <p>20 Hiroshi Ohta
Mantsu Takara
Shozaemon Matsumoto
Mildred Yukiko
Toshikiyo Ito
Elaine Michie Miyakawa</p> <p>21 Naomi Takara
Genichi Tamura
Kikue Kakimoto
Masami Yano</p> <p>22 Kyoichi Koyama
The Koyama Family
Chieko Miyakawa
Hiroshi Nakai
The Nakai Family
Kazu Saiki
Kyoichi Koyama
Francis Sadamu
Furutani, Jr.</p> | <p>29 Mitsuyo Kamioka
The Kamioka & Hanaoka
Family
Tatsuyo Ohara (2)
The Ohara Family
Tsuchi Kajioaka
Heijiro Asai
Tsune Uesugi
Yukiji Kamioka
Manzuchi Higashi
Kazuto Hamada
Hatsumi Nakamura
Yoshiyo Yanagihara
Tatsuyo Ohara
Mitsuyo Kanai Yoshida
Mitoshi Tanaka (2)
Tetsuo Oyama</p> |
| <p>3 Kinjuro Ajimura
The Ajimura Family
Katsuichi Takeda
The Takeda Family
Takeo Kuniyuki
Katsusaburo Yamamoto
Kikue Kubota</p> | <p>14 Heiji Yasumoto
The Yasumoto Family
Yoshi Okamura (2)
Kiyoto Kawaoka</p> <p>15 Toso Kamisato
The Kamisato Family
The Aoki Family
Mikayo Higashimura
Toshiro Kawabe
The Kawabe Family
Masakane Himuro
Kenji Hayashi
Toshiko Sumida
Nishimoto
William Hatsuichi
Kishimoto
Loretta Masayo Fujikami</p> | <p>23 Bishop Sensho Fukuda
Moushi Uyehara
Harriet Eiko Gushikuma
Shigeichi Aoki
Tom Shigeo Muranaka
Richard Tadataka
Nomiyama</p> <p>24 Setsuyo Misawa (2)
The Misawa & Watanabe
Family
The Misawa Family
Yoshio Kunimoto
Setsuko Kondo</p> <p>25 Michizo Imaguchi (2)
The Imaguchi Family
Tsunegoro Iwamoto
Yasuko Ueda
Soichi Sakai</p> | <p>30 Tsuru Matsuno
The Matsuno Family
Esa Yamane
The Yamane & Harada
Family
Kume Nakamoto
The Nakamoto &
Sakagawa Family
Shigetaka Imada
Miyoko Shindo</p> |
| <p>4 Masayo Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Shinichi Amakawa
The Amakawa Family
Hitomi Miyaura</p> | <p>16 Bunsuke Isobe
The Isobe Family
Ryu Tsurusaki
The Tsurusaki & Inada
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Masatoshi Umemoto
Patsy Hisako Himuro
Mitsuyoshi Gushikuma</p> <p>17 Kenichi Namba
The Namba Family
Tsuneji Imaguchi
Betty Hisako Goto
Jane Iyoki Yamanaka</p> | <p>26 Kikujiro Yokoyama
The Yokoyama & Morita
Family
Makoto Takahashi
Masato Ishida
Tokue Uehara
Noble Noboru Karimoto</p> <p>27 Misae Umemoto
The Umemoto, Ida &
Matsushima Family
Shizue Nose
Robert Kazuo Murakami
Haruko Teruya</p> <p>28 Rokusuke Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Iwakichi Matsuda
The Toichi Funamoto
Family</p> | |
| <p>5 Tsune Isobe
The Isobe Family
Mamoru Najita
Isematsu Takenaka
Brian Kazumitsu Kaya
Kikuyo Kunimura</p> | <p>18 Toyokichi Iguchi
The Iguchi & Sasaki
Family
Eki Mineishi
The Mineishi Family
Yojiro Watanabe</p> <p>19 Jun Kunihiro
The Kunihiro Family</p> | | |
| <p>7 Yasu Hirohama
The Hirohama &
Kawasugi Family
Kikujiro Uchiumi
Faye Naomi Johnson
Yumi Yokoyama
Isaburo Terada
Toru Yamane</p> | <p>8 Tadaichi Aoki
The Aoki Family
Kojiro Okamoto
The Okamoto &
Nakamoto Family
Shigekichi Yoshizaki
The Yoshizaki Family
Naotaka Hayashi
Misue Imamoto
Ronald Yoshio Takara
Masamitsu Nakano</p> | | |
| <p>9 Shizuko Hironaka
The Hironaka & Ishimoto
Family
Fumie Iwasaki
Tokio Nishikawa</p> | | | |
| <p>10 Tomi Arakawa
Matsuji Yamamoto</p> | | | |

Obituaries

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.

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|------------------------|---------------|
| Janice Misao Okamoto | 99 |
| Doris Chutoshi Chinen | 104 |
| Dorothy Chidori | Yokomichi 102 |
| Clara Yoshino | Ebisuzaki 102 |
| Florence Kikue Maehara | 94 |
| Glenn Yutaka Imoto | 75 |
| Franklin Masayuki | Kamihara 78 |

[9:30am Morning Service](#) [Everyday](#)
Note: Time may change due to
 Covid-19 Schedule

April 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jodo Shu Calendar for April 2023: Good encounters can lead you to a better future.						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:30 HBC Buddha Day Service - Hybrid						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10:00 Sunday Service						Koinobori Set up
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
10:00 Opening Ceremony Koinobori Celebration PUBLIC INVITED						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
10:00 Sunday Service						
30						
10:00 Sunday Service						

COMING EVENTS:

Apr 15-May20 **Koinobori Display on Jodo Mission lawn**
 May 25 Small flowers & greens needed for Lei Making ??
 May 26: Lei Making Project on for Punchbowl graves ??
 June 2-4 State YBA Convention in Hilo CANCELLED
 July 14, 15, 16: O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission
 August 19 Jodo Mission Bon Dance

Sunday School

Encouraged to attend HBC Buddha Day Service on April 2nd

No Meetings or Classes for April for

Fujiinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle
 Fujiinkai will assist with HBC Buddha Day on April 2nd Refreshments

Bazaar Donations will be accepted. Kindly call temple office, if you have donations. Thank you..

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$80) for this year and if you did not pay for 2022 we would appreciate you doing so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*