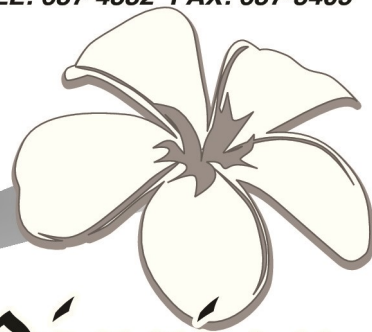
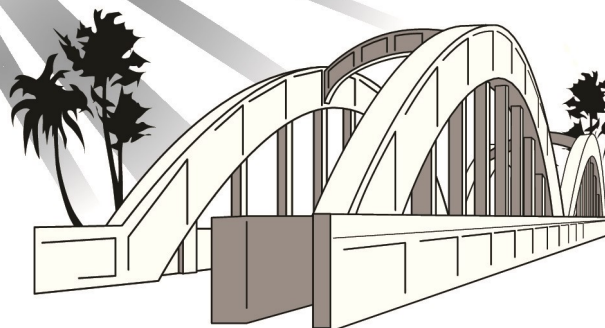
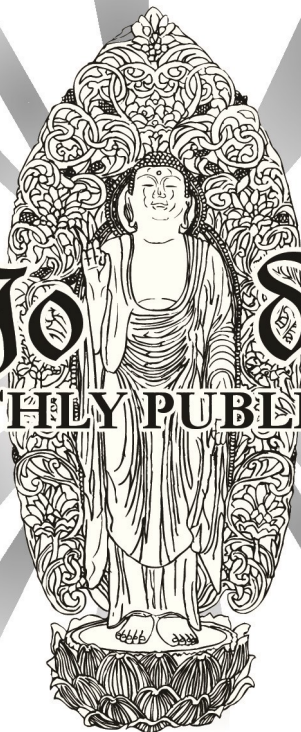


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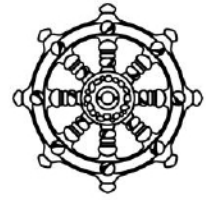
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NEHAN FAMILY SERVICE

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

ZOOM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

10:00 AM

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2023

KOKUA DAY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

GYOKI-YE SERVICE

We would like to thank the following members for preparing refreshments at the Gyoki-ye service on January 8, 2023: Nadine Matsukawa and Patty Hirano.

NEHAN FAMILY SERVICE IN FEBRUARY

Nehan is a memorial service for Shakyamuni Buddha who founded Buddhism 2,500 years ago. The service starts at 10:00 am on February 5, 2023. Lunch will be served. Please join us.

THE MARIAN M. KAWAMURA SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the Marian Masae Kawamura Scholarship are now available. Applications must be turned in to the Haleiwa Jodo Mission by March 25, 2023.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP ON KOKUA DAY

We would like to thank the following members for their help on Kokua Day on January 22, 2023: Sheri Yamauchi, Jess Kawachi, Janine Bregullar, Vera Tabe, Etsuko, Ama, & Lani Morikawa.

PATIO RESERVATIONS

If you want to use the patio for your graduation or birthday party in 2023, please make your plans quickly and make a reservation as early as possible. The season from May to August is especially popular for parties. Because Haleiwa Jodo Mission will observe the Obon Festival in July this year, there will be limited time to use the patio this summer. Only currently active members (have paid dues for at least the last three years) can use the patio. Please call Rev. Ezaki to make a reservation soon.

PET MEMORIAL

Haleiwa Jodo Mission prays for your beloved pets who were one of your family members. You can choose a shelf-urn burial or a communal burial with different types of nameplates, depending on your donation amount. Even though you keep the ashes of your pets in your home, bury them in your family grave or niches, or scatter them in your yard, you can still order a name plate of your pets for our Pet Memorial.

PET MEMORIAL

Available to Members and Non-Members



With Love, We Remember

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

MEMBERSHIP DUES (2023)

Michiko Yamauchi	Sheri Yamauchi
Keith Yamauchi	Shinae Sakai
Joan Yamamoto	David Koizumi
Jon Sugimura	Annette Koga
Nadine Matsukawa	Margaret Maeda
Amy Iwamasa	Edwin Nakahara
Betty Hayashi	Karen Sonstegard
Joshua Choi	Thelma Tsuchida
Jeanette Matsuura	Barbara Koga
Lester Iwamasa	Marianne Ono
Randy Matsui	George Hokama
Carl Sato (2022 & 2023)	
Alvin Watanabe (2022 & 2023)	
Jason Baligard (2022 & 2023)	
Glen Kazama (2021, 2022, & 2023)	

BIRTHDAY DONATIONS

Barbara Koga	Thelma Tsuchida
Jane Sakai	

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Carrie Aoki
(In memory of Sumie Aoki)

Marian Sugimura
(In memory of Masayo & Takaichi Miyata)

Nadine Matsukawa
(In memory of Masakazu Matsukawa)

Joanne Kuwada
(In memory of Louis Kawano)

Myron Koizumi
(In memory of Louis Kawano)

OTERA RESTORATION

Lillian Miyasaki	Valerie Sowder
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OMAMORI DONATIONS

Nadine Matsukawa	Amy Iwamasa
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Joshua Choi	Lester Iwamasa
Melanie Matsui	Inez Koga
David Koizumi	Mae Kishimoto
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Matsumoto Store	Melanie Matsui
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Ted Mukai	Janice Fukunaga
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George Hokama	Marianne Ono
Lester Iwamasa	Barbara Koga
Jeanette Matsuura	Betty Hayashi
Anne Torige	

PET MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Lester Iwamasa
(In memory of Fluff Iwamasa)

NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

Shinae Sakai	Calvin Kunihisa
Joan Yamamoto	Myra Shiratori
Sheri Yamauchi	

GYOKI SERVICE

Myra Shiratori	Grace Iwane
Kenneth Masatsugu	Marianne Ono
Melanie Matsui	Michiko Yamauchi
Jennifer Pang	Joan Yamamoto
Shinae Sakai	Nadine Matsukawa

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY

7th YEAR HIGA, MARK
FEB. 16, 2017

OMAMORI

Haleiwa Jodo Mission has a variety of omamori.

1. Safe driving: Protection of car. This is the most popular omamori in Hawaii. You can hang it in your car.
2. Protection for a house: You may place it above the front entrance door of your house. This is to protect your entire house and family members. This omamori will also lead to your business's success and prosperity.
3. Protection for a person: This omamori is really compact. You may keep it in your wallet or bag. This omamori will give you good luck and protect you from bad luck.
4. Protection for a person (in a bag): A compact omamori in a small purple bag. You may hang it on your shoulder bag or backpack.
5. Protection for a person (in a *kinchaku* bag): The same as omamori #4. You may hang it on your bag. These omamori will also drive bad luck away, and welcome good luck which may happen around you.

TREASURER'S NOTE

Please bring your membership dues up to date. The membership fee covers a wedded couple. We are accepting dues for 2023 as well as past year(s) dues for those who haven't yet paid. Annual membership is \$50.00.

SERMON AT THE GYOKI SERVICE

Rev. Koji Jeff Ezaki

Minister of Haleiwa Jodo Mission

Today's Family Service is the Gyoki Service. Gyoki is a memorial service for St. Honen, our Jodo-shu founder, who passed away on January 25, 1212, about 800 years ago. The left side of the statue in the front is St. Honen. He was born in Okayama, studied Buddhism in Kyoto, and founded Jodo-shu in 1175. His grave is located in Chion-in Temple in Kyoto, Japan. Next year, Jodo-shu will celebrate the 850th anniversary of the foundation of our sect. Later, I would like you to watch a short movie clip about our headquarters, Chion-in Temple, on YouTube.

Today, I will explain Shuka Tsukikage or Moonlight in English which we often sing during the Family Services. Please pick up the Otsutome Book again and turn to page 6. Let's read the verses together.

Tsukikageno itaranusatowa nakeredomo

Nagamuruhitono kokoronizosumu.

Though the moon so bright whitens world's expanse,

Only they who earnest gaze,

Touched throughout, within,

Are embraced by serenity.

"Tsukikage" or "Moonlight" is a Jodo-shu anthem composed by St. Honen about 800 years ago. When we read the verse, we do not understand why the moonlight relates to Jodo-shu teachings. Actually, this song contains some metaphors explaining Jodo-shu teachings. The moon in this song represents Amida Buddha. The moon emits moonlight extensively. That is Amida Buddha's boundless compassion. Buddha's love and compassion is endless and borderless. Let's take a look at "Only they who earnest gaze." Who are they? That is us, human beings. The moonlight shines over the entire world equally. Likewise, Amida Buddha's compassionate light brightens upon everybody everywhere. The verse says that a person who earnestly gazes at it is embraced by serenity. What does this mean? In order to realize that the moon is beautiful, we must look up at the moon. Without seeing the moon, we do not recognize the beauty of the moon. Amida's love and compassion is the same. Without seeing Buddha, and without reciting "Namu Amida Butsu," we are not aware of Amida's love and compassion. Definitely, Amida Buddha is always watching us, regardless of our awareness. To receive His compassion, we must face up to Buddha.

Again, I will refer to the verse in this song which says "Only they who earnest gaze are embraced by serenity, within." If I reverse this meaning, I would say that those who turn their backs on the moon do not know how beautiful the moon is. They are not even aware of the moon's existence. Amida is the same. Those who turn their backs to Amida Buddha,

cannot receive His love and compassion. Thankfully, Buddha's unconditional love is upon us every time, so we must turn our hearts toward Amida Buddha, saying "Namu Amida Butsu." This song, "Tsukikage" gives us awareness. "Tsukikage," the moonlight which is the light of Buddha contains everything that we must be aware of. The light teaches us a very important lesson of awareness. During the sutra chanting, we recited "Namu Amida Butsu" with gassho many times. When you recite it, please put your hands together in gassho and say "Namu Amida Butsu," from the bottom of your hearts. I'm sure your faith will become strong and steady in your mind.

Now, we are going to watch a 10-minute movie about Chion-in Temple. It's difficult to find a video in English explaining Japanese temples on YouTube. (Please type "The Amazing Chion-in Complex of Kyoto, Japan" on YouTube and find the short movie we watched during the service)

This is an awesome video, and we were able to understand a lot about Chion-in Temple in a short time. In the video, it said the temple was built as Chion-in in the year 1234, but St. Honen started Jodo-Shu in a small temple in 1175 in that area. At the beginning, Jodo-Shu was small, but they received land and were supported by emperors and shoguns in Japan's history. Chion-in developed gradually over a period of several hundred years.

Recently, Chion-in refurbished the roof of the main temple. They started the refurbishment in 2011 and took 9 years for its completion. Chion-in replaced 90,000 kawara roof tiles. Initially, the dedication ceremonies were to have taken place in 2020, over a period of one year. Bishop Narashiba, who passed away in 2018, planned a Hawaii Jodo-Shu Japan Trip when he was alive. Because of his sudden death, the plan was put aside. Also, COVID occurred in 2020, so the dedication ceremonies themselves were downsized, and closed ceremonies were observed with a limited number of reverends in Chion-in Temple. Because many things happened during the last few years, we have lost the chance to visit Japan.

Now, taking over Bishop Narashiba's planning, Bishop Ishikawa of Jodo Mission of Hawaii is planning a Japan trip this year in October. The purpose of this trip is "the belated dedication of the main temple" and "the early 850th anniversary of Jodo-Shu." He is still planning to discuss with a travel agency. We do not know the details yet. As soon as the itinerary is released, I will let everybody know. Today, we learned the meaning of Shuka Tsukikage and watched the video of Chion-in Temple. With the reduction of COVID restrictions, more people will be traveling to Japan. I would like you to be interested in the Japanese temples, especially our Jodo-Shu headquarters.

THE MARIAN MASAE KAWAMURA SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by Haleiwa Jodo Mission
\$1,000.00

APPLICANT'S INFORMATION

Application Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of High School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Name of accredited college or higher education institution (including trade school) at which applicant will enroll: _____

Anticipated enrollment date: _____

PARENTS' / GUARDIANS' INFORMATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Financial Status (please check one): ☐ Under \$20K ☐ \$20K-\$30K ☐ \$30K-\$40K ☐ \$40K-\$50K ☐ Over \$50K

QUALIFICATION STATUS:

- ☐ Member or child or grandchild of a member of the Haleiwa Jodo Mission
- ☐ Active volunteer of Haleiwa Jodo Mission or child or grandchild of an active volunteer of Haleiwa Jodo Mission
- ☐ Waialua High School student

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MUST ACCOMPANY APPLICATION:

- High school transcript(s) including seventh semester grades.
- Letter of recommendation from an academic advisor, academic counselor, or recent instructor.
- A short statement of your (1) extra-curricular activities during high school, including sports, volunteering, and church/temple activities and (2) future school and career plans.

NOTE: Upon receipt of the scholarship, the scholarship recipient will be invited to participate (as available) in general clean up and monthly kokua days, o-bon, craft fair, and other activities of Haleiwa Jodo Mission.

I certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct and acknowledge that I will receive invitations to activities:

Applicant: _____

Parent or Guardian (if applicant is under 18 years old): _____

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 25, 2023 (Post Marked)

Mail to: Haleiwa Jodo Mission; PO Box 242; Haleiwa, HI 96712

THE MARIAN MASAE KAWAMURA SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION (2023)

Sponsored by: Haleiwa Jodo Mission

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000.00

History:

Harry Kawamura – a lifelong resident of the Haleiwa/Waialua community – generously provided funding for and established **The Marian Masae Kawamura Scholarship**, in memory of his beloved wife. Mr. Kawamura has since passed, but the scholarship has continued because of his generosity to the Haleiwa Jodo Mission.

The scholarship was initially offered only to the children of members of the Haleiwa Jodo Mission. It has since been expanded to include members' grandchildren and graduating students of Waialua High School.

Eligibility:

Applications for The Marian Masae Scholarship will be accepted from graduating high school students who:

1. Is a member or child or grandchild of a member of the Haleiwa Jodo Mission; or
2. Is an active Haleiwa Jodo Mission volunteer or a child or grandchild of an active Haleiwa Jodo Mission volunteer; or
3. Attends Waialua High School

How to Apply:

Obtain an application form from Waialua High School or Haleiwa Jodo Mission (email: haleiewajodominionyba@gmail.com).

Review and complete application form and provide the additional information specified on the application.

Submit the completed application and additional information to Haleiwa Jodo Mission by the applicable deadline.

Review:

After the deadline, all applications will be reviewed and the scholarship recipient will be notified and invited to meet the Board Members of the Haleiwa Jodo Mission to formally receive the scholarship award.

All information, including academic history, financial need, community service, and leadership achievements will be considered.