

Message By Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear members and friends,

Aloha kākou. Time flies—it's already the end of May! As we wrap up this year's Koinobori celebration and Japanese Cultural Month, I'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this meaningful event. Whether you helped with setting up, taking down, or supported us through generous donations—your efforts truly made a difference. Thanks to your support, we proudly displayed over 1,000 Koinobori! Now, the Bon Dance season is just around the corner. Once again, Hawai'i's Plantation Village will kick off Oahu's Bon Dance season on Saturday, June 7.

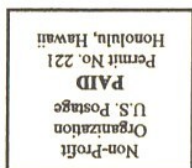


Last month, Shinshu Kyokai Mission hosted its inaugural spring workshop titled **“Bon Dance in Hawaii – Past, Present and Future,”** inviting active members from various Bon Dance groups in Honolulu. Since Bon Dance is seen as a way of connecting people, Bishops of the Hawaii Buddhist Council were also invited, and I was honored and grateful to attend on behalf of our temple.

The workshop featured presentations by distinguished speakers; Dr. George Tanabe, Professor Emeritus at the University of Hawai'i, known for his witty and accessible presentations on Buddhism and its history in Hawaii, Professor Christine Yano, a cultural anthropologist who has conducted in-depth research on Bon Dance throughout the Hawaiian Islands, and Dr. Judy Van Zile, author of the well-known book *The Japanese Bon Dance in Hawaii* and an expert in Asian American studies. After each presentation, we enjoyed Q&A sessions, dinner fellowship, and Bon Dance performances by various clubs.

Some of you may have noticed the Yagura (dance tower) and lanterns set up on the grounds of the Shinshu Kyokai on Beretania street last month—those were for this workshop. What truly struck me was the number of inquiries we received at our temple from people who had seen the Yagura. While we rarely receive questions about our Sunday services, this level of interest shows just how deeply people are drawn to Bon Dance.

When it comes to Bon Dance, traditional songs like “Fukushima Ondo” and “Iwakuni Ondo” remain popular, but new songs are also introduced each year. I was surprised that this year, Ewa Fukushima Bon Dance Club performed a new dance of “APT” by world-famous [cont'd on page 2]

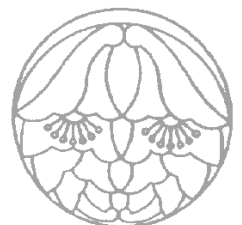


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singer Bruno Mars, who is originally from Honolulu, and Rosé. The melody is so catchy that once you hear it, it stays in your head. In fact, I still find myself singing “Apatsu, Apatsu” around the house. It was a bold and innovative move to turn this song into a Bon Dance number.

This reminds me of what Dr. Tanabe remarked, saying “to preserve tradition, new ideas are essential. If we insist on old methods alone, we may lose the tradition itself.” His words really resonated with me in the context of this experience.

The Japanese famous *haiku* poet **Matsuo Basho (1644-1694)**, known as the father of *haikai* poetry, used the phrase “**Fueki ryuko**” meaning “the unchanging and the ever-changing” to describe the balance between preserving essence and embracing innovation. “Fueki” refers to enduring truth, while “Ryuko” represents new trends. Though they may seem contradictory, Basho believed they are inseparable and must coexist for art to stay alive.

This philosophy applies not only to poetry but to all traditional arts and culture. A tradition that rigidly clings to the “old ways” risks becoming irrelevant. In Buddhism, this is akin to the teaching of impermanence: everything is in constant flux, and resisting change can lead to decline. Conversely, if we adopt modern forms while preserving the underlying spirit of gratitude and reverence, tradition gains new life. Bon Dance continues to thrive and attract people of all ages precisely because it embraces change.

As many of you know, Bon Dance in Hawaii traces its roots to Buddhist observances brought by Japanese immigrants. At its heart is the Obon spirit—honoring and expressing gratitude to ancestors. Over time, this tradition has evolved uniquely in Hawaii.

Today, in addition to traditional *Yukata* and the rhythmic beat of *Taiko* drums, you'll see many non-Japanese participants wearing *happi*-coats adorned with colorful Japanese-style patterns and aloha shirt patterns, dancing with the Aloha Spirit. Modern elements—such as anime songs and even Western pop music—have also become part of the festivities. For instance, “Beautiful Sunday,” originally an English-language song that became a major hit in Japan after being translated, is now a popular dance number at Bon festivals here in Hawaii. These contemporary additions don't diminish the tradition—they reflect their ability to adapt and thrive in new times and places. In this way, Bon Dance in Hawaii exemplifies Basho's ideal of “Fueki Ryuko”: maintaining timeless essence while embracing the present. Tradition is not something to be preserved in a museum—it is something to be lived, to evolve, and to be passed down by adapting to the times.

That said, we need your help to keep this living tradition going!

Our sister temple, Haleiwa Jodo Mission's Bon Dance will be held on August 1 and 2, and our Bon Dance here at Jodo Mission will take place on Saturday, August 16. From preparation the morning before to cleanup on the next day, we'll need many hands. Please mark your calendars and let us know if you're able to volunteer. Your support will help us ensure that the Bon Dance continues to connect generations for years to come.

Also before Bon Dance, we will participate in the Pan-Pacific Festival Parade with ministers from neighbor islands. Again this year, we will promote Koinobori celebration and show our support for Lahaina by wearing Pink T-shirts with pink Koinobori! Please let our office know your participation at your earliest convenience. As we charter a trolley again, you don't need to walk during the parade but enjoy riding on a trolley in Waikiki. A trolley bus will pick us up at Jodo Mission at 3:30pm and take us back to Jodo Mission around 6:30 pm after participating in the parade on June 15th.

And following that, we will observe Obon services in July. On Sunday, July 6, we will set up O-Toba followed by private O-Toba services and Obon services from July 7 through 13th. For more information, including the URL and links for online service, please check our website,

Thank you very much for your Kokua and continued support. Please stay safe, and we wish you and your family a meaningful and peaceful Obon!

Gassho,
Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission of Hawaii: July 11-13, 2025

Jodo Mission of Hawaii is preparing for O-Bon in July. O-Toba orders are in and ministers are preparing the O-Tobas for the upcoming O-Bon services. The plan is for both in-person services and online for the five O-Bon services:



Friday, 7/11 @ 10 am Hatsu Bon families only*

Friday, 7/11 @ 6:00 pm Regular O-Bon Service

Saturday, 7/12 @ 10 am & 6 pm - Regular O-Bon Service

Sunday, 7/13 @ 10 am **Final O-Bon Service**

then cleanup & o-toba take down

**Hatsu Bon families who cannot make the Friday 10 am service, may also attend any other service and your Hatsu Bon*

O-Toba will be read.

Visitations to O-Tobas— With the help of volunteers, we will open the Social Hall for families to visit their O-Tobas with their offerings of flowers and foods. Hours the Social Hall doors will be open for your visits will depend on the number of volunteers we have. See July Bulletin for update.

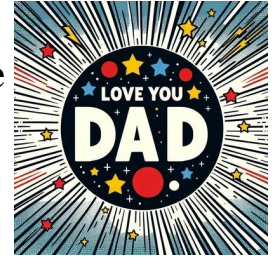
Volunteers Needed in Social Hall July 7-13— If you have some time to spare, would you please contact temple office. It does not have to be every day during this period, but a few hours would be most appreciated. The more volunteers we have the more time we can allow relatives to visit their O-Tobas. If we do not have volunteers, we will close the social hall doors. *Thank you for your understanding.*

What kind of things can you do as a volunteer in the social hall— you may help someone find his/her O-Toba; make sure we don't have too many people in the social hall; if there is a private service, please kindly ask visitor(s) to not interfere with service; depending on Covid, masks may be required inside the social hall, if elderly needs help, you may have to help him/her with their offerings as we do not want them to fall or hurt themselves, know where the restrooms are so you can give directions, know where the faucet is for water and bottles for flowers; to prevent roaches/rodents, fruits/vegetables may need to be covered.

Private Services—Reservations for private O-Toba services can be made by calling (808) 949-3995. Private O-Toba services Monday, July 7 to Thursday, July 10 between 10 am to 12:40 pm and 3 pm to 5:40 pm. These private services can be held in the social hall in front of your O-Toba or O-Toba(s) can be brought to the temple for your private service in the temple. This is especially recommended for more than 5 people attending private service. There is no limitation on how many people can attend a private service in the temple but we do request, if possible, to know the number of people attending.

Jodo Mission of Hawaii **Bon Dance is scheduled for August 16, 2025**
(one day only on Saturday). Plans are being made. Want to volunteer?

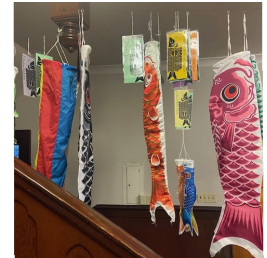
Father's Day -June 15th at 10 am: We always remember our Mothers, but do we always remember our Fathers? Please come to our in-person Father's Day Service on Sunday, June 15th at 10 a.m.



Please try to remember your father on Father's Day, **June 15th**. Give him a telephone call and have a nice chat with him or if you live with him, say *Happy Father's Day* and give him a hand made Father's Day card. He will appreciate it.

Mahalo for your generous support and help for our 2025 Koinobori Celebration.

Again this year, we were able to celebrate and honor all lives with many colorful Koinobori from our many sponsors. We wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your donations, Kokua to install/take down Koinobori, and to prepare for refreshments for special Sunday services. We also thank you very much for our guest speakers, Sensei Grant Murata, Sensei Hiroko Dwitz (Kyudo), Sensei Chrisopher Goodin (Kendo) and Nate Gytoku of Japanese Cultural center of Hawaii (JCCH). Also to Dragon Beat to start our Koinobori Celebration. We'd very much appreciate your participation in our Sunday Service at 10:00 am.



June 15th 3:30 to 6:30 pm - Jodo Mission will participate in the Pan Pacific Parade as part of the 131st Jodo Shu anniversary celebration. The Ministers Association has ordered a trolley and the trolley will pick up Jodo Mission participants at Jodo Mission, Those who wish to walk the parade route may get off the trolley at Fort DeRussy and walk until Kapiolani Park (1.7 mile walk) and return to the trolley for the ride back to Jodo Mission. June 15th is also Father's Day. This would be a wonderful way for fathers to get some exercise and also an opportunity for younger members to walk for their ancestors. No matter how many people are able to participate in this Pan Pacific Parade, we will go forward to represent Hawaii Jodo Shu. Won't you please join us? Sign-up papers are available at temple office.



Sunday, October 26, we will celebrate 131st Jodo Shu Anniversary Celebration with some ministers from Japan. More information to come.

OBON CHUTOBA ORDER FORM

**Hybrid Obon Services on July 11 10 am Hatsubon, 6 pm Regular O-Bon Service
July 12 10 am & 6 pm and July 13 at 10 am Final O-Bon Service
In-Person & Online at Jodo Mission of Hawaii**

DEADLINE: June 25, 2025

Note: Chutoba Orders are for only those who were not able to purchase an O-Toba

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. _____

Hybrid Obon Services

**July 11 @ 10 am Hatsubon
July 11 @ 6 pm Regular Otoba
July 12 (Saturday) 10 am & 6 pm
July 13 (Sunday) 10 am**

Please circle date/time attending:

**Fri, July 11 at 6:00 pm
Sat, July 12 10:00 am 6:00 pm
Sun, July 13 10:00 am**

OR Will Not Attend

**Zoom link will be in July Bulletin and
on website: www.jodo.us**

One Chutoba is \$ 7.00 × Total of Chutoba _____ = Total \$ _____
(中塔婆 1本 7ドル) (本数) (合計)

**Please make check payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii”,
Membership dues (Gojikai) (\$80) and maintenance may also be included with your payment. Thank you.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by : _____ Date accepted : _____ / _____ / 2025 (In person / Mail / By phone)

Received by : _____ Date paid : _____ / _____ / 2025 (Cash / Check # _____) Write _____

ORDER FORM FOR CHOCHIN (LANTERN、ちょうちん申し込み用紙)

DEADLINE: June 25, 2025

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NAME OF DECEASED (亡くなった方のお名前) :

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**So sorry no large
chochin.** We are
unable to obtain the
large chochins.
Please call 949-3995
if you have any ques-
tions. *Thank you.*

SMALL(小) _____ × \$ 7.00 = TOTAL (合計) \$ _____

Please make check payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii”

**Membership Dues (Gojikai) (\$80) and any niche maintenance donation may also be included with
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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 st year	2024
3 rd year	2023
7 th year	2019
13 th year	2013
17 th year	2009
23 rd year	2003
25 th year	2001
27 th year	1999
33 rd year	1993
37 th year	1989
43 rd year	1983
47 th year	1979
50 th year	1976
100 th year	1926

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.** We may need to contact you and your phone was disconnected.

Mail forwarded because you moved also 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。

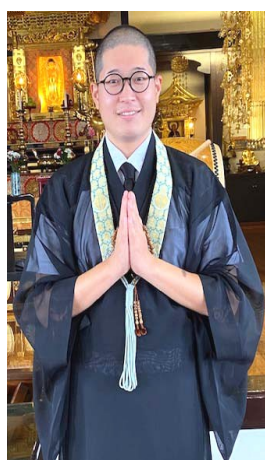
皆様にはご負担をおかけしますが、ご理解ご協力のほどよろしくお願い致します。 合掌



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister



Rev. Takaaki Kouken
Tanabe
Resident Minister

Jodo Mission Office Hours:

[New Hours]

Monday to Saturday

10am—5pm

Sunday & Holidays

10am—3pm

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**Parking: NO PARKING in
Reserved stalls. Thank you**

EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for June

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| <p>1 Tatsuo Nonaka</p> <p>2 Takayo Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Yasuichi Nakai
The Nakai Family
Kikue Tejima
The Tejima Family
Yasu Kawamura
Fujio Fujita</p> <p>3 Sumiko Norma
Muramoto
Masako Kokubun</p> <p>4 Rui Yasumoto
Shizutaro Kimura
Helen Katsu Yokoyama
Fujiko Teruya
Susan Teruko Lubick
Rose Kikue Hata
Koma Kokubun
Hisashi Nakamura
Gail Emiko Morimoto</p> <p>5 Kamematsu Kano
The Kano & Watanabe Family
Shuichi Arakawa (2)
Yoshikazu Ebisuzaki
Tamon Yamaguchi
Japanese Marines
Masanori Matsumoto
Tsuyo M. Matsumoto
Rihei Matsumoto
Shuichi Arakawa
Gosaburo Gary Nanbara</p> <p>6 Chujiro Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Matsu Wakaki
The Wakaki Family
Tomo Daitoku (2)
The Daitoku & Fujimoto Family (2)
The Daitoku & Kawauchi Family
Shinichi Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Miyoshi Takara
Gushikuma Ancestors</p> <p>7 Ayako Morikawa
The Morikawa Family
Taki Asai
Kichi Kunihiisa
Shina Kotake
Yukiyo Matsumoto
Robert Hidenori Iwai
Yaeko Ishida
Tomezo Furutomo</p> <p>8 Soichi Hirano
The Hirano & Kaneko Family
The Hirota Family</p> | <p>Dorothy Saku Yokoyama
Betty Kimiko Hisamura</p> <p>9 Sueko Tanimura
The Tanimura Family
Kenzaburo Ishii
The Ishii Family
Emi Kawamoto</p> <p>10 Yoshisuke Miyakawa
The Miyakawa Family
Ariki Fujimoto
Mieko Ono
Hisako Mitani
Bertha Takako Homareda</p> <p>12 Bunjiro Umemoto
The Umemoto Family
Miyoshi Okamura
The Okamura Family</p> <p>13 Charles Harumi
Takabayashi (2)
Jeane Sachiko Ebisuzaki
Sakaye Ogata
Emiko Tamura</p> <p>14 Masuzo Konaka
The Konaka, Yano, & Hayashi Family
Kiichi Morisako
Katsuko Sakakibara
Shigeki Narahara
Hisako Asaeda
Nakamura</p> <p>15 Yoshio Morita
The Morita Family
Kikutaro Higashide
The Higashide & Fuyukawa Family
Albert Akira Sakuda</p> <p>16 Onichi Chinen
The Chinen Family
Chiyo Heirakuji
Harry Noboru Matsumoto
Iwao Oki
Faye N. Shinohara</p> <p>17 Natsu Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Senjiro Ogawa
Ichiro Nakatsuka
The Hirotsu Family
Helen Miyoko Oda
Hachijiro Homareda
Tora Nakamura
Hisa Furutomo</p> <p>18 Tama Morita
The Morita Family
Chiyo Mori
Hatsuyo Yoshikawa
Kame Uyehara
Bunkichi Kamimura
The Uyehara Family
Kay Kimiko Yamamoto</p> | <p>Janice Yoshiko Kitashiro
Mitsue Ikuta
George Tsuneharu
Masaki
Masako Oshiro</p> <p>19 Kiyomatsu Ueno
The Ueno Family
Shinei Kanehira
The Kanehira Family
Mitsuru Ogi
Kenichi Naito
Sam Saburo Taniguchi
Kikuyo Morioka
Miyoshi Akashi
Hatsukichi Yamamoto</p> <p>20 Hisataro Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Naaji Yokoyama
Moushi Kobashigawa
Kame Uehara
Ichitaro Matsuda
Hisakichi Yamamoto
Wade Kenji Sakai
The Ashimine Family
Herbert Toyokatsu
Yanagihara</p> <p>21 Sumi Takeda
The Takeda Family
Komanoshin Masatsugu
Teruo Masatsugu
Lillian Ayako Tasaka
Suzuko Shigehara
Yoshito Charles Oshita
Don Shigeo Toishigawa
Kyoko Homareda</p> <p>22 Isuke Iwasaki
Murakami's Baby
Kazumi Mizuta
Yoshimi Maruichi
Edward Isamu Kimoto
Moshi Takara
Takara's Baby
Edwin Kyoichiro Arakaki
Hiroshi Furutomo
Kiyoko Okahara</p> <p>23 Isamu Yonemoto
The Yonemoto Family
Yoshio Higa
The Higa Family
Yoshiko Hamasaki
Jonosuke Arakawa
Kosuke Takara
Kihachi Kishimoto
Bishop Chikai
Shibamura</p> <p>24 Yoshito Ebisuya
The Ebisuya Family
The Fujii Family
Tokiko Kurakake
Dorothy S. Kobayashi
Harry Wakaso Iwai</p> | <p>Koei Andy Takara</p> <p>25 Hana Mitsutani
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Isamu Nakano
Keigo Soma
Clarice Sadako
Yamamoto
David Leroy Becker</p> <p>27 Ron Kiyoshi Amasaki
Akira Shimoda</p> <p>28 Shintaro Masuda
The Masuda & Asamura Family
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Kiyoichi Oshiro
Shiro Koike</p> <p>29 Kumanosuke Morikawa
The Morikawa Family
George Sadamu
Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Kinuyo Karimoto
Ziu Takaoka
Kiichi Takaoka
Shizuko Heirakuji
Grace Setsuko Kawafuchi
Nobuso Takenishi</p> <p>30 Hana Ishizaki
Helen Tsurue Nagaishi
The Nakauye Family
John Yoshito Nakauye
Charles Hiroshi Taketa
Gerald Kenji Sato</p> |
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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.

Aiko Nakamura	98
Tazuko Nakasu	94
Akiko Umeda Nishiyama	95

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

June 2025

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	8:30am Fujinkai Mtg 10:00am Sunday Service	2	3	4	5	6	7 8:00—11:30\ Sewing Circle
8	8:30 am Board Meeting 10:00 am Sunday Service	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	10:00 am SundayFather's Day Svs 3:30-6:30pm Pan Pacific Parade Please sign up	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	10:00 am Sunday Service & Baccalaureate Service	23	24	25 Deadline: Chutoba & Chochin Orders	26	27	28
29	10:00 Sunday Service	30		Jodo Shu Calendar for June 2025 Helping others helps ourselves			

Coming Events:

July 6 @ 9am O-Toba Set Up & General Cleaning before
O-Bon Services - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.
July 7 to 13 O-Tobas on Display in Social Hall
July 11-13: O-Bon Service at Jodo Mission of Hawaii
July 13 O-Toba Kuzushi after 10 am service—HELP Needed
Aug 16 Bon Dance (one night only)

Pan Pacific Parade—Please come to Jodo Mission by
3:30 pm on Sunday, June 15, 2025.

Fujinkai Meeting

6/1 @ 8:30 am in Ikoi Hall

Sewing Circle—6/7

8 am to 12 pm in Ikoi Hall

No Meeting in June for: Sr. YBA

Sunday School may participate
in Father's Day Service on 6/15
& Baccalaureate Service on 6/22

BAZAAR DONATIONS—Please kindly call temple office

(808) 949-3995, if you have Bazaar donations. Please try not
to put too many things in one box, especially books. It is hard
bringing donations up and down stairs. **Thank you**

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$80) this year & any niche maintenance by
making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*