

Information on O-Toba for 2020

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission:

Thank you very much for your support to Jodo Mission. We hope you are enjoying a very safe and peaceful New Year. Time passes so quickly! It is time to order your O-Toba.

What is an O-Toba? An O-Toba is a long wooden memorial tablet with the name or names of your ancestors written to honor them. An O-Toba is like a hotel room for your ancestors and during the O-Bon period, your ancestors' spirits return from the Pure Land and stay in the O-Toba. During O-Bon 2019, Jodo Mission started a new type of O-Toba which was much lighter, thinner wood and 6 feet tall and during O-Bon they were displayed in our Social Hall. Sample of the main O-Toba is shown in the upper corner. Each side was placed side by side while originally there were four sides to the 10 feet tall O-Toba. We will continue with the new O-Tobas in 2020.



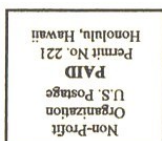
You should have received your 2020 O-Toba order form. Please fill out the form and specify whether you request the writing in Japanese or English. If in Japanese, please provide the proper kanji as there may be many ways of writing kanji.

Because of the Temple's busy summer schedule and the continuing of the new O-Toba, **the deadline to order your O-Toba is Sunday, March 1st.** Our O-Bon services will be held on **July 17-19** (Fri-Sun).

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

In Gassho,

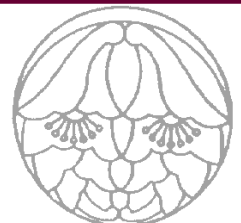
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New Year Resolution

By Rev. Myoko Takano

At the end of his Sermon on Sunday, January 12, 2019, Rev. Takano talked about his New Year resolution. The following is that part of his Sermon:



This new year I will strongly recommit my effort to Amida Buddha and will continue to spread the teaching of the Buddha. Also, I will strongly commit myself to be a good leader of Jodo Mission of Hawaii and speak Jodo Shu essence to you during the services on Sundays.

Whenever I recite the Nembutsu, I will tell you how to guide yourself to connect more deeply with Amida Buddha. When I call Amida Buddha's name, I can feel and express my gratitude for my life, for my family and friends, for the members and their families, for those who are suffering and in sorrow, and to those who passed away.

Even just ten times recitation of Nembutsu, chanting Amida Buddha's name, we can feel calm and at peace. And it also grows your sense of appreciation. I will instruct you on how Nembutsu is powerful throughout the year. This is my New Year's resolution.

My sincere gratitude goes out to all our members who supported our temple. Thank you to our Kyodan, YBA, Fujinkai members who helped to develop Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Thank you to our members who donate their time, money, and offer fruits, flowers, food and support. Your contributions continue to help us spread the Buddhist teachings. I deeply ask your heartfelt support for this new year.

I wish your New Year be filled with peace, good health and happiness!

In the end, please put your hands together in gassho and recite Amida Buddha's sacred name—Namu Amida Butsu.

Sunday School New Year Calligraphy Resolutions

Rev. Takano with assistance from Mrs. Ryo Shinozaki got the Sunday School and Intermediate YBA students and their parents to write their New Year Resolutions in kanji characters. Students and their parents below show their finished products. Below are all the kanji New Year resolutions displayed outside the temple office. Please stop by and see this display.



前進→make a progress
大→too much love
龍→Dragon
上→aspirations
合格→pass the examination
勝利→victory
笑顔→smile
走→running



Students & parents working hard on their calligraphy



新→New
成長→growing up
身は卑しく保ち、心は高く持つべし→Keep yourself low and keep your heart high

Even 4-year old Yui had a simple kanji

Save date for 2020 Hawaii Jodo Shu Tour to Japan

Leave Honolulu, October 19 and return on October 26, 2020.

Hawaii Jodo Shu Tour to Japan (*mainly Kansai area*) is planned for October 19 to 26, 2020. Chion-in Grand Temple has been under restoration construction since December 2011 and it will have its grand reopening ceremonies from April 13 to October 25, 2020. Anyone interested in this Hawaii Jodo Shu Tour to Japan, please contact **Bishop Ishikawa** at **(808) 635-8530** or email to **kosenishikawa@hotmail.com**.



Special Service at Betsuin as Part of Ministers and Wives Workshop

December 22, 2019

On Sunday, December 22, 2019, a Special Service was held as part of the Hawaii Ministers and Wives Workshop with various ministers, wives and their families from Jodo Shu temples in Hawaii attending.

Bishop Ishikawa passed out and talked about the Meditation of Loving Kindness (from Mettā bhāvanā, Japan Theravada Buddhist Association) - See page 4 for copy of Meditation of Loving Kindness.

After the service, refreshments were served in Iko Hall consisting of pizza and sushi. Even with his busy schedule, Bishop Ishikawa came early Sunday morning and prepared some fancy, delicious sushi.

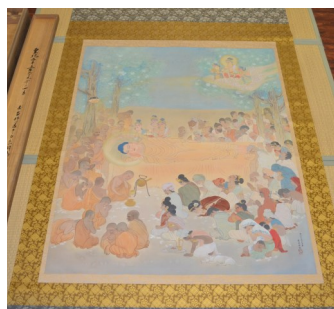
Very nice gathering!



Ministers' children: Sophie, Hugh, Miku, Sally & Sae

Buddha's Memorial Day Service (Nehan-e) **Sunday, February 9th at 10 a.m.**

Nehan-e is the Memorial Day Service for Shakyamuni Buddha. He is the founder of Buddhism. He passed away at the age of 80 about 2500 years ago on February 15.



“Nehan” is “Nirvana” in Sanskrit. “Nirvana” means the state of things after a fire has been put out. In other words, it means that Shakyamuni Buddha put out the fire of bad things human beings have in their minds; such as, anger, confusion, sorrow and so on. Then, he completely reached Enlightenment on that day. It is said that Shakyamuni Buddha achieved Enlightenment at the age of 35 and then spent the rest of his life teaching his wisdom throughout much of northern India. After nearly 45 years of lecturing, he and a number of his loyal disciples journeyed toward the place of his birth. During this journey, Buddha experienced much pain from his illness and knew his time on earth was coming to an end but still continued to his birthplace. When his pain became unbearable and he had to stop moving, his disciples prepared a bed for him under a sala tree where he could rest. He still continued to preach his sermons and told his disciples that they must continue to practice his teachings and strive for enlightenment.

Thanks to Shakyamuni Buddha, we can live with his wonderful teachings. Shall we express our great appreciation to Shakyamuni Buddha on this Nehan Service. **The service will be held on Sunday, February 9th at 10:00 am.** We look forward to your attendance.

Meditation of Loving-Kindness

(from Mettā bhāvanā, Japan Theravada Buddhist Association)

Let myself be always happy and kind. Let myself be free from disease and mental worries. Let myself be always successful in righteous and reasonable endeavors. Let the wisdom of light shine upon myself. Let myself be always happy and kind.

Let my intimates be always happy and kind. Let my intimates be free from disease and mental worries. Let my intimates be always successful in righteous and reasonable endeavors. Let the wisdom of light shine upon my intimates. Let my intimates be always happy and kind.

Let all living beings be always happy and kind. Let all living beings be free from disease and mental worries. Let all living beings be always successful in righteous and reasonable endeavors. Let the wisdom of light shine upon all living beings. Let all living beings be always happy and kind.

Let all living beings irritable to me be always happy and kind. Let all living beings irritable to me be free from disease and mental worries. Let all living beings irritable to me be always successful in righteous and reasonable endeavors. Let the wisdom light shine upon all living beings irritable to me. Let all living beings irritable to me be always happy and kind.

Let all living beings not happy with me be always happy and kind. Let all living beings not happy with me be free from disease and mental worries. Let all living beings not happy with me be always successful in righteous and reasonable endeavors. Let the wisdom of light shine upon all living beings not happy with me. Let all living beings not happy with me be always happy and kind.

Let all living beings be always happy and kind.

Mochi Tsuki Day—December 28, 2019

Arigato to all who came to the temple to make Mochi on Saturday, December 28.

Growing up in Hawaii, almost everyone likes mochi at New Years as a symbol of good luck and good health. There were so many temple members, relatives and friends and friends of friends who brought their children and grandchildren to help with mochi making. Some experienced mochi making for the first time. The time goes by so quickly! It takes a lot of people, young and old, to make mochi—IT'S A LOT OF HARD WORK AND FUN TOO!



The day before, mochi rice is washed (635 pounds), pots, burners, wooden containers, grinder checked and in working condition, cutters and parts from storage all need to be washed and prepared for use on Mochi Day.

On Mochi Tsuki Day, which begins around 4:30 am or earlier, mochi rice is steamed, put through a grinder which takes a lot of manpower, and individually shaped, floured, excess powder brushed off, weighed and packed to fulfill the many orders received. There is also a lot of fellowship. **We were especially thankful for students from Kalani High School Japanese language class** who came to help and participate as part of cultural information. They learned that it is not so easy making mochi.



Didn't your mochi taste especially good when you were part of this unique day!! Thank you so much for your help! Please come back for mochi making day in December 2020.

Open Letter to All Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai Members And Interested Persons and Supporters of Fujinkai

You are cordially invited to attend our annual General Membership Meeting and New Year's party of the Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai on Sunday, February 23, at 10:45 a.m., following the Sunday Service. The Fujinkai membership has decreased with the passing of so many of our Fujinkai members. We urge all Fujinkai members, if at all possible, to please come and enjoy the fellowship of other Fujinkai members. If you know a friend or a Jodo Shu member from another island who has relocated to Oahu, please invite her to this event.



The Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai assists the temple in whatever way it can. They are known for their sushi and sushi vinegar, etc. We try to keep tradition ongoing by making our own sushi vinegar, making various types of sushi, botamochi or ohagi, namasu, nishime, gyoza, etc.. **The Fujinkai ladies prepare refreshments for Family Service Sundays and they could use more help.** We welcome ideas of "fun" activities the ladies could get involved with. Please come and share your ideas.

You do not have to bring anything except to call Sally at the Jodo Mission office **949-3995** and tell her you are coming so we can get a head count. We just want you to come for some fellowship! We would appreciate having as many people attend as possible. There will be good food and games. *Thank you!*

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Other Fujinkai News: February 2 outing cancelled & regular meeting to be held on Feb. 2. **April 19** after Sunday Service, Fujinkai will show the movie "**Aloha Buddha**". More information to be announced later.

What is “Perpetual Memorial Service?” (Eitaikyo)

This record of a perpetual memorial service and is called Eitaikyo in Japanese. When the date of death occurs for a person listed on this record, the ministers pray for that individual during the morning service. The prayers will continue each year for as long as Jodo Mission exists.

Anyone can be included in it. You may put your own name on the list, too. This also helps when it is difficult to have memorial services. We also welcome you to attend the morning service at 9:30am.

How to apply

Stop by the office, and fill out the application form. Each name costs \$200. After the application is accepted, the name will be listed on the record.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you, thank you to **Gladys Higa** who spent 4 hours cleaning the Nokotsudo on day after Christmas and day after New Year's day and even other Wednesdays. With the holidays, more flowers are brought to the Nokotsudo and we appreciate her help. We also appreciate the gentleman who comes every day to visit his relatives and also does cleaning. **Arigato!**



Thank you Mrs. Jane Yamauchi and son Scott Yamauchi for the beautiful red and white poinsettia plants for the altar which were used for the Special Service held on December 22 at Ministers and Wives Workshop. They brightened the altar for this event. Before Mochitsuki day, the plants were brought outside to the St. Honen statue. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. **Arigato!**

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Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Kanjun Nakano
Resident Minister



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister

Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) For February

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| 1. Itaro Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Kisaburo Teraoka
The Teraoka Family
The Mitani Family
Sumako Kishii | Kame Uyehara
The Uyehara Family
Michie Watanabe
Jimmy Nestegard
Chiyo Tanaka
J Jackson Miiyagawa | Tsutako Yamanaka
The Yamanaka Family
Matsuyo Machida
Otome Takara
Tomiko "Ruth" Inouye
Cory Ikuta
Masae Matsumoto | Tatsuki Hirano
Matsuye Hirano
Keiji Kokubun |
| 2 Kuma Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Robert Hiroshi Yamanaka
Dorothy Mieke Oshita
Hideo Takamatsu
Yasuko Tanaka
Sueyo Nakamura | 11 Minekichi Taniguchi
The Taniguchi Family
Tsuneko Nago
The Nago & Kunimoto
Family
Rev. Shuen Inouye
Townsend
Sue Nishimoto (2)
Noboru Yamasaki
Kameyo Fujita
Hisae Yamato | 19 Chozo Kawano
The Kawano Family
Eijiro Murakami
The Murakami &
Yamamoto Family
Ishi Matsuda
Eijiro Murakami
The Murakami Family | 28 Fukuichi Fukuda
Mitsuyo Gladys Yoshihara
The Goichi Kawamura
Family
Tsuru Kuniyuki |
| 3 Rymond Hisashi Narahara
Ayame Kano
Hazel Mitsuko Imai | | 20 Ryozo Hamada
The Hamada Family
Magoichi Mineishi
The Mineishi Family
Taro Takara
Tomoyo Takara
Kimie Matsuda
Suye Takabayashi
Natsuko Aoki
The Takara Family | 29 Nobue Kochi |
| 4 Kii Hirohama
The Hirohama Family
Kiyoe Soma
Robert Takashi Maehara | 12 Sumie Kanayama
The Kanayama Family
Bishop Shinkyō Tachikawa
Doris Umeno Nojima
Yoshihiro Hata | 21 Tamotsu Kuniyuki
Momoyo Yoshida
Kikue W. Awaya | |
| 5 Hatsu Konaka
The Yano, Konaka &
Hayashi Family
Gorokichi Ishida
The Ishida and Aimoto
Family
Misao Mitsuyasu
The Mitsuyasu Family
Masaharu Kotake
Tsugio Hayase
Shigeyo Kawano
Harumi Mayeda
Sumiko Sakaguchi | 13 Torajiro Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Ichiro Yasumoto
Fusakichi Kawanishi
Haruyo Tarumoto
Seijiro Takabayashi | 22 Yoshi Hayashi
The Yano, Konaka &
Hayashi Family
Kinu Nishimura (2) | |
| 6 Matsuemmon Tanimura (2)
The Tanimura Family (2)
The Sawaichi Nakagawa
Family
Kimi Higashi
Misae Ichida
Bunji Kishii (2)
Umeyo Yamamoto
Dr. Yasuhiko Hayashi
Patrick Seiji Yamamoto | 14 Hajime Nishimoto
The Nishimoto Family
Kensuke Hironaka
The Hironaka & Ishimoto
Family
Sae Tachikawa
Hiroshi Sato
Raymond Shizuo Asaumi
Shigeyo Otani
Takeji Gushikuma
Matsu Kiyuna
George Satoshi Tarumoto
Kikuye Homareda
Eleanor Emiko Nishimura | 23 Taichi Sato | |
| 7 Namiye Nakamura
Tsugi Hifumi
Yoshizo Muramoto | 15 Fred Kiyoshi Tsukiyama
Otake Takara | 24 Kame Akamine
The Akamine Family
Kikuno Hisamura
Kamesuke Nakahama
Peggy Takiko Yanagihara | |
| 8 Toshio Higa
The Higa Family
Yukie Higashi
Tame Ito
Stella Masako Takamatsu | 16 Shigeru Asaumi
The Asaumi Family
Yukio Nakagawa
Motoo Muramoto | 25 Sue Maeda
The Maeda Family
Shinichi Takao
The Takao Family
Takayo Matsuo
The Matsuo Family
Shigeki Umamoto
The Yoza Family
The Shimabukuro Family
Tamotsu Nakamura
Florence Kimie Karimoto | |
| 9 Haruyo Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Minoru Okawa
The Okawa Family
Kishichi Yoshikawa
Kimie Tanaka
Yoshiteru Sakaguchi
Miyono Shimoda | 17 Masuyo Shimokawa
The Shimokawa Family
Kinzaburo Makino
The Makino Family
Kazuyo Hashimoto
Choshiro Ikuta
Tsuchiyo Fujimoto
Reiko Hata
Alfred Akira Tanaka
Frederick Kinzaburo
Makino | 26 Jirosaku Otani
The Otani & Yanagihara
Family
Shiro Fukuda
Richard Kiyomi Ochiai
Robert Bobby Mitsuyasu
Stanley Ryosei Matayoshi | |
| 10 Satomi Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family | 18 Reiji Yamane
The Yamane & Harada
Family | 27 Taichi Wakaki
The Wakaki Family
Keiko Hanano
Noboru Hirano
Shigeru Takara | |

Obituaries

The Jodo Mission of Ha-
waii extends its sincere con-
dolences to the family mem-
bers and loved ones of the
following members who have
recently left this world for the
Pure Land.

Seiichi Takara	92
Florence Hanayo Masaki	91
Wanda Sumiko Matsukado	68

9:30am Morning Service
Everyday

February 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jodo Shu Calendar for February 2020: Listen carefully and with an open mind to others.						
2 8:30am Fujinkai Mtg ■ 10:00am Obetsuji Service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00am Nehan-e Family Service 11:45 am Board Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10:00am Sunday Service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 am Sunday Ser- 10:30am Fujinkai Gen- eral Membership Mtg & New Year's Party	24	25	26	27	28	29

COMING EVENTS:

- Den Den Mushi visitation—March 1
- Deadline for O-Toba Orders: March 1
- Spring Higan Service: March 22
- Youth Retreat: To be Announced

Fujinkai Mtg: Feb 2 , 8:30 am Ikoi Hall

Feb. 23 at 10:30 am General Membership Meeting then New Year's Party

Sunday School

To Be Announced

Sewing Circle: No Class in February; will start again in March

Bazaar Donations are being accepted for the Bazaar in October 2020.

Senior YBA: No meeting

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$60) for this year and if you did not pay for 2019, 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.*