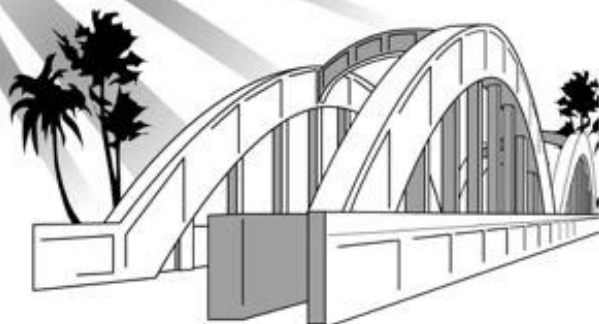


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FAMILY SERVICE

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

GENERAL CLEAN-UP

9:00 AM

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

10:00 AM

SUNDAY, JULY 20

BON DANCE PRACTICES

7:00 PM

THURSDAYS, JULY 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2025

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

1 YEAR	ENDO, SANDRA JULY 29, 2024
7 th YEAR	IBATA, JANET JULY 4, 2019
13 th YEAR	MASATSUGU, NOBUICHI JULY 2, 2013

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

MEMBERSHIP DUES (2025)

Stanley Matsumoto	Inez Koga
David Chee	Mae Kishimoto
Leanne Kuniyama	Lynette Frazier
Keith Yamamoto	Annette Koga
Travis Williams	
Ken Enomoto (New member)	
Carol Kellett (New member)	
Glenn Okasa (New member)	
Daryl Masaki (New member)	
Raymont Fukuda (New member)	
Ryan Toyomura (New member)	

O-BON HOUSE VISIT

Takahashi Family	Jane Sakai
Stanley Matsumoto	Shinae Saka
Calvin Kuniyama	Shirley Kitamura
Lorelei Campbell	Betty Hayashi

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Linda Oishi	Ivan Matsumoto
Lester Iwamasa	

PATIO DONATIONS

Jayson Correa	Kuulei Barit
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WE NEED YOU!!

Haleiwa Jodo Mission is always looking to recruit people who support the temple. There are many ways to donate your time and show your support. For example, carpenters and people skilled at general repair work are needed all the time. Photographers and video editors are also needed to help preserve the temple's history into the future. Kitchen helpers will definitely be able to support Tomomi preparing food for events.

THIS AND THAT IN 2025
Rev. Koji Jeff Ezaki
Minister of Haleiwa Jodo Mission

- Obon is just around the corner. Compared to previous years, our Bon Festival this year will be late, held in August. The reason it is late is because we observe Toro Nagashi. Our Obon service is scheduled around the ocean tide. Between the months of July & August, we must pick the right day when the tide is lower around 9:00 pm and receding to the next morning. Otherwise, the toro may come back to the shore.
- Help is needed for our Bon Festival. Toro Nagashi has become very popular and many people have become interested in it in Hawaii. Helpers are needed to keep the event going. Your encouragement to your children, grandchildren, and friends will attract people to participate in the various activities leading up to the day of the event.
- I deeply appreciate the families who accepted the Tanagyo Obon house-visit. It is a custom for reverends to visit members' houses to pray at their butsudan home altar before Obon. In this age of texts, LINE, and other communication apps to stay in touch, it is a wonderful time for the sensei to visit members at their homes and talk to them face to face.
- My family will be in Japan from June 10th to 30th. They will be staying in Okayama, Tomomi's hometown, and in Osaka to see my parents. I will be with my dog, Mochi, at the temple. If you feel sorry for me, please bring bento or beer. 😊
- I am surprised that not many people in Hawaii know that the World Expo 2025 is being held in Osaka from April to October. The last Osaka Expo was in 1970. My brother said he already went twice. If you are going to Japan, you should see it!
- I was assigned to Haleiwa Jodo Mission on November 1, 1998. Can you believe I have been here for 27 years! However, Rev. Miyamoto served for 30 years, and Rev. Shiratori served for 29 years at Haleiwa Jodo Mission. Did you know that Reverend Akiyama of Haleiwa Shingon Mission has served for 67 years. Awesome!! Compared to them, I am only a baby.
- I have posted over 70 bon dance movies on my YouTube channel. I personally film, edit, and post the movies on my channel. My main purpose of posting the videos is to preserve the teaching of our great teacher Shomida Sensei for future generations. Shomida Sensei was the last teacher to teach the traditional bon dance that nobody can replace in Hawaii.

- Some of you may be wondering if my bon dance, services, and music posts generate money from Google? My YouTube account is not monetized. Please feel free to watch the videos as I am not making any profit on them.
- The new elevator was installed. The old elevator was built around 1990. It was extremely rusted and had numerous problems because the temple is located right next to the ocean. The board decided to install the new elevator, costing over \$100,000.00. Those who love it, give them a LIKE!
- Thank you for the material donations to the North Shore Food Bank. Linda of the North Shore News holds food distributions twice a month: the second Wednesday at the Waialua Community Gym and the third Wednesday at Kaiaka Bay Park. Tomomi brings towels, blankets, and T-shirts that were donated by the members of Haleiwa Jodo Mission.
- I love all of you who support Haleiwa Jodo Mission. Do you know why I have been here as a sensei for 27 years? The answer is simple. BECAUSE OF YOU! If my family had not received your support, I would not be here today. I send tons of ALOHA to everyone.

2025 OBON PROJECT

The Board of Haleiwa Jodo Mission Buddhist Temple has decided to have our bon services, bon dances, and toro nagashi on August 1 and 2, 2025. We need physical help, especially, setting up the food booth tents and parking lot on July 31. Without your help, we cannot achieve this project. The board heartily asks for your help to succeed. Please help us.

General clean-up and Toro shelves set-up
July 13 at 9:00 am

Toro-Making & Yagura set-up
July 26 at 9:00 am

Tenting & food preparation
July 31 at 4:00 pm

Beach clean-up & Yagura take-down
August 3 at 6:00 am

This year's Bon Festival will be held in August, unlike usual years. Usually after our Bon there are a few weeks before school starts. However, Because Kamehameha School starts on August 4th, we must finish, especially taking down the Yagura and cleaning the temple grounds and patio, on August 3rd. Those who can come and help, please do so. We greatly appreciate the support!

PHOTO GALLERY OF HALEIWA JODO MISSION

Please enjoy Rev. Ezaki's YouTube videos and pictures of the activities of Haleiwa Jodo Mission. We attract people not only through the temple services but also on the internet.



The thumbnail of Rev. Ezaki's YouTube video titled, "2025 Waialua-Haleiwa Buddhist Association Annual Cemetery Clean-up on May 24, 2025." Please check it out.



The thumbnail of Rev. Ezaki's YouTube video titled, "24-Hour Non-Stop Nembutsu Chanting Relay." Recite "Namu Amida Butsu" with Bishop Ishikawa.



From left to right: Miku Ezaki, Gordon Muraoka, Sae Ezaki, Tomomi Ezaki, Etsuko Morikawa, and Rev. Koji Ezaki at Kemoo cemetery on May 24, 2025



The thumbnail of Rev. Ezaki's YouTube video titled, "Seated Tanko bushi." Let's dance with Sensei and Miku.



The thumbnail of Rev. Ezaki's YouTube video titled, "Shirahama ondo." Rev. Ezaki posted about 70 bon dance videos to preserve them for the future.



Haleiwa Jodo Mission and Taisho Gakkou around 1930. The record says the main temple was raised as a two-story structure, and extended to new buildings. Who remembers these buildings at that time?

IN SYMPATHY

We want to express our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Mrs. Carol Koga, who passed away on May 15.

The public funeral service will be held at the Mililani Mortuary on October 4, officiated by Rev. Koji Ezaki.

BACK TO SCHOOL Operation Backpack 2025



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

A monetary donation will sponsor a backpack loaded with school supplies needed for each grade (K-12).



Checks can be made and sent to:
North Shore News or Once A Month Church
PO Box 117, Haleiwa, HI 96712



For more information or credit card/online donations please call Linda at (808) 780-8037

This year the Operation:Backpack team will be working with area schools to distribute backpacks. Organizations and businesses interested in sponsoring backpacks or school supplies please contact Linda. Donation drop off dates/locations will be mentioned in the July 2nd NSN.

Mahalo from North Shore News, Once A Month Church & North Shore Food Bank