

## Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends,

There are times when we need to face reality that is painful. During those times, especially amid ongoing pandemic, we must support each other as we deal with many feelings that we might experience. It is with my great sorrow to inform you that our minister of Betsuin, **Rev. Kanjun Nakano** passed away at Kuakini Hospital on July 10, 2020. He was 68 years old.

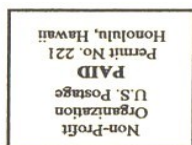


He has suffered cancers and hoped he could go back to Japan to fight with cancers with his family. However, his body had become so weak so quickly because of his malnutrition. When he was taken to ER on June 28, he was so skinny. No one knew his stage of cancer but at that time we were able to guess easily he was not doing well.

Soon after meeting Rev. Nakano at the hospital on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, I was notified he wouldn't survive till August. He told me he wished to see his children and asked me to come again. He also said "Yoroshiku and Mahalo" to everyone. Rev. Nakano's son and his wife decided to come to Hawaii immediately.

However, it was not easy for the family to come to Hawaii since there were no direct flights to Hawaii from Japan. Also, there were ongoing 14 days quarantine order and the hospital had its own regulations to restrict visitors. I'm very grateful to compassionate staffs of Kuakini Hospital and our supportive board members who continued to offer help and prayers to Rev. Nakano and his family. Thanks to their efforts to make Rev. Nakano's last wish to come true, with special permits, we were allowed to visit Rev. Nakano directly from the airport after their arrival by way of Guam on July 9.

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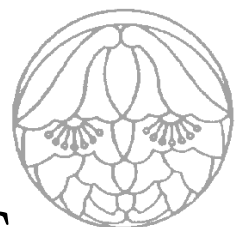


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Unfortunately, when we arrived at ICU around 9:20 pm, he was receiving oxygen administration and he couldn't talk anymore. Doctor told us he could die anytime tonight. But at least he made it hanging on since he was able to see his son and daughter-in-law before he died. When we entered the room, his eyes were closed. But soon after we spoke to him, he opened his eyes wide open which continued until he took his last breath.

In Japanese, there is a saying that "Eyes are more eloquent than mouth." While looking at his eyes, his eyes were telling something. All of a sudden, I had an idea. I asked Rev. Nakano to show us his blink if he could hear us. Surprisingly, he did show us blink three times which made us know he was listening. The family was able to deliver their messages to their heart's content. His daughter in Japan also talked to him on the facetime. This also encouraged me to chant Nenbutsu and sutras for several hours and I also showed some of my videos that Rev. Nakano played Buddhist Gatha.

I saw numbers of pulse, blood pressure on the machine were slowly decreasing as sunrise gets closer. I didn't know what numbers meant but at least we knew the time was coming. Tears kept falling and I couldn't stop crying as I heard words of appreciation from his son and daughter-in-law. Love of the family, kindness of the people touched my heart. Above all, I was touched by the greatest compassion of Amida Buddha who made vows to save us all and would come to welcome Rev. Nakano. At 5:05 am, Rev. Nakano drew his last breath and died quietly.

Although I have experienced many Makuragyo and funerals, this was my first time to see the last moment of a dying person in front of me. In the past, I had some regrets that I missed the last moments. One time I offered Nenbutsu for nearly two hours for our dying member and felt enough and came back to the temple. But soon after coming back to the temple, I received a phone call from the family that he passed away soon after I left the house. This kind of experience and regrets happened several times in the past. These surely gave me some energy to stay up all night long for Rev. Nakano. This time I did everything I could do and I had no regrets except feeling of sorry and missing him.

Honestly I don't know if I could provide this kind of service to all our members in the future but at least I renewed my vow to offer my dana as much as possible because I realized last moment was so important.

The family decided to have a funeral service in Japan but I am going to offer a memorial prayer for Rev. Nakano as a part of Sunday Service at Jodo Mission of Hawaii at 10:00 am on Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> with Rev. Nakano's son, Atsushi and his wife Kumiko's attendance. For our safety, we need to limit numbers of attendance as low as possible and your making reservation of seats will be greatly appreciated. For reservation for this service, please contact me at (808)635-8530 or email to [kosenishikawa@hotmail.com](mailto:kosenishikawa@hotmail.com)

On behalf of Jodo Mission, I'd like to thank Rev. Nakano for his dedicated service and his talent of music for 10 years. At the same time, I'd like to express my deepest appreciation to all of your support and prayers. Namu Amida Butsu

## Betsuin Mourns the Passing of Rev. Kanjun Nakano

To many of our members and supporters, the news of Rev. Kanjun Nakano's passing was shocking. He came to the Betsuin in March 2010 and passed away on June 10, 2020. *See Bishop Ishikawa's message about Rev. Nakano's passing on pg1.*



He was a very private person and will be remembered as the minister who did meditation with music. Each Sunday Service he would play something on the piano be it a Beatles' song, Elvis Presley or Chopin and sometimes a Japanese classical song while each person relaxes and breathes from within. He was a music professor before becoming a minister. It was very touching when he would play a song to the deceased person at the end of a few funerals or 49th day service as his gift to the deceased. Some remembers him for his beautiful voice when chanting.

New members to our Sunday Service may remember him for always letting us know when the congregation can join in the chanting with his saying "together" and would explain in English the prayers for Amida Buddha and all other Buddhas, St. Zendo, St. Honen, former ministers of Betsuin and their wives, etc.

Jodo Mission extends its heartfelt sympathy to Rev. Nakano's family, Atsushi and wife Kumiko and daughter in Japan Nobue and thank you for sharing him with us..

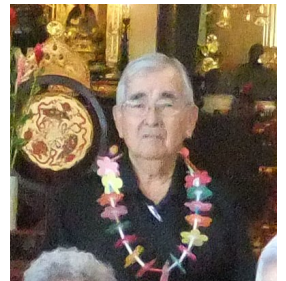


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## Betsuin Mourns the Passing of Former President David Kanji Miyamoto

President from 1994 to Feb. 2001; Assistant Treasurer from 2001 to 2012

**David Kanji Miyamoto** was President of Jodo Mission of Hawaii from 1994 to February 2001 and was Assistant Treasurer from 2001 to 2012. David's father, **Buntetsu Miyamoto** was Bishop of this temple and Jodo Shu in Hawaii from 1949 to August 1961. David's brother Clifford is currently on the Jodo Mission Board of Directors and was President of Jodo Mission of Hawaii from 2001 to 2006. The Miyamoto family has given a lot of their time and energy to Jodo Mission and we are truly grateful!



David passed away on June 1, 2020 at the age of 96. His funeral was held on July 25 at Jodo Mission of Hawaii with Bishop Kosen Ishikawa. He is survived by wife Ethel, three daughters Karen, Anne and Susan Utsugi, two grandchildren and siblings Clifford Miyamoto and Keiko Yamagata. Jodo Mission of Hawaii extends its heartfelt sympathy to the Miyamoto family as we too share your memories.



David was employed by City Bank of Honolulu where he worked his way up to Vice President and branch manager. He was a founding member of the Pearl City Lions Club where he served the community for over 64 years. His Lions Club also helped Jodo Mission on many of its activities like bon dance.

David with Clifford and good friend Teruto Soma

# 2020 O-Bon Services

## August 17 to 22, 2020

**Due to COVID-19 and the rising cases, please understand the following modifications your Board of Directors have decided are for the safety of everyone regarding Jodo Mission of Hawaii's O-Bon 2020:**

**Friday, August 21 at 6 pm—Virtual O-Bon Service**

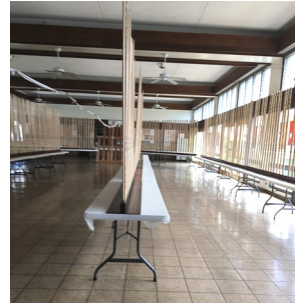
(No Attendance) See Zoom link below

**Saturday, August 22 at 10 am—Virtual Hatsubon Service**

(No Attendance) See Zoom link below

**NO Private Otoba Services will be held**

for the safety of everyone



コロナウイルスの流行を配慮し、浄土宗別院でのお盆の塔婆供養はインターネットを使って行います。

また、お寺への参拝及び供物のお供えはできません。

The O-Tobas will be up in the Social Hall from August 17 to 22. **Social Hall doors will be closed. No one will be permitted to put any Otoba offerings at their Otoba.** Again, due to the rising COVID-19 cases and for your safety this decision was made. We apologize for this inconvenience. For your information, on the first day of O-Bon the ministers will welcome all the spirits to this world.

**Zoom link for both virtual services: Virtual O-Bon Service on Friday, August 21 at 6:00 pm with No Attendees and Virtual Hatsubon Service on Saturday, August 22 at 10:00 am with NO Attendees, is as follows:**

- <https://zoom.us/j/98362704081?pwd=cEhCNTJ6Mm1yald3K01nRGdKNiILdz09>
- Meeting ID: 983 6270 4081
- Password: 511210
- One tap mobile
- +12532158782,,98362704081# US (Tacoma)
- +13462487799,,98362704081# US (Houston)

This Zoom link will be for the above services only. During each service, Ian Kitajima will be making a video and the video link will be posted on the website jodo.us and Facebook website. The video link will be available for one year.

YouTube Live Stream: Bishop Ishikawa is also planning to do a live stream of these two O-Bon Services which you may view at his YouTube Channel.

**What Happens at these Virtual Services:** These virtual services will be held in the temple. Ministers will do sutra chanting and when all the chanting is finished, the ministers will begin reading all the Otoba sponsor's names and the deceased names beginning with the Hatsubon families, then regular Otobas and then Chutoba names (over 500+ Otobas). After all the names have been called, the ministers will go down to the Social Hall and go through each row of Otobas for the final blessing of that service.



**What is “virtual”** - We apologize if you are unaware what “virtual” services are. The term “virtual” has been used for meetings, for services, Sunday Services but some people may wonder what does it mean. The definition used in the dictionary is *an artificial environment which is experienced through sensory stimuli (such as sights and sounds) provided by a computer and in which one’s actions partially determine what happens in the environment*, however, during this COVID-19 period it has become a way in which people are able to communicate with each other using technology and yet staying apart and keeping safe.

For meetings, you still have the meeting but it is not face to face. You may see each other on a computer screen or a laptop or smartphone and if there is a microphone you can carry on a discussion. In the case of a Sunday Service, there is a Sunday Service but the minister may be at the temple on another island or another state and you are watching it at your own computer or laptop or smartphone. It is just not in person but you are able to join the service and recite and join in the sutra chanting and sing the gathas. Unfortunately, many people who do not have a computer or a laptop or a smartphone may not be able to “link in” (which means you see a line on the computer with the site of the service and you can just tap on it and join the Sunday Service). In some cases when the service is on YouTube it may turn into a video and you are able to view the service later.

**For those of you who do not have any computer or a laptop or a smartphone, you may want to put your hands together in gassho and light a senko at your Butsudan during this virtual service.** At your

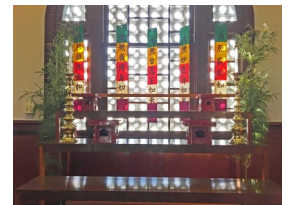
Butsudan, you could have a cucumber (horse) and eggplant (cow) which tells your ancestors to quickly come back to this world via the cucumber horse and slowly return to the Pure Land via the eggplant cow and see you again next year and hope next year we will be able welcome you at the Ooba.



**Segaki-dan:** *Segaki-dan* is a special altar decorated with banners listing the Buddhas of the Five Directions (East, South, West, North, and Center) which are set



up at O-Bon to welcome the beloved ones and ancestral spirits. Water, rice and meals are offered on the table of the altar. This Segaki-dan from 2019 will again be in the temple and another one will be in the social hall. Both stands have been either weather beaten or termite eaten so someone is rebuilding both stands for 2020 O-Bon.



### **Volunteers needed:**

**Ooba set up day & temple cleaning on Sunday, August 16 at 8 am**

**Ooba take down or kuzushi on Sunday, August 23 at 8 am**

Thank you. We can use all the help we are able to obtain.

**Offerings of Rice, Donations and Membership** can be mailed to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii, 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814.**

# Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions 2020 Bon Schedule under Covid-19 outbreak

(As of July 18, 2020)

**Oahu** Total 1,025 cases 16 deaths 735 recovered

<u>Temple Name</u>	<u>2020 Bon Dance</u>	<u>Bon Service</u>	<u>Note:</u>
Jodo Mission of Hawaii (808) 949-3995	Cancelled (Aug.21-22)	Aug 21 @ 6:00 pm Virtual O-Bon Svs—No Attend Aug 22 @ 10:00am Virtual Hatsubon Svs—No Attend Aug 17-22 Otobas up ; NO Visitation; NO Private Svs	Haleiwa to accept Toba orders for virtual toro nagashi
Haleiwa Jodo Mission (808) 637-4382	Cancelled Bon Dance & Toro Nagashi (July 24-25)	July 11 to 25 toba prayer services in-person private appts or private appts via video streaming	

July 25 @ 6:00 pm Public video streaming

**Hawaii** Total 109 cases 0 deaths 98 recovered

Kurtistown Jodo Mission (808) 936-7828	Cancelled (Aug.1)	Aug 1 Bon Service by Miyazaki Sensei with no attendees	
Hilo Meishoin (808) 935-6996	Cancelled (July 19)	Modified O-Bon—O-Tobas displayed July 12-18; Miyazaki Sensei doing O-Bon Services by request July 19 O-Bon Service by Miyazaki Sensei—no attendees	
Hakalau Jodo Mission (808) 936-7828	Cancelled (Aug. 15)	Aug 15 Bon Service by Miyazaki Sensei with no attendees	
Hamakua Jodo Mission (808) 775-0965	Cancelled (Aug.8)	Aug 8 am Hatsubon Service by Wansa Sensei	
Kohala Jodo Mission	Cancelled (July 11)	July 11. Hatsubon & Toba by following CDC guidelines.	
Hawi Jodo Mission	Cancelled	Aug 1 am Hatsubon Service by Wansa Sensei	

**Maui** Total 135 cases 6 deaths 120 recovered

Wailuku Jodo Mission (808) 244-0066	Postponed (from June 12 to September.) Date: TBA	Postpone from June 12 to September. Date to be an- nounced later.	
Kahului Jodo Mission (808) 871-4911	Cancelled (June 26-27)	August 16 @ 9:00 am Toba Prayers August 16 @ 7:00 pm Hatsubon families	
Lahaina Jodo Mission (808) 661-4304	Cancelled (July 1 & 2)	July 2-3. Only private prayer offerings will be held.	

**Kauai** Total 43 cases 0 deaths 41 recovered

Kapaa Jodo Mission (808) 742-7835	Cancelled (July 31- Aug.1).	July 26 @10:00 am. Planning to have a Bon service at Social Hall with more social distancing. Live stream service with a private link. Only Kotoba prayer will be done. O-Toba & Toro Nagashi will be cancelled. Indi- vidual Bon services and prayers will be done upon re- quest. However, Bon Graveyard services will be done after making announcement of date and time.	
Koloa Jodo Mission (808) 742-7835	Virtual Bon Dance July 19	Postponed to July 19 @10:30 am. Planning to have a live stream service & Bon Dance without attendees. Individual Bon services and prayers will be done upon request only	Toro Nagashi discontin- ued for good.. Bon Service at cemeter- ies will be done by only minister



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano  
Resident Minister

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## EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for August

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|---|---|--|---|
| 1 Cordelia Reiko Ushiroda   | Aileen Fukunaga   | Kame Namihira<br>Jean Chie Nakagawa<br>Wataru Muramoto<br>Kazue Kasashima Morimoto   | The Hamada Family<br>Atsushi Fujita<br>The Fujita Family<br>Masahiko Miyagi<br>Namiko Teraoka                                       |
| 2 Sato Hirouji<br>The Miyamasu & Hirouji Family<br>Tadashi Nakamura<br>The Nakamura Family<br>Janet Hiromi Okawa  | 11 Tomegusu Kotake<br>Kuranoshin Matsumoto<br>Thomas Yoshiaki Shimizu   | 21 Yoshisuke Sato<br>The Sato & Suzuki Family<br>Yutaka Teshima<br>The Teshima Family<br>Saka Kuniyuki<br>Morishige Inage<br>Misao Kuniyuki<br>Yoshi Nishimura<br>Richard Toshiyuki Ogawa<br>Toraichi Kurakake<br>Ryan Rikio Awaya | 30 Thomas Takeshi Tanaka<br>Elsie Kikuye Tatei<br>Katsumi Nishimoto<br>Sojiro Takamura<br>Rikiichi Yagi                             |
| 3 Satsu Hashimoto<br>The Hashimoto Family   | 12 Hatsuichi Karimoto<br>Toshiko Elsie Otani  | 22 Yuri Hironaka<br>The Hironaka & Ishimoto Family<br>Masuichi Tabata<br>Miyoko Hokushin<br>Takenouchi   | 31 Toshiyasu Misawa (2)<br>The Misawa & Watanabe Family<br>The Misawa Family<br>Akira Misawa<br>Riyo Yano<br>Edith Kiyoko Kaneshiro |
| 4 Tsuru Nomura<br>The Nomura Family<br>Sumako Iguchi<br>Kenkichi Kimoto<br>Keisuke Masuda<br>Masaichi Harada  | 13 Doris Kiyoko Miura<br>Toshio Kouchi<br>Hisashi Okamoto   | 23 Keisuke Masuda<br>Raymond Tetsuji<br>Nishiyama<br>Matsuyo Sakuda<br>Tsutoe Taira  |   |
| 5 Tori Matsubara<br>The Matsubara Family<br>Tahei Higashimura<br>The Higashimura Family<br>Mantaro Nitta<br>Toichiro Tomita<br>Thomas Yutaka Kubota<br>Yaeko Muranaka<br>Herbert Kiichi Tanaka        | 14 Ashizuchi Fujikami<br>The Fujikami Family<br>Shizuo Yokomichi<br>The Yokomichi & Kondo Family<br>Ichi Yanagihara<br>Yoshijiro Iwamoto<br>Shizuno Muraoka   | 24 Kazuo Kano<br>The Kano & Wataba Family<br>Teisuke Hamamoto<br>The Hamamoto Family<br>Eizo Fukuda<br>Tatsuki Heirakuji<br>Sueko Onaga (2)<br>Francis Aihara  |   |
| 6 Toshiko Nishimura<br>Yoshio Fujii<br>Grace Kiyoko Sadaoka   | 15 Maki Hara<br>The Hara Family<br>Bishop Shoshin Inouye<br>The Nose Family<br>Sata Nitta<br>Torano Toyoshiba<br>Noboru Hamamura<br>Hatsue Yamada Watanabe<br>Robert Tokusei Kaneshiro                                | 25 Tema Iuchi<br>The Iuchi Family<br>Kiku Masuda<br>The Masuda & Asamura Family<br>Etsuko Ohta<br>The Ohta Family<br>Koji Yasumoto<br>Gladys Otsui Ikeda   |   |
| 7 Kametaro Yano (2)<br>The Yano, Konaka & Hayashi Family<br>The Yano Family<br>Chokichi Tanaka<br>The Tanaka Family<br>Aiko Fukuhara<br>The Inoue Family<br>Kikuno Yamane<br>Kaneichi Kato<br>Uno Iba | 16 Masao Mizuno<br>The Mizuno & Ohta Family<br>Ume Miyamasu<br>The Miyamasu Family<br>The Masaki Family<br>Yoneo Masuda<br>The Masuda Family  | 26 Tadasuke Nishida<br>Masaji Ishida<br>Umeno Masuda<br>Torao Maehara<br>Yachiyo Tamura  |   |
| 8 Takao Tsuda<br>Kitae Yamanaka<br>The Yamanaka Family<br>Zentoku Takara<br>Kame Taira<br>Russell Hideo Uehara  | 17 Toshikata Shinagawa<br>David Kenji Moritsugu<br>Kiyoji Yamamoto<br>Kazuyo Furukawa   | 27 Harumi Tasaka<br>Shigeo Kobashigawa<br>The Kobashigawa Family<br>Kenji Kawano   |   |
| 9 Takeo Sato<br>The Sato & Suzuki Family<br>Hiro Yonemoto<br>The Yonemoto Family<br>Tora Higashi<br>The Higashi Family<br>The Hashimoto Baby<br>Evelyn Kam Murakami                                   | 18 Mitsuru Morisako<br>The Morisako & Ishii Family<br>Shinsuke Mito<br>The Mito Family<br>Fuji Yasumoto<br>Hanayo Imai<br>Miyuki Ono<br>Toraichi Kurakake<br>Rev. Ryokai Yamanaka<br>Ruysuke Machida<br>Haruo Okuhara | 28 Hitoshi Mizuno<br>The Mizuno & Ohta Family<br>Seikuro Hisamura<br>Shichiemon Ebisuzaki (2)<br>Hana Noyama   |   |
| 10 Seitaro Yamamoto<br>The Yamamoto & Suzuki Family<br>Takaji Shigeoka<br>Kinichi Imai<br>Saburo Nishimura<br>Ito Fujita<br>The Fujita Family<br>Hideo Yamagata                                       | 19 Eiko Maeda<br>The Maeda Family<br>Kiyoshi Hisamura<br>Hisano Oyabu<br>The Oyabu & Kondo Family<br>The Wakichi Suzui Family<br>Takeshi Umetsu<br>Sakae Matsumoto  | 29 Tadashi Higashi<br>The Higashi Family<br>Kenji Hamada   |   |
|   | 20 Shizue Iwamoto<br>Henry Sueo Hashimoto   |  |   |

### Obituaries

The 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.

Barbara Fumiko Fujihana	89
Sadae Hirayasu	100
Shgeru Gushikuma	86
Harry Yoshiharu Okamura	82
Violet Sui Fun Murakami	80
Gary Katsuichi Hamasaki	98

# August 2020

9:30am Morning Service Everyday

Note: Time may change due to

COVID-19 Schedule

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Services</b> —Every other week Bishop Ishikawa will do a Sunday Service from Koloa unless he physically comes to Betsuin						
2 10:00 Sunday Service	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 10:00 Sunday Service 11.00 Board Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 8:00 Otober Set up & Temple Cleaning NO SUNDAY SERVICE	17	18	19	20	21 6:00pm Virtual O-Bon Service	22 10:00 am Virtual Hatsubon Service
23 8:00 Otober Kuzushi NO SUNDAY SER-	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:00 Sunday Service	31	<b>Jodo Shu Calendar for August 2020:</b> Though they may live far away, take time to visit people you care about				

## Coming Events:

Sept 6 Keiro Kai & Grandparents' Day ?  
 Sept 8 Deadline for Chutoba Order  
 Sept 13 @ 10am Autumn Higan Service  
 Sept 25-27 Cancelled laypersons/Fujinkai Convention  
 Oct 4 Bazaar Set Up Day (if we have Bazaar) ??  
 Oct 11 Jodo Mission Bazaar or other fundraiser??  
 Dec 27 Mochitsuki—Mochi Making

**NO MEETINGS OR CLASSES in July for Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle and Sunday School.**

**Bazaar Donations will NOT BE accepted temporarily.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding

**Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER:** If you have not paid your membership dues (\$60) this year, please be sure to do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*