

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KOSEN ISHIKAWA

Dear Members and Friends,

Have you ever pulled out the weeds growing in your garden, or used herbicides to remove them? Even if you pull all of them out, after a while, they will sprout again and persistently propagate across your garden. If they may completely wither due to herbicides, they'll also grow back much more vigorously. Needless to say, weeds are beings that thrive in any environment.



This month in particular has seen a lot of rain making the weeds grow abundantly. In light of their resilience and strong growth, I would like to introduce Buddhist teachings we can learn from weeds.

1. The Strength of Weeds and "Patience (Ksanti)"

In the Mahayana tradition of Buddhism, "patience" or "Ksanti" is an important practice for the way of enlightenment. Life is full of things that do not go as we wish, but having the strength to endure and overcome them is important. Weeds, even when trampled, uprooted, or exposed to wind and rain, always rise again. Their resilience teaches us the mindset of not giving up in the face of hardship and continuing to move forward.

2. The Adaptability of Weeds and "Impermanence"

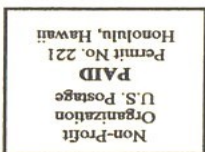
Buddhism teaches that everything in this world is constantly changing. This is called "impermanence". Weeds grow even in the shade or in the smallest crevices of soil, adapting to their environment. Likewise, it is important for us to live without fearing change and to adapt to the circumstances of each moment.

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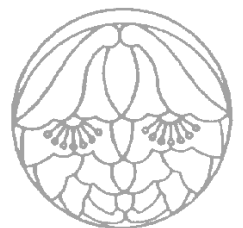
Yula Yula Repentance Ceremony Postponed from March 2, 2025 to October 26, 2025 together with 131st Anniversary of Jodo Shu in Hawaii—Please keep date available and look for further announcement. *Thank you.*

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3. The Flexibility of Weeds and "A Flexible Mind (Non-Attachment)"

Weeds are never rigid; when the wind blows, they sway flexibly while still firmly taking root. When the winds of change blow, the weeds flow with it. Buddhism values the mindset of "non-attachment." When we cling too tightly to something, suffering arises. However, by responding flexibly to situations, we can live with a peaceful mind.

4. The Vitality of Weeds and "The Spirit of Coexistence"

Although weeds may seem to grow alone, they actually coexist with surrounding plants and insects. Buddhism teaches that "all life is interconnected." By being considerate of others and supporting one another, our own lives can also become richer.

Emperor Shōwa once left a famous quote: "There is no plant named "weed"." It is said that he meant every plant has its own name, and it is wrong to arbitrarily label them as weeds based on human judgment. Indeed, even so-called weeds, when observed closely, often produce delicate and lovely flowers.

Weeds may not stand out, nor are they often praised by others. However, their strength, flexibility, adaptability, and spirit of coexistence offer us valuable lessons for living better lives. Therefore, when I remove or uproot plants according to our own convenience, I recite "Namu Amida Butsu" as it is important to do so with respect and appreciation for their lives.

Even if it is a plant or an object, recognizing its significance and life and valuing it fosters a sense of gratitude. With gratitude, we can cultivate kindness. The world is constantly afflicted by wars and natural disasters. Even through small acts, I sincerely hope that as more people embrace kindness, we can create a more peaceful world.

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Oahu Youth Retreat

Youth Retreat, hosted by Haleiwa Jodo Mission Sunday School, will be held on Sunday, March 30, 2025. The retreat will start with Sunday Service at Haleiwa Jodo Mission at 10:00 am, followed by exploring in the Waimea Valley.

It will end around 1 pm after bento lunch. Jodo Mission Sunday School students are encouraged to participate. Also since this is co-sponsored by Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions, grandchildren or children whose parents/grandparents are members of Jodo Mission temples in Hawaii are cordially invited to this Retreat. There will be no registration fee, but donation will be appreciated. **If you/your children/your grandchildren are interested in this program, please contact Rev. Myoko Takano by March 8, 2025.**

Virtual & In-Person Spring Higan Chutoba Form (彼岸会中塔婆申し込み用紙)

Your Name(お名前) : _____ Phone (電話) : _____

Name of Deceased (亡くなった方のお名前) :

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Virtual & In-Person Higan Service
March 16 at 10 a.m.

Zoom link will be on website
www.jodo.us

_____ I plan to attend service

_____ I do not plan to attend

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

Please make checks payable to "Jodo Mission of Hawaii". DEADLINE: Monday, March 10, 2025

Membership dues (Gojikai) (\$80) & niche donations can also be included with payment. Thank you.

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

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

Hybrid Spring Higan Service

The word "Higan" literally means "the other shore" in Japanese. One shore represents this world which we are in, and the other shore "Higan" represents Amida Buddha's Pure Land. The river represents the bad mind we all possess. The concept is that we practice the teaching to reach the other shore across the river.

We have two Higan seasons in a year. One in the spring, the other in autumn, as Higan is held during the week of the spring and autumn equinox. Shan Tao, one of the high ranking priests of Jodo Buddhism in China said that the sun sets due west during the equinox thus it is a good opportunity to think about Buddha's Pure Land which exists far away in the west, as well as appreciate our ancestors who are also there.



Please join us in crossing the river to the other shore as we think about Buddha's Pure Land and respect for our ancestors. Our Higan Service will be held:

Sunday, March 16 at 10 am (in person or virtual)

On that day, *Chutoba* prayers will be offered during the service. If you wish to request a Chutoba prayer, please fill out the form above, and send it to Jodo Mission office. One Chutoba is SEVEN dollars. Please make your check payable to "*Jodo Mission of Hawaii*."

Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai Scholarship -Namiye Nakamura Scholarship

The Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai offers a \$1,000 Namiye Nakamura Scholarship to a Hawaii high school graduate or a member of the temple who wishes to further his/her education toward a degree or advanced degree in an accredited college, university or institution of higher learning.



Deadline to submit applications must be postmarked by **June 15, 2025** and sent to the **State Fujinkai President on Maui**. The family or legal guardian of the applicant must be a member of his/her respective Jodo Mission.

For more information, please call temple office at (808) 949-3995 for application, criteria for scholarship, etc.

Challenge by Richard Yoshitake — At the General Membership Meeting held on January 26, 2025, President Daryl Masaki asked the members present if anyone had anything they wished to say. Richard Yoshitake stood up to say he will donate \$100 per month for three years to see if the ministers roof could be replaced (shake roof). He challenged anyone to join him in his quest. He said he and his late wife met during the dormitory days at Jodo Mission and they were married at Jodo Mission 50 years ago and he remembers that the ministers units were built during that time. He claims if there have not been leaks from the roof, we should be happy but he wants to see the roof replaced.



Thank you Richard for thinking of our ministers' housing. The Board is looking into the costs of new roof and then new paint.

DONATIONS TO JODO MISSION OF HAWAII

Thank you everyone who have given donations to Jodo Mission of Hawaii. We appreciate you thinking of Jodo Mission of Hawaii. You may think what are the ways you can donate to the temple. Besides giving your donations of things because you are housecleaning or downsizing, which we really appreciate and these donations are brought out when we have our Bazaars. Other ways of donating can be the following:

- Donations in memory of your deceased ancestors. Whenever these donations are received, the minister will add a prayer at our 9:30 am morning service for the deceased from the sponsor.
- During any of our events, you are unable to participate but want to contribute, you may do so by giving a donation for O-Bon, Bon Dance, Bazaar or any event.
- Rice donations to Buddha or floral donations for Buddha at the altar.
- Seniors who need to do their RMD (or require minimum distribution) can also make their distribution to Jodo Mission of Hawaii.
- Donating to a specific project, like the challenge Richard Yoshitake made at the general membership meeting on January 26, 2025 on re-roofing the minister's housing.
- Volunteering your services for the Nokotsudo, gardening or yard work, etc. are physical forms of donation and they are very much appreciated.
- Volunteering on special events, i.e. Bon Dance, bazaar, temple cleaning, mochi making are always very much appreciated.

Any questions, please contact temple office at (808) 949-3995.

Tea Ceremony Instructor:

Do you know of a tea ceremony instructor who would like to have her classes at Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Any interested instructor may contact temple office at (808) 949-3995.



Sharing of Monthly Bulletin with Family— Many of you have younger family members who may want to know more about Jodo Mission of Hawaii or are maybe wanting to know more about some of the activities Jodo Mission of Hawaii has, i.e. purchasing omamoris, mochi making, what is Obon, Bon Dance, Koinobori, etc.

Younger family members may not know that we have Sunday Services, each Sunday or that there are scholarships offered by several organizations and one of the requirement is whether the family is involved with Jodo Mission, or that family participates in events, volunteers for events, etc. We wish to have as many of the younger generation know about Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Please help us by letting family members know what is coming up or if they want to know more about Buddhism.

Only when the family member who receives the monthly bulletin passes, does another family member begin to read or not read the monthly bulletin that arrives each month.

If other family members would also like copies of our monthly bulletin, they can obtain it through our website **jodo.us** or you may give us their email address and we will be happy to include them on our email list. They are also available at the temple.

Anyone interested in volunteering for yard maintenance at Jodo Mission? We have a gardener who comes to mow our lawn and take care of the Japanese garden trees but this property is large. Anyone interested in fresh air, cool breeze. Please contact the temple for more information. *Thank you.*



Officers: President Sally Hayashi, Secretary: Christine Inouye, Assistant Secretary, Marie Otani, Assistant Treasurer Gail Masaki and Auditor Anne Jinbo. Missing are Vice President Gail Okamura; Treasurer Yukari Narashiba.

Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai

On February 23rd, the Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai had its 102nd General Membership meeting. At the meeting, officers were installed by Rev. Tanabe. There were two Keiro members Connie Hamasaki (96) and Gladys Umemoto (82). Akiko Nishiyama (95) was not able to make it. The Fujinkai ladies assist the temple, mostly in the area of refreshments at family services and various special services. **Please come and join the ladies as they meet the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 am in Iko Hall to plan upcoming activities.**

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

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!

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.**

Mail forwarded because you moved also adds addition-

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。

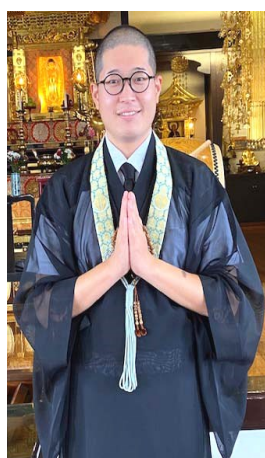
皆様にはご負担をおかけしますが、ご理解ご協力のほどよろしくお願い致します。 合掌



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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Website: www.jodo.us

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

Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) for March

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|---|---|--|--|
| <p>1. Fusa Sato
The Sato & Suzuki Family
The Matsushita Family
Nancy Yoshie Taketa
Jiro Yamanaka</p> | <p>The Ohta Family
Seiichi "Sam" Takaoka (2)
Masao Watanabe
Gohichi Hifumi
Toshikado Kimura
Sadao Kishimoto
Sumiye Himeno Nomiyama</p> | <p>Tadako Kunimoto
Kunimoto & Nago Family
Seimu Matsumori(2)
Mieko Nomiyama
Tsuchiyo Fujimoto
Tokuichi Ohara
Arlene Yoshiko Takara</p> | <p>Tokiko Yonemoto (2)
Julie Ikuyo Inouye</p> |
| <p>2. Kazuo Ishizaki
Haruo Shigeoka
Masao Hayashida
Setsuko Tsuda (2)
Jean Yachiyo Nakamura</p> | <p>10. Chotaro Fujise
The Fujise & Kobayashi Family
Fushi Shintaku
The Isogai Family
Harriet Nomiyama
De St. Martin</p> | <p>18. Moyo Iwamoto
Matsuyo Hamada-Inouye
Eisaku Asami
Shuzo Saiki
George Torasuke Aoki
Hisayo Kawaoka
Kay Kiyoko Kimura</p> | <p>25. Chiyo Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Kimie Umemoto (2)
The Umemoto Family
Tetsubei Ishimoto
The Ishimoto & Akimoto Family
Nobuo Nakamoto
The Nakamoto Family
Kichizo & Kikue Miura
Shizuno Uyehara Mizuko
Kimie Umemoto
Sankichi Umemoto
Suyekichi Watanabe</p> |
| <p>3. Hideo Shoji
The Shoji Family
Yoshima Takabayashi (2)
The Nanbara Family (2)
The Tanigawa, Hirano, & Hisano Family
George Shige Nakahara</p> | <p>11. Seikichi Teramoto
The Teramoto Family
Mami Kumagaya
Shizuko Kubota
Yoshiko Oshiro
Ono Iwamoto
Kazue Kishida</p> | <p>19. Umeki Matsumori
The Matsumori Family
Tsuru Fukuda
Ototsuchi Yamanaka
Yamanaka Family
Ikuzo Kuniyuki
Yoshinobu Yamato</p> | <p>26. Yukiko Takeda
The Takeda Family
Satoru Iguchi
Giichi Hayashi
Stephen Toshiichi Kotake
Howard Masuji Tasaka
Kiyo Ohta
Richard Iseo Hashimoto</p> |
| <p>4. Kuma Tabata
Mume Yamamoto
Kuni Ishikawa
Kazumi K. Harada
Mildred K. Teraoka</p> | <p>12. Taikichi Yamane
Clara Asami Tominaga
Ruth Chieko Sakuda
Kazuya Yano</p> | <p>20. Ichiyuki Mizuno
The Mizuno & Ohta Family
Asakichi Iwamoto
The Iwamoto Family
Zennoshin Yoshioka
MasueYagi</p> | <p>27. Yukitsuchi Morikawa
The Morikawa Family
Kiyoe Kakehashi
Asae Okamura</p> |
| <p>5. Matsue Nakamura
Yukio Hisamoto
The Hayashi Family
Toshisuke Terada
Margaret Chieko Iwamoto
Sadae Kanehira
Shigeno Toyofuku
Edith Momoyo Furuya</p> | <p>13. Benshiro Tanimura
The Tanimura Family
Kunisuke Higashimura
Mume Yanagihara
Seitaro Komiya
Tetsumi Fujimoto (2)
Rui Hara
The Hara Family
Fujino Imada
Barney Rio
Kathleen Kazuko Yoshimoto
Hiroshi Higaki</p> | <p>21. Masuji Kajioaka
The Kajioaka & Morita Family
Shima Nakagawa
The Nakagawa Family
Bishop Shinjun Shimizu
Gonsuke Nakahara</p> | <p>28. Harry Kyoichi Kishii (2)</p> |
| <p>6. Bishop Enjo Ito
Hideo Kubota
Kaoru Kusunoki
Tsugio Aoki (2)
Chiyo Iwamoto
Ruiko Kaita
Thelma Kuniyuki Toshie Nakata</p> | <p>14. Eijiro Hara
Satoshi Shinagawa
Yuku Nakamura
Tomiko Fujioka</p> | <p>22. Asano Fujikami
The Fujikami Family
Suegusu Matsuo
The Matsuo Family
Ishi Onaga
The Onaga & Nakamura Family
Heijiro Furumoto
Ito Nakamoto
Rev. Shutetsu Uenoyama
Chiyoko Umetsu
Yoshikata Hayashi
Jean Yachiyo Soma Baba</p> | <p>29. Muta Chinen (2)
Satoshi Ukeda
Shizuno Ebisuzaki
Audrey Yoshie Miyake</p> |
| <p>7. Kiku Yagi
The Yagi Family
Hideo Sugihara
The Sugihara Family
Masato Tanaka
The Tanaka Family (2)
Hiromu Higa
The Higa Family
Kikue Tanaka
Masao Hashimoto
Kenichi Kinoshita (2)
Kamado Taira
Kenneth Kazuo Miyoshi
Alice Miyoko Kozai</p> | <p>15. Hachizo Aoki
The Aoki & Kimura Family
Naoyuki Hara
The Hara Family
Asajiro Asai
Omoyo Nagano
The Nagano Family
Hajime James Aoyama
Harunori Ohara
Suematsu Namba</p> | <p>23. Miko Kawano
The Kawano Family
Kazu Nakai
The Nakai Family
Midori Uno
Sadami Suehisa
George Choji Miyagawa
Bishop Dwight Ryokan Nakamura
Tomo Horiuchi
Mamoru Hirota
Benjamin Awaya</p> | <p>30. Bishop Shinko Nakajima
Setsu Yamamoto
Betsy Yoshiko Kubota
Lila Kikuyo Uyeharu
Betty Sun Ogata</p> |
| <p>8. Hatsuno Daitoku
The Daitoku & Fujimoto Family
Yoshi Imamoto
The Iwamoto & Kawakami Family
Gisaburo Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Satoru Takitani
Tadao Yoshimoto</p> | <p>16. Hanako Kanehira
The Kanehira Family
Shigeo Sakuda (2)
Chizuko Yasumoto
Masato Kawano
Robert Katsuhiko Sumida
Kikutsuchi Tarumoto
Calvin Sakae Murashige
Kay I. Higashi
Kirk Sadayuki Tarumoto</p> | <p>24. Rikuo Masuoka
The Masuoka Family
Hanako Yanagihara
Torae Miyao
Shigeki Hirono</p> | <p>31. Kamenosuke Kinoshita
The Kinoshita Family
Aki Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Nao Fujita
The Fujita Family
The Nakamura Family
Toshie Kaya</p> |
| <p>9. Sumie Chikamoto</p> | <p>17. Seiichi Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family</p> | | |

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.

Tatsugi Inouye	96
Dianne Tomie Douglas	77
Carl Ken Yanagihara	77
Reid Nelson Tetsuo Himuro	76

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

March 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8-12:00 Sewing Circle
2 8:30 Fujinkai Meeting 10:00 Sunday Service	3	4	5	6	7	8 D/L for Youth Retreat
9 8:30 Board Meeting 10:00 Sunday Service	10 D/L for Chutoba Order	11	12	13	14	15 8-12:00 Sewing Cir-
16 10:00 Spring O-Higan Service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 Sunday Service	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 No Sunday Service Youth Retreat at Haleiwa Jodo	31	April 1st Otoba OrderDL				

COMING EVENTS:

- Marh 10 Deadline for Chutoba order for Higan
- March 16 Higan Service
- March 30 Youth Retreat at Haleiwa Jodo Mission
- April 1 Deadline for Otoba Orders for O-Bon
- April 6 @9:30: HBC Buddha Day at Soto Mission
- April—Koinobori coming in April

Sewing Circle

Saturday, 3/1 & 3/15 @ 8-12 noon

Sunday School

Youth Retreat March 30
at Haleiwa Jodo Mission

Jodo Shu Words for the Month: .Whether things are going well well or not, try your best right now and have trust in the future.

Bazaar Donations will be accepted . Kindly call temple office, if you have donations. Thank you.

Fujinkai Meeting No Sr. YBA
March 2nd @ 8:30 am Mtg in March

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$80) for this year and if you did not pay for 2024, we would appreciate you doing so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). You may also include any niche maintenance. Thank you.