

Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends,

(Core of)Boat is rudder

(Central part of)Ohgi-Fan is Pivot

Essence of Ojo is

Namu Amida Butsu

And unshakable faith.

-Tokuhon (1758-1818)-

船は舵

扇はかなめ

往生は

南無阿弥陀仏と

決定(けつじょう)の心

-徳本行者-



During Edo period, there was a master of Kendo or Way of Sword, named Terada Goemon(1745-1825) in the domain of the Lord Takasaki Clan. He was so impressed with a short poem above by the priest Tokuhon, and he encouraged his men to practice Nenbutsu.

One of his students named Shirai Toru (1783-1843) who later became an unparalleled sword master once boosted his commandment of the sword when he was under training. Master Goemon instantly saw his arrogance and ordered him to go to see the priest Tokuhon.

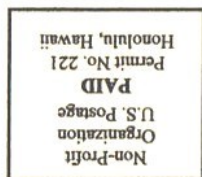
Shirai was unsatisfied with what his master ordered because he knew Tokuhon was not a sword master but just a Buddhist priest. When Shirai went to see Tokuhon, Tokuhon was in the midst of preaching. Shirai felt unusual inner power of Tokuhon and couldn't have a chance to go to see him after the sermon.

The next day, Shirai went to see Tokuhon again and finally introduced himself politely as follows; "I'm a student of Master Terada Goemon who ordered me to go to see you. I'd appreciate if you could share good teaching about improving my way of sword."

Then Tokuhon showed him a big smile and said, "I am just a Nenbutsu practitioner. I don't know anything about way of sword. All I know is to practice Nenbutsu and to achieve birth in the Pure Land. That's all. You should recite Nenbutsu for your future." As soon as Tokuhon said to Shirai, Tokuhon started chanting "Namu Amida Butsu" loudly again by hitting a gong.

Shirai was impressed by Tokuhon's unshakable faith about his action. Tokuhon didn't have any doubt at all for what he believed. By just looking at Tokuhon's dignity and chanting of Nenbutsu, Shirai felt Tokuhon was like Mount Fuji which has no cloud at all.

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Needless to say, Kendo and Nenbutsu are completely different things. It is not easy to find something in common. However, just like Tokuhon's poem, each thing has its own core or central part. By looking at the core, we can have a common way to the universal truth. It was Tokuhon's simple honesty that made Shirai realize the importance of no doubt or unshakable faith.

Historically, Tokuhon (1758-1818) was a priest of Jodo Shu who traveled to spread the teaching of Nenbutsu in the late Edo period. Because he was a man of Nenbutsu practice for a lifetime long, he was known as "Tokuhon Gyoja" rather than "Tokuhon Shonin." Gyoja means "practitioner". Tokuhon was also a talented calligrapher and left many monuments of calligraphy of Namu Amida Butsu at nearly 1,000 places where he preached and practiced Nenbutsu.

I've been interested in Tokuhon Gyoja because my family temple has a huge monument of "Namu Amida Butsu" calligraphed by Tokuhon Gyoja. I'd like to introduce some more of his amazing poems at Sunday Services in the future.

To my surprise, it's already the end of the year. In old Japanese, December is called "Shiawasu" which literally means "reverend (or teacher) running." In Japan, it is said reverend should not run even if they are busy. However, the word Shiawasu indicates December is so busy that even priests have to run around the temple. Year ending month is always busy like the word Shiawasu.

In fact, we have some big events in December; Bodhi Day Service (12/4), general cleanup (12/11), Mochi Sale (12/8), New Year's Eve Service (12/31) in addition to the important days such as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and Christmas. Please check our schedule and plan to come to our events and services. Your help will be more than welcome. Once again Aloha and season's greetings to you and your family.

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

HBC 2022 Hybrid Jodo-E or Bodhi Day Celebration

Hawaii Buddhist Council cordially invites you to its 2022 Jodo-E or Bodhi Day celebration when Siddhartha Gautama became a Buddha under the Bodhi tree in Bodh Gaya, India on December 8 about 2,500 years ago. Please join us on

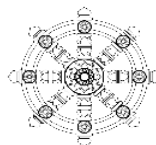
**Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022 @ 9:30 am
at Jodo Mission of Hawaii
1429 Makiki St, Honolulu, HI**

**Zoom link is available for those who
want to attend virtually.**



See flyer >>>>>>

Jodo Mission has a Bodhi tree
as you enter its property



Hawaii Buddhist Council 2022 Bodhi Day Service

Guest Speaker



*President of Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB)
Roshi Michael Kieran, Palolo Zen Center
"Bodhi - The Way of Awakening"*

Michael Kieran, the primary Zen teacher at the Palolo Zen Center, worked with Robert Aitken Roshi for many years and began teaching at Koko-an Zendo in the 1980s. He withdrew from teaching to focus on his family and growing business. Later, after Aitken Roshi's retirement, he began to work with Nelson Foster, a dharma heir of Aitken Roshi. Michael was authorized to teach by Nelson Foster in 1999 and received full transmission in 2004, ascending the Mountain Seat in 2006. While he is a fully qualified "Roshi" he prefers to be addressed simply as Michael. He is an O'ahu resident and offers regular dokusan and sesshin at Palolo Zen Center.

Date/Time: Sunday, December 4, 2022 @9:30am (In-person)

Place: Jodo Mission of Hawaii

1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814 Phone: (808)949-3995

**Masks are highly recommended. No refreshments will be served.*



You may join us on Zoom.

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HBC consists of 7 Buddhist denominations: Higashi Hongwanji, Honpa Hongwanji, Jodo Mission, Koyasan Shingon Mission, Nichiren Mission, Soto Mission and Tendai Mission.

Thank You So Much For Your Donations and Help!

To the many people, members, friends and relatives who came to help during our two October events—**Bazaar in social hall and Halloween Haunted House and Open House**, Thank you very much! Everyone worked so hard, we really appreciate your help. We had additional help from the Kiwanis Key Clubs from Farrington, Iolani, Kalani, Roosevelt and the Honolulu Kiwanis. Some buyers waited a few hours in the rain until the doors were opened. We are very thankful for the many donations received for the Bazaar.



At cleanup time, besides our many members and volunteers, the Kiwanis key clubs and about 18 Japanese students from Ryukoku University of Kyoto, Japan. Thankyou everyone for your help and wonderful donations!

For the Halloween Haunted House we also had some 22 students from Ryukoku University of Japan who were studying English at the University of Hawaii and came to help decorate the basement. They enjoyed the Bazaar cleanup that they wanted to come back.



Group in the Hondo were 2 students of Miyashiro sensei played koto music.



Ryukoku students in costumes and having fun!





Mochi Order Pick Up Reminder

Those who ordered mochi, please remember to pick up your order (and also your Omamori, if ordered) on

Sunday, December 18 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Social Hall)

If you wish to help with the mochi making, please join us on **Sunday, December 18, from 7 am.** This is a fun activity and there are many things to do in the making of mochi so it is ready for you to pick up. Things like working with the hot mochi, trays of mochi are brought to the social hall to be cooled, excess powder taken off, weighed, packaged and placed in specific pickup boxes. **Please call the temple office to let them know you are coming and how many are coming.** Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy your mochi!

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How should we display our Okasane mochi?

Displaying your Okasane mochi is in relation to families and how it continues generation to generation. This is the end of the old year and the beginning of the new year and we display it with white paper on the bottom for purity, followed by a green leaf with spores on the underside (meaning many generations), a piece of konbu (for joy and happiness), Okasane mochi and then a tangerine at the top for a long and healthy life.

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How should we discard Okasane Mochi or Kagami Mochi?

Because of the unique climate in Hawaii, Kagami Mochi gets moldy much faster than in Japan. Therefore, it is recommended to take the mochi down after the first three holy days of the New Year (i.e. on January 4th). Although it is common practice in Japan to keep them until January 11th.

After you take them down, it is best to eat them soon. However, in Hawaii, it is quite possible that the Kagami Mochi is already moldy. In that case, sprinkle a dash of salt on the Kagami Mochi to purify them just like Sumo wrestlers purify the Sumo ring with salt and wrap them with white paper such as paper towel, and then throw them away. OR you may soak the moldy Kagami Mochi in water so the mold will easily rub off the mochi and can be eaten them in soups, fried or cooked over the hibachi.

Columbarium or Nokotsudo—Are you familiar with these terms?

“Columbarium” in a Buddhist temple is a room with little cubicles called “niches” where deceased ashes are placed in ash cases or urns. It’s called “Nokotsudo” in Japanese, which literally means “Temple hall to keep bones (ashes)”.

Niche Owners at Jodo Mission of Hawaii should continue to pay their membership dues each year since as a member you were able to purchase a niche from Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Some people may have inherited the niches because the niche or niches have their relatives in them. When the niche or niches were originally purchased that individual was a member of this temple. When he/she passes, someone in the family carries on the responsibility of the niche and should continue to pay membership dues and niche maintenance. **What is niche maintenance donation you might ask?** Niche maintenance donation is currently and has been for many, many years \$5 per year. This maintenance donation is so that the columbarium or nokotsudo is respectably clean and maintained in a dignified manner. If your niche is empty and you have no use for the niche, please come to the office to sign a document that you relinquish the niche back to Jodo Mission of Hawaii. **Niches cannot be sold to another individual.**



Some people in lieu of paying membership and niche maintenance fee prefer to give a donation every year equivalent to membership fee and maintenance. That is totally acceptable and appreciated in honor of your beloved ancestors. Any questions, please contact Jodo Mission office at (808) 949-3995. *Thank you.*

New Year's Eve Service

New Year's Eve Service is one of the most familiar annual ceremonies for Buddhists in Japan. Here in Hawaii, the New Year's Eve Bell ringing service is observed at each Buddhist Temple. When we listen solemnly to the sounds of the bell in the silent midnight, we reflect in ourselves and have a feeling of deep meditation. **Do you know why the temple bell rings 108 times on New Year's Eve?** To ring the bell 108 times signifies the dispelling of 108 evil passions which all human beings have. In Buddhism, we have 108 different kinds of evil thoughts in our minds. While the temple bell is ringing, we pray to dispel our evil passions and thoughts. Japanese people call this night "joya". Joya means the very night when we should try to dispel all evil things in our lives.



The New Year's Eve service gives us a good opportunity to meditate and reflect on our life on this last day of the year. And it is also a time to express our gratitude to every blessing which we have received in our lives and at the same time to our ancestors, parents, our country and our Lord Amida Buddha. In so doing, we can welcome a most Happy New Year!

Please join us for New Year's Eve Service on Saturday, December 31st at 11:30 p.m. and help ring the temple bell and dispel all our evil passions and thoughts!

New Year's Day Service

New Year's Day Service is another special service held on January 1st. New Year's Day has three beginnings. It is the beginning of a new day, a new month and a new year. Therefore, it is a very important and significant day.



Buddhist temples have a special service which is called **Shusho-e**. This service means a religious gathering to reflect on the past life (year) and correct it and think of the New Year with hopes of a better life. We can reflect on our past lives (years), confess to past deeds, and resolve for a better life by following the teachings of Amida Buddha. And we can begin the New Year with hopes for the future. Both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day services have long been the practices for Buddhists to finish the old year and begin the first day of the New Year. In so doing, you can begin the New Year with strengthened faith in Amida Buddha.

Shusho-e or New Year's Day Service - Please join us on Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 10 a.m. for the first service of the year and pray for our safety, happiness and world peace for the coming new year.

Blessings will be given to everyone who attends this New Year's Day Service. **Happy New Year!** *[Please note that we want everyone who wants to attend to come, however, because we are not sure of the COVID restrictions on January 1st, we ask that you call the temple at (808) 949-3995 closer to the end of December to see if it is safe to attend. You probably will have to wear a facial mask and keep social distance and use the sanitizer.]*

Thank you for your cooperation, and may everyone begin the new year healthy and safe! Namu Amida Butsu.

Something for the New Year—Interested in learning how to sew, crochet or creating other craft projects? Mrs. Doris Soma's Sewing Circle has been happening for decades, and we would like to have members join us to learn about different sewing, crocheting or craft projects. We are offering this once-a-month class free for members who would like things created to be sold at the Bazaars or Bon Dance. If you are interested, please contact either Anne Jinbo at (808) 392-5459 or Jo Ann Matsuo at (808) 373-6787.

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

	2022	2023
1 st year	2021	2022
3 rd year	2020	2021
7 th year	2016	2017
13 th year	2010	2011
17 th year	2006	2007
23 rd year	2000	2001
25 th year	1998	1999
27 th year	1996	1997
33 rd year	1990	1991
37 th year	1986	1987
43 rd year	1980	1981
47 th year	1976	1977
50 th year	1973	1974
100 th year	1923	1924

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 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60ドルから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 Covid Hours]

Monday to Saturday

10am–5pm

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10am–3pm

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Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) for December

1	Jusaku Kimura The Kimura & Muroshige Family Sato Imaguchi The Imaguchi Family Isamu Matsumoto Masayoshi Tanigawa Ushi Matayoshi Ronald Seiji Buna	The Wakaki Family Seiichi Nakamura The Nakamura Family Yoshio Higashimura Matsuyo Tanimura The Tanimura Family Takaichi Tamakawa Joginder Lal Bhanot	Kisei Takara Manabu Omura Yoshiko Kitagawa Natsuko Kamihara	Roy Toyosuke Ohnaga (2) Yokichi Tanaka Tome Tanaka Tanaka Brothers
2	Kame Aoki (2) The Aoki & Kimura Family Kame Yano (2) The Yano, Konaka & Hayashi Family Ayako Yokoyama The Yokoyama & Morita Family Shizue Matsuda The Matsuda Family Shizue Nakano Hisashi Kochi Tose Terada Michiko Miyao Tsuruko Tanaka The Kodama Family	9 Genjiro Shimabukuro The Shimabukuro Family Tora Aoki The Aoki Family Ichiro Kishi (2) The Kishi Family (2) Earl Yutaka Onaga (2) Sadakichi Yoshida Hanae Fujimoto	16 Fusakichi Okawa The Shigeoka & Okawa Family 17 Yasukichi Kaya The Kaya & Shimazaki Family Rinsuke Uesugi Hideo Moritsugu Kona Matsuda	25 The Sato Family Robert Umeo Mitsuyasu Fumiyo Kouchi
3	Fumie Chinen The Chinen Family Fumiko Hayashi Fujino Masatsugu Isogai Tama Camanga	10 Hyoichi Sugihara(2) The Sugihara Family Asa Namba Chokichi Nakamura Hiroshi Hayamoto Ito Kawanishi Matsu Gushiken Hyoichi Sugihara Jiro Saiki	18 Bishop Kyodo Fujihana Alice Yoshie Fukunaga (2) Kiyoko Kagihara Taichi Ebisuzaki	26 Haru Ogawa Seiji Minehira Maurice Bungo Udo Shinemon Toishigawa Doris Hisayo Imaguchi
4	Ryuichi Higashimura The Higashimura Family Gunichi Morioka The Morioka Family Nobusuke Shinagawa June Setsuko Eki Arakawa	11 Asajiro Inada The Inada & Morimoto Family Zenshiro Sato Paul Tanigawa Edward Yutaka Yokoyama Hanako Uchiumi Grace Saiki Beringer Roy Takeo Yokomichi Phyllis Miyoshi Aoki	19 Tsunesuke Yanagihara (2) Iwa Yanagihara The Yanagihara Family Jeanette Asako Hayashi Jane Sumiyo Takabayashi	27 Tsunesuke Yamamoto Robert Tamito Yasuda Evelyn Hideko Yagi Edith Fusae Mizuno Richard Sadao Murashige
5	Tatsuji Kusunoki The Kusunoki Family Yuichi Kanayama Yasuyo Hirano The Hirano & Kaneko Family Kane Otani Rite Ishii Kameyo Morimoto Irene Kazue Nishida Kiyoichi Kishida Tane Oda The Kanayama Family Yasuo Nishida	12 Rokuichi Yanagihara Jisaku Yanagihara Robert Wong	20 Satoshi Yasumoto	28 Ichiro Sagawa The Kawahara Family Saichi Ikeda The Ikeda Family Dorothy Tamano Yasuda
6	Tokuemon Imamoto The Imamoto & Kawakami Family Hideo Morita Hazel Kiyoko Maehara Kazue Ukeda	13 Mosaku Hayashi The Yano, Konaka & Hayashi Family Hana Imai Sachiko Kathlee Fujikami Mutsuko Reed Joyce Tomoe Yoshikawa	21 Tokutsuchi Saeki The Saeki Family George Kiyoshi Kimoto Masao Yano Seiichi Kimura Judith K. Kodama Hikato Okamura	29 Kiku Yanagihara Shotaro Nose Kamato Akamine Chiyo Kameoka Teruo Gushikuma
7	Matsujiro Tanimura	14 Umetaro Ogata James Yuichi Nose Thomas Tamikichi Yasuda Naoji Nishimura Yoshiko Tanigawa Tsuruko Gushikuma Curtis Tokue Uehara Ken Kenichi Miyoshi	22 Emiko Hirai The Hirai Family Kama Chinen The Chinen Family Tsurumatsu Miyamasu The Miyamasu Family Umekichi Yamachika The Yamachika & Matsushige Family Kikuyo Goto Harold Torao Hamasaki Kazuyoshi Homareda	30 Seiichi Tsuchiya The Tsuchiya Family Hatsuyo Yoshioka Michael Koji Hadano
8	Reisuke Wakaki	15 Masagoro Kitagawa The Kitagawa Family Yoshio Miyao Masami Kawamura Ichiji Kiyuna	23 Tsuru Nakamura The Nakamura Family Teruo Asai Hideko Wada Giichi Kawamura Setsuko Onaga	31 Hira Yamane The Yamane & Harada Family Frances Sachiko Johnson Ito Teruyo Kishii Yoshikazu Wada Wilfred Masaichi Taira The Agari Uebaru Family The Naka Uebaru Family The Uebaru Guwa Family
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Obituaries

Jodo Mission of Hawaii extends its sincere condolence to the family members and loved ones of the following members who have recently left this world for the Pure Land.

Beatrice Sadako Noji Okada	99
Ella Umeno Minaai Fujie	100
Violet Hideko Takaoka	99
Jean Sueko Ashimine	87
Edna Shizuka Ajimura	90

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

December 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jodo Shu Calendar for December 2022: Congratulate yourself on the efforts you made this year and greet the coming year in a new spirit						
4 9:30 HBC Hybrid Bodhi Day Service @ Jodo Mission	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 am Temple Cleaning Day *No Sunday Service 11:00 Board Mtg	12	13	14	15	16	17 Mochitsuki Prep Day
18 Mochitsuki Day *No Sunday Service	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:00 Sunday Service	26	27	28	29	30	31 11:30 pm New Year's Eve Service

HIGHLIGHT OF EVENTS:

Dec. 4 at 9:30 am HBC Hybrid Jodo-e (Bodhi Day) in person/online!
 Dec. 11 at 9:00 am General Clean-up—WE NEED YOUR HELP!
 Dec. 17 at 9:00 am Mochitsuki Prep Day
 Dec. 18 Mochitsuki Day—Help needed from 7 am—call temple
Dec. 31 at 11:30 pm New Year's Eve Service
Jan. 1 at 10 am—New Year's Day Service
 Jan. 13 Deadline for Chutoba Order
 Jan. 22 at 10 am Gyoki Service or memorial service for St. Honen
 Jan. 29 at 10 am Sunday Service, General Membership Meeting

Fujinkai's Sushi
 Vinegar is available
 at temple office

NO Meetings or Classes
in December for
 Fujinkai, YBA, Sunday
 School, Sewing Circle

Bazaar Donations will be accepted. Kindly call temple office (808) 949-3995, if you have donations. Thank you

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues (\$60 for 2022) or would you like to pay for 2023 (\$80), please do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). Please include any niche maintenance donation also. *Thank you.*