Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members of Jodo Mission,

Now is the time,
The Place is here at your feet,
Living in awareness,
Through the life we live mindfully,
Eternal life can be realized.
By Dr. Shiio Benkyo, the 82nd Chief Abbot of Zojoji Temple.
(Translated by Kosen Ishikawa)



This short poem is one of the masterpiece poems by Dr. Shiio Benkyo (1876-1971) who was known as an unparalleled Jodo Shu priest. For me, this poem has been my source of inspirations. It's so simple and such a short poem, however, it was truly difficult to translate it in English with poetic sound.

Dr. Shiio was a multitalented priest who was a Buddhist scholar, philosopher, social activist and also a member of the House of Representatives in Japan. He started "Kyosei(Tomoiki)" movement to apply Honen Shonin's teachings to daily life for the betterment of society. "Kyosei" or "Tomoiki" literally means "co-living" or "living together" which was his modern translation of "to be born in the Pure Land together."

His core idea of co-living is based on the fundamental Buddhist doctrine of "Engi(pratītya-samutpāda)" or dependent origination that all things without exception are interdependent and interrelated to each other. Traditionally, this can be simply expressed as "this is because that is." Or "if this exists, that exists; if this ceases to exist, that also ceases to exist." Based on this interdependency, Dr. Shiio understood that the life we live was actually apart of "eternal life" and by realizing this eternal life, co-living could be possible.

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Dr. Shiio seemed to think it would be difficult for modern people to believe in Amida Buddha and his Pure Land. Thus, he stressed the importance of living in the present moment here with others in order to transmit Jodo teachings even to the modern people who are not Buddhists. As Dr. Shiio intended this movement to be practiced in the wider society, this short poem has been recognized widely over time and quoted by not only priests but also various specialists.

Needless to say, the life we are living is supported by many people and many things both in the past and in the present. In other words, thanks to countless blessings, we are now living. And if we can be mindful of this interdependency, we can realize we are not alone nor independent. We are connected to the very core of life which doesn't have both beginning and ending, so-called eternity.

Dr. Shijo found eternity in this present moment. There is no past nor future without this present moment. This short poem indicates both past and future lies here and now in this present moment. Dr. Shijo encourages us not to miss this chance of now and not to waste this precious time.

But this is not all. Dr. Shiio puts another meaning into this poem. That is Nenbutsu. By reciting Namu Amida Bu(tsu) in this moment, we can become one with Amida Buddha who is known as Buddha of eternal life. And even after we die, we are able to live for good and practice the Nenbutsu now. What a great teaching! We are planning to join in the 16th "24 Hour Ceaseless Nenbutsu Relay Practice" both virtually and physically at our respective temples in the world from Friday, May 7 at 6:00pm to Saturday, May 8 at 6:00pm. We will start chanting Nenbutsu here at Jodo Mission at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 8. For more information, please check our website. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Gassho,

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Kosen Ishikawa

Hawaii Buddhist Council's Memorial Day Service

As of this printing, Hawaii Buddhist Council has not decided to go forward with Memorial Day Service. The scheduled date is May 24 at 9:00 am at Punchbowl Cemetery. Please contact temple office at 949-3995 for more information. Thank you for your understanding.

Hawaii Buddhist Council is made up of seven (7) Buddhist denominations: Higashi Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii, Jodo Mission of Hawaii, Koyasan Shingon Mission of Hawaii, Nichiren Mission of Hawaii, Soto Mission of Hawaii and Tendai Mission of Hawaii.

Jodo Mission of Hawaii Virtual General Membership Meeting

On January 31, 2021, a virtual general membership meeting was held and your 2021-2023 Board of Directors were installed. This is a screen shot of those present. The Board is lead by President Daryl Masaki, 1st VP Christine Inouye, 2nd VP Gail Okamura, Secretary Sally Hayashi, ASecretary Jon Karamatsu, Treasurer Akiko Nishiyama, ATreasurer Ian Kitajima and Bishop Kosen

Ishikawa and Resident Minister Myoko Takano.



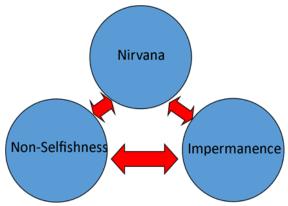
Message by Rev. Myoko Takano

I would like to talk about Buddhism. Buddhism was created in India 2500 years ago.

Shakyamuni Buddha taught people how to live happy without feeling anxiety, fear, hatred, sadness, anger and other suffering. It was passed down from generation to generation and became Buddhism. To put it simply, Buddhism is a philosophy that leads people to happiness.

Shakyamuni Buddha taught three important teachings for human life. This is called the Sanpouin in Japanese. That is one of the three major principles in Buddhism.

Syogyoumujou, Syohoumuga, Nehanjakujo. **Syogyoumujou** means impermanence, **Syohoumuga** is non-selfishness, **Nehanjakujo** means Nirvana.



Syogyomujo (impermanence). All things are changing. In other words, everything is constantly changing and will eventually disappear. There is no human who does not die, and there is nothing that does not break.

Therefore, we must consider impermanence and think about everything in a positive way and live a positive life at present. In this way, Shakyamuni Buddha explained to us the importance of living now. This is the thinking of Syogyomujo, the importance of impermanence.

Syohomuga (Non-selfishness). Shakyamuni Buddha preached that we should not be self-centered in all things. All things are

made up of a causal relationship between cause and effect. For example, when you fight with someone, you get into a fight because your interests do not match each other. It is a causal relationship of advantage and disadvantage. At this time, you can think about the disadvantage of opponent by looking at yourself objectively instead of focusing on yourself. You can also notice your own self-centered thinking.

In other words, if you always take the position of the other person, look back on your own attitude, and think about what you should reflect on and improve. You can be kind to people and live peacefully and calmly without fighting. Abandoning your self-centered thinking means abandoning attachment or worldly desires.

Nehanjakujo (Nirvana). Syogyomujo means to live cherishing the present, and **Syohomuga** means to abandon worldly desires. Based on these two teachings, the last teaching that Shakyamuni Buddha preached is **Nehanjakujo**.

Nehanjakujo means Nirvana. Nirvana is the enlightenment that leads to serenity after we throw away or free from ourselves worldly desires. Shakyamuni Buddha preached worldly desire is suffering. If we are not obsessed with everything, there will be no conflict and people can live in peace with each other. **Enlightenment** is a state of peace and perfect tranquility or **Calmness**.

To summarize briefly, the three Shakyamuni Buddha's teaching:

Shogyomujo (impermanence) Realize that it is important to live cherishing the present.

Shohomuga (non-selfishness) Stop the selfish way of life and abandon the worldly desires. This is how it make you feel quiet and peaceful, and everyone will be able to live in peace.

Nehanjakujo (Nirvana or Enlightenment) This is how it make you feel quiet and peaceful, and everyone will be able to live in peace.

The most basic idea of Buddhism is that these three teachings are important for people to live peacefully. We interact with many people, including family, work, and local communities, and sometimes suffer from relationships. At that time, if you can think from the other person's point of view instead of having feelings such as anger, sadness, anxiety, and fear from your own point of view, it will be Page 3

easier for you to approach each other. Also, you can be kind to others, which leads you to happiness.

Please try to adapt these Buddhist teachings in your daily life. It will surely enrich your life.

今日は仏教についてお話します。

2500年 前 に、イ ン ド で お 釈 迦 様 が 創 ら れ た の が 仏 教 で す。 お釈迦様は人々が不安や恐怖、憎悪、悲しみ、怒りなどの苦しみの感情を抱くことなく、幸せに生きる方法を人々に説きました。それが後世に語り継がれ仏教となりました。簡単に言うと、仏教とは人を幸せに導く哲学です。

お釈迦様は諸行無常、諸法無我、涅槃寂静という人が生きていくうえで大切な3つの教えを説かれました。今日はこの3つの教えにいつてお話します。

まずは諸行無常です。

全ての物事は移ろい変わりゆくということです。つまり全ての物事は常に変化し、いずれ消滅してしまうこということです。死なない人間なんていないし、壊れないものなんてありません。だから私達はこれらを踏まえて、あらゆるものごとをよい方向に変化させていくような前向きな生き方をしなければなりません。このように、我々に今この時を生きている大切さを説いたものが、諸行無常という考え方です。

諸法無我

お釈迦様は全ての事象において自らを中心に物事を考えてはいけないと説かれました。すべての物事は因果関係によって成り立ちます。例えば、誰かとケンカするときも、お互いの利害関係が一致しないからケンカとなります。利益と損害という因果関係です。この時に、自らを中心に置くのではなく、自らを客観的に見ることによって、相手の気持ちも考慮することができます。また、自らの自己中心的な考え方にも気づくことができます。

つまり常に相手の立場に立って、自らの行動を振り返り、反省すべき・改善すべきを事を考えれば、 人は人に対して優しくなれということです。争うことなく、平和に健やかに生きる事ができるように なります。自らの自己中心的な考え方を捨てるということは、つまり執着・煩悩を捨てるということ です。

涅槃寂静

諸行無常(今を大切に生きる)、諸法無我(執着をなくす)の2つの教えを踏まえた上で、最後にお釈迦様が説かれた教えが涅槃寂静です。涅槃とは、煩悩の火が消えた安らぎの境地(悟りの地)を指し、死を表す言葉です。また寂静とは、煩悩を離れ苦しみがなくなった解脱の境地を指す言葉です。つまり涅槃寂静とは、悟りが静かで安らかな状態であり、諸行無常と諸法無我を体得すれば、我々はこの境地に達することができるということです。

簡単にまとめると、お釈迦様が説かれた3つの教えは 今を大切に生きる事が大切だと気づきなさい

自己中心的な生き方、煩悩をすてなさい

そうすると静かで安らかな気持ちになれます



人が生きていくのにこの3つの考え方が大切だというのが仏教の1番基本的な考え方であります。私達は生きていく中で、家族、仕事、地域のコミュニティなど多くの人と関わり、時として人間関係で苦しむこともあります。その時に、自分だけの観点で怒りや悲しみ、不安や恐怖などの感情を持つのでなく、相手の立場に立って考えることができると、お互いに歩み寄りやすくなります。また、人に優しくなれるし、自身を幸せに導いてくれると思います。

是非、今日お話した仏教の考え方を日常の生活に適応させてみてください。きっとあなたの人生が豊 $P_{\text{Age }4}$ かになることでしょう。 合掌 浄土宗ハワイ別院駐在開教使 髙野明宏

Announcements



May 9th Is Mother's Day (Haha No Hi)

Mother's Day is celebrated as an expression of love and appreciation to mothers.

Our Sunday School will probably have a wonderful program.

Please come to our Mother's Day Service and bring your mothers and grandmothers on May 9 at 10 a.m.

IF THE TIER 3 GUIDE-LINE CHANGES, this Mother's Day event MAY BE CANCELLED. Thank you for your understanding BUT please do not forget your Mother!

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Flowers Needed for Honolulu Meisho Sr. YBA Lei Making Project, Friday, May 28

Please bring **plumeria**, **crown flowers** or other small flowers for leis or even the beautiful bougainvillea flowers, as well as greenery like the branches pictured here to Jodo Mission on **Thurs**,

May 27. Any amount of flowers and greenery will be greatly appreciated. Every little bit counts.

Everyone is invited to join
Honolulu Meisho YBA on May 28, at
9 am in the Social Hall for lei making to
help sew leis for our veterans at Punchbowl
Cemetery and at the same time enjoy the fellowship for this wonderful event! It can be
very relaxing concentrating on your lei making. Lunch
will be provided. Thank you!

IF THE TIER 3 GUIDELINE CHANGES, THIS EVENT MAY BE CANCELLED. Please call Jodo Mission at 949-3995 if you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding!

Jodo Mission Hanamatsuri Service

On Sunday, April 11, Jodo Mission had a Hanamatsuri Service. The children from our Sunday School with their parents put together the beautiful **Hanamido** (see photo) with Baby Buddha in it. During service Rev. Takano also had everyone stepover the incense burner to purify oneself before bowing to Baby Buddha and pouring sweet tea over the Baby Buddha and in gassho bow and return to your seat. Ladies stepped over starting with right feet and men started with left feet.

Bishop Ishikawa gave a wonderful sermon about how during the pandemic he had virtual meetings and services and when he came to Oahu and visited some temples, he was amazed how beautiful everything was in person as opposed to virtual. When he talked to other ministers he could see their expressions, etc.







Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai



On Feb. 24, the Fujinkai had their in-person annual general membership meeting and had their officers installed by Rev. Takano. Pres. Sally Hayashi, VP Gail Okamura, Sec. Christine Inouye, Treasurer Yukari Narashiba, ATreasurer Gail Masaki, Auditor Doris Soma.

You can miss some things on virtual and you cannot substitute in person unless you have to for health and safety reasons.

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. [Note: Time may change due to Covid-19 schedule. Please call if you plan to attend.]

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.

Notice to Nokotsudo Visitors

(Sometimes referred to as the Niche rooms)

Many people call to see if the Nokotsudo/

Many people call to see if the Nokotsudo/ Columbarium (or sometimes known as Niche rooms) are open. We have been letting people in if you come and ring the blue bell. You must 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



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Rev. Myoko Takano Resident Minister

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REMINDERS

Gojikai or Membership—\$60.00 per year

Persons of the same family but living separately should have their own membership

Niche owners should continue your Membership or Gojikai each year \$60.00

AND

Maintenance fee \$5.00 per year per niche

お知らせ

1年間における護持会費、又はンバーシップは60ドルになります。同世帯の家族。世□帯が別の場合は個々にメンバーシップが必□要です。

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for May

- 1 Tome Iwamoto Tome Toishigawa The Ochiai Family
- 2 Bishop Buntetsu Miyamoto Etsuo Nakagawa Fusaye Mizuta
- 3 Mitsuyo Nakahara The Fukunaga Family Mitsuko Sakai Carole Masako Yano
- 4 Eikichi Hirouji The Miyamasu Family Tamotsu Takaoka Toshio Yoshioka James Mitsuyoshi Uesugi
- 5 Sadaichi Mito
 The Mito Family
 Michie Makino (2)
 The Makino & Okamura
 Family
 Morita Kokubun
 Miyoko Sasuga
- 6 Tokusaburo Fukuda (2)
 The Fukuda Family (2)
 Tora Kanayama (2)
 The Kanayama Family
 Hitoshi Nitta
 Kamato Uyehara
 Florence Tamayo Matsumori
 Laurie Tomie Cho
 Kazuo Karimoto
 Kuma Tatei
 Masaru Morimoto
- 7 Minetaro Katagiri The Katagiri & Imamiya Family Tsuyako Kishii Ross Kiyoshi Hirano Satoru "Sugar" Miura
- 8 Toshiko Kusunoki
 The Kusunoki Family
 Tami Kawasaki
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 Tsuru Kitamura
 The Kitamura Family
 Yasuo Kagihara
 Seki Tamura
 Shigeru Gushikuma
 Betty A. Ishii
- 9 Roy Shigeyoshi Kawafuchi
- 10 Sada Kurihara The Kurihara Family The Ajimura Family The Ito Family (Stillborn) Shinichi Takenouchi Minokichi Oshiro
- 11 Masataka Fukuda The Fukuda Family Shuzo Mitsutani The Mitsutani Family Ayataro Nambu The Nambu Family Kimiko Fujii Kikuyo Hayashi Kinuyo Matsui Matsuichi Onaga Hanako Kume

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 The Hirai Family
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 Fumiko Yogi
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 The Sawamura Family
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 Akino Tamura
 Kimiko Hayashi
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 The Fujikami Family
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- The Tamanaha Family Masuo Tomita Alan Haruo Nakagawa Howard Seishi Kobayashi
- 23 Hichizo Nishimura (2)
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 Harukichi Hirohama
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 Tomoko Hayashi
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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.

Miyako S. Amano 95 Edith Momoyo Furuya 98 Laura Chieko Hirono 96

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

COVID-19 Schedule

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23 10:00 Sunday Service 10:00 Sunday Me- morial /Day Service	31	25	26	22	28 9am Lei Making Event??	29

Jodo Shu Calendar for May 2021: Remember to stop and take a breath along the way.

YBA: Lei Making Project?? May 28@ 9 am

Coming Events:

June 5.7 State YBA Convention in Hile CANCELLED

July 11: General Cleanup & O-Toba Set up in Social Hall July 16 & 17: O-Bon Services??

July 18: Final O-Bon Service: 10:00 am??

Aug 20-21: Jodo Mission Bon Dance ??

No Meetings or Classes for May for

Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle & 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.