

Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

Aloha! I'd like to thank you very much for your understanding and support for my recent trip to Japan during this busy season before our Bon Dance. This became my first trip to Japan ever since Pandemic started.

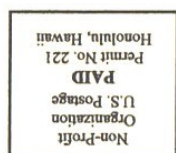


At first, I felt guilty to go to Japan by myself as we needed manpower to prepare for our Bon Dance. Also, many people here still cannot travel to Japan. But our board members kindly told me "Do not worry" and let me go. I was so grateful that I was able to help O-Bon services again at my family temple in Niigata. In addition, I was able to buy and bring some supplies for the temple thanks to the depreciation of Japanese Yen.

Usually, my older brother, who is one of the busiest journalists for the Mainichi Shimbun newspaper, come to help Obon but this year he got covid and couldn't come. Therefore, my parents were extremely happy to have my help from Hawaii as they never expected my help this year.

In my hometown Joetsu, O-Bon is observed from August 13 to 15 and special service is observed on August 18th every year. During O-Bon, people visit their graves in the temple's cemetery. Some people visit several temples in a day if they have many relatives. Even during covid-19 surges in Japan, we had hundreds of visitors on the first day.

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Just like private O-Bon services here, I kept officiating private Bon services while my father visited members' houses where they prepared special altars called "Shoryo-dana" which literally means "Shelf(altar) for the returning spirits."

In Japan, this service is called "Tana-gyo" meaning "Chanting Sutras for a special shelf (altar) to welcome all spirits", and here in Hawaii, it's called "Bon Mairi" or "Bon Visitation." We are sorry that many temples in Hawaii discontinue this visitation but this Bon Visitation is still the core ritual of O-Bon in Japan.

On the 2nd and 3rd day, I drove my mother's car to visit members' houses to have O-Bon services at their special O-Bon altars where they offer many kinds of foods. Honestly speaking, this Bon visitation is definitely a pleasant part of helping O-Bon since members gave me the warmest welcome and their homemade refreshments are just amazing. Many houses I visited gave me tea, sweets, cucumber and eggplant pickles. They were so delicious and I wished I could bring them back to Hawaii. As I've known them for a long time, I truly enjoyed talk-stories with them. They are like my original Ohana or family.

Lastly, I share a funny story with you. As soon as my parents saw me, they both told me that I grew too big! They even warned me and said how important to reduce weight. However, at the same time, my mother kept preparing plenty food for me every meal and said "Tabenasai...(Eat this and that.) This may be something you cannot eat in Hawaii." What a contradiction! I had to tell her "Hey mom. Do you want me to gain weight or lose weight?"

Anyway, during my staying home, I didn't need to cook at all. I didn't need to dish-wash at all and I didn't need to wash my clothes! I almost forgot I was a father and I enjoyed being a child! But please don't worry I did good job there and I didn't forget I was a minister! Now I'm back to Hawaii and ready to serve you again. Please feel free to let me know if you need spiritual assistance. Whether in Hawaii or in Japan, I'll be happy whatever I could do for you. Please stay safe and see you soon.

Gassho,
Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Donation of Tropical Flowers Would Be Appreciated

Do you grow any tropical flowers such as ginger or heliconia or bird of paradise? Do you have extra flowers to donate from your yard? If you don't mind to donate flowers from your yard, please let us know. Most flowers for the temple are arranged by Mrs. Yukari Narashiba and Mrs. Yayoi Ishikawa from our temple ground but once in a while we need lots of flowers for a special event like Obon.

If you would kindly let us know which flowers you are able to donate, we would like to contact you when we are in need of them. Our ministers will be very happy to pick up flowers. Thank you.

Bon Dance Photos



Prayer at Yagura on a beautiful, sunny Bon Dance /Day



Lots of Food



Girls in their pretty, colorful kimonos danced around the yagura



Lots of people watching the dancers.

Arigato to everyone who helped with Jodo Mission's first Bon Dance in two years.



Lots of people enjoying and relaxing

There were so many, many people who came and at some point it was dangerous to see so many people.

With many people, you must have lots of food and we did, we thought we did, but not enough—by 6:00 pm, most of the food were gone. We did not know if people will come as crowds were being discouraged. But the people came.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came to help cook, clean, help with security, helped the elderly at the handicap drop off and pick up area, helped with trash pick up, helped the elderly with the elevator, volunteer parking attendants at Hawaii Mission school, and at Shriners, the dancers and instructors of the inner circle, Taiko sensei and his students, Bishop Ishikawa's collection of bon dance towels and Rev. Takano and Rev. Tanabe who worked so hard on the chicken donburi—never worked harder!

Thank you to all of you who called the last few days to find out when was Bon Dance happening and whether it was for real! **Thank you everyone who came, who helped and the main thing, did you enjoy yourself! Hope you did. See you next year! Please stay safe until then!**



Mana & Sally Lei passed out masks to those who did not have one to enter Social Hall to purchase food.

O-HIGAN SERVICE

The word “Higan” literally means “the other shore” in Japanese. One shore represents the world 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 spring, the other in autumn, as Higan is held during the week of the spring and autumn equinox. Shan Tao, one of the highest 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 for our Virtual Higan service and think about Amida Buddha’s Pure Land and our ancestors. Our **Virtual and in person** Higan Service will be held:

Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 am

Chutoba prayers will be conducted during this service. If you would like a Chutoba prayer for your ancestors, please fill out the form in the August Bulletin and send it or drop it off at the Jodo Mission office as soon as possible as the deadline has passed—September 2nd.. Thank you.

What is a “Chutoba”? Chutoba is a paper-thin rectangular piece of wood approximately 3” wide by 15” tall. The top 5” are cut on each side so that one can easily identify the shape of a pagoda. “Chu” means middle-size in Japanese. “Toba” means Pagoda. Chutoba means middle-size pagoda. A Pagoda indicates a memorial tower for Shakyamuni Buddha in Buddhism. People buried Buddha’s ashes and his belongings under the pagoda after Shakyamuni Buddha passed away.

Because one of the sutra tells of the significance of worship for a Pagoda, many different forms of it were built in China, Japan and other countries. In earlier times, people began putting their ancestors’ names on the toba and having prayers for their ancestors.



Hawaii Jodo Mission Layperson’s Association
Hawaii Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai
Saturday, September 17, 9am to 12 noon



Due to the various situations on all islands, the Layperson and Fujinkai Convention scheduled in September will now be held as an *unofficial, informal Zoom meeting* on **Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 9 am to 12 noon.**

The Zoom information for the joint Layperson and Fujinkai meeting and password follows:

Zoom Meeting ID: 861 1329 2750 9:00 am

Password: Namu

If you are unable to use Zoom and would like to participate on Zoom at the temple, please call temple office. You are welcome to attend. We just would like to know the number of people attending at the temple

It is a wonderful way to familiarize yourself with the Layperson and Fujinkai associations. For more information, please contact the temple office. Thank you.

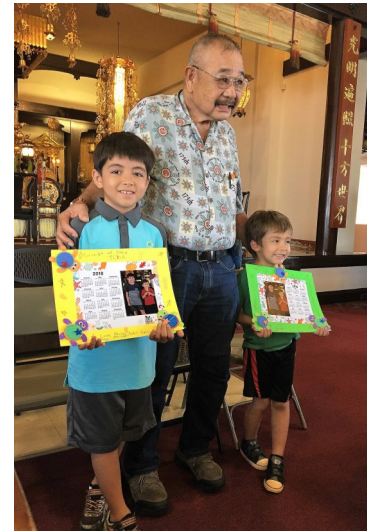
Keiro Kai and Grandparents' Day



On September 11 at 10 am, Jodo Mission will honor all grandparents and all those 80 year olds and older who attend service that day.

If you are able to attend, please come. As you can see, this day is a happy occasion for our seniors. The Intermediate YBA will sponsor a special ceremony for our Keiro seniors.

To our younger generation, would you please honor your 80 year olds and over by bringing your mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, even great grandparents, if they are



able to by bringing them to this service. They might enjoy seeing their old friends. Sometimes, they might not say anything but just a smile to see old friends or people their own age or make new friends.

Precautions—our temple is large and we try to take precautions like take temperatures and some social distances.

If you are unable to bring them to Sunday service. you may honor your grandparents by giving them a call—face time would be great or Skype or Zoom or send them a nice note to say thinking of you. They will always remember that you are thinking of them. If you do not want to write, just do a cute drawing—thinking of you.



O-Bon Service Virtual and In-Person — If you did not see the virtual and in-person O-Bon service, please go to YouTube under Kosen Ishikawa to view the video.

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 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

2022 Memorial Years Observed

1 st year	2021
3 rd year	2020
7 th year	2016
13 th year	2010
17 th year	2006
23 rd year	2000
25 th year	1998
27 th year	1996
33 rd year	1990
37 th year	1986
43 rd year	1980
47 th year	1976
50 th year	1973
100 th year	1923

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.

REMINDERS

Gojikai or Membership—\$60.00 per year & effective 1/1/2023 Gojikai will be raised to \$80.00 per year (starting 7/1/22 anyone paying for 2023 Gojikai will be asked to pay \$80.00)

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

Thank you for your understanding.

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1年間で60ドルから80ドルへと変更になります。来年の護持会費は2022年7月1日より別院オフィスにて受け付けております。(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。)

納骨堂(ニッチ)内に納骨棚を所有の方は、護持会費とは別途、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、ご理解のほどよろしくお願い致します。



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister



Rev. Takaaki Kouken
Tanabe
Resident Minister

Jodo Mission Office Hours:

[New Covid Hours]

Monday to Saturday
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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for September

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|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Seijiro Mitsuyasu
The Mitsuyasu Family
Takao Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Kamado Gushikuma
Mary Fujie Takimoto
Nathaniel Hiromasa Shindo</p> | <p>Ikuzo Kuniyuki
Nobuo Tsuda
Mike Shigeo Hara</p> | <p>20. Shoichi Ishida
The Ishida & Aimoto Family
The Iwamoto's Baby
The Iwamoto Family
Kiyoko Isobe</p> |
| <p>2. Kiku Sugimoto
The Sugimoto & Samoto Family
Yutaro Karamatsu
The Karamatsu Family
Kiku Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Minbunosuke Sakuda
Albert Shigetoshi Wachi</p> | <p>12. Junji Sano
The Nishimoto Family
Sada Hayashi
The Hayashi Family
Masao Fukuzawa
Tsuneyasu Tamanaha
Ann Umeyo Ohta
Taeko Stella Uehara
Shikazo Hayashi
Minoru Muraoka</p> | <p>21. Kumanoshin
Yamamoto(2)
Yoshiko Nakahara (2)
Wanda Akemi Hamada</p> |
| <p>3. Eikichi Nakamoto
The Okamoto & Nakamoto Family
Reverend Hoyu Ohta
The Ohta Family
Katsume Kuniyuki
Tetsuji Tamura</p> | <p>13. Yoshigoro Takata
The Takata Family
Kumayo Nomura
The Nomura Family
Robert Yoshio Kawakami
Yasuichi Moritsugu
The Henry Tsuruhisa Hijii Family
Tatsui Oshita</p> | <p>22. Miyo Koyama
The Koyama Family
Keikichi Mishina
The Mishina Family
Kame Higa
The Higa Family
Ruth Yoshiko Medeiros
Tsuchitaro Iwamoto
Eleanor Haruko Nose
Shigeko Machida</p> |
| <p>4. Shizuko Morita
Helen Kikuno Mitsutani
Bert Nobuo Yoshida
Eisuke Tamura
Hoichi Ogawa</p> | <p>14. Matsu Ohta
Kikuzuchi Takaoka
Toshio Mitani
Frances Yano
Shizuko Uyehara</p> | <p>23. Kiyoshi Matsushita
The Matsushita Family
Yoshiaki Ono
The Ono & Yamada Family
Yoshio Uchiumi
Riichi Hirouji</p> |
| <p>5. Kikuyo Iwamoto Kam Siu
Shigeki Hayashi
Yuriko Naito</p> | <p>15. Umeyo Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Ishi Yagi
The Yagi & Okada Family
Takeji Kobara
Masaji Kawasugi
Shizue Masuda
Stanley Yuji Yokoyama
Ayako Nakata
James Hajime Koike</p> | <p>24. Ryuichi Hamada
The Hamada Family
The Sakaue Family
Shieto Saiki
Aya Asaumi
Noboru Sakauye
Katherine Masumi Hadano</p> |
| <p>6. Toramatsu Yamamoto
Kamekichi Shigeoka
Suteno Yoshida
Masaichi Toishigawa
Kichigoro Ikeda
Yukimi Okada</p> | <p>16. Shigenori Uesugi</p> | <p>25. Haruyo Yanagihara
Kamematsu Onohara
Mitsuru Harada</p> |
| <p>7. Nobuo Hara (2)
Ryogen Matayoshi</p> | <p>17. Rikuji Hashimoto
The Hashimoto Family
Fujie Nomiya
Tomio Machida
Teruto Soma</p> | <p>26. The Nishimura's Baby
Kimie Nitta</p> |
| <p>8. Suke Muranaka
The Muranaka Family
Azuma Tojo
The Tojo Family
Toshiko Judy Maeda
Yanagihara</p> | <p>18. Kinjuro Sugimoto
The Sugimoto & Samoto Family
Take Kitagawa
The Kitagawa Family
Tameo Shintani
Kamejiro Uyeda
Hoichi Fujita
The Fujita Family
Mie Kashiwa
Fumiko Yamane
Nobuko Tsuruda</p> | <p>27. Seiichi Tanaka
The Tanaka & Takahashi Family
Hakuyo Ebisuzaki (2)
Goro Shindo</p> |
| <p>9. Mitsue Shigeoka
Shunsuke Ogi
The Ogi Family
Shigeru Takeda
Yone Wakayama Umeda
Masako Koyama</p> | <p>19. Kichijuro Miyashige
The Goto & Miyashige Family
Seitoku Higa
The Weiss Family
The Sunagawa Family
Fusae Ippongi
Bryan Kenji Weiss</p> | <p>28. Kimi Morita
The Morita & Ashinaka Family
Dorothy Natsue Hayashi
The Hayashi Family</p> |
| <p>10. Ritsu Inada (2)
The Inada Family (2)
The Morimoto Family
Tsune Kuniyuki
Shimo Hashimoto
Sana Tamura
Yukie Sakauye</p> | | <p>29. Kiku Tanimura
The Tanimura Family
Ryosuke Yanagisawa
The Yanagisawa Family
Ushi Shimabukuro
Akio Shimabukuro
The Shimabukuro Family
Kiyo Yamachika
The Yamachika & Matsushige Family
Ishi Uyenoyama
Yuu Kunihisa</p> |
| <p>11. Yorizo Yamane
The Yamane & Harada Family</p> | | <p>30. Francis Kiyoshi Furutani
Charles Tanaka
Jean Miyoko Higaki
George Giichi Ohara
Tamayo Nakamura</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.

Violet Yayoi Masuoka	80
Raymond Tsutomu Shimabuku	83

9:30am Morning Service Everyday
Note: Time may change due to
 COVID-19 Schedule

September 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jodo Shu Calendar for September 2022: <i>Never take the tranquility of today for granted; be grateful for it always.</i>						
<i>4</i> 10:00 Sunday Service;	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> Deadline for Chutoba Order	<i>10</i> <i>3</i>
<i>11</i> 10:00 Autumn Higan Service 11:00 Board Mtg	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> 9-12 = Layperson & Fujinkai Zoom Meeting
<i>18</i> 9:00 Statewide Sunday Service	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 10:00 Sunday Service	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 10:00 HBC General Meeting	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	

Events:

Sept 2 Deadline: Autumn Chutoba Orders
 Sept 11 **Virtual & In Person Autumn Higan Service**
 Sept 17 Layperson's & Fujinkai Zoom Meeting 9am—12noon\
 Sept 18 9am Statewide Sunday Service
 Oct 23 Jodo Mission Bazaar
 Nov 13 O-Juya Service

Sunday School to join Sunday Service at 10 am

NO MEETINGS OR CLASSES in September for
 Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle

Bazaar Donations: Please call temple office
(808) 949-3995, if you

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). **Gojikai or Membership Dues for 2023 is \$80.00. Thank you.**