

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KOSEN ISHIKAWA

Dear Members of Jodo Mission

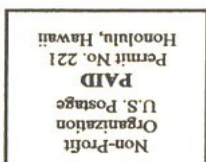
Since April last year, Bishops of Hawaii Buddhist Council have been having online meetings by Zoom almost every month. Because of this pandemic, we realized mutual help would be very important, and we shared various information to each other and planned for the future. Through these meetings, I got to know Bishops of each Buddhist sect and found they were kind and helpful in addition to their knowledge on Buddhism. There was no secretary and no recording. So these meetings were more like chatting. However, I felt this kind of opportunities were very precious since I was a new Bishop. Also, I liked and appreciated that everyone spoke in Japanese though Japanese was not their 1st language. We exchanged opinions through various topics and themes. I am learning a lot from them.



One time, I learned the proper way to deal with information. When one of Bishops referred one of their retired ministers, another Bishop asked him if he could get the retired minister's contact number. Then I was impressed with Bishop's reply. Instead of giving him contact number, Bishop told the requesting Bishop he would contact the retired minister directly and then he will have the minister to contact the Bishop who wanted information. Because we are like Ohana, I thought it was no problem to share minister's contact information but I realized this was the way. This way we can protect privacy yet we can continue to offer kindness.

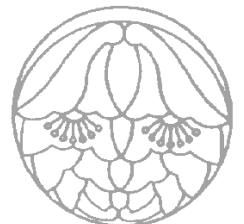
Soon after this event, our long time member told me they experienced uncomfortable and painful experience about their privacy which was not honored because one of our temple staff gave their contact information to a person claiming to be their family. I knew our staff intended nothing but kindness by releasing the information. I never thought this was a

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problem. However, I learned that the family never wanted this guy to know their contact information. They told me they have suffered because this guy kept bothering the family. I was very sorry to know that they have received annoying telephone calls even in this pandemic. On behalf of the temple, I apologized to them but at the same time we all need to be aware of this issue.

So I'd like to make sure that we, Jodo Buddhist temples, would be careful about dealing with private information.

Gassho,

Kosen Ishikawa

HBC Virtual Buddha Day Service (Hanamatsuri) Celebrating the Birth of Shakyamuni Buddha



**Date/Time: Sunday, April 4, 2021
at 9:30 to 10:30a.m.
Virtually through Zoom**

Guest Speaker: Rev. Professor Jeff Wilson
Professor of Religious Studies and East Asian
Studies at University of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

Rev. Wilson specializes in Japanese religion and Buddhism in North America. In 2018 he was the Numata Visiting Professor in Buddhist Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Dr. Wilson is the author of numerous books, including "Mindful America" and "Buddhism of the Heart". His current research is focused on Japanese-American Buddhism and social engagement. He is also an ordained minister in the Honpa Hongwanji tradition.

REGISTRATION—FREE—Use link to register: http://bit.ly/2021HBCBD_registration

Jodo Mission of Hawaii Hanamatsuri Service

Jodo Mission of Hawaii will have its **Hanamatsuri Service on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.** This service is to celebrate Shakyamuni Buddha's birthday. He was born on April 8, 566 B.C. in Nepal. His parents were King Suddhona and Queen Maya.



On the day he was born, it is said there were flowers blooming, celestial birds singing and sweet gentle rain bathing the baby Buddha. Part of this service is the display of a Hanamido with a Baby Buddha statue in the middle (photo at right). At the Hanamatsuri Service,



each person may pour sweet tea or amacha over the Baby Buddha, just like when he was born.

[Due to COVID-19 concerns, this service will go forward but there will not be any refreshments or children's games.]

MESSAGE BY REV. MYOKO TAKANO

Resident Minister

Today I will talk about Eitai-kyo.

Some of you may have already applied for Eitai-Kyo to the temple. Many people apply for Eitai-kyo when holding funerals, 49th days, first year, third year, 33th year memorial service, and so on. Eitai-kyo is officially called "Eitai-shido-kyo". In Japanese, Eitai means forever, Shido means mourning the deceased, and Kyo means sutra.



At the Hawaii Betsuin, when you apply for Eitai-kyo, the minister will write the Buddhist name of the deceased person and sponsor's name in the Eitai-kyo book. Betsuin provides Eitai-kyo service at the same time of morning service. Your Eitai-kyo is given a prayer once a year on the day of death. As long as the temple survives, the memorial service by Eitai-kyo will be held forever.

Basically, Jodo Shu members hold memorial services for their ancestors and beloved one. However, those who cannot come to the temple due to various reasons such as illness, injury, family care, or those who do not have a successor apply for Eitai-kyo instead of not being able to hold memorial services. I would like you to apply for Eitai-kyo with the hope that the prayer for deceased will continue at the temple for many generations even after your death.

Some people think that if you apply for Eitai-kyo, you don't have to visit the temple. This thinking is not good. This is a negative way of thinking. I know you are busy. However, as much as possible, I would like you to visit the temple for a memorial service while you are healthy.

And there are also people who apply for Eitai-kyo for themselves or their living family. If you want a Buddhist name at this time, Minister can give the Buddhist name to the person who applied. If you have the desired kanji or words in your Buddhist name, you can consult it with the minister and create your own Buddhist name in your lifetime. Eitai-kyo is also an important opportunity for you to discover the teachings of Buddha.

You can learn the teachings of Buddhism and Jodo Shu by reading the Otsutome book together on our morning Eitai-kyo service. It is a natural and ideal way of practicing Buddhism that we encounter and learn Buddhist teachings through Eitai-kyo. Applying for Eitai-kyo is a tribute and gratitude to the deceased. There is a heart that thinks for the deceased. It is also an opportunity to remember the deceased.

If you have applied for Eitai-kyo, please join us in the morning Eitai-kyo service, and please let us know in advance that you plan to attend

Gassho Namu Amida Butsu.

今日は永代経についてお話しします。

浄土宗では、亡き方のことを思い、遺族が永代経を上げられるのが古くからの習慣です。

お葬式、四十九日や、一周忌、三回忌、あるいは三十三回忌などの年忌を行う際に、永代経を申し込まれる方が多くいらっしゃいます。

永代経は「永代祠堂経」という言葉の略称です。日本語の意味としては、永代とは“長い年月”、祠堂とは“亡くなられた方を祀る”、経は“お経”という意味です。

永代経を申し込まれると、私達僧侶が永代祠堂帳に亡くなられた方の俗名と戒名、施主の方のお名前を記帳します。これらは皆様が永代経の申込時に指定した日程に記帳されます。亡くなられた方の供養は年に一回、申し込まれた日

ほとんどはご命日) に執り行われます。お寺が存続する限り、永代経による供養は永遠に執り行われ続けます。ハワイ別院では毎朝のモーニングサービスにおいて永代経のご供養をしております。

浄土宗ではご先祖様やご家族、親戚の為に檀家様が法事をお寺において執り行います。しかしながら、病気や怪我、家族の介護など様々な理由でお寺に来れなくなった方や、跡取りがいない為に将来のご家族の供養を心配される方も多くいらっしゃいます。そういった方々が法事を執り行えない代わりに永代経を申し込まれます。

“私が元気なうちは亡き方の為に檀家様としてお寺にお参りしますが、私が亡き後も永代にわたってお寺においてご先祖様や家族の供養が続きますように” という思いを込めて申し込むものが永代経です。稀に永代経をもうしこめば、お寺でお参りしなくてもよいと考える方もいらっしゃいますが、これはなんとも寂しい考え方です。皆様がお忙しいのは重々承知しておりますが、お元気で檀家様としてお寺に来れるのなら、できるかぎりなくなった方の為に檀家様としていただきたいと思います。

また、存命の家族や自身の永代経を申し込まれる方もいらっしゃいます。この時に希望であれば、申し込まれた方の逆修の戒名も授けることができます。戒名に希望の漢字や言葉があれば、僧侶と話し合っ、自身の戒名を生前に作ることもできます。

永代経は、あなたが仏の教えに出会える大切な機会です。ハワイ別院では、永代経の為にモーニングサービスに参列していただいた方には、お経の本を手にとっていただき、一緒に読経をしていただいております。永代経を通して、亡き方のためにご縁を頂くなかで、私たちが仏の教えに出会い、学ぶことは、最も自然で理想的な私たちでの仏教の修行であります。

永代経を申し込まれることは、故人を思う心、偲ぶ心です。「亡き方のために」と思う心がそこにはあります。また、「亡き方のおかげさま」と故人を感謝し思い返す機会にもなります。

浄土宗ハワイ別院に永代経をすでに申し込まれてる方は、是非朝の永代経サービスにご参加ください。コロナウィルスの拡散防止のために、参加を希望される方は事前にご連絡をよろしくお願いします。

合掌 浄土宗ハワイ別院駐在開教使 高野 明宏

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)”. On the urns are normally imprinted with the deceased’s name, date of birth, date of death. Also some people place memorial tablets called O-ihai which has the deceased Buddhist name written in kanji characters. These urns are inserted into the niche by a Buddhist minister called an inurnment. At the time of the inurnment, the minister gives a prayer and blesses the deceased person at his/her new home called an inurnment service.



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. But when the niche or niches were originally purchased that individual was a member of this temple. When he/she passes whoever in the family is taking over the responsibility of the niche should continue to pay membership dues and niche maintenance. **What is niche maintenance you might ask?** Niche maintenance fee is currently and has been for many, many years \$5 per year. This maintenance fee 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 for membership and a niche maintenance fee prefer to give a donation every year and it makes up for the membership fee and niche maintenance donation. That is totally acceptable and appreciated in honor of your beloved relatives.

Any questions you may have, please contact Jodo Mission of Hawaii office at 949-3995.

Thank you.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE (5)

By The Late Bishop Yubun Narashiba

Japanese Buddhism in Hawaii has a very unique cultural background. In Japan, Buddhist customs differ from village to village, town to town, prefecture to prefecture. This is because Buddhism has been localized to fit to the custom in each area. Since Japanese immigrants came to Hawaii from the various regions of Japan, ceremonial customs are different according to the area where the family came from. However, as time passes, those customs are becoming unclear and more confusing for the younger generations. Because of this confusion, younger generations seem to be going away from Buddhism by saying that Buddhism is hard to understand. Therefore, in this article, I would like to explain the standard procedure of doing a service. First, let me show you the two common procedures of having funerals among the members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii.



1. When Someone Passed Away

Death
↓
Medical examination
↓
Call for a minister
↓
Makuragyo (Bedside service)
↓
Call for a mortuary
↓
Body pick-up
↓
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
↓
Viewing service
↓
Cremation
↓
FUNERAL with the first 7th day service
↓
49th day service
Burial service
↓
Hatsubon (1st O-Bon) service
↓
1 year memorial service

2. When Someone Is Very Close To Death

Call for a minister
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Rinju Gyogi (Last rites)
↓
Death
↓
Medical examination
↓
Call for a mortuary
↓
Body pick-up
↓
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
↓
Viewing service
↓
Cremation
↓
FUNERAL with the first 7th day service
↓
49th day service
Burial service
↓
Hatsubon (1st O-Bon) service↓
↓
1 year memorial service

Note: Above two service procedures are purely for informational purpose. We shall honor your family customs and decisions to arrange a funeral service.

**Editor's note: This article is a reprint from our August 2011 issue. Because this article contains information you will need to know some day, we will continue to reprint it from time to time as space permits.

Oahu Jodo Shu Rengo Fujinkai Convention

The Fujinkai members of Haleiwa Jodo Mission and Honolulu annually get together for their Convention in April. With the Coronavirus, it has been decided to cancel this event for another year. **Fujinkai members please remember next year April. Everyone please stay safe, wear your facial masks, keep social distance, wash your hands frequently with soap and water, drink water often and everyone take care!**

Wanted Old Bricks—Blanche Shigeoka who volunteers doing yard work at the temple from time to time, asked if anyone has old bricks to please bring them to the temple. She says we can use them in the temple yard to keep grass away from the plants. *Thank you.*

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/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

2021 Memorial Years Observed	
1 st year	2020
3 rd year	2019
7 th year	2015
13 th year	2009
17 th year	2005
23 rd year	1999
25 th year	1997
27 th year	1995
33 rd year	1989
37 th year	1985
43 rd year	1979
47 th year	1975
50 th year	1972
100 th year	1922

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 and telephone number. Mail forwarded also adds additional cost.** Thank you for your consideration!

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



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister

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[New Covid Hours]

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for April

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| <p>1 Yasuemon Kajioaka
The Kajioaka & Morita
Family
Yae Ogata
Mistuko Arakawa
Bessie Shimoyo
Karamatsu
Seiichi Kimura
George Kaname Sakuda
Carl Kaoru Saito</p> | <p>The Matsuno Family
Sadako Yokoyama
The Yokoyama & Morita
Family
Teru Sakuda
The Sakuda Family
Sada Harada
The Kohatsu Family
Yoshiko Hara</p> | <p>Isamu Yoshioka
Thomas Rai
Ellen Shizuka
Yanagisawa
Myles Mitsuo Hirota</p> | <p>Fumiye Teruya
Marian Tsuyuko
Yamamoto</p> |
| <p>2 Ryosaku Maeda
The Maeda Family
Shuzaburo Kunihiro
The Kunihiro Family
Masao Kamihara
James Isamu Tomita
The Hoichi Nishimura
Family
Clarence H. Shimotsukasa</p> | <p>12 Naka Nakamura
Toshiko Umemoto
Chiyono Toyomura
Beatrice Akiko Buna</p> | <p>20 Hiroshi Ohta
Mantsu Takara
Shozaemon Matsumoto
Mildred Yukiko
Toshikiyo Ito
Elaine Michie Miyakawa</p> | <p>29 Mitsuyo Kamioka
The Kamioka & Hanaoka
Family
Tatsuyo Ohara (2)
The Ohara Family
Tsuchi Kajioaka
Heijiro Asai
Tsune Uesugi
Yukiji Kamioka
Manzuchi Higashi
Kazuto Hamada
Hatsumi Nakamura
Yoshiyo Yanagihara
Tatsuyo Ohara
Mitsuyo Kanai Yoshida
Mitoshi Tanaka (2)</p> |
| <p>3 Kinjuro Ajimura
The Ajimura Family
Katsuichi Takeda
The Takeda Family
Takeo Kuniyuki
Katsusaburo Yamamoto
Kikue Kubota</p> | <p>13 Yasuko Daitoku
The Daitoku & Fujimoto
Family
Kayo Doi
Tsuyo Uchiumi
Zentoku Uyehara
Yasu Iguchi
Herbert Masashi
Yamane
Mattie W. Murphy</p> | <p>21 Naomi Takara
Genichi Tamura
Kikue Kakimoto
Masami Yano</p> | <p>30 Tsuru Matsuno
The Matsuno Family
Esa Yamane
The Yamane & Harada
Family
Kume Nakamoto
The Nakamoto &
Sakagawa Family
Shigetaka Imada
Miyoko Shindo</p> |
| <p>4 Masayo Kusunoki
The Kusunoki Family
Shinichi Amakawa
The Amakawa Family
Hitomi Miyaoura</p> | <p>14 Heiji Yasumoto
The Yasumoto Family
Yoshi Okamura (2)
Kiyoto Kawaoka</p> | <p>22 Kyoichi Koyama
The Koyama Family
Chieko Miyakawa
Hiroshi Nakai
The Nakai Family
Kazu Saiki
Kyoichi Koyama
Francis Sadamu
Furutani, Jr.</p> | |
| <p>5 Tsune Isobe
The Isobe Family
Mamoru Najita
Isematsu Takenaka
Brian Kazumitsu Kaya
Kikuyo Kunimura</p> | <p>15 Toso Kamisato
The Kamisato Family
The Aoki Family
Mikayo Higashimura
Toshiro Kawabe
The Kawabe Family
Masakane Himuro
Kenji Hayashi
Toshiko Sumida
Nishimoto</p> | <p>23 Bishop Sensho Fukuda
Moushi Uyehara
Harriet Eiko Gushikuma
Shigeichi Aoki
Tom Shigeo Muranaka
Richard Tadataka
Nomiyaama</p> | |
| <p>7 Yasu Hirohama
The Hirohama &
Kawasugi Family
Kikujiro Uchiumi
Faye Naomi Johnson
Yumi Yokoyama
Isaburo Terada
Toru Yamane</p> | <p>16 Bunsuke Isobe
The Isobe Family
Ryu Tsurusaki
The Tsurusaki & Inada
Family
Masatoshi Umemoto
Patsy Hisako Himuro
Mitsuyoshi Gushikuma</p> | <p>24 Setsuyo Misawa (2)
The Misawa & Watanabe
Family
The Misawa Family
Yoshio Kunimoto
Setsuko Kondo</p> | |
| <p>8 Tadaichi Aoki
The Aoki Family
Kojiro Okamoto
The Okamoto &
Nakamoto Family
Shigekichi Yoshizaki
The Yoshizaki Family
Naotaka Hayashi
Misue Imamoto
Ronald Yoshio Takara
Masamitsu Nakano</p> | <p>17 Kenichi Namba
The Namba Family
Tsuneji Imaguchi
Betty Hisako Goto</p> | <p>25 Michizo Imaguchi (2)
The Imaguchi Family
Tsunegoro Iwamoto
Yasuko Ueda
Soichi Sakai</p> | |
| <p>9 Shizuko Hironaka
The Hironaka & Ishimoto
Family
Fumie Iwasaki
Tokio Nishikawa</p> | <p>18 Toyokichi Iguchi
The Iguchi & Sasaki
Family
Eki Mineishi
The Mineishi Family
Yojiro Watanabe</p> | <p>26 Kikujiro Yokoyama
The Yokoyama & Morita
Family
Makoto Takahashi
Masato Ishida
Tokue Uehara
Noble Noboru Karimoto</p> | |
| <p>10 Tomi Arakawa
Matsuji Yamamoto
Alan Sukeharu Masaki</p> | <p>19 Jun Kunihiro
The Kunihiro Family
Motoo Ueda
The Ueda Family
Maka Tamanaha
The Tamanaha Family
Matsutaro Shimizu</p> | <p>27 Misae Umemoto
The Umemoto, Ida &
Matsushima Family
Shizue Nose
Robert Kazuo Murakami
Haruko Teruya</p> | |
| <p>11 Tsunekichi Matsuno</p> | | <p>28 Rokusuke Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Iwakichi Matsuda
The Toichi Funamoto
Family
Misao Yamane
Masa Okamoto Miyao
Ume Kawamura
Stanley Y. Ogomori
Tsuyuko Kaneda</p> | |

Obituaries

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.

Betty Yoshie Morimoto	94
Allan Toshio K.	
Kealanahale	62
Faith Yoshie Ijiri	93
Annabell Takeko	
Yamane	92
Frederick Seikichi	
Kamimura	99

9:30am Morning Service Everyday

Note: Time may change due to
Covid-19 Schedule

April 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Jodo Shu Calendar for April 2021: Anyone you meet can benefit from your kind words and deeds						
4 9:30 HBC Buddha Day Service - ONLINE Only via Zoom	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 Jodo Mission Hanamatsuri Service 11:00 Board Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 10:00 Sunday Service	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 10:00 Sunday Service	26	27	28	29	30	

COMING EVENTS:

May 27 Small flowers & greens needed for Lei Making
May 28: Lei Making Project on for Punchbowl graves.
June 4-6 State YBA Convention in Hilo
July 11: O-Toba Set up in Social Hall & General Cleaning of Temple
July 16, 17, 18: O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission
August 20-21 Jodo Mission Bon Dance??

No Meetings or Classes for April for

Fujiinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle & Sunday School

Bazaar Donations are not being accepted temporarily

Thank you for your understanding.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$60) for this year and if you did not pay for 2020, we would appreciate you doing so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*