

## Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends,

**Thank you very much for your support.** Especially, a big Mahalo to those who have helped and supported our Bon in August. It was a great challenge to observe Bon without attendees but like other temples, we were able to make Bon Services available online for everyone, anytime from anywhere. In case you missed it, please do not hesitate to ask us about information. At the same time, **I'd very much appreciate if you could help Kupuna to watch our online services.**



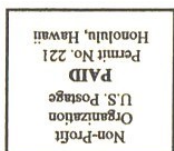
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### Quick Reminders: No Bazaar in October No Mochitsuki in December

Although Jodo Mission of Hawaii would have preferred not cancelling our Bazaar and Mochitsuki in 2020, for the health and safety of our members, all those who help at these activities and all those who attend these activities, may we say Namu Amida Butsu and may next year be better. The main thing is that everyone be SAFE! And please listen to the current guidelines as the number of cases go up and down. **Just do your part in wearing masks outside or even at home if you get visitors, social distancing of 6 feet, washing hands with soap frequently.**

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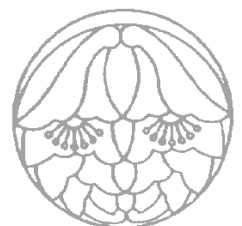
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It has been almost one year since I was elected Bishop last year. One of my biggest sadness as Bishop was to officiate funeral services for our dedicated members whom I've known well. It's so sad to see familiar members pass away. As I had opportunities to offer O-Toba prayers, I noticed some of our long time members who were kind to me passed away already. I'm sorry if I haven't had a chance to express my condolences yet but I look forward to the opportunities to officiate memorial services and meeting with their families in the future. Another biggest sadness was of course about this Coronavirus pandemic. I'm very sorry you have to stay at home for a long time and I cannot visit our older members in person.

On the other hand, one of my biggest joys as Bishop was more opportunities to meet both new members and long time members again. I always feel our members are like Ohana because all members whom I've known since 1997 were dedicated, generous and kind. I've learned many things from them. Without meeting them, I wouldn't be able to continue my missionary till now. I'm forever grateful.

I feel it's my turn to give back kindness to our members in the present and in the future. If you are not our member yet, please consider joining in our membership. I look forward to more opportunities to work together and to do service together. Please stay safe and be well.

May the blessing of Amida Buddha be always with you.

Gassho,

Kosen Ishikawa

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**Additional Photos for Temple Cleaning on August 16:** Thank you so much everyone for helping the temple clean the weeds in the yard, helping in the Nokotsudo by getting rid of old flowers, sifting ashes, polishing brass candle holders from temple altar, helping to clean the social hall after the Otobas were set up. There are always so many things to do and it is so wonderful to see our members come out. **Arigato!**



Russell, Lyvonne and Kellie helping our gingers grow more plentiful!



Jo Ann and Akiko helping the Nokotsudo



Bishop with some polished metal ash containers



It's really nice to see our members bring their children & grandchildren to help like Thelma did on Aug 16. Thank you!

## Message by Rev. Myoko Takano

**To our many members who are staying at home, please stay safe and we will again see you soon.** The following is a sermon given at a Sunday Service regarding “Gassho”.



At Sunday Services, funerals, memorial services, graveside services and in front of altars in your house, we put our hands together in gassho with Nembutsu. Gassho, it's a matter of course in Buddhism, but have you ever thought about the meaning of gassho? Why you put your hands together in gassho? I would like to explain about the meaning and origin of gassho.

Gassho originated in India, where Buddhism was born, people believed that the right hand is clean hand and the left is not clean hand. When Indian people eat food, they use only right hand, and when they go to restroom, they use only left hand, because people believe that the right hand is clean hand and the left is not clean hand.

When Buddhism was introduced to Japan in 538, Gassho was also introduced as a Buddhist manner. In Buddhism, it is said that the right hand expresses the world of Buddha and the left hand expresses our living world. By putting both hands together, it means that the Buddha world and our living world become together as one world. In other words, in Jodo Shu, especially at funeral and memorial services, Gassho expresses to come together Buddha and human beings as one spirit, and also Gassho expresses to aspire the enlightenment to achieve birth in the Pure Land of peace and bliss.

Gassho has other meanings in Buddhism. Gassho also means showing respect and homage to the other person. In India and other Buddhist countries in Asia, they put their hands together in gassho when greeting people or when they pass each other. In this case, Gassho expresses to think highly of the other person.

I will explain how to form the gassho in Jodo Shu. Put your hands together in front of the top of your stomach, and tilt forward 45 degrees. Stretch your back in a natural way, without stretching your shoulders or elbows, and then relax. When you use the Juzu, hook your Juzu on your thumb toward your side. When you recite the Nembutsu, keep this gassho posture. And at the end Nembutsu part, look up to Amida Buddha, bow and gently tilt your upper body until 45 degrees.

In Japan, when people eat meal, people say “Itadakimasu” with gassho. This custom expresses gratitude and respect for life. Gassho has profound meaning. When you put your hands together, and say “Itadakimasu” before a meal, I would like you to recite ten times recitation of Nembutsu for appreciating the food and your family and ancestors.

Gassho is a common practice in Buddhism. I think, when you pray for deceased or you ancestors, by understanding the proper meaning of gassho, it makes your Buddhist faith stronger.

Namu Amida Butsu

私達は、葬儀や法要、お墓参りや仏壇の前など、様々な場面で、お念仏を称える時に両手を合わせて合掌いたします。当然のように行っているこの所作、合掌ですが、なぜ合掌をするのかということを、今日は少しお話させていただきます。

合掌という所作は、仏教が生まれたインドで発祥したものです。日本には仏教伝来とともに伝わり、それ以降は日本人にとっての慣習となりました。合掌とは、両手の掌（たなごころ、てのひら）を合わせる所作です。両手の掌のしわとしわを合わせることによって、しわあわせ、幸せを合掌することによって表現しているなどと言われることもあります。

インドにおいては、右手は清らかな手、左手は不浄な手とされています。同様に仏教においても、右手が仏様の世界、左手が衆生（しゅじょう）の世界を現しているといわれています。

(衆生とは全ての生き物という意味です)。両手を合わせることで、仏様と人間が一体となり、成仏を願う気持ちや、亡くなった方を供養する気持ちを表しているのです。

また仏教において合掌をすることは、相手への敬意や尊敬を表す意味も持っています。インドをはじめアジアの仏教国では、人とすれ違う時や別れる時などの挨拶で、両手をあわせま

す。挨拶の時の合掌は、相手のことを大切に思う気持ちを表現しているのです。正しい合掌の形ですが、両手の掌を合わせて、指をしっかりと閉じ、みぞおちの前で45度で構えます。背筋を伸ばし、肩や肘を張らずに自然な形でリラックスしてください。また、数珠を用いる際は、両手の親指にかけて手を合わせ、しっかりと親指を閉じます。

日本では、食事の際にも手を合わせて「いただきます」、「ごちそうさま」といいます。これは合掌をして命に感謝し敬う心を表現しています。浄土宗では、食事の前に手を合わせた時に、食べ物に感謝すると共に、亡くなった方やご先祖様のことを思い十回のお念仏をお称えすることを推奨しております。

このように、左右の手のひらを合わせる合掌という行為には、深い様々な意味があります。当たり前のように行なっている合掌ですが、その意味を正しく理解することで、亡くなった方への供養の気持ちがより深くなっていくのではないのでしょうか。

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## Anyone Interested in Doing a Good Service to Your Temple?

**Jodo Mission of Hawaii Board of Directors is looking for more members who are willing to do service to your temple?** Currently your Board of Directors has 8 members and at one time we understand there were as many as 30 members on the Board. This is a good way of learning more about Buddhism, about working with many people, managing a religious organization, homeless problems, thinking ahead of events that could bring more members to our temple. Everyone has different ideas. This past year has been very, very different with the COVID pandemic, social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands with soap frequently, no mass gatherings. The Board meets once a month, normally on the second Sunday of each month after Sunday Service. Your Board has made some decisions that you may or may not agree with. **Now is your chance to clearly be apart of the decision making. Your help is much appreciated.** Just call the temple office at 949-3995 and say you are interested in serving on the Board and someone will get back to you.

Board Meeting



## Happy Keiro Day!

On Sunday, September 13, Sunday School, with help from Kay Oshiro, Yukari and Sophie Narashiba and Rev. Takano, presented the Keiro members who attended the Sunday Service with a surprise bag of wonderful goodies in lieu of the luncheon. The honorees were: **Clifford Miyamoto, Akiko Nishiyama and Clyde Kawamoto.** Also in attendance were Hiram Kitagawa and Lyvonne Loui but they will have to wait until they reach Keiro. **HAPPY KEIRO DAY!**



# 2020 O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission of Hawaii

Were you able to watch the videos of our recent O-Bon and Hatsubon Services held on August 21 and 22? There were many videos made. The Zoom versions were made by Ian Kitajima who made the video by literally following the ministers. All the links are on our website: [jodo.us](http://jodo.us). You can just tap the link and join the video whether Zoom or YouTube.

Bishop Ishikawa put together the YouTube O-Bon Services which included 3 programs:

**Program I** opens with koto and taiko music. The koto music included “Shuka Tsuki-kage” and “Nada Sou Sou” and were performed by koto instructor **Darin Miyashiro, his wife Mika and Sophie Narashiba**. The taiko songs included “Kilauea” and the



“Wave” and were performed by **Tsutomu Shinozaki Sensei and Dragon Beat**. Bishop’s message included Bon Dance music with Bishop dancing in front of all the Otobas in the Social Hall. He was inspired



when he heard the Honokaa Hongwanji danced at the cemetery and said that originally maybe bon dance started at the cemetery dancing for our ancestors to make them happy.



**Program II** is the religious ceremony with Bishop Ishikawa, Rev. Koji Ezaki of Haleiwa Jodo Mission and Rev. Myoko Takano of Betsuin. Their voices blended so well. It was beautiful! At one point, the Bishop walks down to the Segakidan where foods were



offered to the hungry spirits and he taps each to make everything more plentiful for everyone, then Rev. Ezaki walked down to the Segakidan with all the Chutobas in his hands and finally Rev. Takano walked down to the Segakidan with all 500+ Otoba cards and when he reaches the Segakidan with incense burning he blesses the



Otoba cards (in Zoom version). After the ceremonial religious service, the ministers came down from the temple altar and went to the Social Hall and walked through each row of Otobas giving their last blessing.



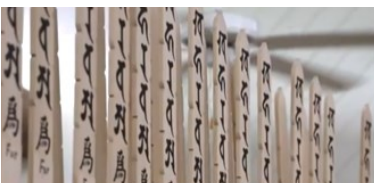
**Program III** is the reading of over 500+ names in the social hall. Since many Otobas had more than one name, there were over 1,000 names read. It took the Bishop three hours just reading the names. The recording took so long he had to split the names in sections. Each version starts with Honen Shonen’s **Shuka**

**Tsuki-kage** on koto. Please go to website: [jodo.us](http://jodo.us) if you have not seen any of the videos. Every

one is different. **Thank you and hope you enjoyed our very different O-Bon and Hatsubon Services.**

**Comments Received:** “Happy to still be able to honor our parents and grandparents during

**O-Bon, even during this Covid period”** were thoughts received from many people who saw the videos. Members living on the mainland or outer islands were very appreciative to view the O-Bon Services virtually. Some were appreciative in the amount of work involved in the O-Bon preparations. “Enjoyed the soothing koto music and the taiko music wakes you up like Kilauea erupting and the Bishop dancing so gracefully before all the Otobas.” **All our ancestors must have been happy! Thank you everyone for a very different and beautiful production for our ancestors!**



## What is “Perpetual Memorial Service?” (Eitaikyo)

This record of a perpetual memorial service 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 change due to Covid-19, please call temple if you decide 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

Many people call to see if the Nokotsudo/Columbarium is open. We have been letting people in if they come and ring the 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, social distancing.

New Hours: 10 am to 5 pm Monday-Saturday

12 pm to 3 pm Sunday\*

10 am to 3 pm Holidays

\*Sundays no one in office since we have Sunday Service



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano  
Resident Minister

## Omamori Box

The next time you come to the temple to discard your old Omamoris, please put them in the Omamori Box in the temple office. In front of the box is a Namu Amida Butsu artwork writing which may be appropriate for this box. Rev. Takano felt putting the old Omamoris in a paper box under the Omamori table was not nice and thought we should use this instead. He found a broken piece of furniture which he put together and made a box, lacquered it, put a handle on the top and found a nice table which he also lacquered. Amida Buddha thanks everyone for returning your old Omamori and a beautiful box to put them in. Thank you Rev. Takano. Namu Amida Butsu.



**Email Monthly Bulletin**—Please advise if you wish to have your monthly bulletin via email instead of U.S. mail. **Also please keep Jodo Mission advised with your current address. Mail forwarded also adds additional costs.** Thank you for your consideration!

### Jodo Mission Office Hours: [New Covid Hours]

Monday to Saturday  
10am–5pm

Sunday & Holidays  
10am–3pm

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## EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for October

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| <p>1 Yuriko Hirono<br/>Sunao Kurakake<br/>Henry Kazuto Hayamoto<br/>Miwa Irie Maeda<br/>Melvin Futoshi Morimoto</p>  | <p>Mamoru Furuya</p> <p>9 Shinzo Kawamoto<br/>Thomas Kiyoshi Aoki</p>  | <p>Nobuichi Nobuji<br/>Yoshio Tsuda<br/>Dorothy Kazue Uyehara</p>  | <p>26 Kikuji Okada<br/>Yaichi Maruich<br/>Taro Taira<br/>Kiyoko Aoki<br/>Judy Ukiko Tanaka</p>  |
| <p>2 Takeo Taniguchi<br/>The Taniguchi Family<br/>Yasumoto Kawahara<br/>The Kawahara Family<br/>Shuichi Yamamura<br/>Yoshimi Ohara<br/>Tsukie Iwamoto<br/>Akira Hashimoto<br/>Katsuko Tsuji</p>                                | <p>10 Asa Isobe<br/>The Isobe Family<br/>Kiso Fujimoto<br/>Takeo Ishida<br/>Shizuko Hashimoto<br/>Henry Yoshiichi Uyehara<br/>Mildred Mitsue Yanagihara<br/>Kikue Hirota<br/>Yoshihiro Uehara</p>  | <p>17 Tome Nagata<br/>Marsha Yoshioka<br/>Susumu Yanagihara<br/>Dr. Masaru Emoto<br/>Koku Hokai Shujo</p>  | <p>27 Fumio Yanagihara<br/>The Yanagihara Family<br/>Nobuo Amakawa<br/>Mamoru Hayashi<br/>Take Kimura<br/>Toichi Toyofuku<br/>Masa Furukawa</p>                     |
| <p>3 Tome Yanagihara<br/>The Yanagihara Family<br/>Masa Uyeda<br/>Bishop Bino Mamiya (2)<br/>Tanezo Fujimoto<br/>Kanako Kimura</p>   | <p>11 Shizuo Fujikami<br/>The Fujikami Family<br/>Shizuyo Kimura<br/>The Kimura Family<br/>Takeo Nakata<br/>Ayako Nakamura<br/>Yuriko Tarumoto</p>   | <p>18 Takeichi Shintaku<br/>Tokuichi Iwasaki<br/>Marla Miki Horiuchi<br/>Masaru Hashimoto<br/>Tomoaki Ito<br/>Sumi Akashi</p>  | <p>28 Hideo Inouye</p>  |
| <p>4 Tsune Matsumori<br/>The Matsumori Family<br/>Senichi Iwaki<br/>The Iwaki Family<br/>Robert Yanagihara<br/>Jane Isako Yoshimoto</p>  | <p>12 Mitsuo Hisamura<br/>The Aoki Family<br/>Kameyo Kurakake</p>  | <p>19 Harriet Hatsuko Umeda<br/>Saito<br/>Shizue Omura<br/>Robert Y. Shimoda</p>   | <p>29 Takayuki Kameoka<br/>The Kameoka Family<br/>Take Hinotsume<br/>Haruyo Hashimoto<br/>Miwako Nakano</p>   |
| <p>5 Toshiro Ashinaka<br/>The Morita &amp; Ashinaka<br/>Family<br/>Daughter of Mitsutoshi<br/>Nakamura<br/>Rinji Inouye<br/>Hideo Imamoto<br/>Katherine Hatsuko<br/>Shibuya<br/>Paul Shigeo Takeuchi<br/>Edith M. Yamanaka</p> | <p>13 Ishimoto's Child<br/>The Ishimoto &amp; Akimoto<br/>Family<br/>Yoshiko Imaguchi<br/>The Imaguchi Family<br/>Seizo Hayashi<br/>Masanobu Asai</p>  | <p>20 Masaichi Ishizaki<br/>Mino Kamisato<br/>Shuichi Yamamura<br/>Iso Ikuta<br/>Wayne Shoji Nakata<br/>Haruyo Kotake</p>  | <p>30 Fuji Yamada<br/>The Yamada Family<br/>Sue Matsuo<br/>The Matsuo Family<br/>Chiyoko Ogata</p>  |
| <p>6 Masu Tanimura<br/>The Tanimura Family<br/>Kazuhiro Dean Kawabuchi<br/>Sayoko Kimoto</p>   | <p>14 Yukichi Sakuda<br/>The Sakuda Family<br/>Tsunejiro Imaguchi<br/>The Imaguchi Family<br/>Shotaro Uyeda<br/>The Uyeda Family<br/>Kokichi Okimura<br/>The Okimura Family<br/>Masato Kamisato<br/>Tsune Nomiyama<br/>Teruko Sumimoto</p> | <p>21 Aiko Okamoto<br/>The Okamoto &amp;<br/>Nakamoto Family<br/>Shizuyo Fukada<br/>Bradley Yoshiaki Wada</p>  | <p>31 Rikizo Fukuda<br/>The Fukuda Family<br/>Tora Okawa<br/>The Shigeoka &amp; Okawa<br/>Family<br/>Kuni Yamamoto<br/>The Yamamoto Family<br/>Yasuko Mitsuyasu</p> |
| <p>7 Itsue Hirohama<br/>The Hirohama &amp; Kawasugi<br/>Family<br/>Wakamaru Masaki<br/>Mamu Teraoka<br/>Violet Umamoto Wada</p>  | <p>Shimo Hirouji<br/>Edward Shoichi<br/>Matsumoto<br/>Harue Nakagawa</p>   | <p>22 Kei Sawamura<br/>Kiyomi Fujimoto<br/>Jerry Suyeichi Iwamoto<br/>Fukae Ono</p>  |   |
| <p>8 Junichi Nanba<br/>The Nanba Family<br/>Sato Morikawa<br/>The Morikawa Family<br/>Yonesuke Yonemoto<br/>The Yonemoto Family<br/>Setsuko Tanaka<br/>The Tanaka Family<br/>Nobue Noyama<br/>Gunichi Wakazuru</p>             | <p>15 Arata Nishimoto (2)<br/>The Nishimoto Family<br/>Richard Fukashi<br/>Yamamoto<br/>Kiku Yanagihara<br/>Masumi Yano<br/>Roy Nobuharu Mukaisu</p>   | <p>23 Shigezaburo Kanayama<br/>The Kanayama Family<br/>Noboru Kuriyama<br/>The Kuriyama Family<br/>Kousai Nakamura<br/>Shozaemon Yoshida<br/>Kiyoto Horiuchi<br/>Eleanor Masayo Sato</p>     |   |
|  | <p>16 Ichijiro Aoki<br/>The Aoki &amp; Okubo Family<br/>Iwakichi Matsumori<br/>The Matsumori Family</p>  | <p>24 Yoshiichi Yamada<br/>The Yamada Family<br/>Kitaro Yamato<br/>The Yamato Family<br/>Miru Umemoto<br/>Hajime Toyomura</p>  |   |
|  |  | <p>25 Mamoru Fukuda<br/>The Fukuda Family<br/>Asataro Yamamoto<br/>The Yamamoto Family<br/>Hatsuji Yamamoto<br/>Edward Komao Harada<br/>Masa Ikuta Yamada<br/>Clinton Toshihiko Tanimura</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.

Loretta Masue Matayoshi	101
Rev. Kanjun Nakano	68
Emily Kumiko Ebina	86
Henry Seikichi Gushikuma	90
Shinichi Taira	96



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

# October 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Services</b> —Every other week Bishop Ishikawa will do a Sunday Service from Koloa unless he physically is at Betsuin						
4 10:00 Sunday Service	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 10:00 Sunday 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	31

**Jodo Shu Calendar for October 2020:** *In the harvest time, we should reflect and be grateful for all forms of life that sustain us.*

**COMING EVENTS:**

Nov 8 10:00 a.m. O-Juya Service  
 Dec 6 HBC Bodhi Day Service (Jodo-e)  
 Dec 13 at 8:00 am General Cleaning for New Year—HELP NEEDED!  
 Dec. 27 CANCELLED Mochitsuki Day

**NO Meetings or Classes in October** for  
 Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle & Sunday School

**Bazaar Donations will NOT BE accepted temporarily.** Thank you for your 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.*