

Message By Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

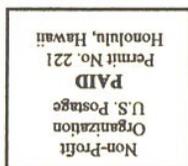
Happy belated Mother's Day to all Mothers in the past, in the present, and the future. After spending a busy schedule in Japan, I was able to make it for Mother's Day Special Service with Sunday School. However, I feel ashamed of myself for my English sermon. I stumbled over words and had poor grammar throughout. Right after the service, my son, who broadcasts the service, told me, "You need to improve your vocabulary," and I couldn't deny it.



Whenever I return from Japan, attending services and meetings, I often struggle with my words. On the other hand, when in Japan, I sometimes find it difficult to recall Japanese words, and English words come out naturally. Balancing between the two languages is quite challenging, and I apologize for the poor quality of my English during the last service.

To make up for this, I will explain what I wanted to say. Before flying to Japan last week, I was looking forward to the premium economy seat which is a little wider and more spacious than the economy seat. I reserved this seat because almost all seats except premium economy seats were taken. Yet, airfare was cheaper so I chose the premium economy seats. However, immediately after boarding, I noticed a much bigger guy (relative to me) coming to sit right next to me as I thought it was his seat. As soon as he sat down, I felt the guy's arms cross the armchair and suddenly, the spacious seat shrank. Just as I was despairing over the thought of sitting for an eight-hour flight in cramped conditions, a lady approached our seats. She said "Excuse me" to the relatively bigger guy and continued, "I think this is my seat." What a miracle! The guy was sitting in the wrong seat! I was so glad that I was saved from a claustrophobic eight-hour flight. What I realized was at that moment, the size of the seat never changed but the same seat can be spacious or cramped depending on my perception. When I explained this situation to my wife after my arrival, she immediately felt sorry for the lady who sat next to me because I was also a big guy.

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[Bishop's message continued]

This incident reminded me of an old story from Sri Lanka that illustrates how our conditions and experiences shape our perceptions. Once, there was a man who longed to live in a bigger house. He constantly complained about the small size of his house and sought the Buddha's advice on the matter. The Buddha told him that he could live in a bigger house if he followed the Buddha's instructions strictly.

The instructions were simple: to allow an additional cow to live in his house every day. As the days went by, the man's house filled up with cows to the point where he couldn't even lie down. When the man reached a stage when his house was overflowing with cows and he could no longer find a space to rest, he sought the Buddha's guidance again. This time, the Buddha instructed him to chase all the cows out of his house. Once the man removed all the cows from his house, he realized that his house now appeared significantly larger.

The essence of this story is perspective. The world we see is not always the same even if the world remains unchanged. Our perspective shapes how we view or perceive the world. Just like the world, the house in this story never changed in size. It was the same house throughout the story. But after experiencing that the world can be more cramped, we learn to appreciate the spaciousness of the world.

There is another solution to the story that is worth mentioning. In the story, the man could have chosen to expand his house, similar to how I could have opted to lose weight in my situation. Both of these alternatives require a positive mindset gained from our stories to act in such a proactive manner. By taking the next step for the man to expand his house or me, working towards weight loss we would be able to address the root cause of our perceived constraints and create a more comfortable and spacious environment for ourselves.

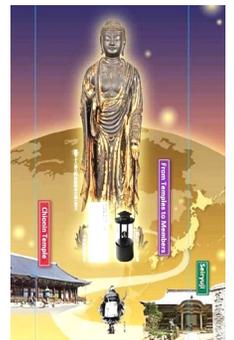
Last but not least, I would like to thank you very much for being an ongoing supporter to our temple. Please feel free to let us know if you need assistance. We look forward to more opportunities to serve you in the near future.

Gassho,
Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dharma Light Relay Service

Held: Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 11 am
at Jodo Mission of Hawaii

Bishop Ishikawa returned from Japan after attending a service at Chionin temple where young ministers carried "Dharma Light" from Seiryuji Temple to Chionin Temple. It was through this journey that St. Honen encountered the verse, "All will be saved by calling Amida Buddha's sacred name, Namu Amida Butsu." As part of the service on May 20th, Bishop Ishikawa passed the "Dharma Light" to each island representative who will pass on the light to their island members.



Hawaii Island : Rev. Wajira Wansa



Maui: Rev. Gensho Hara



Oahu: Rev. Koji Ezaki



Kauai: Rev. Myoko Takano



O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission of Hawaii July 14—16, 2022

Jodo Mission of Hawaii is preparing for O-Bon in July. O-Toba orders are in and ministers will be preparing the O-Tobas for the upcoming O-Bon services. The plan is for both in-person services and online for the five O-Bon services:



- Friday, 7/14 @ 10 am Hatsu Bon families only*
- Friday, 7/14 @ 6:00 pm Regular O-Bon Service
- Saturday, 7/15 @ 10 am & 6 pm - Regular O-Bon Service
- Sunday, 7/16 @ 10 am Final O-Bon Service

**Hatsu Bon families who cannot make the Friday 10 am service, may also attend any other service and your Hatsu Bon O-Toba will be read.*

Visitations to O-Tobas— With the help of volunteers, we will open the Social Hall for families to visit their O-Tobas with their offerings of flowers and foods. Hours the Social Hall doors will be open for your visits will depend on the number of volunteers we have. See July Bulletin for update.

Volunteers Needed in Social Hall July 10-16— If you have some time to spare, would you please contact temple office. It does not have to be every day during this period, but a few hours would be most appreciated. The more volunteers we have the more time we can allow relatives to visit their O-Tobas. If we do not have volunteers, we will close the social hall doors. *Thank you for your understanding.*

What kind of things can you do as a volunteer in the social hall— you may help someone find his/her O-Toba; make sure we don't have too many people in the social hall; if there is a private service happening, please ask visitor(s) to not interfere with service; depending on Covid, we may ask people to wear masks inside the social hall, if elderly needs help, you may have to help him/her with their offerings as we do not want them to fall or hurt themselves, know where the restrooms are so you can give directions, know where the faucet is for water and bottles for flowers.

Private Services—Reservations for private O-Toba services can be made by calling (808) 949-3995. Private O-Toba services Monday, July 10 to Thursday, July 13 between 10 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 6 pm. These private services can be held in the social hall in front of your O-Toba or O-Toba(s) can be brought to the temple for your private service in the temple. This is especially recommended for more than 5 people. There is no limitation on how many people can attend a private service in the temple but we do request, if possible, to know the number of people attending.

Jodo Mission of Hawaii **Bon Dance** is **scheduled for August 19, 2023 (one day only on Saturday)**. Plans are being made subject to any new guidelines.

Father's Day -June 18th at 10 am: We always remember our Mothers, but do we always remember our Fathers? Please come to our in-person Father's Day Service on Sunday, June 18th at 10 a.m.



Please try to remember your father on Father's Day, June 18th. Give him a telephone call and have a nice chat with him or if you live with him, say *Happy Father's Day* and give him a hand made Father's Day card. He will appreciate it.

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, whoever in the family carries on 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 niche maintenance 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 949-3995. *Thank you.*

Mini Bazaar on Sunday, July 30 at 8:00 am Jodo Mission of Hawaii has received many donations since our last bazaar in October 2022. Thank you so much for thinking of Jodo Mission of Hawaii with your many donations. We are planning to have a Mini Bazaar on **Sunday, July 30th at 8:00 am in the Social Hall.**

It takes a lot of volunteers to have a Bazaar. In addition to donating items, if you wish to help, we can surely use more help. Please contact the temple office that you would like to volunteer some time.



Preparation will be on Saturday, July 29, at 9:00 am. We can even begin preparation as early as Wednesday, July 26 after 10 am. Please contact temple office if you would like to volunteer your services. Or if unable to help, please come to shop and bring your friends on July 30th. *Thank you.*



OBON CHUTOBA ORDER FORM

**Hybrid Obon Services on July 14 10 am Hatsubon, 6 pm Regular O-Bon Service
July 15 10 am & 6 pm and July 16 at 10 am Final O-Bon Service
In-Person & Online at Jodo Mission of Hawaii**

DEADLINE: June 22 2023

Note: Chutoba Orders are for only those who were not able to purchase an O-Toba

YOUR NAME (お名前) : _____ P

NAME OF DECEASED (亡くなった方のお名前) :

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Hybrid Obon Services

**July 14 @ 10 am Hatsubon
July 14 @ 6pm Regular Otoba
July 15 (Saturday) 10 am & 6pm
July 16 (Sunday) 10 am**

Please circle date & time attending:

**Fri, July 14 at 6:00 pm
Sat, July 15 10:00 am 6:00 pm
Sun, July 16 10:00 am**

OR Will Not Attend

Zoom link will be in July Bulletin and
on website: www.jodo.us

One Chutoba is \$ 7.00 × Total of Chutoba _____ = Total \$ _____
(中塔婆 1本 7ドル) (本数) (合計)

Please make check payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii”,

Membership dues (Gojikai) (\$80) and maintenance may also be included with your payment. Thank you.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by : _____ Date accepted : _____ / _____ / 2023 (In person / Mail / By phone)

Received by : _____ Date paid : _____ / _____ / 2023 (Cash / Check # _____) Write _____

ORDER FORM FOR CHOCHIN (LANTERN、ちょうちん申し込み用紙)

DEADLINE: June 22, 2023

YOUR NAME (お名前) : _____ PHONE : (お電話番号) : _____

NAME OF DECEASED (亡くなった方のお名前) :

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____



**So sorry no large
chochin.** We are
unable to obtain the
large chochins.
Please call 949-3995
if you have any ques-
tions. *Thank you.*

SMALL(小) _____ × \$ 7.00 = TOTAL (合計) \$ _____

Please make check payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii”

**Membership Dues (Gojikai) (\$80) and any niche maintenance donation may also be included with
your payment. Thank you.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by : _____ Date accepted : _____ / _____ / 2023 (In person / Mail / By phone)

Received by : _____ Date paid : _____ / _____ / 2023 (Cash / Check # _____) Write _____

What is Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo)

When the date of death of a deceased occurs, ministers do prayers on the 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.

2023 Memorial Years Observed

1 st year	2022
3 rd year	2021
7 th year	2017
13 th year	2011
17 th year	2007
23 rd year	2001
25 th year	1999
27 th year	1997
33 rd year	1991
37 th year	1987
43 rd year	1981
47 th year	1977
50 th year	1974
100 th year	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
Sunday & Holidays
10am–3pm

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for June

- | | | | |
|--|---|--|---|
| 1 Tatsuo Nonaka | Betty Kimiko Hisamura | Janice Yoshiko Kitashiro
Mitsue Ikuta
George Tsuneharu
Masaki
Masako Oshiro | 25 Hana Mitsutani
The Mitsutani Family
Nobuyuki Nishida
Yukio Hirata
Nathan Akio Tagami
Hatsuko June Suzuki
The Watanabe Family |
| 2 Takayo Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Yasuichi Nakai
The Nakai Family
Kikue Tejima
The Tejima Family
Yasu Kawamura
Fujio Fujita | 9 Sueko Tanimura
The Tanimura Family
Kenzaburo Ishii
The Ishii Family
Emi Kawamoto | 19 Kiyomatsu Ueno
The Ueno Family
Shinei Kanehira
The Kanehira Family
Mitsuru Ogi
Kenichi Naito
Sam Saburo Taniguchi
Kikuyo Morioka
Miyoshi Akashi
Hatsukichi Yamamoto | 26 Fuji Yano
The Yano, Konaka,
& Hayashi Family
Taizo Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Mokunosuke Taniguchi
Isamu Nakano
Keigo Soma
Clarice Sadako
Yamamoto |
| 3 Sumiko Norma
Muramoto
Masako Kokubun | 10 Yoshisuke Miyakawa
The Miyakawa Family
Ariki Fujimoto
Mieko Ono
Hisako Mitani
Bertha Takako Homareda | 20 Hisataro Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Naoji Yokoyama
Moushi Kobashigawa
Kame Uehara
Ichitaro Matsuda
Hisakichi Yamamoto
Wade Kenji Sakai
The Ashimine Family
Herbert Toyokatsu
Yanagihara | 27 Ron Kiyoshi Amasaki
Akira Shimoda |
| 4 Rui Yasumoto
Shizutaro Kimura
Helen Katsu Yokoyama
Fujiko Teruya
Susan Teruko Lubick
Rose Kikue Hata
Koma Kokubun
Hisashi Nakamura
Gail Emiko Morimoto | 12 Bunjiro Umemoto
The Umemoto Family
Miyoshi Okamura
The Okamura Family | 21 Sumi Takeda
The Takeda Family
Komanoshin Masatsugu
Teruo Masatsugu
Lillian Ayako Tasaka
Suzuko Shigehara
Yoshito Charles Oshita
Don Shigeo Toishigawa | 28 Shintaro Masuda
The Masuda & Asamura
Family
Ryoshichi Himuro
The Himuro Family
Kiyochi Oshiro
Shiro Koike |
| 5 Kamematsu Kano
The Kano & Watanabe
Family
Shuichi Arakawa (2)
Yoshikazu Ebisuzaki
Tamon Yamaguchi
Japanese Marines
Masanori Matsumoto
Tsuyo M. Matsumoto
Rihei Matsumoto
Shuichi Arakawa | 13 Charles Harumi
Takabayashi (2)
Jeane Sachiko Ebisuzaki
Sakaye Ogata
Gosaburo Gary Nanbara | 22 Isuke Iwasaki
Murakami's Baby
Kazumi Mizuta
Yoshimi Maruichi
Edward Isamu Kimoto
Moshi Takara
Takara's Baby
Edwin Kyoichiro Arakaki
Hiroshi Furutomo | 29 Kumanosuke Morikawa
The Morikawa Family
George Sadamu
Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Kinuyo Karimoto
Ziu Takaoka
Kiichi Takaoka
Shizuko Heirakuji
Grace Setsuko Kawafuchi |
| 6 Chujiro Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Matsu Wakaki
The Wakaki Family
Tomo Daitoku (2)
The Daitoku & Fujimoto
Family
The Daitoku &
Kawauchi Family
Shinichi Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Miyoshi Takara
Giushikuma Ancestors | 14 Masuzo Konaka
The Konaka, Yano,
& Hayashi Family
Kiichi Morisako
Katsuko Sakakibara
Shigeki Narahara
Hisako Asaeda
Nakamura | 23 Isamu Yonemoto
The Yonemoto Family
Yoshio Higa
The Higa Family
Yoshiko Hamasaki
Jonosuke Arakawa
Kosuke Takara
Kihachi Kishimoto
Bishop Chikai
Shibamura | 30 Hana Ishizaki
Helen Tsurue Nagaishi
The Nakauye Family
John Yoshito Nakauye
Charles Hiroshi Taketa
Gerald Kenji Sato |
| 7 Ayako Morikawa
The Morikawa Family
Taki Asai
Kichi Kunihisa
Shina Kotake
Yukiyo Matsumoto
Robert Hidenori Iwai
Yaeko Ishida
Tomezo Furutomo | 15 Yoshio Morita
The Morita Family
Kikutaro Higashide
The Higashide &
Fuyukawa Family
Albert Akira Sakuda | 24 Yoshito Ebisuya
The Ebisuya Family
The Fujii Family
Tokiko Kurakake
Dorothy S. Kobayashi
Harry Wakaso Iwai
Koei Andy Takara | |
| 8 Soichi Hirano
The Hirano & Kaneko
Family
The Hirota Family
Dorothy Saku Yokoyama | 16 Onichi Chinen
The Chinen Family
Chiyo Heirakuji
Harry Noboru Matsumoto
Iwao Okii
Faye N. Shinohara | | |
| | 17 Natsu Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Senjiro Ogawa
Ichiro Nakatsuka
The Hirotsu Family
Helen Miyoko Oda
Hachijiro Homareda
Tora Nakamura
Hisa Furutomo | | |
| | 18 Tama Morita
The Morita Family
Chiyo Mori
Hatsuyo Yoshikawa
Kame Ueyehara
Bunkichi Kamimura
The Ueyehara Family
Kay Kimiko Yamamoto | | |

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.

Allen Yasuo Kajioaka	89
Wallace Takeshi Ohta	98
Ethel Chiyomi Takara	86

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

June 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	23	3
4 8:30am Fujinkai Mtg	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:00am Sunday Service						
11 10:00am Sunday Service & Baccalaureate Service 11:00 am Board Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	17 8:00-12:00 pm Sewing Circle
18 10:00 am Sunday Father's Day Service	19	20	21	22 Deadline: Chutoba & Chochin	23	24
25 10:00 Sunday Service	26	27	28	29	30	

Jodo Shu Calendar for June 2023: .Each time you chant Nembetsu,
 your faith in Amida Buddha deepens.

Coming Events:
 July 10 @ 9am O-Toba Set Up & General Cleaning before
 O-Bon Services - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.
 July 11 to 15 O-Tobas on Display in Social Hall
 July 14-16: O-Bon Service at Jodo Mission of Hawaii
 July 16 O-Toba Kuzushi after 10 am service
 July 30 Mini Bazaar in Social Hall
 Aug 19 Bon Dance (one night only)

Fujinkai:
 6/4 @ 8:30 am ?
 Meeting in Ikoi Hall
 Sewing Circle
 6/17: 8 am to
 12 pm in Ikoi Hall

**No Meetings or Classes
 for June for:** YBA
 Sunday School may partic-
 ipate in Father's Day
 Service on 6/18

**BAZAAR DONATIONS—Please kindly call temple office
 (808) 949-3995, if you have Bazaar donations. Thank you**

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues (\$80) 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.*