



# Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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## WELCOMING O-BON SEASON

Time flies so fast, I'm surprised that we are already entering June and the beginning of the Summer O-Bon season on Maui.

O-Bon is a time to be reunited with our beloved departed spirits and ancestors. On this occasion we express our gratitude to our departed ones and reflect on our life's journey as we practice living fruitful and meaningful lives daily.

Due to the condition at our temple grounds, we cannot hold a public O-Bon this year, however we will observe O-Bon service to offer prayers for Lahaina fire victims, departed beloved members and ancestors and to all those enshrined in our pagoda.

Schedule for O-Bon service is as follows:

Date: **July 6, 2024 (Saturday)**

Time: **5:00 PM**

Place: Lahaina Jodo Mission

Observance Schedule:

- O-Bon Service
- Dance offering led by Mrs. Ken Tasaka

We will vacate the property by sunset due to lack of electricity/lights. For those planning on attending, please be aware that the property is not clear of debris, we ask everyone to wear closed-toe shoes, stay in the yard, and avoid the burn footprint. Those who are not comfortable with coming to the burn area, Rev. Hara can come to you. Any questions or requests, please feel free to contact Rev. Hara or Yayoi.

## TOBA ORDER

Individual prayer offering will be done for those who wish to order *toba*- wooden memorial tablets for deceased family members. Form attached on the last page of bulletin or can be done by filling out google form <https://forms.gle/D7yHga7Z729yiqWb8>

## MAUI JODO SHU TEMPLES O-BON SCHEDULE

Wailuku and Kahului Jodo Mission's O-Bon will be held as follows:

### Wailuku Jodo Mission O-Bon

June 14, Friday

Service- 6:00 PM

Dance- 7:00 PM

### Kahului Jodo Mission O-Bon

June 29, Saturday

Service- 6:30 PM

Dance- 7:30 PM

## O-BON HOUSE VISITATION SERVICE

During the O-Bon season Rev. Hara is available to do home visitation service. If you wish to have a service at your home please schedule with Rev. Hara- 808-661-4304 or email [lahainajodomission@gmail.com](mailto:lahainajodomission@gmail.com)

## MOKUGYO PRESENTED BY ZUIRIN-IN TEMPLE

Rev. Mahito Kawai, resident minister of Zuirin-in Temple in Kyoto, thoughtfully presented our temple with 20 sets of *mokugyo* (fish drums) to use for service. Encouraging us to recite the Nenbutsu—Namu Amida Butsu—to receive peace and give us strength and resilience in our hearts and minds. Our Mahalo to Rev. Kawai for his generosity and encouragement!



**CELEBRATING 850<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
FOUNDING OF JODO BUDDHISM AND  
130<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
JODO SHU IN HAWAII**

**HCJM WILL JOIN PAN PACIFIC FESTIVAL  
PARADE**

With deep appreciation of Honen Shonin, our Jodo shu founder and his teaching, Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions led by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa will participate at the Pan Pacific Festival in Honolulu on Sunday, June 9. Statewide Jodo shu ministers and members will join the parade to show our mahalo to Hawaii Community.

**SPECIAL EXHIBITION**  
**“HONEN AND PURE LAND BUDDHISM”**  
**IN TOKYO, KYOTO, & KYUSHU**

In celebration of the 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jodo Shu, a special exhibition, *Honen and Pure Land Buddhism*, is being held at the Tokyo National Museum (April 16 – June 9, 2024), Kyoto National Museum (Oct 8- Dec 1, 2024), and Kyushu National Museum (Oct 7- Nov 30, 2025). On display at the exhibitions will be documents handwritten by Honen Shonin and important artworks related to the history of Jodo Shu.

“This exhibition celebrates the 850<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jodo Shu through an exploration of the history of Japanese Pure Land Buddhism, beginning with Honen’s founding of the school and extending through to the creation of various denominations by his disciples and the establishment of their respective doctrines. The exhibition also examines how Jodo Shu grew and expanded significantly through the patronage of the Tokugawa shogunate during the Edo period (1603-1868). This historical journey will be traced through precious artworks, including numerous National Treasures and important cultural properties associated with this school of Pure Land Buddhism.” Excerpt from exhibition catalog.

Some of the works can be viewed on the Tokyo National Museum website English

[https://www.tnm.jp/modules/r\\_free\\_page/index.php?id=2629&lang=en](https://www.tnm.jp/modules/r_free_page/index.php?id=2629&lang=en)

For those interested in learning and viewing the works, Rev. Hara has a copy of the exhibition catalogue.



**“ART FROM THE INSIDE OUT” ART  
CLASS SERIES FOR LAHAINA OHANA**

Local Maui artist Beth Marcil will be leading three art classes for Lahaina keiki and their parents. Classes will be held for students 8- 12 years old and 13-16 years old. Classes will be held on June 24, July 1 and July 30, each class will be an individual project. For more information or to sign-up for the class please contact Yayoi at [yayoi.hara@gmail.com](mailto:yayoi.hara@gmail.com) or 808-276-4042.

**CALL FOR ARTIST**

Yayoi is coordinating a day to have artists come the grounds before debris removal to pick-up materials they may be interested in using to create works of art. If you are interested or know any artists who may be interested, please contact Yayoi at 808-276-4042.

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## **POST-FIRE UPDATES: FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE & DEBRIS REMOVAL**

In the aftermath of the Lahaina fires, President Ed Sera and Maya Hara have been working hard with the board members and advisors (legal, architectural, engineering, etc.) to receive FEMA public assistance (PA) for non-profit entities such as our Mission. This reimbursement program covers eligible projects but comes with many stipulations and complicated procedures, which we hope to achieve though there are many challenges.

Another major challenge for us is that our Mission is situated in a SMA (Special Management Area) as well as shoreline and flood zones, which the County is still determining how to address. We have not yet moved forward with our debris removal by the U.S. Army Corp due to this but are planning to meet with County official to help us come up with a clear path forward.

In the meantime, we have been looking into restoring our *gohonzon-sama* (our wooden standing Amida, which survived both the first temple fire in 1968 and last year, making it a symbol of our resilience) and our Daibutsu (Great Buddha statue) and Temple Bell. We are also consulting with experts to clean and identify the urns.

We would also like to continue to come up with new programs and ways to help the community. We received over \$60,000 for the Lahaina Jodo Mission Women's Mini Grant and dispersed mini grants of up to \$500 to Lahaina women and will be holding a children's art therapy workshop. Even though, we are not all in Lahaina at the moment, we would like to continue serving and being engaged with our community.

If you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions regarding any of the above or have any expertise in building/architecture, procurement, fundraising, and/or grant writing, please contact Maya (email: [mhara@lahainajodominion.org](mailto:mhara@lahainajodominion.org)).

## **A Hymn of the *Mokugyō* (Wooden Fish Drum)**

*Poku Poku Poku*

As we hit the *mokugyō*,

It echoes,

"Open your eyes, awaken!"

Namu Amida Bu, Namu Amida Bu

*Poku Poku Poku*

Open your eyes, awaken!

*Poku Poku Poku*

*Arigatō*, I am grateful to be born.

*Arigatō*, I am grateful to be living now.

*Arigatō*, I am grateful to receiving the teachings!

Namu Amida Bu, Namu Amida Bu

*Poku Poku Poku*

Embraced by the Great Compassion of the Buddha,

In times of joy, in times of sorrow,

In times of suffering, in times of hardship,

Let's walk forward hand in hand

Along this journey of life,

Namu Amida Bu, Namu Amida Bu

*Poku Poku Poku*

Let's pass on the resonance of life,

Let's echo the resonance of our prayers,

Wishing happiness for our loved ones,

Wishing happiness for all people,

Namu Amida Bu, Namu Amida Bu

*Poku Poku Poku*

## **JUNE CALENDAR**

June 2 (Sun) Board Meeting 9 AM via Zoom

9 (Sun) Pan Pacific Festival (Honolulu)

10 AM Service at Betsuin in Makiki

4:30 PM Parade in Waikiki

12-22 Opening of "FOCUS" Exhibition at  
MACC featuring seven contemporary

Japanese Photographers

14 (Fri) Wailuku Jodo O-Bon 6 PM

16 (Sun) Kahului Jodo Service 8:30 AM

19 (Wed) Obetsuji at Wailuku Jodo 5 PM

29 (Sat) Kahului Jodo O-Bon

July. 6 (Sat) Lahaina Jodo Mission

O-Bon Service 5 PM.

## **CHANGE OF ADDRESS/CONTACT INFO**

Please let us know if you have a change of address or email address or have family members who would like to receive the temple bulletin; 808-661-4304 or email [lahainajodominion@gmail.com](mailto:lahainajodominion@gmail.com)

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## 2024 TOBA ORDER FORM

### (Wooden Prayer Tablet)

The word *tōba* 塔婆 comes from the Sanskrit word, “stupa,” which originally referred to a mound or structure containing the Buddha’s relics. Later, *tōba* came to mean memorials made to honor our departed loved one. Smaller *tōbas* come in the form of memorial tablets written on very thin wooden strips with a stupa-shaped top.

During the Obon season, families gather at the temple and dedicate *tōba* for their ancestors and departed loved ones. It is said that offering *tōba* has the same merit as building a great stupa or pagoda.

**Please submit by June 26, 2024**

Requestor’s Name お名前 : \_\_\_\_\_

Family ancestors- *Senzo dai dai*

1) Ancestral Name 先祖代々 : \_\_\_\_\_

2) Ancestral Name 先祖代々 : \_\_\_\_\_

Toba for individual.

1) Name of Deceased 供養する方のお名前 : \_\_\_\_\_

2) Name of Deceased 供養する方のお名前 : \_\_\_\_\_

3) Name of Deceased 供養する方のお名前 : \_\_\_\_\_

4) Name of Deceased 供養する方のお名前 : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ x \$1.00 = TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

Honoring the hard work of plantation immigrants who worked for \$1.00 a day, toba are priced at \$1.00 each.