

# NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

*"Kadomatsu"* is a milestone for the trip to the world after this world. So it may or may not be happy." - Ikkyu Sojun (1394-1481)

It is said that a legendary Zen master Ikkyu Sojun once walked around the town with brandishing a human skull and kept shouting "Beware, Beware!" on New Year's Day.

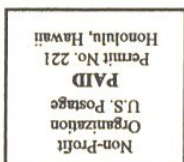
It must have been shocking for many people who happened to see the skull on new year's day when people were celebrating. Some people must have been upset about his eccentricity which could ruin this happy occasion.

However, if we are mindful of this episode, it is telling the truth that we should always beware we could die anytime. We all experienced sadness about losing our beloved Bishop Yubun Narashiba so suddenly. Then we were so shocked about news one after another about death or natural disasters of typhoons, floods, fires and many of the gun incidents in the world. Who could imagine these disasters and incidents happened so suddenly? How could they imagine dying so suddenly?

We all know nothing is permanent and life is uncertain. But what can we do while we are so powerless toward death? And how should we live everyday while the future is not certain at all?

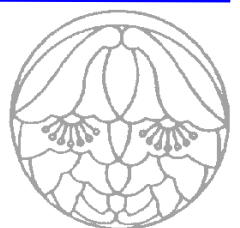
This is the main theme on what Buddhists want to teach. Among tons of wonderful teachings of Buddhism, essence of Jodo Shu is very practical and simple yet deep. That is to live in this moment and to live forever in Jodo with Nenbutsu (Namu Amida Butsu).

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As the new Bishop of Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions, I really look forward to the opportunities to recite Nenbutsu together with you and to share wonderful Buddhist teachings with you through many services and activities. At the same time, I will do my best to serve you humbly and sincerely.

May I take this opportunity to extend my warmest Aloha, Mahalo and best wishes to you and your family under the light of Amida Buddha. Happy New Year!

Gassho,

Kosen Ishikawa

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## New Year's Thoughts and Greetings

By Rev. Kanjun Nakano

Dear Members and Friends,

Wishing All of You A Healthy and Peaceful New Year!

I am a minister and a musician. As a musician, I am always looking for an inspirational sound. There are good sounds and bad sounds. Sounds that make you happy and peaceful, or sounds that make you uncomfortable or scared. These are the sounds that can be heard with your ears.

On the other hand, there are sounds that cannot be heard with your ears. They are the sounds which you hear with your heart. The sound of the blue sky, the ocean, the wind; the sounds of your hometown and the sounds of your beloved ones.

What is the sound of your life? How are your sounds affecting those around you?

As a minister I am listening for the sounds of the infinite universe, the sounds from the Buddha. Buddha is emitting wonderful sounds which everyone can hear with his or her heart. We can hear the sounds of the Buddha when we call Amida Buddha- *Namu Amida Butsu*. Honen Shonin taught us by reciting Onenbutsu- *Namu Amida Butsu* our hearts will feel peaceful.

On New Year's Eve, we ring the temple bell 108 times to dispel *bonno* or the evils of the world. The sound of the bell that you can hear with your ears and reciting Nenbutsu, hearing the sounds of the infinite universe as we begin a new year.

Embraced by the great compassion of Amida Buddha, let us welcome a most bright and happy New Year. I hope 2020 will be a wonderful year for you and your family.

In Gassho,

Rev. Kanjun Nakano



# Jodo Mission of Hawaii President's 2020 New Year Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

First of all, thank you for being a member of Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Your support is greatly appreciated. Come and bring your family and friends to our services, bon dance, bazaar, mochi-making, and special events!



As we proceed into 2020, make it a point to spend time with your loved ones. Don't let your career or personal interests dominate your life. Set a certain day of the week or month to meet with them. If you don't hear from your loved ones, make the effort to contact them. The moment before you now is precious. This time next year will not be the same. Even when you are extremely busy, you can still dedicate some time to talk to your loved ones on the phone or on the Internet. Your future self will be grateful for all the memories you create with them.

For instance, every Sunday afternoon, I get-together with my mom, dad, younger sister Lara, bother-in-law Ross, and baby nephew Kyler at my parents' house where we usually do an online video call with my younger sister Mia, brother-in-law Mike, and nieces: Elyse (age 7), Sophie (age 4), and Adalei (age 2), all living in the Bay Area, California. Afterwards, we either eat dinner at my parent's place or go to a restaurant to dine. Also, every year my entire immediate family enjoys meeting up in California, Hawaii, or another location. Often times, we meet up several times a year to enjoy one another's company. This is the most important part of my life, being with my family.

Moreover, I dedicate time to be with my close friends. We talk story, dine, or go out somewhere relaxing. Likewise, have some fun with your friends. Participate in activities together. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea as you laugh and converse. Maybe travel somewhere fun together. These wonderful times with your friends will also be a part of you that you will always be grateful for.

Have an awesome 2020! Go and make some great memories with your family and friends!

With Warmest Aloha,

Jon Riki Karamatsu

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## New Year Day Blessing—January 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Please join us for our **first service of the new year on January 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** Rev. Nakano will continue the practice of giving

blessings to all persons who attend: families, couples, individuals. This is a wonderful way to begin the new year being blessed for good health, good luck, happiness, etc.

Other blessing services such as house blessing, car blessing, baby blessing, office blessings, etc. are available by appointment.



# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii, you are welcome to attend the 2020 General Membership Meeting on **Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 10:45 a.m., following the Sunday Service** in the temple. Please join us and meet your Board of Directors.

President:	Jon Riki Karamatsu
First VP:	Daryl Masaki
Second VP:	Ian Kitajima
Secretary:	Sally Hayashi
Treasurer:	Akiko Nishiyama
Director:	Clifford Miyamoto
Director:	Christine Inouye
Director:	Gail Okamura

If you have any concerns you want to address, please do so at this General Membership meeting. Following the religious and business portion, please join us for our New Year's party (see below).

## *Shinnenkai* 新年会 *New Year's Party*

Everyone is invited to attend our New Year's Party following the Annual General Membership meeting. The New Year's Party will include delicious food, lucky number, Bingo game, and entertainment.

**Date:** Sunday, January 26

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. (after General Membership Meeting)

**Place:** Jodo Mission Social Hall



## Hyakusai (100 year olds) 百 歳

We would like to honor all 100 year olds and older members at our New Year's Party. To live to be 100 is amazing! If you know of anyone who will be 100 years old or older by January 26 and he/she will be attending the Shinnenkai, please call our office at 949-3995 with the name of the member. *Thank you.*

# GYOKI-E CHUTOBA FORM 2020 (御忌会中塔婆申し込み用紙)

**Deadline: January 9, 2020**

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. \_\_\_\_\_

Gyoki-e Service  
January 19 at 10 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend service  
\_\_\_\_\_ I do not plan to attend

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

## FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Order accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2020 (In person / Mail / By phone)

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2020 (Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_) Write \_\_\_\_\_

## Gyoki-e (Honen Shonin's Memorial Service)

Gyoki-e means the memorial service for **Honen Shonin**. Honen Shonin, who is the founder of Jodo Shu, passed away on January 25, 1212. He was 80 years old.

After Honen Shonin passed away, his disciples and believers started to have a memorial service for him on the 25th of every month. The biggest ceremony was held on 25th of January every year. This service was held not only locally in Kyoto but it spread all over Japan. In those days, the word "Gyoki" meant the anniversary of the deaths of the Emperors or their wives. The word "Gyoki" was such a respectable word for the Emperor's family.

Three hundred years after Honen Shonin passed away, Emperor Gokashiwabaa mandated Jodo Shu to call the anniversary of Honen Shonin's death "Gyoki". Since then, people called his annual memorial service "Gyoki". This occasion



Founder of Jodo Shu :  
**Honen Shonin**  
(1133-1212)

implied that Honen Shonin was clearly accepted and revered by the Emperor and the people.

Our Gyoki-e service will be held on **January 19th at 10 a.m.** Please join us.

Chutoba is available for this Gyoki service. At this service you may also honor your deceased ancestors with a Chutoba prayer. See above for the Chutoba order form.

## **NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

As we begin a new year 2020, Jodo Mission of Hawaii wishes to thank our many members, friends and relatives for all your support and encouragement in 2019 and your continued support in 2020 is most appreciated. We will do our best to help you. It is with all your help and support through our many events, Spring Higan, O-Toba orders, O-Bon Services, Bon Dance, Fall Higan, Bazaar and Mochitsuki that we thank you. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Jodo Mission of Hawaii office at 949-3995 **May everyone have a safe, healthy and happy new year!**



## 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 helps when it is difficult to have memorial services. We also welcome you to attend the morning service at 9:30 am.

### 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.

## Jodo Mission Office Hours:

Monday to Saturday: 8am–5pm

Sunday & Holidays: 8am–3pm

**Phone: 949-3995**

**Website: [www.jodo.us](http://www.jodo.us)**

## Note of Appreciation

It is with much appreciation that we thank **Mrs. Tomiko Miura** who throughout the year will bring to the temple beautiful red gingers to the temple altar from her garden. THANK YOU MRS. MIURA for sharing your beautiful home grown flowers.

## Sunday School Garden



The next time you visit the temple, please stop and take a look at the Sunday School Garden. They now have a sign. This is just next to the St. Honen statue.



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Kanjun Nakano  
Resident Minister



Rev. Myoko Takano  
Resident Minister

# Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) For January

1 Sekitaro Hirohama The Hirohama & Kawasugi Family Kenji Fujikami The Hashimoto Family The Ohara Family Haruko Ikuta Tsugio Takamatsu Family Kiyotaka Glenn Mitsuyasu Tomomitsu Kawamura The Kawamura Family Tokusaburo Fukuda's Father Hon-yo Jo-dai Shin-ji The Fukuda Family The Nakabayashi Family Members of Honolulu Meisho YBA Chukichi Asamura Toyo Asamura The Masuda & Asamura Family The Yamasaki & Hara Family The Yoshizaki Family The Matsushita Family The Aoki Family The Sakuda Family The Okamura Family Stanley Satoru Morimoto Tomoyo Yanagihara	Hisako Takamura	20 Shinazo Nishiguchi The Nishiguchi Family Noboru Ajimura The Ajimura Family Kiku Kimura Yuriko Nishimoto	The Yamanaka Family Chizuko Saeki Sadamu Iwamoto Yooko Fujimoto
2 Richard Hichiro Kawamoto	10 Hiroko Yoza The Yoza Family Kami Higa The Higa Family Bishop Ninryo Nago (2) The Nago & Kunimoto Family	21 Sueko Higashimura Kiku Kimura The Kimura & Muroshige Family Masao Teruya Takeo Yamane Shimo Hatanaka Hiroshi Furuya Tsuneko Shintaku Ronald Koichi Namihira Aileen Mitsuyo Kishida	29 Tomo Isobe Hana Kinoshita The Kinoshita Family Jisaburo Kanemoto The Kanemoto & Miyamoto Family Kansuke Shintani Fusao Taniguchi Ralph Hitoshi Tanaka Toshito Fukuda Hisayo Higashi Helen Fusaye Morita
3 Hideo Toyoshiba Yoshitaka Wada	11 Tokoe Imaguchi The Imaguchi Family Hatsuko Hayashi The Hayashi Family Masakichi Teruya Reginald Hisao Hisamura Uichiro Ishii Kohei Umeda Matsuyo Yamamoto Tadashi Yanagihara (2)	22 Masae Tanimura Konoshin Kimura Fukukichi Tatei	30 Kumaichi Tomonari The Tomonari Family Tsunejiro Kawasaki The Kawasaki & Nakagawa Family Ine Yoshizaki The Yoshizaki Family Tomota Kakehashi Masao Kume Akio Matsuda Kiyoshi Kamimura Barbara Okimoto Stanley Takayuki Ajimura
4 Tamaru Muraoka	12 Heiji Fukuda (2) The Fukuda Family Nagao Yamada Shokichi Harada	23 Shokichi Fukumoto The Fukumoto Family Takeo Yoshihara The Yoshihara Family The Tanaka Family Jiro Kiyama Ralph Toshiaki Hashimoto Terry Kazuo Yorimoto	31 You Kawamura The Kawamura Family Shizuko Aoyama Kaname Yamanaka Harold Takeo Tanaka Shigeno Ohara
5 Kiyo Fujikami The Fujikami Family Shizuyo Morisako Kasuke Yamane Jiro Nakamura Randall Loreg The Loreg Family The Morinaga Family	13 Bishop Jiko Kuya Shima Morita (2) Shizue Fujita Kinmatsu Nakagawa Maruo Sasuga	24 Heikichi Isobe The Isobe Family Machi Yokoyama The Yokoyama & Morita Family Toranosuke Kinoshita Tane Kinoshita The Kinoshita Family Tsune Aoki George Masao Tanaka Helen Katsuko Ito Tetsuo Shinohara (2)	
6 Kikuyo Yamasaki Eiichi Fujita Shigeharu Ohata Sachiko Okada Roy Hideo Fujita Alice Minako Kawasugi Norman Sadao Kanehira Lillian M. Kanehira	14 Akitaka Chikamoto The Ohta Family Genzo Yanagihara The Yanagihara Family Tsuchiyo Kimoto Miyoko Kaya James Akira Tamura Edward Kisaku Teraoka	25 Taka Fukuda The Fukuda Family Saichi Hyodo Joseph Yoshihiko Fujihana Sadako Oki Teruko Mamiya (2) The Sato Omura Family Takeshi Tanaka	
7 Jiro Oyabu The Oyabu & Kondo Family Kazuko Nomiya Tetsuko Miyamoto Kama Takara Ruth Shigeko Tarumoto Yurie Tanaka Buffins	15 Tane Nagata (2) The Nagata Family Sukeichi Kameoka The Kameoka Family Mildred Misako Tanimura Shizue Kimura	26 Take Arita The Arita Family Haruo Harry Nakamura The Nakamura Family Kimio Yagi The Yagi Family Sueyoshi Yanagihara Yoshi Yamamoto Chester Takeo Kaita	
8 Matsujiro Otani (2) The Otani Family (2) The Yanagihara Family Toshio Isoibe The Isoibe Family Taketo Sumimoto (2) Juichi Uesugi Fusataro Higuchi Kenji Miyakawa Nobu Kishimoto Gilbert Hideo Otani	16 Take Shinagawa Tomojiro Fujita The Fujita Family Kenji Iwamoto Chiyoka Mizuno Seiichi Shimamoto Tatsuo Fujimoto	27 Seiichi Fujimoto The Fujimoto Family Takeshi Sato Charles Shoichi Kimura Hiroko Nakano Yoshiro Ohta The Ohta Family	
9 Taka Tomonari The Tomonari Family Asa Hayashi	17 Hanayo Taniguchi Kame Okamoto Moto Kawasugi Nobuo Hayashi Amy Hideko Tanaka	28 Yoshie Sato The Sato & Suzuki Family Sae Higashimura The Higashimura Family Tome Yamanaka	
	18 Kiyomatsu Daitoku (2) The Daitoku Family (2) The Kochi Family Katsutoshi Takata The Takata Family Itaro Kurihara The Kurihara Family Masao Ishii Richard Shoichi Ishida		
	19 Tai Kawano The Kawano Family Chiyo Tomai The Tomai Family Miyo Ueno The Ueno Family		

## 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.

Peter Haruo Hamada	82
Mary Chiyoko Kuniyoshi	91
Trina Toriko Hashimoto	93

# January 2020

9:30am Morning Service  
Everyday

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Jodo Shu Calendar for January 2020:</b> <i>The whole year is richer if, starting on New Year's Day, you greet each morning with a smile.</i>						
5 8:30 am Fujinkai Mtg 10:00am 1st Sunday Service	6	7	1 10:00 New Year Day Service	2	3	4
12 9:00 Sunday Sch Service 10:00 1st Family Service 11:45 Board Meeting	13	14	8	9 Deadline to Order Chutoba	10	11
19 10am Gyoki-e Service (Honen Shonin's Memorial Service)	20	21	15	16	17	18
26 9:00 Sunday Sch Service 10:00 Sunday Service 10:45 General Membership Mtg 11:30 New Year's Party in Social Hall	27	28	22	23	24	25
			29	30	31	

**COMING EVENTS:** Feb. 2, 2020: Fujinkai Outing  
Feb. 10, 2020 Nehan-e Family Service  
Feb 23, 2020 Fujinkai General Membership Meeting  
& New Year's Party  
March 1, 2020 Deadline for O-Toba Orders

**Fujinkai Mtg: Jan 5, 8:30 am**  
**Senior YBA: No meeting**

**Sewing Circle**  
No classes in Jan & Feb

## Sunday School Service:

**Jan 12 @ 9:00 am** (Mothers will later serve ozoni)

**Jan 26 @ 9:00 am** (Sunday School will join New Year's Party)

**Bazaar Donations** are being accepted for the Bazaar in October 2020.

**Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER:** Please pay your membership dues (\$60). If you did not pay for 2019 and would like to, please do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*