



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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WELCOMING THE MONTH OF MAY

Difficult it is to be born a human;
Difficult it is the life of mortals;
Difficult it is to hear the true Dharma;
Difficult is the birth of the Awakened
(attainment of Buddhahood).

-Dhammapada

The month of May has various commemorative events such as Children's Day, Mother's Day and Memorial Day. SouthEast Asian Buddhists celebrate "vesak" in May, it is the celebration of the historical Shakyamuni Buddha's birth, enlightenment and great passing (*parinivana*).

Let us be grateful to receive the Buddhist teachings and rejoice living this life embraced by the great compassion of Amida Buddha.
Namu Amida Butsu.

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE AT WAILUKU JODO MISSION

Happy Mother's Day! Let's honor our mothers and appreciate their deep love and compassion at Wailuku Jodo Mission Service.

Date: **Sunday, May 12, 2024**

Time: **8:30 AM**

After the service Juliet DiGiovanni will lead a short tai chi practice. A Taichi will be followed by refreshments and fellowship. Come and join to celebrate Mother's Day.

ZOJOJI 24 HOUR NENBUTSU SESSION FRIDAY, MAY 17 AT 6:00 PM

Zojoji Temple, Jodo shu head temple in Tokyo will host 24 hour Nenbutsu session on **Friday, May 17**, Lahaina will join from **6:00-7:00 PM** from Wailuku Jodo Mission. Let's join our worldwide Nenbutsu sangha.

LHS JAPANESE CLUB SENBAZURU

Lahainaluna Japanese Club members presented our temple with a heartfelt *omimai* of *senbazuru*- one thousand folded paper cranes

that symbolize happiness and strength. Club officers Arisa Trainer and Miles Kohana along with advisor David Esselburn presented the cranes to our temple at our service on April 28th, paying respect to our temple. They expressed hope and admiration for our temple with wishes for a prosperous future. Our deep *arigato* to LHS Japanese club members.



Photo Credit: Leon Matsui

LAHAINA VISITATION AND PRAYER OFFERINGS

We will hold a service at our temple grounds in Lahaina on **Sunday, May 26 at 10:00 AM** and offer prayers in front of our Daibutsu and Pagoda. After the service join us for Lahaina ohana fellowship luncheon at our park. Those who will attend please meet at Lahaina Cannery Mall on the Longs parking side by 9:50 AM to proceed to the temple.

"I AM LUCKY TO BE ALIVE" RYAN NISHMURA APPEARS IN HAWAII NEWS NOW

Ryan Nishimura was featured in Hawaii News Now on April 15, 2024, the story talked about local business expressing gratitude to neighbors who help keep them afloat. Ryan lived in his grandparents home (Sera Ohana) in Mill Camp and talks about the split second decision as

flames came down and people were running for their lives, he said, "I am lucky to be alive". The story can be viewed online. We pray for the victims and the survivors of the August 8 fire. Namu Amida Butsu.

SHAOWI LIU GUIDED NAMU AMIDA BUTSU WRITING PRACTICE

Our Dharma friend and artist Shaowi Lin guided writing of 南無阿彌陀佛 at last month's Wailuku service.

Attendees traced the Chinese characters Namu Amida Butsui. Our thanks to Shaowi for her guidance.



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our minister is available for those who wish to hold memorial service or blessing ceremony at your resident, Wailuku Jodo Mission or cemetery. Please contact Rev. Hara to arrange date 808-661-4304 or email lahainajodomission@gmail.com

KONDANKAI HELD IN APRIL

Our first *kondankai* (Japanese friendship gathering) was held at Kahului Jodo Mission on April 27th with about 10 people from Lahaina. The event was spearheaded by Machiko Nagao and Yayoi Hara to give Japanese speakers the opportunity to gather and talk story.

For those that are in need of language assistance please contact Yayoi at 808-276-4042. Mahalo to Machiko for preparing lunch on the day and to Jocelyn Tengan and Kahului Jodo Mission for allowing the gathering to be held at their social hall.

O-BON SCHEDULE

June 14, Friday- Wailuku Jodo Mission O-Bon
6:00 PM Service, 7:00 PM Bon Dance

June 29, Saturday- Kahului Jodo Mission
6:30 PM Service, 7:30 PM Bon Dance

July 6 (Sat) Lahaina Jodo Mission O-Bon
As the temple grounds has still not undergone debris removal and there is no water or electricity, tentatively we will hold O-Bon with a daytime service only. More details to come, please save the date.

August 10 (Sat) West Maui Buddhist Council O-Bon Festival. Friends and supporters are assisting with organizing a combined Bon Dance for Lahaina, Shingon, Hongwanji and Jodo Missions.

MAY CALENDAR

April 5 (Sun)- Kahului Jodo Mission Service
8:30 AM

- Children's Day Kite flying
sponsored by Hawaii Council of
Jodo Mission & Jodo shu Japan.

11 (Sat)- Buddha's 2,568th Celebration at
Fo Guang Shan Hawaii (HNL)

12 (Sun)- Mother's Day Service at Wailuku
Jodo Mission 8:30 AM

17 (Fri)- Zojoji 24 Hour Nenbutsu session
from Wailuku Jodo Mission 6 PM

19 (Sun)- Kahului Jodo Mission Service
8:30 AM

25 (Sat)- Maui Matsuri UH Maui
www.mauimatsuri.com

26 (Sun) Lahaina Visit, Service &
Fellowship

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