### O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission of Hawaii July 22 to 24, 2022 (Hybrid—in person & virtual)

As many people may not want to come to in-person services, Jodo Mission will provide a Zoom link for all services:



Friday, July 22 @ 10:00 am -Friday, July 22 @ 6:00 pm Saturday, July 23 @ 10 am & 6pm Regular O-Bon Service Sunday, July 24 @ 10:00 am

Hatsu Bon families only\* Regular O-Bon Service 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.

Zoom Link for all services:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86081163878?pwd=VmVCLzY2R2h3cGdtNFpZdFRTN3Bzdz09

Meeting ID: 860 8116 3878

Pass Code: 426504

Visitations to O-Tobas—We are happy to say that this year you will be able to visit your O-Tobas from July 18 to July 23 from 10 am to 6 pm. As we cannot leave the social hall unattended, we ask for your kokua. Please call the temple office if you have some time available—a few hours by a couple persons or a few hours by others make a difference. Thank you.

Private In-Person O-Toba Services—will be held in the temple or at your O-Toba from July 18 to 21 from 10 to 1 pm and 3 pm to 6 pm. For reservations, please call the temple office. There is no limitation on how many people can attend a private service in the temple but we do request, if possible, to let us know the number of people attending. Masks will be required whether in temple or in social hall. [See pg 5 for more O-Bon info]

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## BULLIN - JULY 2022 JODO MISSION OF HAWAII



#### Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

As we welcome 2022 O-Bon, I'd like to express my sincerest Aloha to you, your family and to your beloved ones. Also, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your warm support, financially, materially, and spiritually.

Recently, I find myself busier everyday not only because O-Bon is just around the corner but because I have started janitorial work as our long time janitor. Priscilla retired on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Because one of my priorities was to save temple's operation cost, instead of looking for a new janitor, I offered our board that we ministers take over being janitors. I'm so glad both Rev. Takano and Rev. Tanabe immediately agreed with me. Also, I'm so grateful to the board members who supported the raise for our salaries by doing this additional job.

In Buddhism, especially at the Japanese Buddhist temples, three things have been treasured and encouraged to do every day. They are 1. Cleaning, 2. Daily Service, 3. Studying. These are actually mentioned in the following saying; "Ichi Soji, Ni Gongyo, San Gakumon" meaning "The very first thing to do is cleaning. Secondly, daily service and thirdly, studying Buddhism." In a sense, these are Buddhist ministers' important daily routine and cleaning comes first of all.

Needless to say, cleaning is like endless job. No matter how well you sweep the ground, on the next moment, you might see fallen leaves from the trees. Especially, it is now flowering season of "Shower trees." As I sweep the temple ground every morning, I need to spend more and more time to do this same routine as more and more petals of the shower trees keep coming down. I deeply realize this is such a really good practice of perseverance. At the same time, I regard this can be good practice of meditation as this cleaning keeps me being busy to live in this very moment. By concentrating on picking up leaves, I can easily forget about myself; my regret in the past and worries in the future. In addition, I can always have great feeling of purity after working hard. Yes, cleaning is such a rewarding practice.

In fact, Cūḍa-panthaka, one of Buddha's disciples was said to be able to realize enlightenment just by sweeping the ground. Once Cūḍa-panthaka was known as stupid at that time before meeting his master Buddha. He couldn't remember even his name. Then Buddha gave a simple advice to him. That was to sweep the temple ground singleheartedly every day. He also advised Cūḍa-panthaka to say "Sweep the dust and remove the dirt" whenever he cleans the temple.

After many years of doing this simple task every day, one day Cūḍa-panthaka realized dust and dirt" were nothing but his own desires which kept arising. Thus, he was able to face and control his own desires and became enlightened. Cūḍa-panthaka is now known as one of the 16 great Arhats.

I think this story can be a great example that anything we do can be a great practice. Our current life under the covid pandemic, has been so stressful and frustrating every day. Unfortunately, we cannot change this stressful life but please remember we can always change ourselves to accept this reality with positive thoughts. Let us take a deep breath and recite "Namu Amida Butsu" whenever you wake up. You will soon realize peace and gratitude that you are living right now.

Once again, Mahalo for being our valuable member and supporter. We staff of Jodo Mission are always praying for your good health and happiness every day through our daily service. If you need spiritual assistance, please feel free to let us know. Especially if

you haven't met me yet, please stop by to say hello to me. "Talk stories" is more than welcome!

Happy Safe O-Bon season to you all! Namu Amida Butsu.

Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

#### A Favor and Mahalo note from Bishop

The Jodo Mission temple has been operated by membership since its foundation in 1907. We are so grateful that many of you have already joined in our membership but we'd need more dues-paying members in order to maintain our facilities and tradition to pass to the next generation. Our current annual dues has been \$60/household for the past few decades but will be raised to \$80/year next year. Yet, our membership dues are much lower and reasonable as compared to the other Buddhist temples. The privileges of membership granted to our members are:

1. Able to vote at our annual membership meeting, 2. The right to purchase a Niche/Nokotsudo space (Non-members cannot buy Niche). 3. Able to rent our Social Hall or Ikoi Hall for a birthday party. 4. Special Rate for cultural classes. 5. Monthly Bulletin (currently we send bulletin to our supporters as complimentary). 6. Invitation to our special events such as New Year's Party.

If you haven't paid membership yet, please consider to join in our membership. There is an application form at the office. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

#### Acknowledgements

Did you recently notice any change in the St. Honen Statue in front of the temple? This statue of our founder was originally dedicated in 1971 as a pre-celebration of the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary since Jodo Shu was established. One of the Betsuin ministers,

Rev. Chiyuu Sadakane led this project. 50 years have passed and

when we started planning for the 850<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Jodo Shu which will be in 2024, **Mrs. Christine Inouye** offered to redo the entire statue

base in black granite as she welcomed double celebrations in 2022. One is celebration of her mother,

Mrs. Ella Fujie's 100 year birthday. Another celebration is the golden anniversary of her marriage. Honolulu Tile and Marble did a beautiful job of preserving the writings in the back and front of the Honen statue base. On behalf of Jodo Mission of Hawaii, I'd



like to express my sincerest appreciation to Mrs. Christine Inouye for her donation of such a beautiful base of the St. Honen statue, which will last a lifetime, .

Another acknowledgment and my huge MAHALO go to our office secretary, Ms. Sally Hayashi who's never taken a day-off for several years and worked tirelessly from morning till late at night for our temple.

As you may know, she's been a secretary for all temple matters including management of the halls and shopping for some temple supplies. She's taken care of the minutes of the various meetings, arrangement or coordination of the services, events, repairing in addition to all the correspondence. Then she edits monthly bulletin and helps treasurer, Bishop, Kyoku (HCJM) and even revises ministers' writings in English. To my surprise, almost all Page 3

#### **Message from Jodo Mission President**

Greetings and I hope that everyone has been keeping safe and masking up. During these unprecedented years, we have endured many financial challenges. Covid has limited Jodo Mission from renting the use of our facility, not to mention a few events, such as our yearly New Year Mochi Pounding, Bon Dance celebration, garage sales and others.



By limiting these types of fund-raising events, it has put a financial strain to keep up with our daily operating expenses. The last time we increased our yearly membership dues was 27 years ago! The proposed increase of yearly dues was rightly overdue and to keep up with our operating expenses, we are increasing our yearly dues from \$60.00 to \$80.00. This increase of our membership dues was kept to its minimum.

As CDC opens more outdoor and indoor events, we hope to bring back many fundraising events to help with our financial obligations.

Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to your continued support to the Betsuin.

Daryl Y. Masaki President, Jodo Mission of Hawaii

#### Jodo Mission Bon Dance Saturday, August 20

Unless the Covid numbers get worse, and we have new guidelines, your Board of Directors has decided to have a one day Bon Dance on Saturday, August 20, which is scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm (a little earlier than usual). The food booths will open at 4:00 pm.



To prevent any accidents between vehicles and pedestrians, we will be shutting down the traffic entering and exiting Jodo Mission of Hawaii property beginning from 4:30 pm and completely stopped at 5:00 pm when the Bon Dance begins. This means anyone already parked by 4:30 pm will have to remain at Jodo Mission until the Bon Dance is over. We plan to have a designated handicap drop area.

[Cont'd from pg 3:Bishop's Acknowledgment]

incoming calls are for Sally and most of her working time is voluntary. In addition, she donates refreshments for Sunday activities from time to time and some necessary cost to update our databases.

As I got to know how much time and effort she has spent for the temple, I realized I should acknowledge her contributions at this time. Jodo Mission is truly fortunate to have Sally here. But at the same time, we don't want her to work too hard. Your Kokua will be greatly appreciated.

One of the ideas I have to reduce her jobs is for you not to call her. I know she is efficient and you may want to talk to her. Besides we ministers are not good at office work. But if you call to our ministers, they could improve their office work and English skills. Just my thought. Any way, thank you very much Sally. Please stay healthy and continue to help us.

#### **More Information About O-Bon**

O-Bon is the time of the year when our ancestors' spirits come back from the Pure Land and stay in this world. While here we offer flowers, their favorite foods, fruits, candies, etc. to welcome them back for a short time. This O-Bon, Jodo Mission of Hawaii would like everyone to be safe. **Facial masks will be required while in the temple and in the social hall.** 

**Registration for O-Bon Service** will begin **1 hour before** 10 am & 6 pm services. Registration is by Sponsor's Name. At time of registration, your Otoba card or cards will be taken out to let the minister know you are here for that particular service. This is on a first come first serve basis. NO phone orders will be taken.

Once you register, you may go either to visit your Otoba or go inside the temple and wait for the service to begin.

**O-Bon Service**—During the O-Bon Service, please be aware when they begin calling the Sponsor Names. When your Sponsor's name is called, please bow to Amida Buddha who is in the altar and go to the rear of the temple hall and offer incense at the Segaki-dan. After offering of incense, you may go to your Otoba for a final goodby or you may return to your seat and when all the Sponsor names have been called, you may

follow the ministers as they go downstairs to the social hall and go through each row of Otobas for the final blessing for this service. The Minister may give you an opportunity to offer incense while before the Otobas.

Offerings at your Otoba: You will have about 5 inches by 12 inches of space to place your offerings. Photo at right shows the length from the Otoba base to the edge of the table. Because the Otobas are indoors, we recommend that you please be careful with any potted plants and make sure there is a tray underneath the plant. Those with many families will have to coordinate with the space available.





**No Potted Mums Will Be Sold**: Due to Coronavirus and lack of manpower, Sr. YBA decided not to sell potted mums.

**Offering of Rice:** During O-Bon. it is customary to offer a bag of rice. However, monetary donations in lieu of rice are acceptable. "Rice" envelopes are available in the office. Thank you for your understanding and support.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** If anyone has any time they can spare (especially from July 18 to 24), please contact the temple office at (808) 949-3995 with your contact information and someone will call you back.

Volunteers also needed on O-Toba Set Up and temple cleaning day (July 17 at 9am) and O-Toba Kuzushi or take down day (July 24 after the final O-Bon service at 10 am with Kuzushi about 11:30 am). Please call temple office if you are able to help on any of these days. *Thank you.* 

#### **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 have been letting people in if you come and ring the blue 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, 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

#### 2022 Memorial Years Observed

2021
2020
2016
2010
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1976
1973
1923

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.

#### REMINDERS

I Gojikai or Membership—\$60.00 per year

& effective 1/1/2023 Gojikai will be raised

to \$80.00 per year (starting 7/1/22 anyone

paying for 2023 Gojikai will be asked to

pay \$80.00)

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

Thank you for your understanding.

#### お知らせ

■2023年より1年間における護持会費、又はメン ■バーシップが60ドルから80ドルと変更になり ■ます。来年の護寺会費は2022年7月1日より別 ■院オフィスにて受け付けております。(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。)

■納骨堂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、ご理解のほ ■ どよろしくお願いします。

合掌



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano Resident Minister



Rev. Takaaki Kouken Tanabe Resident Miinister

# 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 July

- Kichi Yanagisawa
   The Yanagisawa Family
   Yone Ishida
   Yoshikazu Kakimoto
- 2 Toyo Tojo The Tojo Family Tsune Uchiumi Tomas Minoru Shigeta Kikuyo Gonhata Ellen Kimiko Hedani Yuhei Kunimura
- 3 Tamayo Yanagihara Robert K. Yoshimura Akiko Tamaki Richard Takaichi Iwai Leslie Satoji Tarumoto
- 4 Setsuyo Sugihara (2) The Sugihara Family Sumiyo Yamanaka The Yamanaka Family Kajo Teruya (3) Isami Yoshikawa The Yoshikawa Family Masaru Taira
- 5 Asao Takara Shige Ikeda Fred Yutaka Sakuda Haruko Donna Furutani Hawayo Yamamoto
- 6 Takaichi Hamada The Hamada Family Miki Ajimura The Ajimura Family Takezo Ishida Yosuke Mitsutani
- 7 Hisa Akimoto
  Taki Ishimoto
  Seiji Ogawa
  Kenneth Tsugio Ito
  Richard Shunichi
  Yoshida
- 8 Yoshio Furumoto Kamado Takara Hiroshi Arakawa Sueko Kiyama Shigeko Shimamoto Fusayo Saiki Carol Chie Yanagihara
- 9 Kameichi Okamura Matsuyo Kamioka Kumataro Gonhata Masashi Kimura Elsie Teruno Murao Loretta Masue Matayoshi
- 10 Tatsu Yanagihara

- The Yanagihara Family
  Shina Kaya
  The Kaya & Shimazaki
  Family
  Keizo Nagata
  The Nagata Family
  Yojiro Yamashina
  Ukichi Nakano
  Fuji Kitagawa
  Reginald Takahiro
  Tengan
  Yukiko Shimotsukasa
  Jensen Toshio Morimoto
  Rev. Kanjun Nakano
- 11 Toyo Nanbu
  The Nanbu Family
  Fusa Murakami (2)
  The Murakami Family (2)
  The Yamamoto Family
  Shigeyo Ipponsugi
  Iwao Asaumi
  Nancy Yoshiko Ohara
- 12 Hideo Higashi Kamesaburo Gushiken Akiyo Yano Morio Yanagihara Toshiji Oka Wayne Shinichi Umemoto Kim L. Yoshida
- 13 Kazuichi Akimoto
  Bunji Aoki
  The Aoki Family
  Toki Yamamoto
  The Yamamoto Family
  Setsuyo Nitta
  Yai Ouchi Watanabe
  Sadako Asaumi
- 14 Takao Amano Kanichi Morita (2) Fukutaro Nagata Haya Kamimura Kazuo Kamimura Kazue Ohara
- 15 The Nakagawa Family
  The Koike Family
  The Fujisue Family
  Doris Chiyoko Hayashi
  Florence Satoko Lau
- 16 The Juichi Yamada
  Family
  The Fujii Family
  The Shikata Family
  The Nishii Family
  The Okazaki Family
  Haruo Okahara
  The Okahara Family
  Roland Toyoji Tominaga

- Tetsuichi Umemoto
- 17 Ito Tanimura
  The Tanimura Family
  Kome Nishiguchi
  The Nishiguchi Family
  Takiko Amakawa
  Yumei Uyehara
  Tomoe Yoshioka
  Edwin Juichi Yagi
- 18 Hisako Fujihana
  The Fujihana Family
  Seiji Nakagawa
  Miyoji Aoki
  Masutaro Kunihisa
  Tokiyo Masaki
  Masaaki Maruichi
  Okiyo Matsumoto
  Matsu Sadoyama
  Kimiko Yamagata
- 19 Thomas Tamotsu Hamada Misae Higashihara Brian Itsuo Hashimoto Wallace Yoshio Kozai
- 20 Gonshichi Shintaku Fukuji Ikeda Katsumi Imada Ayako Hibi Bishop Yubun Narashiba
- 21 Shigeru Nakata Usuke Oda Kamekichi Toyofuku
- 22 Keisuke Kimura
  The Kimura Family
  Takeo Matsunaga
  Motohiro Tanimura
  Matsuyo Miyagi
  Loretta Kazuko Koizumi
- 23 June Junko Yamashita Keizo Oda Sadako Kishimoto
- 24 Masako Narahara Sato Saito
- Matsuno Mishina

   The Mishina Family
   The Weiss Family
   (Stillborn)

   Masuo Yanagihara

   The Yanagihara Family
   The Kimura Family
- 26 Naosuke Nakamoto The Nakamoto & Sakagawa Family Toshio Fujimoto

- The Fujimoto Family Pauline Aiko Nakamura Michelle Ayano Weiss
- 27 Sakutaro Koyama The Koyama Family Sayoko Takaoka Hatsu Maruichi Yoichiro Watanabe Yone Tarumoto
- 28 Koichi Ogi Wallace Sadamu Iwamoto Alice Miyoko Ohara Darin Sueo Furutani Fumiko Iwamoto
- 29 Kansuke Yano
  The Yano, Konaka &
  Hayashi Family
  Mitsuo Sakakibara
  Chiya Wada
  Koto Kunimura
- 30 Noriaki Masuda (2)
  The Masuda & Asamura
  Family
  Kinosuke Kitamura
  The Kitamura Family
  Toshisuke Iwamoto
  Matsuo Charlie Hirayasu
  Shutetsu Miyamoto
  Shizue Ogomori
  Yetsuo Higa
- 31 Haruo Nakano Kameyo Hayashi Usano Yamane Evelyn Chieko Fujita Katsumi Yano Nobu Namba Sachiko Taketa Michiyo Itagaki

#### **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.

Tomiko Morita Fujitani 87 Utako Furuya-Taniguchi 94

9:30am Morning Service Everyday

Note: Time may change due to

COVID-19 Schedule

# **July 2022**

Jodo Mission of Hawaii Phone: (808) 949-3995

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Jodo Shu Calendar for July 2022:</b> If you think of your loved ones already in the Pure Land as you chant Namu Amida Butsu, they are sure to hear you.	f <b>or July ?</b> as you char	<b>2022:</b> If you to the Namu Amide	think of your land	oved ones al- are sure to	I	7
3 10:00 Sunday Service	4	3	9	2	8	6
10:00 Sunday Service 11:-00 Board Meeting	II	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 O-Toba Set up &	81	61	20	21	22 10:00 Hatsu Bon	23 10-00 O-Ron Service
Temple Cleaning NO Sunday Service	July	18-21	O-Bon Private Services	vices	Service 6:00 O-Bon Service	
24 10:00am Final O-Bon Service / Then O-Toba Kuzushi & Clean Up	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10 am Sunday Service						

**EVENTS:** 

Aug 7 @ 10 am Sunday School Aug 14 Yagura Set Up Aug 16-17 @ 6:30-7:30 pm Bon Dance Practice

Aug 20 5 pm Bon Dance

Sept 11: Autumn O-Higan Service Sept 16-18 Laypersons & Fujinkai Convention

Virtual

NO MEETINGS OR CLASSES in July for Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle and Sunday School.

Bazaar Donations - Please call temple office (808) 1949-3995, if you have Bazaar donations. Thank you.

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). Gojikai or Membership Dues for 2023 is \$80. Thank you.