

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

In welcoming 2023, may I extend my sincerest Aloha and greetings to each and every one of you. At the same time, I would like to thank you very much for your generous and warm support to our temple.

Recently, the result of an annual statistical study on religion in Japan was released by the Agency for Cultural Affairs (ACA) or Bunka-cho in Japanese. ACA is a cultural department dedicated to preserving and promoting Japanese arts and cultures. ACA also governs religious organizations and conducts a survey on religion every year. The following chart is according to the latest survey which I quoted and translated from original charts

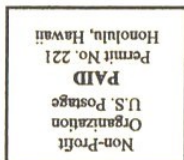


Japan	<i>Numbers of Shrines</i>	Numbers of temples	Numbers of churches	Total Number of religious adherents
Shinto	80,766	16	4,864	87,236,585
Buddhism	23	76,630	1,877	83,242,856
Christianity	0	4	7,130	1,967,584
Other religious beliefs	58	49	14,492	7,113,088
Total	80,847	76,699	28,363	179,560,113

(文化庁宗教統計調査2021年12月31日付, ACA Statistical Study on Religion 2021)

As of December 31, 2021, there were 87.2 million believers in Shinto while Buddhists were 83.2 million. Thus, if you add these numbers plus Christians and other religious believers in Japan, the total number became 179 million. As you may know, this number cannot be true because the total population of Japan last year was 125 million! Then why the numbers of religious adherents exceed the population? This survey indicates 30% of Japanese population belong to more than two faiths.

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One of the reasons why dual faiths are common in Japan was derived from the nature of the Japanese original religion which respects various elements of nature as Gods. They don't need to choose one God. They can rely on various gods at the same time. Therefore, when Buddhism was introduced to Japan around the 6th century, Japanese naturally accepted and respected Buddha together with various Gods. There were almost no conflicts among them until the separation of Shinto and Buddhism ordered by the Meiji Government in 1868. But this separation was not successful and promoted the co-existence of faiths together. As a result, many houses in Japan have both Shinto and Buddhist altars. In fact, my family temple which is a Jodo Shu temple has had a small Shinto altar. My family has been part of the Jodo Shu temple Ohana for over a century but at the same time we have been registered as a member of the local Shinto Shrine. This is only one of the examples Japanese people believing in two religions at once.

Interestingly, many Japanese naturally go to different faiths according to the customs and traditions. For instance, when the baby is born, they visit Shinto Shrines for blessing. Then at the time of getting married, many couples go to the Christian church for the wedding. Then when they die, they go to the Buddhist temple. This is the result of the general irreligiousness of young people, especially since these traditions and customs are not a part of everyday life.

I think this is something similar to the customs in Hawaii. We honor, respect and celebrate different faith-based traditions. Soon we are celebrating the Christmas tradition and only a week later, we follow Japanese style year-ending tradition to prepare for the new year and go to Buddhist temple to ring out the bell to dispel the evil. Then many people go to Shinto Shrines and temples to welcome the new year.

When I was a minister on Kauai, there were some friends who were not Buddhists and joined in our Jodo Shu membership in order to support our temple. They have their own churches to attend but kindly paid membership dues in addition to their donations. I was so touched and grateful for their generosity and open-mindedness because open-mindedness can be a source of world peace. I know Hula halau will not allow students to belong to two halau (classes) but please know our temple never mind our members to belong to another church. Rather, we encourage our friends to join in our membership so that we can be "Ohana" to work together for the betterment of the community. I feel it is wonderful and appreciative if you are a member of two different faiths.

We wish all our tenants or people who use our facilities to realize that it is difficult for us to survive without membership. In case we cannot survive, who can continue to use our facilities? I'm sure it would not be easy to find a new place for classes with plentiful parking here in Honolulu. As we need constant maintenance, we could raise more but we are asking minimum fee because we want to support various classes and tenants too.

As you may know, Jodo Mission is a non-profit organization whose goal is to promote the happiness and the welfare of the community. Our way is based on the Buddhist teachings but I know all the religions exist for everyone to be happy. Once again, an important part of our goal is to promote the happiness and the welfare of the community. If you can agree with our goal and efforts for our community, please consider to join in our membership. My sincere Mahalo to those who joined in our membership last year and your continued support will be greatly appreciated.

Our staffs and I will do our best to provide better service for our members. Please remember we are open everyday and we pray for your happiness every day. Please feel free to let us know if you need assistance.

May you always enjoy the blessing of Amida Buddha.

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

MESSAGE FROM JODO MISSION PRESIDENT

Akimashite Omedeto.

Happy New Year!!! The year of the Rabbit.

The current board members and officers of Jodo Mission of Hawaii wish all of you Good Prosperity, Long Life and Good Health in the coming 2023 year.



2022 was a rebuilding year for the church since having 2 1/2 years of covid.

At the start of 2022, we understood that Covid is here to stay like a bad flu. With the mask mandate in place, we decided to get back to norm by first presenting our first mini then full-on garage sale. We then introduced our first ever Koinobori celebration displayed on the front lawn area for everyone to enjoy. Members were offered to purchase these colorful koi fishes to celebrate their loved one by putting their name on the carp and displaying it. It was such a success that in 2023 we decided to continue the Koinobori event. For anyone who would like to participate look for the dates in our newsletter or on our website jodo.us.

Another change that we presented was our Sunday morning services. Bishop Ishikawa, Rev Takano and Rev. Tanabe introduced different styles to understand Buddhism. They made our Sunday service educational, fun and very informative for everyone to enjoy. For those of you who have not attended any of the services for quite a while I would recommend you come, bring a friend and young ones too enjoy the experience.

We also reintroduced our Obon services in our social hall for everyone to personally visit their loved ones. Our Bon dance on our front lawn was another success with members and the public to enjoy. Early on we sold out the majority of the food, not expecting such a large crowd. In 2023, we will again hold these Obon type of festivals.

In December, we reopened our Mochitsuki event. It was hard work for everyone, but it brought us together to talk and share things that we missed for most of the two years. We pounded 600 pounds of mochi and distributed to all who ordered. The success of this event was due to all the hard work of the Oshiro Family, Members, Friends, and Volunteers.

2023 will be no different, but to introduce other fun events that we can all enjoy together. They say that life is short, and it really is. We all need to come out, live life, and enjoy each other. We only have one life to live why not at a church? They teach all of us to be thankful for our loved ones who showed us the way or laid the foundation for us.

2023 will also bring financial challenges and much change was to the way we live our life. It will not be easy but to learn to accept changes the best we know how. Faith is no different from any other religion in the world. We all pray for the same reason to make our life worth living and be thankful for what we have, forgive those who brought harm to us. Let us thank our loved ones who passed before us for they showed us the path to walk on.

So let us pray Namu Amida Butsu ten times from your heart.

Our Board members, officers, ministers and volunteers dedicated themselves to make Jodo Mission your church to come to. Throughout the year there were many challenges and hard changes had to be made. As President, I need to thank each of them for their dedication to Jodo Mission.

Yours truly,

Daryl Masaki

2023 President

Jodo Mission of Hawaii

“Hybrid” GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii, you are welcome to attend the 2023 General Membership Meeting on **Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 10:45 a.m., following the Sunday Service** in the temple. It will be held as “hybrid” meaning you may come in person or you may attend via a link given on website **jodo.us**. Please join us and meet your Board of Directors.

At this General Membership meeting, you can vote for your Board of Directors, who will serve for the next two years. The following is a slate of officers and directors:

President:	Daryl Masaki
First VP:	Christine Inouye
Second VP:	Gail Okamura
Secretary:	Sally Hayashi
Assistant Secretary:	Jon Riki Karamatsu
Treasurer	Akiko Nishiyama
Assistant Treasurer:	Ian Kitajima
Director	Darin Miyashiro
Director	Lyvonne Loui

Ministers; Bishop Kosen Ishikawa, Rev. Myoko Takano, Rev. Takaaki Tanabe

If you have any concerns you want to address, please do so at this General Membership meeting. We welcome all members to attend. If you have ideas for 2023, please come to express your thoughts.

Zoom Meeting—Topic: General Membership Meeting

Time: January 29, 2023 @ 10:45 am Hawaii time

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86141050628?pwd=cWdEc2drOFNYc1c1cVVIa0IyU0NHQT09>

You may also join via telephone by calling the following number at the above date and time: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

QR code for 2023 General Membership Meeting on Sunday, January 29, 2023 at 10:45 am

Step 1: From your smartphone, open the camera (ensuring the rear-facing camera is selected.)

Step 2: Point your camera at the QR code. Center the box over the code to scan it.

Step 3: Tap on the URL popup banner at the top of the screen, and you'll be connected directly to the intended Zoom site.

Or you can manually input the following meeting ID and passcode

Meeting ID: 861 4105 0628

Passcode: jodo23



[NOTE: From time to time you hear the words “*hybrid*” meaning a virtual service and some people in person so many more people can participate without being exposed to other people.]

GYOKI-E CHUTOBA FORM 2023 (御忌会中塔婆申し込み用紙)

Deadline: January 13, 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. _____

**Hybrid Gyoki Service
January 22 at 10 a.m.
In-Person and Virtual**

Zoom link will be 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 checks payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii”. Membership dues (Gojikai)(\$80) and Niche maintenance donation may also be included with your payment. Thank you.

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

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

“Hybrid” 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 the 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 Gokashiwabara mandated Jodo Shu to call the anniversary of Honen Shonin’s death “Gyoki”. Since then, people called his annual memorial service “Gyoki”. This occasion implied that Honen Shonin was clearly accepted and revered by the Emperor and the people.

Our Gyoki-e service will be held on **January 22nd 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.



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

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60ドルから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
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Sunday & Holidays
10am–3pm

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Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) For January

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|---|--|---|--|
| 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 | The Kawano Family
Chiyo Tomai
The Tomai Family
Miyo Ueno
The Ueno Family | The Ohta Family
Marie Umeda Kekuewa |
| 2 Richard Hichiro Kawamoto
Betty Yoshie Morimoto | 10 Hiroko Yoza
The Yoza Family
Kami Higa
The Higa Family
Bishop Ninryo Nago (2)
The Nago & Kunimoto Family | 20 Shinazo Nishiguchi
The Nishiguchi Family
Noboru Ajimura
The Ajimura Family
Kiku Kimura
Yuriko Nishimoto
Nisuke Oyama | 28 Yoshie Sato
The Sato & Suzuki Family
Sae Higashimura
The Higashimura Family
Tome Yamanaka
The Yamanaka Family
Chizuko Saeki
Sadamu Iwamoto
Yooko Fujimoto |
| 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) | 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 |
| 4 Tamaru Muraoka | 12 Heiji Fukuda (2)
The Fukuda Family
Nagao Yamada
Shokichi Harada
Katherine Kayoko Uyehara | 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
Frederick Seikichi Kamimura |
| 5 Kiyo Fujikami
The Fujikami Family
Shizuyo Morisako
Jiro Nakamura
Randall Lereg
The Lereg Family
The Morinaga Family | 13 Bishop Jiko Kuya
Shima Morita (2)
Shizue Fujita
Kinmatsu Nakagawa
Maruo Sasuga | 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 |
| 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
Yaichi Nakao
The Nakao Family
Richard Megumi Fujie, Sr. | 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) | |
| 7 Jiro Oyabu
The Oyabu & Kondo Family
Kazuko Nomiyama
Tetsuko Miyamoto
Kama Takara
Ruth Shigeko Tarumoto (2)
Yurie Tanaka Buffins | 15 Tane Nagata (2)
The Nagata Family
Sukeichi Kameoka
The Kameoka Family
Tane Nagata
Mildred Misako Tanimura
Shizue Kimura | 25 Taka Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Saiichi Hyodo
Joseph Yoshihiko Fujihana
Sadako Oki
Teruko Mamiya (2)
The Sato Omura Family
Takeshi Tanaka
Kasuke Yamane | |
| 8 Matsujiro Otani (2)
The Otani Family (2)
The Yanagihara Family
Toshio Isobe
The Isobe 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 | 26 Take Arita
The Arita Family
Haruo Harry Nakamura
The Nakamura Family
Kimio Yagi
The Yagi Family
Sueyoshi Yanagihara
Yoshi Yamamoto
Chester Takeo Kaita | |
| 9 Taka Tomonari
The Tomonari Family
Asa Hayashi | 17 Hanayo Taniguchi
Kame Okamoto
Moto Kawasugi
Nobuo Hayashi
Amy Hideko Tanaka | 27 Seiichi Fujimoto
The Fujimoto Family
Takeshi Sato
Charles Shoichi Kimura
Hiroko Nakano
Yoshiro Ohta | |
| | 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 | | |

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.

Kaizo K. Furuya	79'
Edean Keiko Shiroma	83

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

January 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 New Year Day Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 10:00am 1st Sunday Service 11:00 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12	13 Deadline to Order Chutoba	14
15 10:00 Sunday Service	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 10am Hybrid Gyoki Service	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10:00 Sunday Service 10:45 "Hybrid General Membership Mtg	30	<u>Jodo Shu Calendar for January 2023:</u> Right now, take the first step toward achieving the goals you have set.				

COMING EVENTS:

Feb. 12, 2023 Nehan-e Family Service
 Feb 26, 2023 Fujinkai General Membership Meeting
 March 1, 2023 Deadline for O-Toba Orders

Sunday School to join Family Ser-
 vice Sunday 1/8/23 @ 10 am
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Fujinkai Meeting on 1/15/23
Time to be determined

NO Meetings or Classes
in January for YBA and
 Sewing Circle

Bazaar Donations will be accepted Kindly call temple office (808) 949-3995, if you have donations. Thank you..

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$80). If you did not pay for 2022 and would like to pay for 2022 and 2023, please do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). You may also include your niche maintenance donation. *Thank you.*