

Message from Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends,

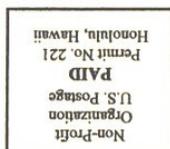


It's been over a month since the Maui wildfires raged over Lahaina, Kula, and their people on August 8. I was heartbroken to know that eleven members of the Lahaina Jodo Mission lost their houses in addition to the loss of Rev. Hara's house and temple buildings. I also recently met one of the relatives of our member who lost his house while he was traveling on the mainland. I was speechless and felt condolences to hear this loss from the 89-year-old man. Are your families or relatives in Maui okay? If not, please let us know. I would like to support not only Rev. Gensho Hara and the temple but also the relatives of our Jodo Mission members who were affected by the fires as they are "Ohana" of Jodo Mission.

No matter how small the donation may be, its value will be significant. I strongly feel rebuilding members' houses is as equally important as rebuilding the temple. Without members and ministers, the temple cannot fully serve its community. Therefore I'd like to continue to support Sensei, the temple, and its members in whatever I can do for them for now and for the future. I thank those who already sent relief funds or donations to the Lahaina Jodo Mission. I was also moved to see all the familiar names who contributed to GoFundMe. Thank you very much.

Since this devastation of Lahaina town, I've seen many articles and news videos of Rev. Gensho Hara. Though Sensei must have been very stressed and busy, he has done a great job of sharing the Buddha-Dharma with his sincere appreciation for the kindness and generosity he received. At our recent statewide Sunday Service after the Kyoku meeting, Rev. Hara delivered an inspiring Dharma talk and shared the touching stories of the Amida Buddha Statue and his family's cat called "snowflake" with us. Although this is such a challenging situation and hardship, I see this may be a great chance to share the Dharma because we don't need to go out to share the teachings but they come to listen to us.

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To my surprise, I also received interviews with a major Japanese newspaper editor and saw an article on myself as I happened to be President of the Hawaii Buddhist Council. After experiencing the interview, I was intrigued by the editor's question, "What would Honen Shonin teach if he had to face this harsh reality of the devastation?"

Until I encountered this question, I was thinking about how to support the temple materially including online fundraising but this question made me realize that my mission is to help people with Buddha's teachings and spread the teaching of Honen Shonin which is supposed to be the source of peace and happiness. As soon as I received this question, I immediately thought of the passage from the words of Master Honen. The title is "Tenjuu-kyoju (転重軽受)" which literally means "To convert heavy burden to accept lighter."

Honen Shonin said, "Illness is the result of unwholesome residual karma. As such, one cannot prevent illness through prayer to any Buddha or deity. If prayer could heal and prolong life, there would be no illness, there would be no death."

I think this statement by our founder is truly honest. National disaster is also like an illness that we cannot escape. Disasters are always happening somewhere in the world. We ministers always rely on the prayer as if prayer always works. But Honen Shonin clearly states this current situation whether good or bad was brought by the residual karma in the past. No matter how hard we pray, we cannot change this reality and cannot do anything. That's the reality. However, the only thing we can do to accept this current reality is with the teaching of "Tenjuu-Kyoju" or the teaching to make the heavy burden lighter.

Prayer cannot work as we wish to come true but because of the prayer, we can have peace of mind. Nenbutsu will lead us to be born in the Pure Land which is an extremely happy land after this world. With the faith and practice of Nenbutsu, we can make this heavy burden to accept lighter. Thanks to the Amida Buddha, the Nenbutsu can lessen the impact of the ailment through his great compassion.

Another good understanding of "Tenjuu-Kyoju" is to support Lahaina with many people. The super heavy burden stays heavy if one person tries to carry it by oneself. But even if the burden is heavy, by holding with more people, the burden can be lighter. In like manner, we can overcome this hardship by sharing sadness with many people.

Once again, I thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for your kindness and generosity. Let us work together to ease our Jodo Mission Ohana and friends' heavy burden through this wonderful teaching of "Tenjuu-Kyoju."

"Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



← QR Code for the YouTube Video
HCJM Statewide Sunday Service

Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions' Website →
www.hawaii-jodo.net



BAZAAR
Sunday, October 22, 2023
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Many Donations Received: We received many, many donations. Thank you for thinking of Jodo Mission of Hawaii with your many donations. A Bazaar is scheduled for **Sunday, October 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm in our Social Hall.** We need your help! It takes a lot of volunteers to have a Bazaar. Other than donating items, we can surely use more help. Please contact the temple office or fill out the form below to let us know if you are available to volunteer.



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Bazaar Preparation: Help is needed on **Saturday, October 15, 2023 at 9:00 am to bring out all the stored Bazaar items to the Social Hall.**

Please come to help take out all the stored items.

PLANTS—Is anyone interested in helping in the plant area?

Our plant person cannot make the Bazaar, and should plants be donated, we welcome your help.



Donations of plants, fruits and baked goods—Are greatly appreciated. **Please bring your plants, fruits and baked goods on Saturday, October 21st.**

Donation of baked goods should have ingredients listed as many people have all types of allergies. As much as possible, please do not bring your baked goods the morning of the bazaar as it is always hectic in the morning.



Sunday, October 22, Bazaar Day Please come and shop—you may find some wonder items!

Volunteers Needed for Jodo Mission Bazaar
Sunday, October 22—8:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please fill out form and either mail to Jodo Mission of Hawaii (1429 Makiki St, Honolulu, HI 96814) or email at jodobulletin@gmail.com. Any questions, please call Jodo Mission at (808) 949-3995. Thank you. See website jodo.us for a larger form.

Name: _____ Email address: _____
 Address: _____ Telephone: _____

When will you be able to help?

Sunday, 10/15 (9am to _____) Bazaar Prep Day
 Monday, 10/16 _____ Tuesday, 10/17 _____ Wed, 10/18 _____ Thurs, 10/19 _____
 Fri, 10/20 _____, Saturday, 10/21 _____ Sunday, 10/22 _____ Sunday, 10/22 after Bazaar _____

Type of help: Pricing of goods ___ Kitchen help ___ No kitchen help ___ Washing dishes ___
 Parking attendant ___ Plant sales ___ Organizing & sorting ___ Set up help ___ Runner ___
 Clean up help at end of Bazaar _____ *Thank you for your help!*

Lahaina Jodo Mission

On Sunday, September 17, there was a Statewide Sunday Service and Rev. Gensho Hara of Lahaina Jodo Mission was the guest speaker. He expressed his appreciation and sympathy and encouragement from all over the world regarding the wildfires of Maui and how his temple was burned.



Rev. Hara told the story that a couple days after the fire, he heard from a Nun who was staying at Lahaina Jodo Mission and she told him how she carried the Amida Buddha statue from the burning temple and she brought the statue in her car to Hara sensei wrapped in cloth. The Nun told him she could not let the Amida Sama burn in the fire. He showed a photo of the Amida Buddha statue wrapped in a gold cloth sitting in the car. How thrilled he must have felt that the Amida Sama was saved!



Another story he mentioned was a house key he found in his pocket and realized it was his house key for his home. But his home is gone and he wanted to throw the key away as it was of no use to him. But he kept it because the key had so many sentimental memories of all their family's time in the house so he could not throw away this useless house key. Some people can relate to this. You might hold on to something because of the memories it brings.

Another human interest story he shared was the family cat. A couple weeks later, a friend of theirs loved cats and thought he will look at the Humane Society website and see if he could find the Hara family cat. He thought he found the cat and asked the Hara family to look into this. Rev. Hara's daughter and granddaughter went to the Humane Society and found their family cat Snowflake. It was amazing and uplifting for the Hara family that this cat survived the wildfires! How it survived the wildfires no one will know but she is alive and well.



In Lahaina Jodo Mission's September Bulletin, they have a photo of the Great Buddha that also survived this very destructive fire. In times of tragedy and bad times, there are always some good things that happen and it is the good things we must remind ourselves that we can go forward and by saying Namu Amida Butsu, we will survive. The road ahead is long.

If you wish to donate to Lahaina Jodo Mission, you may kindly send your check payable to Lahaina Jodo Mission

and mail your donation to Jodo Mission of Hawaii (1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814) and we will forward to Lahaina Jodo Mission.

Grandparents and Keiro Kai Sunday

Sunday, September 10

On Sunday, September 10, we celebrated Autumn O-Higan service as well as Grandparents and Keiro Kai (those 80 years old and older). The Intermediate YBA congratulated all those Keiro members and grandparents who came to the temple on September 10th with a box of fancy dorayaki.

Since it was Autumn O-Higan service, the Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai ladies made ohagi and kinako mochi. Bishop Ishikawa made chiffon cake.



*Thank you so much!
Everyone was smiling as they went home.*



Matsuri T-Shirts

Available at Temple Office

At Jodo Mission of Hawaii Bon Dance on August 19, the Matsuri (or festival) T-Shirts were introduced. Black is the color with the Matsuri design and the Jodo Shu logo created by Mrs. Yayoi Ishikawa. Below the Matsuri design is Jodo Mission of Hawaii. They make good omiyage gifts. We have them in Women's T-Shirts, Women's Tank Tops, Men's T-Shirts, Men's Tank Tops. Most are in S, M, L, some XL and 2XL.



Please come to temple office if you wish to look at them.



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 come to visit the Nokotsudo/Columbarium (or sometimes known as Niche rooms) to honor their deceased ancestors.. Please 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
10am–5pm
Sunday & Holidays
10am–3pm

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for October

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|--|--|--|---|
| <p>1 Yuriko Hirono
Sunao Kurakake
Henry Kazuto Hayamoto
Miwa Irie Maeda
Melvin Futoshi Morimoto</p> | <p>Gunichi Wakazuru
Mamoru Furuya</p> <p>9 Shinzo Kawamoto
Thomas Kiyoshi Aoki</p> | <p>16 Ichijiro Aoki
The Aoki & Okubo Family
Iwakichi Matsumori
The Matsumori Family
Nobuichi Nobuji
Yoshio Tsuda
Dorothy Kazue Uyehara</p> | <p>The Yamamoto Family
Hatsuji Yamamoto
Edward Komao Harada
Masa Ikuta Yamada
Clinton Toshihiko Tanimura
Tsutomu Ohta Family</p> |
| <p>2 Takeo Taniguchi
The Taniguchi Family
Yasumoto Kawahara
The Kawahara Family
Shuichi Yamamura
Yoshimi Ohara
Tsukie Iwamoto
Akira Hashimoto
Katsuko Tsuji</p> | <p>10 Asa Isobe
The Isobe Family
Kiso Fujimoto
Takeo Ishida
Shizuko Hashimoto
Henry Yoshiichi Uyehara
Mildred Mitsue Yanagihara
Kikue Hirota
Yoshihiro Uehara
Katsutoshi Yano
Hatsuyo Teruya</p> | <p>17 Tome Nagata
Marsha Yoshioka
Susumu Yanagihara
Dr. Masaru Emoto
Koku Hokai Shuju</p> | <p>26 Kikuji Okada
Yaichi Maruich
Taro Taira
Kiyoko Aoki
Judy Ukiko Tanaka</p> |
| <p>3 Tome Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Masa Uyeda
Bishop Bino Mamiya (2)
Tanezo Fujimoto
Kanako Kimura</p> | <p>11 Shizuo Fujikami
The Fujikami Family
Shizuyo Kimura
The Kimura Family
Takeo Nakata
Ayako Nakamura
Yuriko Tarumoto</p> | <p>18 Takeichi Shintaku
Tokuichi Iwasaki
Marla Miki Horiuchi
Masaru Hashimoto
Tomoaki Ito
Sumi Akashi</p> | <p>27 Fumio Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Nobuo Amakawa
Mamoru Hayashi
Take Kimura
Toichi Toyofuku
Masa Furukawa</p> |
| <p>4 Tsune Matsumori
The Matsumori Family
Senichi Iwaki
The Iwaki Family
Robert Yanagihara
Jane Isako Yoshimoto
Tsune Oyama</p> | <p>12 Mitsuo Hisamura
The Aoki Family
Kameyo Kurakake</p> | <p>19 Harriet Hatsuko Umeda
Saito
Shizue Omura
Robert Yoshio Shimoda</p> | <p>28 Hideo Inouye</p> |
| <p>5 Toshiro Ashinaka
The Morita & Ashinaka
Family
Daughter of Mitsutoshi
Nakamura
Rinji Inouye
Hideo Imamoto
Katherine Hatsuko
Shibuya
Paul Shigeo Takeuchi
Edith M. Yamanaka</p> | <p>13 Ishimoto's Child
The Ishimoto & Akimoto
Family
Yoshiko Imaguchi
The Imaguchi Family
Seizo Hayashi
Masanobu Asai
Kazuyoshi Oyama
The Oyama Family</p> | <p>20 Masaichi Ishizaki
Mino Kamisato
Shuichi Yamamura
Iso Ikuta
Wayne Shoji Nakata
Haruyo Kotake</p> | <p>29 Takayuki Kameoka
The Kameoka Family
Take Hinotsume
Haruyo Hashimoto
Miwako Nakano
Melvin Shigenobu
Hashimoto</p> |
| <p>6 Masu Tanimura
The Tanimura Family
Kazuhiro Dean Kawabuchi
Sayoko Kimoto</p> | <p>14 Yukichi Sakuda
The Sakuda Family
Tsunejiro Imaguchi
The Imaguchi Family
Shotaro Uyeda
The Uyeda Family
Kokichi Okimura
The Okimura Family
Masato Kamisato
Tsune Nomiyama
Teruko Sumimoto
Shimo Hirouji
Edward Shoichi
Matsumoto
Harue Nakagawa</p> | <p>21 Aiko Okamoto
The Okamoto &
Nakamoto Family
Shizuyo Fukada
Bradley Yoshiaki Wada</p> | <p>30 Fuji Yamada
The Yamada Family
Sue Matsuo
The Matsuo Family
Chiyoko Ogata</p> |
| <p>7 Itsue Hirohama
The Hirohama & Kawasugi
Family
Wakamaru Masaki
Mamu Teraoka
Violet Umamoto Wada</p> | <p>15 Arata Nishimoto (2)
The Nishimoto Family
Richard Fukashi
Yamamoto
Kiku Yanagihara
Masumi Yano
Roy Nobuharu Mukaisu</p> | <p>22 Kei Sawamura
Kiyomi Fujimoto
Jerry Suyeichi Iwamoto
Fukae Ono</p> | <p>31 Rikizo Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Tora Okawa
The Shigeoka & Okawa
Family
Kuni Yamamoto
The Yamamoto Family
Yasuko Mitsuyasu</p> |
| <p>8 Junichi Nanba
The Nanba Family
Sato Morikawa
The Morikawa Family
Yonesuke Yonemoto
The Yonemoto Family
Setsuko Tanaka
The Tanaka Family
Nobue Noyama</p> | <p>23 Shigezaburo Kanayama
The Kanayama Family
Noboru Kuriyama
The Kuriyama Family
Kousai Nakamura
Shozaemon Yoshida
Kiyoto Horiuchi
Eleanor Masayo Sato</p> | <p>24 Yoshiichi Yamada
The Yamada Family
Kitaro Yamato
The Yamato Family
Miru Umamoto
Hajime Toyomura
Masami Nakahara</p> | <p>25 Mamoru Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Asataro Yamamoto</p> |

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.

Jane Terumi Niitsuma	96
Jessie Sachiko Hashimoto	93
Lawrence Nobuo Takenishi	78
Kay Keiko Yoshitake	76

October 2023

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

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i>	8:30 Fujinkai Meeting 10:00 Sunday Service	2	3	4	5	6	7 8am-12 noon Sewing Circle
<i>8</i>	10:00 Sunday Service	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>15</i>	NO SUNDAY SERVICE 9:00 Bazaar Prep Day 11:00 Board Meeting	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>22</i>	8 am to 1 pm BAZAAR NO SUNDAY SERVICE	23	24	25	26	27	28
<i>29</i>	10:00 Sunday Service	30	31	Jodo Shu Calendar for October 2023: Constantly chant the name of the Amida Buddha to attain birth in the Pure Land			

Bazaar Preparation All Week Long in Social Hall = Please call Temple office if you are able to help *Thank you*

COMING EVENTS:

- Oct 5 to 13—Japan Pilgrimage Trip to Kyoto
- Oct 15 9:00 am—Bazaar Preparation Day— YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
- Oct 22 8:00 am—1:00 pm Jodo Mission Bazaar in Social Hall
- Nov 13 10:00 a.m. O-Juya Service
- Dec 3 HBC Bodhi Day Service (Jodo-e)
- Dec 10 at 9:00 am General Cleaning for New Year—HELP NEEDED!
- Dec. 17 Mochitsuki Day

Fujinkai Mtg

Sun, 10/1 @
8:30 am

Sewing Circle

Sat 10/7—8 am—12 noon

NO Meetings in October for

Sr. YBA and Sunday School

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

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues (\$80) 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). *Thank you.*