



Lahaina Jodo Mission Bulletin

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BUTSUMYO-E SERVICE

Butsumyo (佛名) means “Buddha’s sacred name” and *e* (会) means “service. This traditional service, *Butsumyo-e* is a *Nenbutsu* recitation rite. For this service, we will be using a large rosary and passing its beads while we recite Amida Buddha’s sacred Name—*Namu Amida Butsu*—together. As we reflect on our life’s journey, let realize the countless blessings we receive daily and feel deep gratitude that we are living now.

Date: **Sunday, November 20, 2022**

Time: **9:30 a.m.**

MC: Ed Sera

Message: Rev. Gensho Hara

Come and recite *Namu Amida Butsu* together!

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Our Kyodan board meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 20 from 11:00 a.m.** at the pavilion, following our Butsumyo-e service. The agenda will include reports by secretary, treasurer, minister, and year-end schedule setup.

WORLDWIDE NENBUTSU CHANTING

The Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions will host the 9th Worldwide Nenbutsu Chanting Session via Zoom on **Saturday, November 12, 11:00 a.m.** Those who would like to participate should arrive by 10:45 a.m. Please make every effort to attend!



The 9th Zoom Nenbutsu Chanting Namu-Amida-Butsu Internationally (C.N.I.)

November 12, 2022 @11:00 am
at Jodo Mission of Hawaii, Hawaii

Japan Time:	November 12 6:00 am
Brazil Time:	November 12 6:00 pm
Australia:	November 13 7:00 am
France:	November 12 11:00 pm
Nepal:	November 13 2:45 pm
India:	November 13 2:30 pm
Saudi:	November 13 5:00 am

Hosted by
Hawaii Council of Jodo Missions

Zoom Meeting ID: 781 552 5934
Passcode: jodo
Contact: shinsei@canchiin.net

COMMUNITY WORK DAY

October’s Community Work Day will take place on **Sunday, November 13, from 8:30 a.m.** Please come kokua!

FREE MOVIE NIGHT

Movie Night, sponsored by the Lahaina Town Action Committee, will be held at our Temple Courtyard on **Friday, November 11 from 7:00 p.m.** Doors open from 6:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on!

HISTORY THEATRE

The Lahaina Restoration Foundation and Lahaina Jodo Mission will host the Hawaiian Mission Houses’ special edition of History Theatre, *A Century Apart – Together Again, An Evening with Wilhelmine Dowsett, Rev. William Ellis, and John Papa ‘i‘i* on **Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19 from 6:30 p.m.** (on both nights) at the Lahaina Jodo Mission park and courtyard. Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available at lahainarestitution.org/history-theatre.

NOVEMBER LJM FARMER’S MARKET

Our Farmer’s Market will take place on **Thursday, Nov. 10** and **Tuesday, Nov. 22, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Our Mahalo goes to Lanny Daise for cleaning the park on market days, Ed Sera for making chow fun to sell for our temple, and Kevin Lum for helping us with social media and food sales.

Machiko Nagao, assisted by Naomi Ura, offers beautiful handmade happi coats, aprons, and her hemming & alteration services. Masako performs music with other local musicians. Our Mahalo nui to all our helpers, vendors, and shoppers!

PUUNENE NICHIREN MISSION CENTENNIAL

Congratulations to Puunene Nichiren Mission on their Centennial! Rev. Hara will attend their celebration on November 5 with other Maui Buddhist Council members.

Impressions of Motoko Honda's
"A Night Under the Stars" Concert
by Vashti Daise

On the evening of October 6th, set on our beautiful temple grounds, the international musician/composer, Motoko Honda performed a free concert for the Maui community. Motoko had been doing an artist residency in October at the temple and used the time to compose a unique and magical set of musical numbers for her performance.

Motoko's lovely and humble personality, and her gifted and exceptional way of interpreting her environment gave her audience a true gift. She took her feelings and sensations as she experienced West Maui's natural views, sounds, and culture and translated them into music, which was at times a combination of abstract and melodic passages. Her pieces were inspired by lava, the island of Lanai, the ocean, coral, the sense of community and yet another was a deconstructed and masterfully recreated our temple's Bon Dance song, *Daibutsu Ondo*.

The nearly full moon shone brightly down on the Pagoda which composed her backdrop, and the weather delighted all of the spectators who sat mesmerized by the creations she shared. People smiled, laughed and cheered and I believe all of us were enriched by this lovely experience.

My Sweet Memories of Lahaina Jodo Mission
by Peter Benjamin Kehoe

In January 2008, my wife Frida Benjamin and I were married in San Jose, California and went to Hawaii for our honeymoon that same month. During our investigations online of Maui and the neighboring islands, we had learned that there was a Buddhist temple on Maui and we had determined to pay a visit to see what it was like and to enjoy it because we thought it must be beautiful. We were super surprised by how magnificent and beautiful it looked setting up against the beach and with the palm trees swaying. The temple itself is beautiful and full of wondrous art and exquisite things to look at; the altar is divinely inspired and just beautiful; while on the grounds there are other tempting treats for the eyes and heart, such as the giant sized bust or head of Buddha, so large it is

reputed to be the second largest in the world outside of Japan. It is an amazing centerpiece for the most lovely, wonderful temple. All in all, a feast for the eyes everywhere we looked, and to top all of that, Rev. Hara was wonderful and kind, and his wife was lovely, gracious.

They were very accommodating and were very receptive to our idea of possibly being married on the beach at sunset. We were so thrilled when Rev. Hara agreed to officiate our wedding.

We have had the opportunity to return to Maui three more times in the intervening 15 years and each time we find that we must go and visit the temple and the Hara family to express our enduring, eternal gratitude for the grace and generosity and love shown to us from this beautiful family. Each time we meet there is a good feeling as if we have received again the magical gift of love and connection that inspires our relationship with each other anew.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Nov. 5 – Puunene Nichiren Mission Centennial

Nov. 5 – Park use for wedding party

Nov. 7 – Maui Buddhist Council Meeting

Nov. 10 (Thurs.) – LJM Farmers' Market, 4-7 p.m.

Nov. 11 (Fri.) – 2nd Friday Movie Night

Nov. 12 (Sat.) – Worldwide Nenbutsu Session, 11a

Nov. 13 (Sun.) – Community Work Day, 8:30 a.m.

Nov. 13 (Sun.) – Bachata Dance, 4:00 p.m.

Nov. 18&19 – Hawaiian Mission Houses

Historical Theatre, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Nov. 20 (Sun.) – Butsumyo-e Service, 9:30 a.m.

Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

Nov. 21 (Mon.) – HMSA Senior Info Session, 9a

Nov. 29 – Park use, Down the Hatch

Dec. 3 – Beach and Ala Moana St. area cleanup

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES & ACTIVITIES

- Tues. (8:30a) Taichi with Juliet
- Mon/Wed/Fri. (7:30 am) Yoga with Ray
- Thurs. Kyudo (Japanese archery) practice
- Thurs. 12p, Rotary Club meeting