

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP KOSEN ISHIKAWA

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission

Can you picture a future? Of course, the future cannot be set and it's always flexible yet hard to change what's likely to happen. It's almost impossible to predict the future. However, I'm very excited that one of our future projects I pictured in my mind is now about to come true. I'd like to thank our President Daryl Masaki and board members for their approval and support to start this new project here.



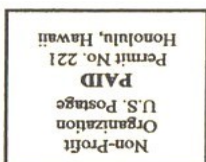
The event name is “**Jodo Mission Koinobori Celebration**” to celebrate all lives and I saw a kind of déjà vu with hundreds of Koinobori flying on our front yard of the temple. That's not all. In my mind, I clearly saw more images of many young people coming into the temple. I imagined they looked all happy and pleasant watching over many Koi.

As you know, Koinobori is a Japanese word to mean “Carp Streamer.” It is a carp-shaped windsock. Traditionally, Koinobori is flown or displayed to celebrate Boy's Day on May 5th, now known as “Children's Day” which is a national holiday in Japan. I'm sure some of you have already displayed koinobori at your place but what if you can see hundreds of Koinobori all at one place here at Jodo Mission?

Koi or carp is a spirited fish which represents strength and energy which could overcome difficulties to attain higher goals. Moreover, the colorful Koi, known as “Nishiki-goï” is said to be a living jewel. It is our hope that Jodo Mission can be a wonderful landmark in the community which gives strength, peace, and hope to all the people.

Several years ago when I saw hundreds of Koinobori at Kapaia Valley on Kauai for my first time, I felt so pleasant and encouraged just by watching them flying in the valley. At the same time, I started to wish to do it in the future.

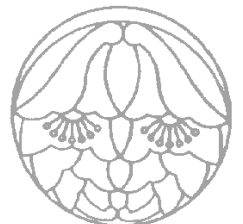
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[Cont'd Bishop's Message]

Jodo Mission of Hawaii would like to ask your sponsorship to display “Koinobori” here at the temple. The more koinobori you sponsor, the more spectacular it will be to attract much more people. At the same time, this could be a good help for our financial situation. The sponsorship of Koinobori sounds like “O-Toba” in a different season but you can dedicate it for the living and the dead with your message. **The smaller size of Koinobori is \$10 and bigger size of Koinobori is \$20.** All the sponsors names with messages will be listed at the Hondo and I will read all the messages. **There is no deadline but Koinobori will be displayed only from April 30 until the middle of May.**

Please help us to display Koinobori to celebrate life. I truly wish you good health like the spirited Koi and thank you very much for your support.

Namu Amida Butsu with Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Jodo Mission Koinobori Celebration Sponsorship

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Message : e.g. In honor of / In celebration of / In memory of _____



Size: Small Koinobori (10– 15 inch) \$10 x _____ (Quantity)= _____

Bigger Koinobori (over 20 inch) \$20 x _____ (Quantity)= _____

(Color of Koinobori is random) Grand Total _____

Please make checks payable to “Jodo Mission of Hawaii” and mail to 1429 Makiki St, Hon, HI 96814.

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Hawaii
Buddhist
Council

2022
Buddha Day Service
“Hanamatsuri”
& Memorial Service
for the Victims of COVID-19

DATE

Sunday, April 3, 2022
09:30 AM
(HST)

SPEAKER

Dr. Glenda Nogami Streufert
Former Manager,
Kauai Civil Defense Agency



- Theme -

“Adapting & Responding to uncertain situations – Interaction with others”

Dr. Glenda Nogami Streufert grew up on the Island of Lanai before moving to the Midwest, to Germany and later to Washington DC, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. She has worked in both academic and governmental positions in Germany and the U.S. Since retiring to Kauai, she has managed the Kauai Civil Defense Agency (now Kauai Emergency Management Agency) and served on the County Planning Commission & on Board of Hawaii Health Services Corporation. She holds a Ph.D. from Purdue University.

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Meeting ID: [881.7684.8159](#)
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Rev. Tanabe's Message

“The Black Amida” to bring victory and to ward off evils.

I worked at Zojoji-temple when I lived in Japan. I was assigned to Ankokuden-hall where the Black image of Amida Buddha is enshrined. Black Amida literally means the color is dark whereas Amida Buddha is clear gold at Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Why do you think the body turned black? The answer is as many years have passed, the body color turned a dark color.

I would like to talk about the history of this Black Amida around 16th century. At that time, Shogun (general) *Ieyasu Tokugawa* (1543-1616) went to a series of wars with this Black Amida. Shogun Ieyasu prayed to the Black Amida and won his battles. As a result, he thanked the Black Amida for his wins. Then Shogun Ieyasu began to build Tokyo.



▲ *Ieyasu Tokugawa (1543-1616)*

Tokyo in the 1600 was a wasteland in Japan. The most serious problem was the drinking water. People could not grow things and the land was not good for farmers so the people suffered from hunger in Japan. Shogun Ieyasu prayed to the Black Amida again. As a result, Tokyo slowly developed.

The Black Amida has been through a lot from war to development in Tokyo until today. It is said the Black Amida turned a dark color because the Black Amida was exposed to smoke from the incense stick for a long time and also absorbed evil spirits and negative vibes. Nowadays, because of this history, it is usually said the Black Amida hears prayers. Please visit Zojoji-temple after the pandemic is over.

We have been praying for two years to the Black Amida to end this pandemic. I believe it is working. So let us pray to end the WAR.



▲ *Replica of the Black Amida in Zojoji Temple. The genuine image is kept hidden from the view and shown on the public only for the special occasions.*

私が東京の増上寺というお寺にいたときのことで。その一つの安国殿に祀られている仏さまが「黒本尊」、字の如く体の黒い仏さまです。ハワイ浄土宗別院の仏さまはピカピカの金色なのに、どうして黒本尊は黒いと思いますか？それは長い間、線香の煙を浴び、人々の悪い気を吸い取り続けたからです。

その歴史を話しましょう。実は黒本尊は、かの戦国武将・徳川家康公の念持仏でした。家康公は戦があると戦場へ欠かさず持っていったそうです。家康公は線香の煙を上げ続け、黒本尊に自国の勝利を祈り続けた結果、徳川家康の軍が勝利を収めることができました。やがて戦国時代が終わりを迎え、次は江戸のまちづくりに取り組みます。

しかし困ったことに、当時の江戸は荒れ果てた土地で、特に水問題は深刻でした。もちろん土地が荒れているので食べ物もありません。人々は飢饉に苦しみ、それを見るに見かねた家康公は、人々が食料にありつけるように、江戸が発展しますようにと、再び線香を上げて祈る毎日だったそうです。

そんな戦争からまちづくりまで、激動の歴史を見てきた黒本尊。長い間線香の煙を浴び続け、人々の悪い気を吸い取ったことで体が黒く染まり「黒本尊」となりました。今ではその経緯から、願いごとを聞いてくれる仏さまと言われています。実は写真の仏さまは御前立ちで、本尊は扉の向こうに秘仏として祀られています。毎年1,5,9月15日の御開帳です。コロナが落ち着いたら、ぜひ増上寺安国殿へお参りください。

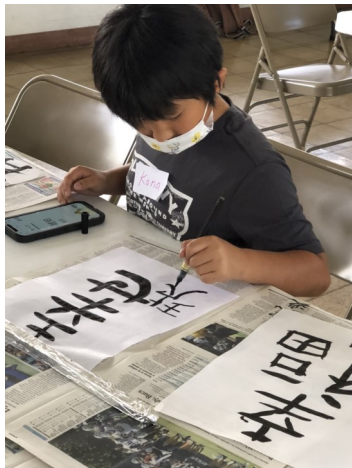
そして今日も増上寺の僧侶は、黒本尊に人々の願いを届ける日々を送っています。コロナと、戦争の終結を祈りながら。

Sunday School

On Sunday, February 27, 2022, Rev. Myoko Takano was finally able to have a Sunday School Service at Jodo Mission of Hawaii. During the pandemic, Sunday School could not meet. However, on February 27th, they did finally gathered together with students from the taiko class and other friends. Close to 40 children and parents were present.

Subject was **Hina Matsuri**. Little girls took photo in front of Mrs. Ishikawa's family hina matsuiri dolls. It is not often that we in Hawaii can experience a fine collection of hina dolls. As part of the Sunday School service, Bishop Ishikawa blessed each person who attended the Sunday School Service.

After Sunday Service, everyone went to the Social Hall to make **Kakizome** or first calligraphy of the year. Usually in Japan Kakizome happens on January 2nd. Students were so eager to write their resolutions for the year. It is hoped that children will follow through their resolutions during the year.



Students concentrate on their kakizome



Those who did not join Kakizome, worked on hina matsuiri origami making.



Beautiful Kakizome are displayed in front of Jodo Mission office. Please come & see.

Japanese Version of Jodo Mission Bulletin is now available!

Please call us at (808)949-3995. It's free but donation will be appreciated.

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE (5)

By The Late Bishop Yubun Narashiba

Japanese Buddhism in Hawaii has a very unique cultural background. In Japan, Buddhist customs differ from village to village, town to town, prefecture to prefecture. This is because Buddhism has been localized to fit to the custom in each area. Since Japanese immigrants came to Hawaii from the various regions of Japan, ceremonial customs are different according to the area where the family came from. However, as time passes, those customs are becoming unclear and more confusing for the younger generations. Because of this confusion, younger generations seem to be going away from Buddhism by saying that Buddhism is hard to understand. Therefore, in this article, I would like to explain the standard procedure of doing a service. First, let me show you the two common procedures of having funerals among the members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii.



1. When Someone Passed Away

Death
↓
Medical examination
↓
Call for a minister
↓
Makuragyo (Bedside service)
↓
Call for a mortuary
↓
Body pick-up
↓
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
↓
Viewing service
↓
Cremation
↓
FUNERAL with the first 7th day service
↓
49th day service
Burial service
↓
Hatsubon (1st O-Bon) service
↓
1 year memorial service

2. When Someone Is Very Close To Death

Call for a minister
↓
Rinju Gyogi (Last rites)
↓
Death
↓
Medical examination
↓
Call for a mortuary
↓
Body pick-up
↓
Meeting with the funeral director at the mortuary
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Viewing service
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Cremation
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Note: Above two service procedures are purely for informational purpose. We shall honor your family customs and decisions to arrange a funeral service.

**Editor's note: This article is a reprint from our August 2011 issue. Because this article contains information you will need to know some day, we will continue to reprint it from time to time as space permits.



Photo of Bishop, Priscilla and Rev. Tanabe. Missing was Rev. Takano who was on Kauai this month.

Priscilla Lagman Retiring—After 40 years of service to Jodo Mission of Hawaii as our janitress and maintenance person, Priscilla is retiring at the end of March 2022. Many ministers and their families have come and gone during her time here at Jodo Mission. On Sunday, March 13, at our Sunday Service, Priscilla was honored and her family came and saw inside the temple for the first time.

On our bigger events, i.e. obon, bon dance, bazaar, Priscilla is the behind the scene person who comes in the late evening or early morning to clean or help get ready for the next day.

THANK YOU PRISCILLA for your service and best wishes to whatever lies ahead. All her family members received a Jodo Mission bon dance towel, so we'll see you and your family at the next bon dance! ALOHA!



What is “Perpetual Memorial Service?” (Eitaikyo)

This record of a perpetual memorial service is called *Eitaikyo* in Japanese. When the date of death occurs for a person listed on this record, the ministers pray for that individual during the morning service. The prayers will continue each year for as long as Jodo Mission exists.

Anyone can be included in it. You may put your own name on the list, too. This also helps when it is difficult to have memorial services. We also welcome you to attend the morning service at **9:30am**. (Note time change due to Covid-19, please call temple if you plan to attend.)

How to apply

Stop by the office, and fill out the application form. Each name costs \$200. After the application is accepted, the name will be listed on the record.

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

| | |
|------------------------|------|
| 1 st year | 2021 |
| 3 rd year | 2020 |
| 7 th year | 2016 |
| 13 th year | 2010 |
| 17 th year | 2006 |
| 23 rd year | 2000 |
| 25 th year | 1998 |
| 27 th year | 1996 |
| 33 rd year | 1990 |
| 37 th year | 1986 |
| 43 rd year | 1980 |
| 47 th year | 1976 |
| 50 th year | 1973 |
| 100 th year | 1923 |

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REMINDERS

Gojikai or Membership—\$60.00 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 **\$60.00**

AND

Maintenance donation \$5.00 per year per niche

お知らせ

1年間における護持会費、又はメンバーシップは60ドルになります。同世帯の家族(世帯が別の場合は個々にメンバーシップが必要です。

納骨堂を所有の方は別途、5ドルの年間管理費をお納めください



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister



Rev. Takaaki Kouken
Tanabe
Resident Minister

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[New Covid Hours]

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EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for April

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| <p>1 Yasuemon Kajioaka The Kajioaka & Morita Family Yae Ogata Mistuko Arakawa Bessie Shimoyo Karamatsu Seiichi Kimura George Kaname Sakuda Carl Kaoru Saito Masaye Oyama The Kagimoto Family</p> | <p>Alan Sukeharu Masaki</p> <p>11 Tsunekichi Matsuno The Matsuno Family Sadako Yokoyama The Yokoyama & Morita Family Teru Sakuda The Sakuda Family Sada Harada The Kohatsu Family Yoshiko Hara Orin Fumio Hakoda</p> | <p>The Ueda Family Maka Tamanaha The Tamanaha Family Matsutaro Shimizu Isamu Yoshioka Thomas Rai Ellen Shizuka Yanagisawa Myles Mitsuo Hirota</p> <p>20 Hiroshi Ohta Mantsu Takara Shozaemon Matsumoto Mildred Yukiko Toshikiyo Ito Elaine Michie Miyakawa</p> <p>21 Naomi Takara Genichi Tamura Kikue Kakimoto Masami Yano</p> <p>22 Kyoichi Koyama The Koyama Family Chieko Miyakawa Hiroshi Nakai The Nakai Family Kazu Saiki Kyoichi Koyama Francis Sadamu Furutani, Jr.</p> <p>23 Bishop Sensho Fukuda Moushi Uyehara Harriet Eiko Gushikuma Shigeichi Aoki Tom Shigeo Muranaka Richard Tadataka Nomiya</p> <p>24 Setsuyo Misawa (2) The Misawa & Watanabe Family The Misawa Family Yoshio Kunimoto Setsuko Kondo</p> <p>25 Michizo Imaguchi (2) The Imaguchi Family Tsunegoro Iwamoto Yasuko Ueda Soichi Sakai</p> <p>26 Kikujiro Yokoyama The Yokoyama & Morita Family Makoto Takahashi Masato Ishida Tokue Uehara Noble Noboru Karimoto</p> <p>27 Misae Umemoto The Umemoto, Ida & Matsushima Family Shizue Nose Robert Kazuo Murakami Haruko Teruya</p> <p>28 Rokusuke Yanagihara The Yanagihara Family Iwakichi Matsuda The Toichi Funamoto Family Misao Yamane</p> |
| <p>2 Ryoaku Maeda The Maeda Family Shuzaburo Kunihiro The Kunihiro Family Masao Kamihara James Isamu Tomita The Hoichi Nishimura Family Clarence H.ajime Shimotsukasa</p> <p>3 Kinjuro Ajimura The Ajimura Family Katsuichi Takeda The Takeda Family Takeo Kuniyuki Katsusaburo Yamamoto Kikue Kubota</p> <p>4 Masayo Kusunoki The Kusunoki Family Shinichi Amakawa The Amakawa Family Hitomi Miyaura</p> <p>5 Tsune Isobe The Isobe Family Mamoru Najita Isematsu Takenaka Brian Kazumitsu Kaya Kikuyo Kunimura</p> <p>7 Yasu Hirohama The Hirohama & Kawasugi Family Kikujiro Uchiimi Faye Naomi Johnson Yumi Yokoyama Isaburo Terada Toru Yamane</p> <p>8 Tadaichi Aoki The Aoki Family Kojiro Okamoto The Okamoto & Nakamoto Family Shigekichi Yoshizaki The Yoshizaki Family Naotaka Hayashi Misue Imamoto Ronald Yoshio Takara Masamitsu Nakano</p> <p>9 Shizuko Hironaka The Hironaka & Ishimoto Family Fumie Iwasaki Tokio Nishikawa</p> <p>10 Tomi Arakawa Matsuji Yamamoto</p> | <p>12 Naka Nakamura Toshiko Umemoto Chiyono Toyomura Beatrice Akiko Buna</p> <p>13 Yasuko Daitoku The Daitoku & Fujimoto Family Kayo Doi Tsuyo Uchiimi Zentoku Uyehara Yasu Iguchi Herbert Masashi Yamane Mattie W. Murphy Yachie Kinoshita</p> <p>14 Heiji Yasumoto The Yasumoto Family Yoshi Okamura (2) Kiyoto Kawaoka</p> <p>15 Toso Kamisato The Kamisato Family The Aoki Family Mikayo Higashimura Toshiro Kawabe The Kawabe Family Masakane Himuro Kenji Hayashi Toshiko Sumida Nishimoto William Hatsuichi Kishimoto Loretta Masayo Fujikami</p> <p>16 Bunsuke Isobe The Isobe Family Ryu Tsurusaki The Tsurusaki & Inada Family Masatoshi Umemoto Patsy Hisako Himuro Mitsuyoshi Gushikuma</p> <p>17 Kenichi Namba The Namba Family Tsuneji Imaguchi Betty Hisako Goto</p> <p>18 Toyokichi Iguchi The Iguchi & Sasaki Family Eki Mineishi The Mineishi Family Yojiro Watanabe</p> <p>19 Jun Kunihiro The Kunihiro Family Motoo Ueda</p> | <p>Masa Okamoto Miyao Ume Kawamura Stanley Y. Ogomori Tsuyuko Kaneda Fumiye Teruya Marian Tsuyuko Yamamoto</p> <p>29 Mitsuyo Kamioka The Kamioka & Hanaoka Family Tatsuyo Ohara (2) The Ohara Family Tsuchi Kajioaka Heijiro Asai Tsune Uesugi Yukiji Kamioka Manzuchi Higashi Kazuto Hamada Hatsumi Nakamura Yoshiyo Yanagihara Tatsuyo Ohara Mitsuyo Kanai Yoshida Mitoshi Tanaka (2) Tetsuo Oyama</p> <p>30 Tsuru Matsuno The Matsuno Family Esa Yamane The Yamane & Harada Family Kume Nakamoto The Nakamoto & Sakagawa Family Shigetaka Imada Miyoko Shindo</p> |

Obituaries

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.

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|-------------------------|----|
| Goro Kinoshita | 97 |
| George Morito Kitashiro | 77 |
| Frances Yoshiko Tatei | 89 |

9:30am Morning Service Everyday

Note: Time may change due to
Covid-19 Schedule

April 2022

Jodo Mission of Hawaii

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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Jodo Shu Calendar for April 2022: <i>When things go well, don't halt but take another step forward.</i> | | | | | | |
| 3 9:30 HBC Buddha Day Service - ONLINE via Zoom | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 10:00 Sunday Service 11:00 Board Meeting | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 10:00 Sunday Service | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 10:00 Sunday Service | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

COMING EVENTS:

May 1-15 Koinobori Display on Jodo Mission lawn
May 27 Small flowers & greens needed for Lei Making ??
May 28: Lei Making Project on for Punchbowl graves ??
June 3-5 State YBA Convention in Hilo CANCELLED
July 15, 16, 17: O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission ??
August 19-20 Jodo Mission Bon Dance

No Meetings or Classes for April for

Fujiinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle & Sunday School

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Sunday School / Youth Retreat on April 17

Bazaar Donations are not being accepted temporarily
Thank you for your understanding.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: Please pay your membership dues (\$60) for this year and if you did not pay for 2021, we would appreciate you doing so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*