

# NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Last September, Rev. Gensho Hara of Lahaina Jodo Mission sent me the photo of calligraphy written by Rev. Taijo Matsuo who was our first Jodo Shu minister in 1894. The unique calligraphy was written as "Namu Amida Butsu" and its font style is known as "Riken Myogo" which literally means "Beneficial Sword of the Holy Name." The edges of these characters are like the sharp sword so that we could wish to cut the badly karma and desires.



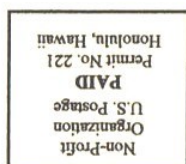
According to Rev. Hara, this original printing block was discovered at Hakushinji Temple in Iida city, Nagano Prefecture amid of coronavirus pandemic and Rev. Matsuo was from this temple. Thanks to Rev. Hara who is related to the Hakushinji Temple, I was able to introduce the meaning of beneficial sword of the Holy Name during the 1<sup>st</sup> International Zoom Nenbutsu Practice held in November 20, 2020.

This was actually meaningful discovery since this kind of sword style Holy Name have been written by various priests in the history, especially for the prayers for ending the epidemics in Japan. It is said that Chionji Temple in Kyoto, which is one of Jodo Shu head temples observed one million times of Nenbutsu chanting for the prayers toward ending the natural disasters and epidemics in 1331. Then they received the sword style Holy Name written by Kukai or Kobodaishi from the Emperor Godaigo. Since then Chionji temple became known as a temple of many times Nenbutsu chanting and the Riken Myogo.



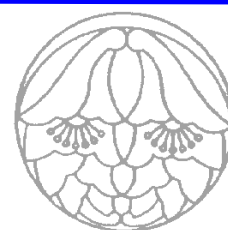
The background of this "Riken Myogo" is originated in the

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verse called "Gouma-ge" "the verse to defeat evil" composed by Master Shan-tao (613-681).

"Although eighty four thousand Buddhist gates are not the same, all teachings are to extinguish ignorance and to cut off badly karma. Beneficial Sword is indeed Holy Name of Amida Buddha. Just a single utterance of Namu Amida Butsu will remove all sins." - Master Shan-tao

What a grateful blessing, just one time Namu Amida Butsu will bring us great peace in this moment and in the future.

**As we welcome a brand-new year, may the Holy Name of Amida Buddha always be with you and your family. At the same time, I'd like to pause a moment to thank every one of you for your kind support during this difficult time. Please stay safe and Happy New Year.**

Gassho,

Kosen Ishikawa

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## Message by Rev. Myoko Takano

Dear Jodo Shu Members,

Thank you very much for your cooperation this year. I am very grateful to you for your wonderful support in Jodo Mission. I wish the new year will be the happiest and best for you.



Looking back on this past year, 2020, everything had changed since Covid-19 spread out all over the world. At Jodo Mission, especially the way memorial services are held had changed.

During Covid-19, Jodo Mission started to officiate the memorial services in virtual, either zoom or skype. We positively tried our best to find a way of helping our members.

Hope you had a Merry Christmas. The New Year will be starting again. I sincerely pray that the New Year will be filled with peace, good health and happiness.

Furthermore, with Amida Buddha's compassion and love, I hope we will soon get back to normal life in early 2021. **With Amida Buddha's love, may we all have a Happy New Year!! Namu Amida Butsu.**

In Gassho,

Rev. Takano



2021 is year of cow

# Jodo Mission of Hawaii President's 2021 New Year Message

Dear Friends,



**Thank you for your support!** After serving as President of Jodo Mission of Hawaii for 10 years, I will be stepping down. I will continue to serve on the board of directors, so I will still be involved. 2020 was a challenging year, so in this message, I share with you some motivational energy to take positive actions in your life!

During times of change, you can make pivots in your life for your personal growth. 2020 was filled with disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic, tumultuous political climate, racial tension, and economic instability. Yet, through all of these challenges, you will find a number of wins you have achieved to better yourself and your situation, and many more that you can do. **The following are three fun actionable goals that you can continue or start if you haven't done so.**

**Technology** allows us to communicate with our loved ones and do our work. It has also given us the opportunity to produce and share our unique content with others even when we have to seclude ourselves physically due to the pandemic. Continue to make your technology an extension of you to spread love and compassion!

**Learning new skills or launching a new passion project** can stimulate your mind, increase your skills and knowledge, and bring you joy. A passion of yours may help to make you more diverse and valuable. Your passion project could also evolve into a passion business. Anything is possible when you constantly develop yourself!

**Exercising** can be beneficial to alleviate your stress and anxiety while keeping you physically fit. Exercise gets your heart pumping and muscles working. Plus, it releases happy chemicals in you such as dopamine and endorphins. Exercising outdoors is great because it gets you out of your home or office, so you can feel the sun, breathe the fresh air, and look out at the horizon. So, stay active to boost your mood and body!

**With COVID-19 vaccines being made available, the light at the end of the tunnel is much brighter now.** 2021 will still have its obstacles, but you are more ready and resilient than ever before. Focus on what you can control, like the three actionable goals I mentioned above. **Be grateful for every little good thing in your life. Count them every day, and you will see that you have much to be grateful for.**

**Lastly, express your love to your loved ones and share kind gestures to others in public. Every little bit of positivity goes a long way! Wishing you and your loved ones a happy and safe 2021!**

With Warmest Aloha,

Jon Riki Karamatsu

# GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As members of Jodo Mission of Hawaii, you are welcome to attend the 2021 General Membership Meeting on **Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:45 a.m., following the Sunday Service** in the temple. Please join us and meet your Board of Directors.

At the General Membership meeting, you will be able to vote for your Board of Directors. The following is the slate of officers and directors:

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

If you have any concerns you want to address, please do so at this General Membership meeting. We welcome all members to attend.

**Due to COVID-19 and no mass gatherings, we are sorry to say the New Year's Party is CANCELLED**

## Thank You to All Who Came to Help Temple Cleanup Day

We are so thankful for all those who came on Sunday, December 13, to help clean the temple: **Aki Nishiyama** wiping windows and also made spam musubi for everyone; **Darin Miyashiro** vacuumed the temple with the vacuum cleaner he donated to the temple; **Russell and Jade Yasaka** polishing metal candle holders, **Gail Masaki, Christine Inouye and Lyvonne Loui** sifted ashes from senko containers; **Clifford Miyamoto** pulled weeds near the St. Honen statue; **Rev. Takano** dusting the Buddha statues, **Marie Otani, Sophie Narashiba & Blanche Shigeoka** polished ash containers, candle holders, etc.





# **GYOKI-E CHUTOBA FORM 2021 (御忌会中塔婆申し込み用紙)**

**Deadline: January 14, 2021**

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. \_\_\_\_\_

**Virtual Gyoki-e Service  
January 24 at 10 a.m.**

No Attendees

Zoom link will be on website

**www.jodo.us**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 810 9416 9529

Passcode: 330899

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)(\$60) may also be included with your payment. Thank you.**

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Order accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2021 (In person / Mail / By phone)

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / 2021 (Cash / Check # \_\_\_\_\_) Write \_\_\_\_\_

## **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.



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

Our Gyoki-e service will be held on **January 24th 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.

## Jodo Shu Masks

**Jodo Shu Masks** , designed by Ms. Stacey Hayashi , will be available to purchase at Jodo Mission of Hawaii. One size but mask string adjustable. For ordering mask, contact the office.



The little girl on the second mask is a legendary Japanese mermaid monster called “**Amabie**”. It is said that this monster advised, “Draw me and show to the people so they can be free from disease.”

A mythical mermaid monster from Japanese folklore has made a resurgence in Japan’s culture as people hope for the end of the coronavirus.

2021 Memorial Years Observed	
1 <sup>st</sup> year	2020
3 <sup>rd</sup> year	2019
7 <sup>th</sup> year	2015
13 <sup>th</sup> year	2009
17 <sup>th</sup> year	2005
23 <sup>rd</sup> year	1999
25 <sup>th</sup> year	1997
27 <sup>th</sup> year	1995
33 <sup>rd</sup> year	1989
37 <sup>th</sup> year	1985
43 <sup>rd</sup> year	1979
47 <sup>th</sup> year	1975
50 <sup>th</sup> year	1972
100 <sup>th</sup> year	1922

### **Notice to Nokotsudo Visitors**

Many people call to see if the Nokotsudo/ Columbarium is open. We have been letting people in if they come and ring the 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, social distancing.

New Hours: 10 am to 5 pm Monday-Saturday

12 pm to 3 pm Sunday\*

10 am to 3 pm Holidays

\*Sundays no one in office since we have Sunday Service

### **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 and telephone number. Mail forwarded also adds additional cost.**

### **REMINDERS**

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

Persons of the same family but living separately should have their own membership

**Nokotsudo owners** should continue your Membership or Gojikai each year **\$60.00**

**AND**

**Maintenance fee \$5.00 per year per niche**



Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano  
Resident Minister

### **Jodo Mission Office Hours: [New Covid Hours]**

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# Perpetual Memorial Service (Eitaikyo) For January

- |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1 Sekitaro Hirohama<br>The Hirohama & Kawasugi Family<br>Kenji Fujikami<br>The Hashimoto Family<br>The Ohara Family<br>Haruko Ikuta<br>Tsugio Takamatsu Family<br>Kiyotaka Glenn Mitsuyasu<br>Tomomitsu Kawamura<br>The Kawamura Family<br>Tokusaburo Fukuda's Father<br>Hon-yo Jo-dai Shin-ji<br>The Fukuda Family<br>The Nakabayashi Family<br>Members of Honolulu Meisho YBA<br>Chukichi Asamura<br>Toyo Asamura<br>The Masuda & Asamura Family<br>The Yamasaki & Hara Family<br>The Yoshizaki Family<br>The Matsushita Family<br>The Aoki Family<br>The Sakuda Family<br>The Okamura Family<br>Stanley Satoru Morimoto<br>Tomoyo Yanagihara | Hisako Takamura  | The Tomai Family<br>Miyo Ueno<br>The Ueno Family  | The Sato & Suzuki Family<br>Sae Higashimura<br>The Higashimura Family<br>Tome Yamanaka<br>The Yamanaka Family<br>Chizuko Saeki<br>Sadamu Iwamoto<br>Yooko Fujimoto  |
| 2 Richard Hichiro Kawamoto  | 10 Hiroko Yoza<br>The Yoza Family<br>Kami Higa<br>The Higa Family<br>Bishop Ninryo Nago (2)<br>The Nago & Kunimoto Family  | 20 Shinazo Nishiguchi<br>The Nishiguchi Family<br>Noboru Ajimura<br>The Ajimura Family<br>Kiku Kimura<br>Yuriko Nishimoto   | 29 Tomo Isobe<br>Hana Kinoshita<br>The Kinoshita Family<br>Jisaburo Kanemoto<br>The Kanemoto & Miyamoto Family<br>Kansuke Shintani<br>Fusao Taniguchi<br>Ralph Hitoshi Tanaka<br>Toshito Fukuda<br>Hisayo Higashi<br>Helen Fusaye Morita                          |
| 3 Hideo Toyoshiba<br>Yoshitaka Wada   | 11 Tokoe Imaguchi<br>The Imaguchi Family<br>Hatsuko Hayashi<br>The Hayashi Family<br>Masakichi Teruya<br>Reginald Hisao Hisamura<br>Uichiro Ishii<br>Kohei Umeda<br>Matsuyo Yamamoto<br>Tadashi Yanagihara (2) | 21 Sueko Higashimura<br>Kiku Kimura<br>The Kimura & Muroshige Family<br>Masao Teruya<br>Takeo Yamane<br>Shimo Hatanaka<br>Hiroshi Furuya<br>Tsuneko Shintaku<br>Ronald Koichi Namihira<br>Aileen Mitsuyo Kishida                            | 30 Kumaichi Tomonari<br>The Tomonari Family<br>Tsunejiro Kawasaki<br>The Kawasaki & Nakagawa Family<br>Ine Yoshizaki<br>The Yoshizaki Family<br>Tomota Kakehashi<br>Masao Kume<br>Akio Matsuda<br>Kiyoshi Kamimura<br>Barbara Okimoto<br>Stanley Takayuki Ajimura |
| 4 Tamaru Muraoka  | 12 Heiji Fukuda (2)<br>The Fukuda Family<br>Nagao Yamada<br>Shokichi Harada  | 22 Masae Tanimura<br>Konoshin Kimura<br>Fukukichi Tatei   | 31 You Kawamura<br>The Kawamura Family<br>Shizuko Aoyama<br>Kaname Yamanaka<br>Harold Takeo Tanaka<br>Shigeno Ohara   |
| 5 Kiyo Fujikami<br>The Fujikami Family<br>Shizuyo Morisako<br>Kasuke Yamane<br>Jiro Nakamura<br>Randall Lorig<br>The Lorig Family<br>The Morinaga Family  | 13 Bishop Jiko Kuya<br>Shima Morita (2)<br>Shizue Fujita<br>Kinmatsu Nakagawa<br>Maruo Sasuga  | 23 Shokichi Fukumoto<br>The Fukumoto Family<br>Takeo Yoshihara<br>The Yoshihara Family<br>The Tanaka Family<br>Jiro Kiyama<br>Ralph Toshiaki Hashimoto<br>Terry Kazuo Yorimoto  |   |
| 6 Kikuyo Yamasaki<br>Eiichi Fujita<br>Shigeharu Ohata<br>Sachiko Okada<br>Roy Hideo Fujita<br>Alice Minako Kawasugi<br>Norman Sadao Kanehira<br>Lillian M. Kanehira   | 14 Akitaka Chikamoto<br>The Ohta Family<br>Genzo Yanagihara<br>The Yanagihara Family<br>Tsuchiyo Kimoto<br>Miyoko Kaya<br>James Akira Tamura<br>Edward Kisaku Teraoka<br>Yaichi Nakao<br>The Nakao Family      | 24 Heikichi Isobe<br>The Isobe Family<br>Machi Yokoyama<br>The Yokoyama & Morita Family<br>Toranosuke Kinoshita<br>Tane Kinoshita<br>The Kinoshita Family<br>Tsune Aoki<br>George Masao Tanaka<br>Helen Katsuko Ito<br>Tetsuo Shinohara (2) |   |
| 7 Jiro Oyabu<br>The Oyabu & Kondo Family<br>Kazuko Nomiyama<br>Tetsuko Miyamoto<br>Kama Takara<br>Ruth Shigeko Tarumoto<br>Yurie Tanaka Buffins   | 15 Tane Nagata (2)<br>The Nagata Family<br>Sukeichi Kameoka<br>The Kameoka Family<br>Tane Nagata<br>Mildred Misako Tanimura<br>Shizue Kimura   | 25 Taka Fukuda<br>The Fukuda Family<br>Saiichi Hyodo<br>Joseph Yoshihiko Fujihana<br>Sadako Oki<br>Teruko Mamiya (2)<br>The Sato Omura Family<br>Takeshi Tanaka   |   |
| 8 Matsujiro Otani (2)<br>The Otani Family (2)<br>The Yanagihara Family<br>Toshio Isobe<br>The Isobe Family<br>Taketo Sumimoto (2)<br>Juichi Uesugi<br>Fusataro Higuchi<br>Kenji Miyakawa<br>Nobu Kishimoto<br>Gilbert Hideo Otani   | 16 Take Shinagawa<br>Tomojiro Fujita<br>The Fujita Family<br>Kenji Iwamoto<br>Chiyoka Mizuno<br>Seiichi Shimamoto<br>Tatsuo Fujimoto   | 26 Take Arita<br>The Arita Family<br>Haruo Harry Nakamura<br>The Nakamura Family<br>Kimio Yagi<br>The Yagi Family<br>Sueyoshi Yanagihara<br>Yoshi Yamamoto<br>Chester Takeo Kaita   |   |
| 9 Taka Tomonari<br>The Tomonari Family<br>Asa Hayashi   | 17 Hanayo Taniguchi<br>Kame Okamoto<br>Moto Kawasugi<br>Nobuo Hayashi<br>Amy Hideko Tanaka   | 27 Seiichi Fujimoto<br>The Fujimoto Family<br>Takeshi Sato<br>Charles Shoichi Kimura<br>Hiroko Nakano<br>Yoshiro Ohta<br>The Ohta Family<br>Marie Umeda Kekuewa   |   |
|   | 18 Kiyomatsu Daitoku (2)<br>The Daitoku Family (2)<br>The Kochi Family<br>Katsutoshi Takata<br>The Takata Family<br>Itaro Kurihara<br>The Kurihara Family<br>Masao Ishii<br>Richard Shoichi Ishida             | 28 Yoshie Sato  |   |
|   | 19 Tai Kawano<br>The Kawano Family<br>Chiyo Tomai  |   |   |

## *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.

Hatsuyo Teruya	103
Masami Nakahara	89
Richard Kenji Kawakami	85
Lillian Tomiko Teruya	95
Julie Mayumi Tamura	60

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

# January 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Jodo Shu Calendar for January 2021:</b> <i>Start off the year with new goal.</i>						
3 10:00am 1st Sunday Service	4	5	6	7	8 10:00 New Year Day Service	9
10 10:00 1st Family Service 11:00 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14 Deadline to Order Chutoba	15	16
17 10:00 Sunday Service	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10am Virtual Gyoki Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 10:00 Sunday Service 10:45 General Membership Mtg						

## **COMING EVENTS:**

Feb. 10, 2021 Nehan-e Family Service  
 Feb 21, 2021 Fujinkai General Membership Meeting  
 March 1, 2021 Deadline for O-Toba Orders

***NO Meetings or Classes in January for***  
 Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle & Sunday School

**Bazaar Donations** will not be accepted temporarily. Thank you for your understanding.

**Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER:** Please pay your membership dues (\$60). If you did not pay for 2020 and would like to pay for 2020 and 2021, please do so by making your check payable to **Jodo Mission of Hawaii** (mail to 1429 Makiki Street, Honolulu, HI 96814). *Thank you.*