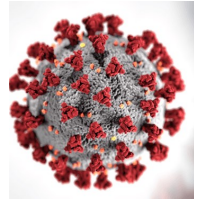


O-Bon Services at Jodo Mission of Hawaii Postponed from July 16-18 to August 20-22, 2021

Your Board of Directors, including Bishop Ishikawa and Rev. Takano, have decided to postpone Jodo Mission's O-Bon Services scheduled for July 16-18 to **August 20-22, 2021**.



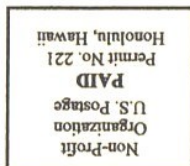
Because we are still unsure what the situation will be in August, Jodo Mission's O-Bon Services will be **virtual**. **Like last year, no one will be allowed in the Social Hall where the O-Tobas will be displayed. Please make sure you check the August 2021 Bulletin for latest information**



Private Services—Since we are already conducting funerals, memorial services, we believe we can hold private services in our temple, which is the safest place if everyone wears a mask, social distance of 6 feet, no touching of eyes, nose and mouth with unclean hands and temperature checks taken. **Reservations for private O-Toba services can be made by calling 949-3995. Private O-Toba services begin August 9 to August 19, weekdays 10 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 6 pm; weekends: 10 am to 6 pm.** Your O-Toba will be brought to the temple for your private service. For now, these private services will be limited to 25 persons; if the situation changes, the limit may be lessened.

O-Bon Services—We hope to have O-Bon services on August 20 & 21 with last service on August 22. But this is just being hopeful. Things may change by August, good or bad, so please keep safe, and obey the rules. If you are able to, please get Covid vaccination. The more people vaccinated the better for everyone! Namu Amida Butsu. Namu Amida Butsu.

Bon Dance scheduled for August 20 - 21, 2021 is CANCELLED.



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Message by Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

Dear Members and Friends of Jodo Mission,

"Hatred will never disappear so long as thoughts of hatred are cherished in the mind. Hatred will disappear just as soon as thoughts of hatred are forgotten; This is an eternal truth." (Dhammapada Chapter I-5)



Dhammapada is considered to be one of the oldest existing Buddhist scriptures, translated as “法句經 (Hokkugyo)” in China. It has been well-known Buddhist teachings in Japan for a long time. The word “Dhamma” means Universal law in Pali which is known as “Dharma” in Sanskrit. “Pada” means verse. In short, Dhammapada is a word of Universal law or truth, which is a collection of short verses taught by Shakyamuni Buddha in the form of poem.

Among them, the saying above is a particularly famous one that appeared in the biography of the founder of Jodo Shu, Honen Shonin. Based upon this saying, Honen’s father Urumano Tokikuni urged the young Honen to become a monk and to forget about the hatred toward the enemy who even attacked and killed his father.

In the 19th century, there was a great scholar who translated many Buddhist scriptures including this Dhammapada into English and introduced it to the West. It was Dr. Friedrich Max Müller(1823-1900). In Japan, Dr. Max Muller is especially famous as he had worked with great Japanese Buddhist scholars. Dr. Müller’s translation was designed to be easy for Westerners to understand by using their own concepts and words that were familiar in the West.

Specifically, regarding translation of the saying above, "Hatred will disappear just as soon as thoughts of hatred are forgotten", he added the word "love" which was not in the original text in Pali/Sanskrit. He put it simply as “hatred ceases by love.”

Needless to say, "love" is one of important concepts that could be the root of many good virtues in the West. For example, the virtues of kindness, compassion, and mercy, as well as the love of parents and children, are part of "love."

Also "love" which is considered to be the highest virtue in the West, is called agape, known as "true love" and "God’s love." In a sense, this true love is the very core teaching of Christianity and thus love is always used anytime and anywhere.

On the other hand, in the Buddhist way of thinking, love is regarded as one of desires, and can be obstacles for the enlightenment. There are also three types of love in the Pure Land Buddhism, but these are minds that should be avoided at the time of death. In fact, the word "love" has traditionally been avoided to use in Japan. Therefore Japanese words which include “love” don’t have positive connotation but are considered to have negative meanings.

So when I first came to Hawaii, I had great hesitation to use the word “Love”, which is an English translation for 愛 Ai. Of course, this may be because I was young, single, and shy to talk about love. But now I can naturally use it because I have understood “Love” as one of the most important expressions toward others.

The theme “what is love” is probably an eternal theme and there can be many understandings and ways of thoughts about love. Among them, let me share my favorite way of thinking about love with you. This is understanding by the composition of the kanji or Chinese character.

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Message by Rev. Myoko Takano

Aloha Everyone


Today, I will talk about “**wagenaigo**”. Wagenaigo is a great word in Buddha's sutras. This Japanese word is also one of my favorite Buddhist words.



Wagenaigo means to treat people well with a gentle smile and thoughtful words. Furthermore, it means to catch the sense of people's feelings, understanding their wishes, and to satisfy people's hearts. To catch the sense of people's feelings first, you might ask yourself what you can do for people, to make people comfortable with your words and behavior.

When you catch the sense of the other person's bad feelings like sadness, anger, tiredness, stress, you should treat that person with Wagenaigo attitude. However, when it comes to practicing the "Wagenaigo" on yourself, it is not easy. When you feel sick, it is difficult for you to smile. If you catch the sense of a bad attitude from another person, for example the person is mad at you, you hesitate to give caring and kind words to that person. Therefore, the important thing is to think about the other person's feelings first and then you treat that person with appropriate words and attitudes.



If you want to make people smile, you should first show your smile to them. If you want people to speak kindly, you must first give people your kind words. In other words, if  you want to get happiness, you should first give people your happiness. You should respect the other person and catch the feeling first, and consider the other person's happiness. **The important thing of Wagenaigo is compassion.**

Also in Buddhism, this compassionate mind is very important. In order to live in peace, it is important for everyone to have a compassionate heart. If both you and I are willing to consider each other with Wagenaigo mind, you and I can feel calm and at peace.

We worship Amida Buddha. Amida Buddha is compassionate Buddha. When you rely wholeheartedly upon his teaching and recite his sacred name, Namu Amida Butsu, Amida Buddha saves you with compassion. Wagenaigo is one of the Buddhist trainings in order to enrich your heart. Your gentle and calm smile makes your mind peaceful. If you use gentle and caring words around you, your heart will naturally become kind.

I'd like to talk about Wagenaigo procedure.

Step1. Giving smile and caring words to the people around you.



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Step2. The words and smile you give makes people happy and brighten their hearts.

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Step3. Not only people around you are happy, but also you are happy. In addition, their gentle actions and words also naturally brighten people's heart around them.

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Step4. Wagenaigo makes a gentle and peaceful world.

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Step5. You can spend more happy daily life with people who are around you with Wagenaigo.

This is the procedure of Wagenaigo. This will improve our society to be better. Let's practice in your familiar surrounding place like at home, at workplace, at school. In some cases, it might be difficult to carry out Wagenaigo immediately to close relationships like a family and friends. Also, it is difficult for you to smile or say kind words suddenly if you are not usually aware of it. However, making an effort of Wagenaigo is very important. Wagenaigo is a step to create a bright world that you can start by yourself, and it is your own Buddhist training.



By all means, let's keep a Wagenaigo mind, and spend your daily life with Wagenaigo from today.

In Gassho,

Rev. Takano

Father's Day -June 20th at 10 am: We always remember our Mothers, but do we always remember our Fathers? Please come to our in-person Father's Day Service on Sunday, June 20th at 10 a.m. We will take temperature checks, everyone wears a mask and keep social distance. Even though you may have taken the Covid vaccine, we must still be careful and use the sanitizer and wash hands often with soap.



Please try to remember your father on Father's Day, June 20th. Give him a telephone call and have a nice chat with him or if you live with him, say *Happy Father's Day* and give him a hand made Father's Day card. He will appreciate it.

Columbarium or Nokotsudo—Are you familiar with these terms?

"Columbarium" in a Buddhist temple is a room with little cubicles called "niches" where deceased ashes are placed in ash cases or urns. It's called "Nokotsudo" in Japanese, which literally means "Temple hall to keep bones (ashes)".



Niche Owners at Jodo Mission of Hawaii should continue to pay their membership dues each year since as a member you were able to purchase a niche from Jodo Mission of Hawaii. Some people may have inherited the niches because the niche or niches have their relatives in them. But when the niche or niches were originally purchased that individual was a member of this temple. When he/she passes, whoever in the family carries on the responsibility of the niche should continue to pay membership dues and niche maintenance. **What is niche maintenance you might ask?** Niche maintenance fee is currently and has been for many, many years \$5 per year. This maintenance fee is so that the columbarium or nokotsudo is respectably clean and maintained in a dignified manner. If your niche is empty and you have no use for the niche, please come to the office to sign a document that you relinquish the niche back to Jodo Mission of Hawaii. **Niches cannot be sold to another individual.**

Some people in lieu of paying for membership and a niche maintenance fee prefer to give a donation every year, That is totally acceptable and appreciated in honor of your beloved ancestors. Any questions, please contact Jodo Mission office at 949-3995. *Thank you.*

HAWAII STATE JODO SHU FUJINKAI SCHOLARSHIP

Namiye Nakamura Scholarship

The Hawaii State Jodo Shu Fujinkai offers a \$1,000 Namiye Nakamura Scholarship to a Hawaii high school graduate or a member of the temple who wishes to further his/her education toward a degree or advanced degree in an accredited college, university or institution of higher learning.

The applicant for the scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Priority is given to an applicant who participates regularly in his/her Jodo Mission temple activities.
2. Be an active member of his/her respective temple.
3. Possess good moral character and leadership potential.
4. Be accepted at an accredited university or institution of higher learning.
5. The applicant should be a student graduating from a high school in Hawaii. If there are no graduating students applying, any applicant continuing his/her education may receive the scholarship.
6. Applications submitted must be postmarked by **June 15, 2021** and mailed to

Iris Nitta, State Fujinkai President
2260 Vineyard St., Wailuku, Hawaii 96793

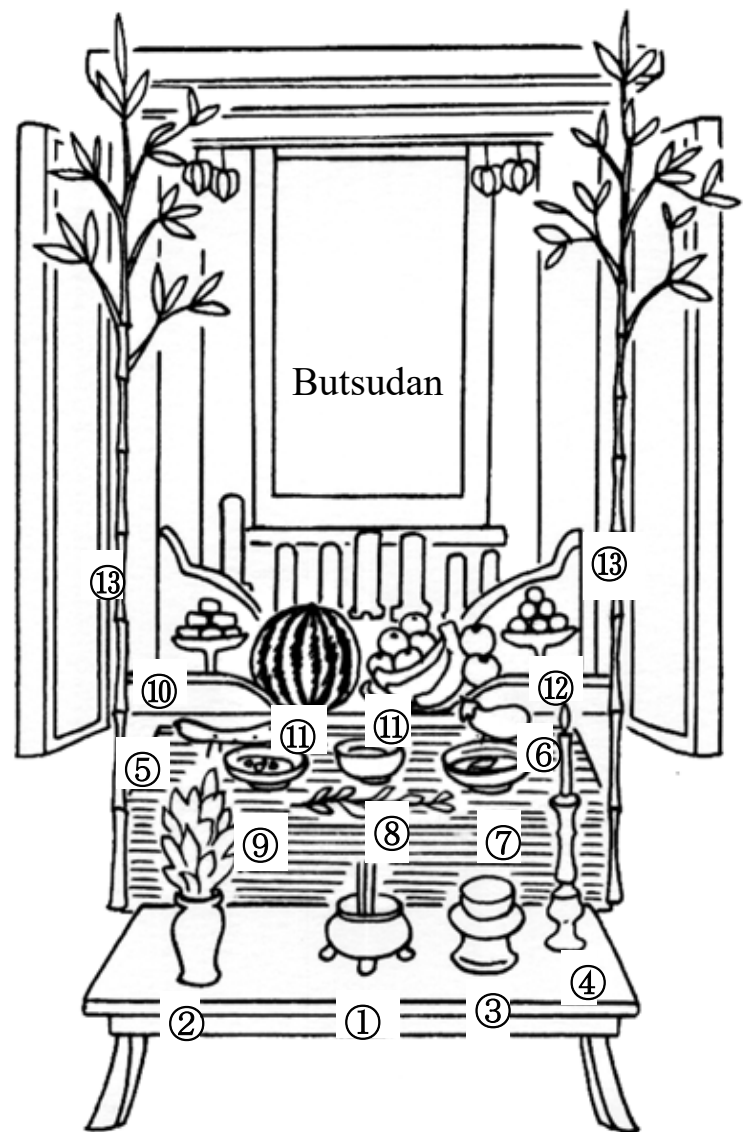
The family or legal guardian of the applicant must currently be a member of his/her respective Jodo Mission. Financial need will be considered. Determination of the scholarship recipient will be made by a Scholarship Committee.

If there are any questions about the scholarship or scholarship application forms, please consult Resident Minister Rev. Myoko Takano or Honolulu Jodo Shu Fujinkai President Sally Hayashi at 949-3995.



Introduction of Sho-ryo Dana in O-Bon

- 1) **Incense:** Purify the area of Sho-ryo Dana with the smoke of incense
- 2) **Flower:** Flower is a symbol of purity. There are numerous flowers in the Pure Land.
- 3) **Water:** Water is a symbol of offering. The offered water is called “AKA” that is translated from a Sanskrit word “Argha”, the most valuable thing.
- 4) **Candle:** A candle light is showing us the light of wisdom and compassion of Amida Buddha.
- 5), 6) **Cucumber and Eggplant with sticks:** With a Cucumber, make a horse (using sticks) for your ancestors to return home early. Make a cow with an Eggplant (using sticks) for them to return to the Pure Land slowly.
- 7) **Mizu-noko:** The fresh cut eggplant and cucumber with washed rice. Offering food in prayer to help everyone from hunger in any realms. (Optional)
- 8) **Some rice in a bowl of Water and a leaf of Lythrum ancepts:** This expands food limitlessly. (Optional)
- 9) **Nishime without meat:** A traditional Japanese food used as monasterial food called Sho-jin Ryo-ri.
- 10) **Somen noodle:** Somen noodle is a symbolic food for longevity.
- 11) **Fruits and vegetables:** Offer gifts of nature to Buddha and ancestors.
- 12) **Mochi or any favorite food:** Offer gifts of nature to Buddha and ancestors.
- 13) **Bamboo grass:** Protection to keep away the bad spirits from the Sho-ryo Dana.



[Continued Bishop's Message]

Yes, we have received many things from parents, grandparents, teachers, relatives and friends. Especially, when we were “babies”, we couldn’t do anything but receiving. Everybody needed to receive not only milk or food but also so much caring!!! In a sense, we were able to grow up thanks to receiving. Therefore, I understand to appreciate whatever we receive with heart can be love.

It was hard to remember all I have received from parents. But fortunately I became a father 19 years ago and this experience of fatherhood made me mindful of what I have received through my growing up.

Mother's Day last month and Father's Day this month are great reminders to be mindful of what we have received from our parents. There must be boundless love, compassion and countless blessings we have received. Thank you all mothers and fathers!!! I'll be planning to deliver a message and presentation at Father's day service at Jodo Mission of Hawaii. I wish you all to have happy safe Father's Day! Namu Amida Butsu

In Gassho,

Bishop Kosen Ishikawa

What is “Perpetual Memorial Service?” (Eitaikyo)

This record of a perpetual memorial service and 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 may change due to Covid-19 schedule. Please call 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

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

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.

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 your Membership or Gojikai each year **\$60.00**

AND

Maintenance fee \$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

Jodo Mission Office Hours:

[New Covid Hours]

Monday to Saturday 10am—5pm
Sunday & Holidays 10am—3pm

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Bishop Kosen Ishikawa



Rev. Myoko Takano
Resident Minister

EITAIKYO (Perpetual Memorial Service) for June

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|--|--|--|---|
| 1 Tatsuo Nonaka | The Tanimura Family
Kenzaburo Ishii
The Ishii Family
Emi Kawamoto | George Tsuneharu
Masaki
Masako Oshiro | The Mitsutani Family
Nobuyuki Nishida
Yukio Hirata
Nathan Akio Tagami
Hatsuko June Suzuki
The Watanabe Family |
| 2 Takayo Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Yasuichi Nakai
The Nakai Family
Kikue Tejima
The Tejima Family
Yasu Kawamura
Fujio Fujita | 10 Yoshisuke Miyakawa
The Miyakawa Family
Ariki Fujimoto
Mieko Ono
Hisako Mitani
Bertha Takako Homareda | 19 Kiyomatsu Ueno
The Ueno Family
Shinei Kanehira
The Kanehira Family
Mitsuru Ogi
Kenichi Naito
Sam Saburo Taniguchi
Kikuyo Morioka
Miyoshi Akashi
Hatsukichi Yamamoto | 26 Fuji Yano
The Yano, Konaka,
& Hayashi Family
Taizo Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Mokunosuke Taniguchi
Isamu Nakano
Keigo Soma
Clarice Sadako
Yamamoto |
| 3 Sumiko Norma
Muramoto | 12 Bunjiro Umemoto
The Umemoto Family
Miyoshi Okamura
The Okamura Family | 20 Hisataro Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Naoji Yokoyama
Moushi Kobashigawa
Kame Uehara
Ichitaro Matsuda
Hisakichi Yamamoto
Wade Kenji Sakai
The Ashimine Family
Herbert Toyokatsu
Yanagihara | 27 Ron Kiyoshi Amasaki
Akira Shimoda |
| 4 Rui Yasumoto
Shizutaro Kimura
Helen Katsu Yokoyama
Fujiko Teruya
Susan Teruko Lubick
Rose Kikue Hata
Koma Kokubun
Hisashi Nakamura
Gail Emiko Morimoto | 13 Charles Harumi
Takabayashi (2)
Jeane Sachiko Ebisuzaki
Sakaye Ogata
Gosaburo Gary Nanbara | 21 Sumi Takeda
The Takeda Family
Komanoshin Masatsugu
Teruo Masatsugu
Lillian Ayako Tasaka
Suzuko Shigehara
Yoshito Charles Oshita
Don Shigeo Toishigawa | 28 Shintaro Masuda
The Masuda & Asamura
Family
Ryoshichi Himuro
The Himuro Family
Kiyoichi Oshiro
Shiro Koike |
| 5 Kamematsu Kano
The Kano & Watanabe
Family
Shuichi Arakawa (2)
Yoshikazu Ebisuzaki
Tamon Yamaguchi
Japanese Marines
Masanori Matsumoto
Tsuyo M. Matsumoto
Rihei Matsumoto | 14 Masuzo Konaka
The Konaka, Yano,
& Hayashi Family
Kiichi Morisako
Katsuko Sakakibara
Shigeki Narahara
Hisako Asaeda
Nakamura | 22 Isuke Iwasaki
Murakami's Baby
Kazumi Mizuta
Yoshimi Maruichi
Edward Isamu Kimoto
Moshi Takara
Takara's Baby
Edwin Kyoichiro Arakaki
Hiroschi Furutomo | 29 Kumanosuke Morikawa
The Morikawa Family
Sadamu Yanagihara
The Yanagihara Family
Kinuyo Karimoto
Ziu Takaoka
Kiichi Takaoka
Shizuko Heirakuji
Grace Setsuko Kawafuchi |
| 6 Chujiro Nishimura
The Nishimura Family
Matsu Wakaki
The Wakaki Family
Tomo Daitoku (2)
The Daitoku & Fujimoto
Family
The Daitoku &
Kawauchi Family
Shinichi Fukuda
The Fukuda Family
Miyoshi Takara
Giushikuma Ancestors | 15 Yoshio Morita
The Morita Family
Kikutaro Higashide
The Higashide &
Fuyukawa Family
Albert Akira Sakuda | 23 Isamu Yonemoto
The Yonemoto Family
Yoshio Higa
The Higa Family
Yoshiko Hamasaki
Jonosuke Arakawa
Kosuke Takara
Kihachi Kishimoto
Bishop Chikai
Shibamura | 30 Hana Ishizaki
HelenTsurue Nagaishi
The Nakauye Family
John Yoshito Nakauye
Charles Hiroshi Taketa
Gerald Kenji Sato |
| 7 Ayako Morikawa
The Morikawa Family
Taki Asai
Kichi Kunihiisa
Shina Kotake
Yukiyo Matsumoto
Robert Hidenori Iwai
Yaeko Ishida
Tomezo Furutomo | 16 Onichi Chinen
The Chinen Family
Chiyo Heirakuji
Harry Noboru Matsumoto
Iwao Oki
Faye N. Shinohara | 24 Yoshito Ebisuya
The Ebisuya Family
The Fujii Family
Tokiko Kurakake
Dorothy S. Kobayashi
Harry Wakaso Iwai
Koei Andy Takara | |
| 8 Soichi Hirano
The Hirano & Kaneko
Family
The Hirota Family
Dorothy Saku Yokoyama | 17 Natsu Kawamura
The Kawamura Family
Senjiro Ogawa
Ichiro Nakatsuka
The Hirotsu Family
Helen Miyoko Oda
Hachijiro Homareda
Tora Nakamura
Hisa Furutomo | 25 Hana Mitsutani | |
| 9 Sueko Tanimura | 18 Tama Morita
The Morita Family
Chiyo Mori
Hatsuyo Yoshikawa
Kame Ueyehara
Bunkichi Kamimura
The Ueyehara Family
Kay Kimiko Yamamoto
Janice Yoshiko Kitashiro
Mitsue Ikuta | | |

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.

Agnes Michiko Aihara	75
Ronald Hiroshi Wada	70
Tony koura	94
Kenneth Akiyoshi Murao	71

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

June 2021

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 10:00am Sunday Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 10:00am Sunday Service 11:00 am Board Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:00 am Sunday Father's Day Service	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10:00am Sunday Service	28	29	30			

Jodo Shu Calendar for June 2021: Whatever you're facing, things are slowly getting better,
 even if you can't see it.

Coming Events: Events may change due to COVID-19

Aug 8 @ 9am O-Toba Set Up & General Cleaning before
 O-Bon Services - YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.

Aug 20-22: Virtual O-Bon Service at Jodo Mission of Hawaii

Sept. 12 Autumn Higan Service

Sept 17-19 Kyoku Convention (virtual?)

No Meetings or Classes for June for

Fujinkai, YBA, Sewing Circle & Sunday School

BAZAAR DONATIONS will NOT BE accepted temporarily. Thank you
 for your cooperation and understanding.

Membership Dues (Gojikai) REMINDER: If you have not paid your membership dues (\$60) 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.*