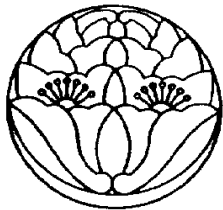


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NOVEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

For Our Members, Friends, and Neighbors

UPCOMING BUDDHIST SERVICES

NO GATHERING	Ojuya (10-day-10-night Nembutsu service)	
December 5-SUN ZOOM MEETING	BIG ISLAND BUDDHIST FEDERATION Jodo-e (Bodhi Day Service) with guest speaker Dr. George Tanabe (co-author with Willa Jane Tanabe) of <u>Buddhist Temples of Hawai'i</u> TO JOIN ZOOM MEETING: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84914509094?pwd=WU5KblRXOTZCb1A0aVVBbmVoSGJqQT09 Meeting ID: 849 1450 9094 Passcode: 590330	9 a.m.
December 12-SUN	Jodo-e (Bodhi Day Service) at the Hakalau Jodo Mission	1 p.m.

NENKI MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER: Please contact Rev. Miyazaki at 808-936-7828 for scheduling.

Remembering	Date of Death	Anniversary
Yoshiko Joga	11/1/1972	50 th
Dorothy Hirowatari	11/2/2019	3 rd
Jean Noji	11/4/1997	25 th

Please stay safe, get vaccinated (booster shot, too!), wear your mask, socially-distance.

In gassho, *Jan Nakamura*, President

CLASSES, PRESENTATIONS, MEETINGS

THE FOLLOWING RULES APPLY: 1) Advance registration; 2) No more than 10 people indoors; 3) face masks required; and 4) social distancing is required—no partner work.

- **Practice Yoga** with Alison Simpson: Classes will resume November 18th. **Classes are held four times weekly:** Mon., noon - 1:30 p.m. and 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Thurs., 4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Fri., 9:00 - 10:30
- **Tai Chi** classes with Sifu Slade Shim: Weekly on Wednesdays, 8:30 -10:00 a.m.
- **Karate Class for Children** with 4th Degree Black Belt Patricia Taniguchi: Twice Weekly for each age group on Wednesdays and Fridays. Children 4-6 years old, from, 3:50 - 4:40 p.m.; 7-12 years, 4:50 - 5:40 p.m. For the older students there is an additional class on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon.
- **Bon Dance Practice with Sensei Jane Heit: ON HOLD UNTIL 2022.**

For more information: <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

MEMBER MEETING

It has been a **LONG TIME** since we've held a member meeting. We have important business to address, including:

1. Electing directors: Potentially, we need 5-6 new directors.
2. Updating our bylaws and articles of incorporation to replace those originally adopted in 1984: This is necessary to adapt to our smaller membership, changes in technology, and legal requirements for nonprofits.
3. Adopting a conflict-of-interest policy as required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and granting agencies.

Due to the pandemic and the fact that 1/3 of our members live on Oahu or the Mainland, this meeting will be organized as a ZOOM meeting so you can attend virtually from your your computer or by calling in.

Over the next two months members will receive 5 items by US Mail: 1) background on people willing to serve on the board and a nomination form should you wish to recommend someone or be considered yourself; 2) an explanation of the bylaws changes proposed, a draft of the proposed bylaws and corresponding changes to the articles of incorporation; 3) a draft conflict-of-interest policy based on the IRS recommended sample; 4) a poll to find a date and time that works for the greatest number; 5) confirmation of the ZOOM meeting will follow after we confirm the date and time.

Not sure if your membership is current? Contact us by email at hakalaujodominion.com or call Susan Forbes at 808-286-6130.

PLEASE CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, OR IF YOU NEED HELP!

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- **hakalaujodominion@gmail.com:** This is our "all purpose" contact.

MINISTER'S SERMON AND MESSAGE:

MINISTER'S SERMON: O-JUYA

Juya is a service of nembutsu recitation for ten days and ten nights. It is said that in the middle 1400s a high-class samurai Sadakuni Taira in Kyoto felt impermanence and wanted to become a monk. Sadakuni deeply believed in Amida Buddha. He went to a big Tendai-shu temple, Shinnyodo, in Kyoto to do nembutsu practice. He did walking-nembutsu practice (walk around the Buddha statue repeating Namu-Amida-Butsu without sleep) for 3 days. A monk appeared and told him to wait for 3 days. Sadakuni followed the advice of the monk. On the next day, his older brother was suddenly kicked out from his position in the shogun government, and Sadakuni took over. If Sadakuni had become a monk, his family would have declined. Sadakuni was grateful and added 7 days walking nembutsu practice in Shinnyodo. This incident formed 10-day-10-night nembutsu service, later called Juya (Ten-nights) for short.

In 1495, a Jodo Shu monk Yuso was invited to the Imperial Court. Emperors did not have power, and Samurais fought all over. The emperor invited reputed Buddhist monks for lectures and prayers. Yuso was one of them. Yuso lived in Komyoji temple in Kamakura and visited many places to spread Jodo Shu teachings. In the Imperial Court, Yuso officiated at a service of Inzei (singsong-tone) Amida Kyo sutra and Inzei Nembutsu with Shinnyodo monks, and gave a lecture about Amida Kyo sutra to the emperor. The emperor was impressed and gave a permit to hold Juya service to Yuso.

Yuso went back to Kamakura and held Juya service. Juya service spread among Jodo Shu temples. Nowadays many temples do not hold the service for 10 days but 5 or 3 days, or just 1 day like our church.

Shinnyodo has a website. It says that the old record of Shinnyodo doesn't say that Sadakuni did nembutsu for 10 days and 10 nights. The reason why it became 10 days 10 nights is in Muryojukyo (Longer Sukhavati-vyuha) Sutra. In the sutra Shakamuni Buddha says "accumulating good deeds for 10 days 10 nights in this world is superior to accumulating good deeds for 1000 years in the Buddha's Pure Lands."

In the same sutra the Shakamuni Buddha says "The Pure Land, wherein there is no suffering, is indeed, most beautiful and happy. Clothing, food, and all beautiful things appear when those who live there wish for them. When a gentle breeze passes through its jewel-laden trees, the music of its holy teachings fills the air and cleanses the minds of all who listen."

Compared to the Pure Land, life is hard in this world. We had no choice when, where, and to whom we were born. We become makule, get sick, and die. We often cannot get what we want. We sometimes meet those we do not like and part from our beloved ones. In addition, there are people who kill, rob, steal, cheat, gave bad mouth, show sassy attitude, use violence, throw rubbish, etc. Therefore, we can accumulate good deeds in this world by helping, protecting, or consoling others. In the Pure Land everyone is happy and satisfied and no need help.

Saint Honen taught us that we will go to the Pure Land by repeating Namu Amida Butsu. While we are in this world, let us repeat Namu Amida Butsu and accumulate good deeds as much as we can.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE: CONTINUATION OF OKINAWAN HISTORY

In 1629, Satsuma established a magistrate's office in the capital of Ryukyu, Naha. The financial situation became worse, and bribes were rampant. The tributary System of China became unstable because Ming Dynasty was destroyed by Qing Dynasty in 1644. Decadence covered Ryukyu Kingdom.

An aji (chieftain) Choshu Haneji (1617-1676) reformed Ryukyu by abolishing old money-wasting ceremonies, punishing pilau government officials, encouraging people to farm sweet potatoes and sugar cane brought from China by Shinjo Gima (1557-1644) and turmeric. Choshu made sugar and turmeric government monopolies. His reformation was successful.



Choshu Haneji



Saion

After Choshu died, Saion (1682-1762) improved administrative system, flood control, agriculture, forestry and so forth. His ancestor was from China, and he started his career as the envoy to China. Well-known Okinawan things such as bingata, pork and konbu cuisines, awamori sake, monchu family system, Okinawan style grave etc. appeared in and around his time. The tributary system of China was continued. China did not interfere with the tributing countries as long as they sent envoys to show respect to the emperor.

Satsuma (Shimazu Clan) hid that they ruled Ryukyu. When envoys from China stayed in Ryukyu, Satsuma officers stayed away from Naha. Ryukyu was formally an independent Kingdom so that they could join the Tributary System of China. Satsuma's exploitation placed a financial burden on

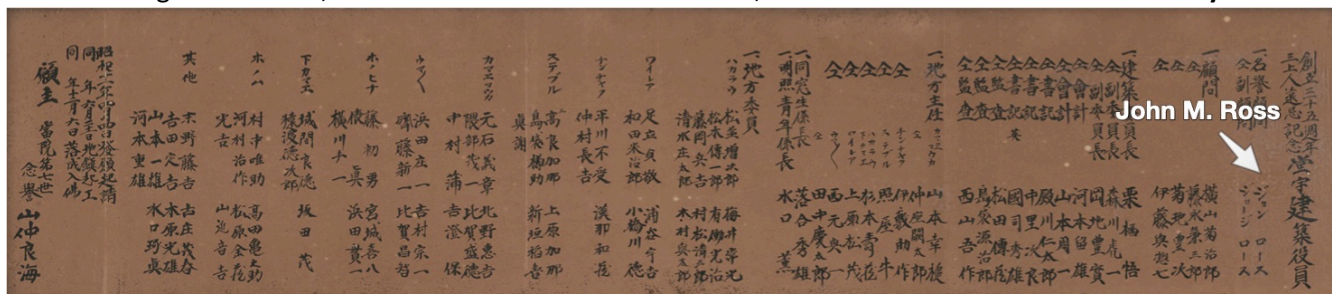
Ryukyu. Also, Ryukyu had to send envoys to Shogun when Shogun and Ryukyu king changed. It cost a lot for Ryukyu government. Ryukyu suffered from Yamatonchu (Japanese) especially Satsuma.

Qing China started trading with foreign countries in 1685 only at Guangzhou (Canton) city port by permit. In the 18th Century, the Industrial Revolution started in the United Kingdom. U.K. merchants wanted to buy tea from China but didn't have much to sell in China. So, they grew opium in India and secretly sold in China. Millions of people got addicted in China; therefore, China prohibited opium. U.K. merchants didn't listen. In 1840, Chinese government confiscated opium. U.K. attacked China, and U.K. won in 1842. As a result of the Opium War, Western Countries encroached China, and they came to Ryukyu and Japan. **(TO BE CONTINUED)**

SHARING OUR HISTORY TO PRESERVE OUR LEGACY

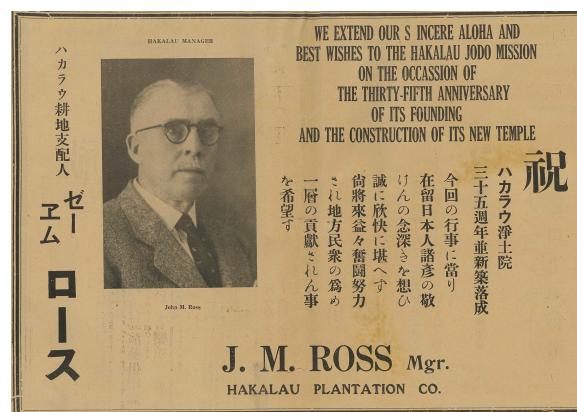
This month, we're remembering John M. Ross, who worked for the Hakalau Plantation from 1885-1942, and served as manager from 1905 until 1942. While not Buddhist, Mr. Ross played an important role in building and sustaining the Hakalau Jodo Mission.

- In 1905, when the Mission moved from Down Camp to Up Camp, the Hakalau Plantation provided the land and began providing a monthly stipend for the minister.
- On the 1936 ganshu below, the formal wish to build the church, John M. Ross is listed as the **Honorary Director**.



- He recognized the Hakalau Jodo Mission as key to building and maintaining a strong social environment in the community...a good thing for the plantation.
- He also recognized the importance of youth activities in preparing future leaders. Hakalau Jodo Mission and Hakalau School both served as main sites for youth activities. In *The Hawaii Manichi* of December 5, 1936, one day before the dedication of the Temple, he stated:

"To you young boys and girls, let me add that your parents did not sacrifice to erect this building for themselves; far from it. They sacrificed for you. They knew full well, from life's expectancy, that a few short years and they will have passed to their Father's. They did it so they could leave it all to you. May I beseech you, then to stay here with your parents and with the Plantation which will always take care of you. Stay and use this building they erected for your welfare. The social hall here, I know, is for your use. No matter what your creed, your faith or religion, when you enter its doors, you will never be asked to what sect you belong or to what God or religion you believe in..."



Hawaii Manichi, December 5, 1936

I congratulate you on your Board of Trustees or Managers who worked so hard and unselfishly, sparing not of their money or time, to make this building the thing of beauty and a monument to character building. I congratulate you in your minister who has proved himself such a kindly neighbor, wise counsellor and energetic teacher and builder. I congratulate all of you on your spirit of get-together and cooperation on seeing things through to a successful end. I wish you all success. I trust, this temple will long serve your needs..."

For more information about John M. Ross, see <https://www.hakalauhome.com/the-ross-families-of-hakalau.html>

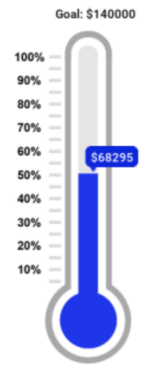
PRESERVING THE MISSION: Fundraising and Projects Underway

Status of the Phase 2 Community Capital Campaign as of October 27th:

We've received 68 donations totalling \$18,295 towards our Phase 2 Community Capital Campaign goal of \$52,000 (35%). When combined with the \$50,000 Freeman Foundation grant, we have raised 49% of our four-year goal of \$140,000.

To encourage gifts of \$250, \$500 or a \$1,000 we have a limited number of laser engraved koa plaques that will be placed on the back of the refurbished pews to permanently memorialize your ancestors, current family members or anyone you choose to honor.

A full-size sample of the memorial plaque is below and a Community Capital Campaign gift and pew sponsorship form is on the next page for your consideration. **Plaque measures 2-5/8" by 5"**.



Funding Received as of 10/27/21 for Phases 1 & 2



Arigato to Contributors to the Phase 2 Community Capital Campaign!

\$1,000 or more

Sheila U. Black
Sylvia Arakawa Dea
Ken and Susan Forbes
George M. Hirowatari, Sr.
Jan Nakamura
Marjorie Oda-Burns
Anne Okazaki

Eugene and Janice Koya
George and Hiroko Motobu
Mitsuru and Kara Ozaki
Patricia Ozeki
Scott and Aileen Sakamoto
Patricia Taniguchi
George and Lilianne Ueda
Emi Uemura

George and Susana Hirowatari, Jr.
June and John Kaye
Melvin Kaetsu
June Kaetsu
Debbie Kuntz
Michael and Katie Lowrey
Chizuko Nakamura
Faye Nako and Masa Shimabukuro
May Navarro

\$500 to \$999

John Boyer and Mike Stolp
Bill Foss and Dave Longacre
Robert and Doris Fujimori
Jerry and Cathy Gray
Lucky and Paula Joseph
Kinue Kobashigawa
Akiko Masuda and Wailea Village
Historic Preservation Community
Raymond and Stella Miyashiro
Gail J. Nakamura
Anne and Garry Wyckoff

Up to \$249

Corrine Allain
Anonymous
George and Doris Araki
Victoria Asayama
Don Atkins and Bernie Ho
Patrick and Valerie Beck
Jerry and Rose Broughton
Tom Burton
Hideaki and Caroline Doi
Karen Fitzgerald
Kiyoshi Fujimoto
Julie Goettsch
Joe Hampton
Molly Hart
Harold and Corinne Higa

Marion Nipper
Dr. Bob and Ingrid Nishimoto
Earl and Sharon Nomura
Tilden Jio and Leonid Pesin-Melzer
Geoff and Christina Nelson
Mitsuko Sakata
Kay N. Shirota
Helen Shirota-Benevides
Mieko Soken
Mitsuko Takasaki
Maude Taylor
Ed Toguchi
Roy and Ann Toma
Harold and Jane Uyeno
Phil and Carol Wozniak
Raymond and Elaine Yano

\$250 to \$449

Charles Cavedoni

**Hakalau Jodo Mission
Phase 2 Community Capital Campaign
CAMPAIGN GIFT AND PEW SPONSORSHIP FORM**

Donor Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Yes! I would like to make a gift *and* memorialize my ancestors, current family members, or others with a laser engraved koa plaque(s) for placement on a refurbished pew, as follows:

	Sponsorship Level	# of Plaques
Long Pew	\$1,000	1 to 4
One Half of a Long Pew	\$500	1 or 2
Short Pew	\$500	1 or 2
One Half of a Short Pew	\$250	1

MY/OUR GIFT TOTAL: _____ **NUMBER OF PLAQUES REQUESTED:** _____

Once your contribution is received and the wording for each plaque confirmed, a draft will be produced and sent it to you by email or mail for your approval or revision.

The choice of wording is yours. A suggested format from Norma Yara, listing two generations, is provided below:

In Loving Memory of: _____

Name of CAMP or VILLAGE: _____ (EX: CHIN CHUCK CAMP)

Children: _____
(List Biological children – oldest to youngest, followed by stepchildren)

**Yes! I would like to contribute to preserving the Mission with a Community Campaign Gift.
I/we do not request a laser engraved koa plaque.**

MY/OUR GIFT TOTAL: _____

RETURN THIS FORM with your Check or Money Order payable to the Hakalau Jodo Mission, PO Box 296, Hakalau, HI 96710.

NOTE: Contributions to the Hakalau Jodo Mission are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

Arigato!

**Status of Current Preservation Projects Funded by the Freeman Foundation:
The pews have been returned!**



Lighted ceiling fans installed

We replaced the wall-mounted fans and ceiling light fixtures with [LED] lighted ceiling fans. The glass covering on the new light fixtures matches the lighting in the altar area.

**PREVIOUS LIGHTS AND FANS AND
EWS PRIOR TO REFINISHING**



NEW LED LIGHTS AND FANS COMBINATION



Next Steps

Many tasks remain to complete Phase 1 improvements. **Pews:** painting “touch up”, installing felt pads on the bottom of the pews, repositioning. **Windows:** replacing broken panes of art glass, reinstalling the ropes and weights, reglazing. **Pictures:** rematting, reframing as needed, rehangng. **Overall:** Completion of the painting “punch list” and cleanup.

An overview of the Four Year, \$140,000 Capital Campaign, including the Phase 2 Community Campaign is on the following page.

HAKALAU JODO MISSION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

OUR VISION: *To preserve and maintain the Historic Hakalau Jodo Mission to serve current and future spiritual and community needs*

FOUR-YEAR GOAL: \$140,000



PHASE 1: 2020-2021 Projects (\$65,000)

- Replace historic emblems on front of Temple and repair windows and screens.
- Repair water damage and repaint interiors of Temple and Social Hall.
- Improve accessibility & safety with handrails for Social Hall stairs and barrier to the "Stairs to Nowhere".

PHASE 2: 2022 Projects (\$52,000)

- Paint all roofs.
- Paint building exteriors.
- Replace deteriorating altar brocade and replace pew padding.
- Install security cameras and monitoring system.
- Enable internet connectivity to support services and programs.
- Upgrade to LED lighting throughout, with 1936 period-appropriate style.

PHASE 3: 2023-2024 Projects (\$23,000)

- Tent for termites and repair termite damage.
- Upgrades and repairs for the Parsonage.



SOURCES OF FUNDING

- Public, Private, Foundation Grants
- Government Grants
- Individual Giving

MILESTONES

- 2018 – \$50,000 Freeman Foundation Award
- 2019—Volunteer Randy Simpson painted the Social Hall prior to Shinnenkai. Thank you!
- 2019—Phase 1 approvals by State Historic Preservation Division, County Planning Dept.
- 2020—Volunteer Mike Stolp installed new lighting installed in Social Hall. Thank you!
- 2021—Significant progress through October:
 - Pews sanded, repainted, returned to the Mission.
 - Temple interior painted
 - Water/termite damage repaired.
 - Social Hall and Temple screens built.
 - Social Hall and Temple Windows repaired.
 - Ceiling fans with LED lighting installed in Temple.