



Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu

DECEMBER 2022

E Komo Mai !

The shrine welcomed the annual visit of the 21st Century Religious Federation - - a Japanese organization of interfaith leaders that participates in the annual Pearl Harbor ceremony.

Visits by the full membership of the Federation were halted in 2020 due to COVID and will hopefully be resurrected in 2023.

81 years ago, Japan launched an attack on the U.S. Naval base of Pearl Harbor killing more than 2,400 service members and accelerating U.S. involvement in World War II.

The 21st Century Religious Federation was formed in 1983 by religious leaders in Japan to make the annual pilgrimage to Hawaii to participate in the U.S. Navy and National Park Service's Remembrance ceremony held on December 7th.

DONATIONS

21st Century Religious Fedn
Bill & Keiko Doughty
Russell Endo
Jean Imada
Rodney & Sharon Isa
Jinja Honcho
James & Melba Kurashige
Bryant Lau
Steve Miwa
Shinken & Marilyn Naitoh
Craig & Diane Nishida
Judy Sakamoto
Akiko Sanai
Gary & Linda Shinsato
Robert Stallings
Dawn Taguma
Michael & Lynn Wong
Dai Yoshida

MAHALO NUI

RICE

Takenoko Hilo

SAKE

Art Isa

Gary & Linda Shinsato

Masa & Irene Takizawa

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

26 - 30 8:30 am - 4 pm (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
Saisaki-Mode Early Hatsumode Personal
Worship

8:30 - 3:30 pm (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)
Early Omamori Selection (Shrine basement)

30 5 pm
Clean up and Preparations

31 8:30 am - 4:00 pm (Closed 4 pm ~ 8 pm)
8:00 pm - 11:59 pm
Saisaki-Mode Early Hatsumode Worship
Omamori available

11:30 pm (INTERNAL)
Toshikoshi no O-harai

JANUARY 2022

1 Midnight - 2 am (Closed 2 am ~ 8 am)
8 am - 4 pm
Hatsumode Personal Worship
(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

2 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Hatsumode Personal Worship
(Omamori only available from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm)

3 - 31 8:30 am - 4:00 pm (Resume regular schedule)
Hatsumode Personal Worship
(Omamori available in the shrine)

GOKITO - Private Blessings



A Car Blessing was performed for shrine friends on 12/1



The last Tsukinamisai of 2022 was conducted in the presence of our Officers and Directors. We look forward to 2023 with fervent wishes for a return to normalcy.



A private blessing was conducted to help one realize their goals



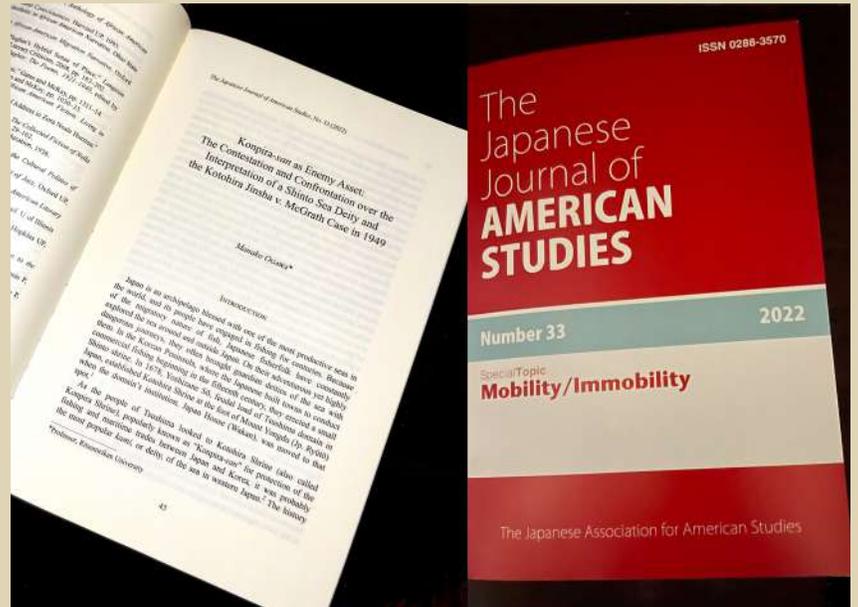
A remembrance Ceremony was held for a family that lost its patriarch 10 years ago

MAHALO NUI LOA **Dr. Manako Ogawa** of Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto for the compelling thesis on the 1949 Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha v. McGrath case.

Her thesis explores the contestation and confrontation over the interpretation of the Shinto Sea Deity of Kotohiragu.

Upon confiscation of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha's land, Howard Hoddick, US assistant attorney general ventured to Japan to collect evidence of the shrine's emperor worship and militarism and interviewed priests and personnel from Kotohiragu, retired priests of Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha, Japanese government officials and scholars, but returned empty handed.

To justify their claims, they called on Dr. Shunzo Sakamaki, a professor at UH Manoa as an expert witness to assert that Shinto was not a true religion but a



Japanese nationalist and propaganda cult that existed to assist Japanese military and economic domination.

Dr. Ogawa's research reveals undiscovered details about the Kotohira case that led up to the defining moment in local history that pummeled the way for other Japanese American faith organizations to regain their properties.



Mahalo for all your cans and plastic bottles !

Cans and plastic bottles collected this quarter was redeemed for cash at the neighborhood Recycling Center - CM Recycling.

If you aren't already recycling, please bring empty cans and plastic bottles to the shrine:

- remove all caps from the bottle
- empty out all liquids
- be sure the HI-5 mark in on the cans and plastic bottles

Mahalo for your kokua !

SAISAKI-MODE 12/26 - 12/31 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Saisaki-mode, literally means "praying for happiness early" and offers an opportunity prior to January 1 to express our gratitude and to pray for a new 2023 full of hope, health and abundance.

Saisaki-mode is offered "Japan-style" where you pray on your own. For those who prefer not to come together en masse for Hatsumode - visit the shrine for Saisaki-mode for a safe alternative.

Omamori Early Selection

12/26 - 12/30 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Omamori Mail Orders

12/20 - 12/26 kotohira@hawaiiantel.net

No mail orders will be taken 12/26 - 1/15

Omamori Pickups

12/25 is the last day to Email your Omamori orders for pickup on 12/26 - 12/29

HATSUMODE 2023

January 1 Sun Midnight - 2 am

8 am - 4 pm

Parking 12/31 & 1/1 at Farrington High School (Entry nearest to Kalihi Street)
Free shuttle

January 2 Mon 8:30 am - 4 pm

Omamori available 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

January 3 Tues 8:30 am - 4 pm

We hope you will be able to see these safety protocols as an opportunity to carry on Japanese traditions in a new and safe way.

Embrace the spirit of the Japanese New Year at Hawaii Kotohira Jinsha • Hawaii Dazaifu Tenmangu.

No Toshikoshi Soba

No Ozoni Soup

No Shishimai Lion Dance

No Omiki (sake)

BYOBags

Updates at www.jinja.us

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Given the current COVID-19 environment and its growing sensitivity, many of our usual volunteers are finding themselves wanting to help, but also wondering how.

With that in mind, please consider some of the ways below to help the shrine while

still maintaining safety and social distancing.

Like Hatsumode 2022, we will have masks, face shields and gloves available. The hall will be ventilated with all windows open.

The shrine will be running a reduced scope of services and

hours of operation during our annual Hatsumode event.

However, we will still need help in sharing the traditions of Hatsumode with the community.

Fee free to reach us to us at anytime. These are the ways you can help !!

DECEMBER 31 SAT 8 am ~ 4 pm 8 pm ~ 2 am Closed 4 pm ~ 8 pm

Cashiers - Same configuration as this year. All cashiers will be situated in the patio

8 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 4 pm 8 pm - 12 am 10 pm - (1/1) 2 am

Hall Guides - Monitor flow of people entering hall. Distribute masks to unmasked visitors

8 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 4 pm 8 pm - 12 am 10 pm - (1/1) 2 am

Traffic Control - Control traffic at shrine or Farington High School **10 pm - (1/1) 2 am**

Sanitizers - Sanitize hall and high-touch surfaces between groups

8 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 4 pm 8 pm - 12 am 10 pm - (1/1) 2 am

Logistics Crew - Assist Rev. Takizawa in a multitude of tasks

10 pm - (1/1) 2 am

JANUARY 1 SUN Closed 4 am ~ 8 pm.

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8 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 4 pm

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Traffic Control - Control traffic at shrine or Farrington High School

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Logistics Crew - Assist Rev. Takizawa in a multitude of tasks

8 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 4 pm

Lunch Crew - Pack, distribute bento and drinks to volunteers **10 am - 1 pm**

JANUARY 2 MON

Cashiers - Same configuration as this year. All cashiers will be situated in the patio

8 am - 12 pm 12 pm - 4 pm

Breakdown Crew - Restore and clean the hall . Transport all shrine items to the shrine

Roadwork on Olomea

Grace Pacific began roadwork on Olomea Street, between Houghtailing and Auld Lane from November 29.

The area fronting Honolulu Ford and the shrine began 11/29 with asphalt milling and paving.

White lines were painted onto the road on 12/1.

The strip between Kohou and Auld Lane began on 12/5.

There was a brief road closure of Olomea on 11/30 due to an accident involving a vehicle hitting an Asphalt roller.

Otherwise, there will be no road closures - only lane shifts during work hours (8:30 am ~ 3:00 pm)

On November 30, a car traveling on H-1, tore down the fence between the freeway and Olomea - a few steps away from the shrine.

The torn fence was re-installed on 12/3 by workers from the State Department of Transportation.

The NO PARKING signs in front of the shrine were removed on 12/3, allowing for street parking in front of Ford and the shrine.

