

## Available Upon Request

-Ancestor memorial services may be performed at any time. We invite requests for these services.

-Among the special prayers that may be requested there are prayers for the health of individuals or families, business success, prayers for safe delivery, infant's first blessing, prayers for safe travel and a good marriage. Home purification and office blessings may also be requested.

### Weddings:

Traditional Japanese Buddhist temple weddings may be held with a western wedding gown.

Since memorial services and special prayers must be requested in advance, please inquire by telephone or Email.

In keeping with the spirit of the Lotus Sutra, the Honolulu Myohoji does not discriminate against any religion or sect. All are welcome to worship at our temple.

### Honolulu Myohoji Cultural Center:

To contribute to the promotion of Japanese culture in Hawaii, at the Honolulu Myohoji, Japanese cultural classes are being held. Due to the influence of Buddhism on Japanese culture, the study of Japanese culture becomes a link to understanding Buddhism and human life. Nevertheless, the Honolulu Myohoji Cultural Center is not an ordinary community center. It is a cultural center within temple functions. Through the cultural activities we can educate to a deeper understanding of Buddhism and daily life. That is why those who study cultural activities at the Cultural Center are urged to participate in the activities of the Honolulu Myohoji as a part of Buddhist religious training.

Shinshintoitsu Aikido Friday, 5 p.m. and Saturday, 8 a.m.

Tea Ceremony 1st and 3rd Saturday, 3 p.m.

Karate Saturday, 5 p.m.

Yoga Tuesday 8:30 a.m. and Friday 5 p.m.

Chorus Tuesday, 12 noon

Iaido Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

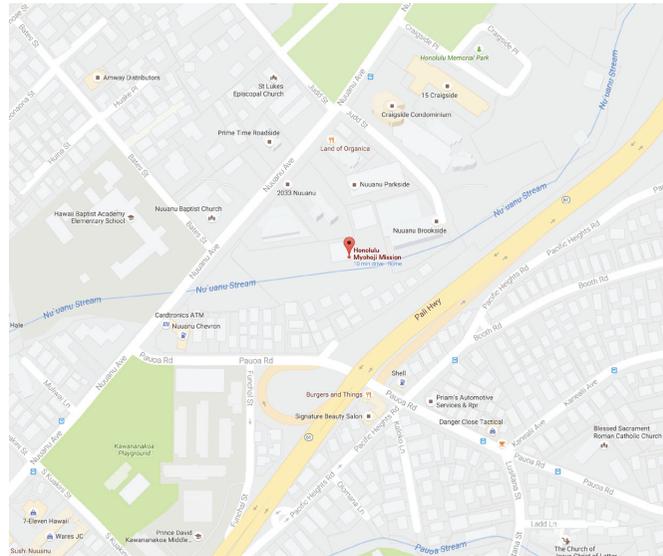
Jujitsu Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Kendo Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Shodo(Calligraphy) Monday, 9 a.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m.

Nihon Buyo (Japanese Dance) Monday, 1 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.

Those who wish to participate in these classes or who have questions are asked to not contact the temple, but speak to the instructors at the temple at the scheduled day and time.



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**THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TEMPLE  
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## Our Belief



Founder: **St. Nichiren (1222-1282)**

Founding Date: **April 28, 1253**

Principal Object of Veneration:

**Eternal True Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha  
(Great Universal Spirit)**

The Three Treasurers That We Believe In:

- 1. Eternal True Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha**
- 2. Lotus Sutra of the Wonderful Law**
- 3. St. Nichiren**

Head Temple: **Kuonji of Minobu-san in Yamanashi Prefecture**

Headquarters: **Shumuin in Ikegami Honmonji of Ota-ku, Tokyo Metropolis**

Scripture: **Lotus Sutra of the Wonderful Law**

Daimoku (Main Mantra That We Chant):

**Namu Myoho Renge Kyo**

By reciting the Main Mantra we leave the world of relativity and enter the mind of the Absolute. At that moment, our mind is the Buddha's mind, and our life is the Buddha's life. We are one with the universe.

## Doctrine

The Nichiren-shu is a religious order that grounds itself upon the Lotus Sutra, which is the supreme teaching expounded by the historical Shakyamuni Buddha.

We revere St. Nichiren as being the founder of our Order. He read the Lotus Sutra and disseminated it with his very person.

The doctrine of this Order is that guided by the teachings of our founder, who concentrated the spirit of the Lotus Sutra within the Odaimoku, we are encouraged in our faith and practice, and by spreading his teachings, world peace, the happiness of humankind, and in turn individual happiness will come to be. We can confidently believe in such results from his teachings.

Our ideal is to practice the Lotus Sutra, to reveal the reality of all teachings and return them to the Truth of the Wonderful Law, and achieve immediate enlightenment for all of humankind.

## Outline of the Nichiren Order

The Nichiren Order appeared in the Kamakura period in medieval Japan. We are a religious order that believes in the teachings of the founder, St. Nichiren, the practitioner of the Lotus Sutra, who devoted his entire life to its practice and teaching. We do so in order to save all the suffering people of this world and to make this world into a peaceful land.

St. Nichiren particularly selected as his fundamental scripture, the Lotus Sutra of the Wonderful Law, from among the many sutras that were expounded by the Shakyamuni Buddha, the Historical Buddha, who is the founder of Buddhism. Moreover, he revered as his original teacher, the Lord Teacher of the Lotus Sutra, the Eternal True Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha, and he stood upon the realization of being the Buddha's messenger, who had been entrusted by the Eternal True Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha to widely transmit the Lotus Sutra, and he practiced its teachings. Accordingly, the Eternal True Teacher Shakyamuni Buddha, the Lotus Sutra and St. Nichiren are the three treasures (Buddha, the Dharma and the Sangha) that followers of the Nichiren Order should believe in.

## Honolulu Myohoji's History

Honolulu Myohoji Mission was established in 1930 by Rev. Nisshu Kobayashi of the Kenpon Hokke-Order in Japan.

In May of 1954, the Venerable Rev. Nittatsu Fujii of Nihonzan Myohoji presented the Mission with a Busshari (Buddha's Relics).

In May of 1968, the first Peace Tower in Honolulu, which includes the temple's main prayer hall, was realized.

In 1979, the Honolulu Myohoji was admitted into the Nichiren Order (Nichiren-shu).

In 1983, the Honolulu Myohoji Japanese Cultural Center was built to support the development of Japanese culture.

In 2015, the Honolulu Myohoji celebrated the 85th anniversary of its founding.

## Temple Activities

Daily Morning Service at 8 a.m.

Friday Weekly Yoga & Meditation Class from 5 p.m.

Regular Sunday Service from 10 a.m. (Except last Sunday of month)

Dharma Class (Once Monthly) from 5:30 a.m.

Special Events:

January—New Year's Blessing

February—Lunar New Year's Blessing

March—Spring Equinox Ancestor Memorial Service

April—Birthday of the Historical Buddha, Shakyamuni Buddha

May—Memorial Day

August—Bon Ancestor Memorial Service

September—Autumn Equinox Ancestor Memorial Service

October—Memorial Day Service for St. Nichiren, Our Order's Founder

December—Year-End Cleaning