

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE TOBA REQUEST FORMS**

### **ABOUT TOBA**

Prayers may be requested for either an individual (e.g. John Higa) or an ancestral family (e.g. Higa Family Ancestors). A minister will create a toba for each of your requests on a thin, shaved piece of wood using the information that you provide. During the Obon service, ministers will read the toba to call the spirits to the temple so that the congregation may offer prayers and energy. Our ancestors receive this spiritual energy to gain strength and peace in the next world.

Because requesting a toba be created is a way to pay respects to those who have passed away, you may request a tablet for family, friends, or other loved ones.

### **DATE DECEASED**

If you are requesting a toba for an ancestral family, please leave the date blank.

If you are requesting a toba for an individual, please include the date of passing. If you are not sure of the exact date, please enter the year of passing.

### **NAME OF DECEASED/ANCESTRAL FAMILY NAME**

For ancestral family, write the last name of the family. For example, "Higa Family Ancestors."

For individuals, please write the person's full name. At least first and last names should be provided.

### **SPONSOR'S NAME**

Please write your name or the sponsor's name. There may be different sponsor names on the same request sheet. The sponsor's name is recorded on the tablet and read by the ministers during the Obon service.

### **HATSUBON**

Please check the box if your loved one passed away between May 30, 2022, and May 20, 2023.

### **DEADLINE & QUESTIONS**

Toba requests should be received at the office by Friday, June 16, 2023. If you need more request sheets, please make a copy or download a printable form at [koboji.org/obon](http://koboji.org/obon). You may attach as many sheets as necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact the office at 808-841-7033 or [koboji@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:koboji@hawaiiantel.net).