### Daifukuji Soto Mission

#### In the Light of the Hawai'i Kannon







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September, 2022

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All are cordially invited to Daifukuji's

# Autumn Higan & Soto Zen Founders Service

Sunday, September 11 at 10 a.m.



Vegetarian Potluck Lunch

Donations of canned foods for the Hawaii Island Food Basket may be brought to the service. All are invited to stay for a vegetarian potluck lunch after the service. The Gift Shop will be open.

2022 Online Auction News & QR Code on page 11.

# Jizo Ceremony for Healing Loss

from miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth, or the death of an infant

### Saturday, September 3, 2022 3:00 - 4:30 P.M. HST via ZOOM

In an atmosphere of confidentiality and respect, we will gather via ZOOM to share our hearts and our stories of loss, to light candles, and to invoke the healing compassion of Jizo Bodhisattva.



Ceremony to be facilitated by Rev. Jiko Nakade and Kakuju Park.
Bring a candle, as well as a flower or leaf, to this Zoom gathering.
This ceremony is being offered free of charge. Donations may be given to Daifukuji.

Questions or to register, please contact:

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#### Aloha from Reverend Jikō

Aloha Sangha members and friends,

I was sorry that I was not able to participate in the cemetery blessing and mini Bon Dance in July. A few days before the event I tested positive for Covid and had to stay in quarantine. But, I did watch the Bon dance and taiko performance from my window and could see how happy everyone looked. The air was filled with good vibes! In our own Daifukuji way, we were able to celebrate Obon and honor our

ancestors. I appreciated everyone's hard work and participation.

Now that the Obon season has come to an end, our focus at Daifukuji is turning to the start of several new programs and to preparing for our next online auction fundraiser. **There's detailed information about all of these happenings in this newsletter.** In a nutshell, I would like to share some of them with you here.

**Friday morning zazen:** Starting September, the Zazenkai and I will be offering two sessions of zazen each week on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 6:00 a.m. You are welcome to come and sit with us in silence.

"The Hidden Lamp" Zoom Dharma Study: Starting October, I will be offering a new series of online Dharma sessions via Zoom. There will be a Thursday afternoon group and also a Saturday morning group, so you can choose which day works best for you. Each class is an hour long; you may attend classes as your schedule permits. I am especially pleased to be able to use the book *The Hidden Lamp: Stories from Twenty-five Centuries of Awakened Women*, which I received as a gift from my cousin, Dharma teacher Mushim Ikeda. It's a treasury of 100 commentaries shared by 100 modern women Buddhist teachers from various traditions, many of them Zen priests. Mushim's essay is included. We will talk about the contributions women have made to Buddhism over the centuries, often quietly and unacknowledged in patriarchal societies. The print edition of this book was out of stock for a while, delaying the start of this Dharma series. At last the books will be shipped to us and we can begin. I look forward to the deep sharing among participants that is possible via Zoom. Please join us. (Note: In-person Dharma classes will resume once all of the temple's various painting and repair projects are completed, which will not be any time soon.)

**Dharma programs for middle and high schoolers:** Oh, how Jikai and I have missed gathering with the young people of our Family Sangha over the past 2 1/2 Covid years! At long last, we are ready to kick off a new program on October 9th. It is called "A Break From all the Noise" and will be geared toward middle and high school students. We will meet two Sunday mornings a month for Buddhist education, zazen, shakyo, and some fun Y.B.A. (Young Buddhist Association) projects.

Everyone, mahalo nui for your loving, kind, and generous support of Daifukuji. I am very grateful to be taking refuge in the Three Treasures and walking this path together with all of you. In heartfelt gratitude, I bow.

With warm aloha, in gasshō, Jiko Nakade 慈光



Lorraine Tanimoto showing the lovely floral offerings.



Deacon Amy Jikai



Melanie Yoneyama, Carol Macatiag, Karene Ota, and Shirlene Yoneyama

#### Cemetery Blessing & Mini Bon Dance Mahalo

The July 16th cemetery blessing and mini Bon dance went well, thanks to the following volunteers:

Cemetery blessing — Deacon Amy Jikai

Presentation of gifts to cemetery crew - Barbara Bosz, Daifukuji Board Vice-president

Leis — Reiko Sekine

Floral arrangements — Shirlene Yoneyama, Karene Ota, and Melanie Yoneyama. Mahalo to James Kudo, Clyde Wong, and Gordon Oshiro for donating anthuriums.

Refreshments — Ann Nakamoto, Kindness Israel, Eliana Sattler, Reiko Sekine, Joyce St. Arnault, Jean Ikeda, Lorraine Tanimoto, and Kelly Deguchi (The *somen* noodles were delicious!)

Taiko performance — Kona Daifukuji Taiko under the direction of sensei Akemi Iwamoto, with special guest sensei Kristy Oshiro

Parking — Michael Nakade

Set up and P.A. — Stephen Tanaka and Warren Ikeda

Gift Shop — Clear Englebert and Barbara Bosz

A big mahalo to all who came, honored the ancestors, danced, pitched in, and contributed smiles and good energy to this year's Obon festivities. We are looking forward to holding a big Bon Dance next year and inviting the public.



Barb Bosz, Warren Ikeda, Noel Kimura, & Dennis Nakano



Children placing flowers on all of the graves.



#### The Gift Shop View of the Bon Dance

by Clear Houn Englebert

The day of the mini Bon Dance started nicely for the gift shop—our order for new fans from Japan had *just arrived*. We unpacked, priced, and made a special display of them outside on the cement ledge leading to the shop. We also had two large tables set up just under the minister's carport. That's where we displayed all the various items that Daifukuji produces: cards, bookmarks, stickers, shirts, Bon dance towels, omamori, Funjinkai cookbooks, shopping bags, as well as the new ceramic mugs.

The shop was naturally vacant during the actual dancing and taiko drumming, so the cashiers got to enjoy the show and participate in the dancing. It was exuberant and joyful, and without the tall *yagura* in the center of the circle the shape of the circle of dancers was more apparent. Seeing the moving full circle of dancers with only taiko drummers in the center was a unique and beautiful experience. Some of the dancing was to live singing and some of the drumming was the most dramatic I've seen anywhere.

The riveting attraction of the dancing and drumming actually pulled people off the Mamalahoa Highway. The last couple that came into the shop had been on their way home and when they saw what was going on in the parking lot, they turned in, parked, and came to enjoy the show—then they



shopped! They arrived right toward the end of the dancing and then came in for a first-time browse. They loved the shop, remarking (to my great joy) what a nice Buddhist book selection there was. They hadn't been up to see inside the temple so we sent them up there afterward. I'm sure they'll be back.

#### FREE COVID TEST KITS AVAILABLE

We have received some free Covid test kits through Project Dana for anyone in need. Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524. Also, should you have an extra box of disposable masks which you don't need, kindly drop it off at Daifukuji for sangha members to use at the temple.



#### September Programs

**Shakyo (Tracing the Sutras)** & **Shabutsu (tracing pictures of buddhas)** - Saturday, September 3 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the Social Hall. All are welcome. By donation.

**Zazen and Chanting** - Zazen is offered in person and via Zoom every Wednesday from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. and is followed by 20 minutes of chanting. Starting September 2, zazen will be offered on Fridays from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m.; no service will be held. Practitioners are asked to arrive at 5:45 a.m. Contact Rev. Jiko at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org to receive the Zoom link for zazen sessions.

**Daifukuji Gay Sangha** - 1st Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Meditation and discussion. For information, call Clear Houn at (808) 328-0329.

**Sangha Sisters Women's Spirituality Circle** - ZOOM meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

**T'ai Chi** - Tuesdays - Beginners, Wednesdays - Intermediate, Thursdays - Advanced. All classes are one hour and start at 9:00 a.m. inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5.00 per class. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema: (808) 345-1492.

**Soleful Strutters** - T'ai Chi warm-up and walking on temple grounds at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. For information, please contact Hannah Israel at (408) 421-8845 or Reverend Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

**Yoga** — Mondays from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. No fee, but donations accepted. Bring a mat or towel. Call instructor Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or <a href="mailto:liz217a@hotmail.com">liz217a@hotmail.com</a>. Note: No classes will be held on September 12 and September 26.

**Yoga via Zoom** (August 25 - September 29) 6-week series

Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST. Welcome and Warm-up from 7:45 - 8 a.m. HST. ZOOM Yoga from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST. Optional Chat from 9:00- 9:20 a.m. Drop in or whole series. What's needed: Yoga mat, loose clothing, water, towel, empty stomach. "Dana"=Temple Offering by mail or at: <a href="http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html">http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html</a>.

Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose, who has been teaching yoga for 45 years. For inquiry about this series and future yoga classes: (808) 430-2620. Email for Registration & Zoom Link: ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net.



# The Hidden Lamp: A New Dharma Series on ZOOM Starting in October

#### Registration is now open

This time our focus is on essays written by Buddhist women teachers in response to 100 Buddhist stories and *koans*. Our online Dharma groups will be reading the book *The Hidden Lamp: Stories from Twenty-Five Centuries of Awakened Women*, edited by Florence Caplow and Susan Moon. This book will be available through the

Daifukuji Gift Shop in September. Dharma class members may purchase a copy at the special price of \$11. (The regular price is \$18.95.) Sorry, we are unable to handle mail orders. The book can be ordered online: <a href="https://wisdomexperience.org/product/hidden-lamp/">https://wisdomexperience.org/product/hidden-lamp/</a>.

Please select group 1 or group 2, whichever day works best for you.

Group 1: Thursdays from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. HST (starting OCTOBER 6 - MARCH)

Group 2: Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST (starting OCTOBER 8 - MARCH)

Rev. Jikō offers Dharma classes free of charge. Donations are appreciated. If you would like to offer a donation, you may do so through the temple website: <a href="http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html">http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html</a>. Checks may be mailed to: Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750.

A Zoom link will be sent to you each week. Please attend as your schedule allows. Learning together via Zoom is a fun way to make new Dharma friends and stay connected with old friends. All are welcome.

To register for the series, to reserve a book, or to ask a question, please contact Rev. Jikō at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org, (808) 322-3524.



#### **Worldwide Ringing of Bells for Peace**

2022 Peace Day in Hawaii: International Day of Peace Wednesday, September 21

<u>Instead of our monthly September Kannon-ko service</u>, our sangha will be participating virtually in this Peace Day Event sponsored by Honpa Hongwanji Mission of Hawaii.

Join us at Daifukuji at 8:15 a.m. on September 21 or participate from home via Zoom. Bring a bell to ring if you have one. (We'll have some extras prepared.)

8:15 a.m. Arrive at Daifukuji

8:30 a.m. Blowing of the Pū (conch shell), Pule, Opening Ceremony

9:00 a.m. Ring your bell for Peace Day from all around the world. View everyone on Zoom.

9:06 a.m. Sharing Peace with Jake Shimabukuro, ukulele virtuoso, "Hawaii's Ambassador of Peace"

To register & receive the link: <u>bit.ly/PeaceDay2022</u> Rene Mansho, Chair <u>renemansho@hawaii.rr.com</u>

If you're coming to the temple, you don't have to register. Daifukuji is already registered.



# A Break From All the Noise: Peaceful Moments for Middle and High School Students

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- Ask questions in a safe, non-judgmental group setting facilitated by Rev. Jikō.
- Interact with other youth through projects & discussions.
- Have an opportunity to join the Y.B.A. (Young Buddhist Association)
- Bring a friend.

For more information or to obtain a schedule, contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org. Parents are welcome to attend.

#### Daifukuji Board Report

By Steve Hoshin Mann, Board secretary

The Daifukuji Soto Mission Board of Directors met via Zoom on August 8.

We heard that the potluck after the Jizo service on August 14 will be a vegetarian one; some fraction of the meals after services will be vegetarian as part of Daifukuji's Blue Zones commitment to "plant-slanted" eating, which is a kinder way of living in the world. The Zazenkai will be hosting morning meditation on Fridays as well as Wednesdays beginning in September. We will continue to be a collection point for HI-5 plastic bottles, but are no longer using them as a fundraiser - for the time being they will be given to the homeless down in Kailua-Kona by a member of the Zazenkai.

We reviewed the status of our contracts for upcoming roof and exterior painting, carpet cleaning, ramp repair, and termite treatment. The Fujinkai, having gotten the gardens behind the temple under control. would like to hand off that responsibility. We reviewed plans for the Online Auction, to begin collection October 13 and go live October 26.

The state and county have stopped issuing regular Covid updates, and Daifukuji will maintain the status quo - indoor masking suggested, a general limit of 80 people in the social hall, groups able to set stricter standards if they like, and case-by-case evaluation of large events.

#### In Memoriam

We express our sincere condolences to the family of the late James T. Ota, 86, who passed away on July 30, 2022.

Namu Daihi Kanzeon Bosatsu

#### No Kannon-ko Service in September

There will be no Kannon-ko service in September. Instead, please join us at Daifukuji at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21 for the Worldwide Ringing of Bells for Peace.

Please see page 7 for more information.



#### The Continual Unfolding of Zazen

By Michael Keller

Zazen is a continually unfolding process. There is no backsliding. At the beginning of any session, you are at exactly the same inner place as when you ended the last session. There is continual progress.

There is no end to this progress. In the *Bloodstream Sermon*, Bodhidharma, the founder of Zen or Chan in China and the first Chinese patriarch, says of enlightened consciousness, "The mind's capacity is limitless, and its manifestations are inexhaustible." Even after enlightenment, either sudden or gradual, spiritual insight continues. Dogen says in the *Genjo Koan*:

When dharma fills your body and mind, you understand that something is missing. For example, when you sail out in a boat to the midst of an ocean where no land is in sight, and view the four directions, the ocean looks circular, and does not look any other way. But the ocean is neither round nor square; its features are infinite in variety. It is like a palace. It is like a jewel. It only looks circular as far as you can see at that time. All things are like this. Though there are many features in the dusty world and the world beyond conditions, you see and understand only what your eye of practice can reach. In order to learn the nature of the myriad things, you must know that although they may look round or square, the other features of oceans and mountains are infinite in variety; whole worlds are there. It is so not only around you, but also directly beneath your feet, or in a drop of water.

Zazen practitioners can reflect that wherever they may be on the spectrum of spiritual insight, there is no end or conclusion to the spectrum. It doesn't matter where a person is on the spectrum, everyone on it is equally ignorant.

#### Orchard Rededication Blessing Sunday, October 16 9:00 a.m.

On Sunday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m., we will break ground and rededicate the orchard behind the temple, and begin planting trees. Please join us. Volunteers on Fridays for the last couple of years have removed aging Macadamia nut trees, cleared brush and weeds, repaired pig-damaged terraces, established pathways, and enclosed the space with walls and fencing to make it secure from pigs. That work is nearly done - we should be able to close the orchard gate within a few weeks. We've chosen fruit tree species to plant on the advice of the Fujinkai. If you'd like to be part of the planning and preparation of the orchard, join us any Friday morning, or contact Steve Hoshin at 808-492-9835/steve@oldwaysfarm.com.



### Fujinkai General Membership Meeting

Sunday, August 28 1:00 p.m. Daifukuji Social Hall

Daifukuji Fujinkai members and those interested in learning more about the Fujinkai are cordially invited to a general membership meeting which will be held on Sunday, August 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the social hall. Our Fujinkai has grown and this would be a good opportunity for everyone to get to know each other. For more information about the Fujinkai, go to <a href="http://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai\_Brochure\_2022.pdf">http://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai\_Brochure\_2022.pdf</a>. Registration forms are available through the temple office. Dues are \$10 annually; Fujinkai members 85 and up are exempt. Membership is open to any adult.

#### Field Trip to the Vanillerie on September 24

by Lorraine Jitoku Tanimoto, Field Trip Coordinator

After a 3-year hiatus of avoiding crowds and taking precautionary measures because of the pandemic, the Fujinkai Board has decided to take members on a field trip to The Vanillerie on Saturday, September 24. The Vanillerie grows and processes vanilla, the world's second-most expensive spice. The 45-minute guided tour will be conducted in 4 shade houses where we'll see thousands of vanilla vines and flower blooms. The farm is located above the Kona International Airport. After the tour, lunches provided by the Fujinkai will be eaten using the farm's picnic tables. Further information will be given at the Fujinkai's general membership meeting on Sunday, August 28.

We would appreciate having Fujinkai volunteer drivers to chauffeur our members that day. We will meet at the temple at 9:00 a.m. Guests of Fujinkai members need to pay the \$20 tour fee and lunch fee (price not yet determined). The tour and lunch are free for Fujinkai members.

Fujinkai members, if you are interested in going on this fun, educational tour, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524, <u>rev.jiko@daifukuji.org</u> or talk to Lorraine Tanimoto in person. District representatives will be reaching out to members. Everyone, be sure to attend the August 28th meeting. The deadline to sign up for this field trip is Saturday, September 3.



# Online Auction to be held October 26 - November 2 *Accepting auction items October 13 - 23*

Mark your calendars! We are starting to plan Daifukuji's third online auction.

We are asking for donations of new, "like new" and "gently used" items. We want to offer the best we have to boost Daifukuji Soto Mission's General Fund.

Suggested items are coffee, mac nuts, gift certificates/cards for services, restaurants & stores. Plants & orchids, Japanese & Buddhist items are popular. Other examples are handmade items, jewelry, art, nonperishables, gift baskets, tools, sporting goods, etc. Please, nothing bulky or too heavy for us to manage.

We plan to combine items to have a minimum starting bid of \$20.00. So even if you have something under that price, we'll happily accept it. Donations with a higher value will start at a higher price.

I am asking for volunteers to accept donations in the social hall and help with the pick-ups. Drive-thru works well so we'll do that again. If you have 2 - 4 hours to help Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday during the auction period, please contact me. We'll get a sign-up sheet going.

Please arrange with Rev. Jiko for dropping items off items by calling Daifukuji at (808) 322-3524. We will be accepting items October 13 through October 23, 2022. Please leave your name, number & estimated value with your donation, in case I have a question. A thank you & letter for tax purposes is available when you donate.

The auction will begin at 9:00 am on October 26 and end at 5:00 pm Hawaii Time on November 2, 2022. Here is the link we ask you to share with family & friends:

https://www.32auctions.com/Templekokua. It will go live on October 26 at 9:00 am. You can view items before it goes live.

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please don't hesitate to contact me at <u>barbarainkona@gmail.com</u>, 808-987-2673, text & phone.

Thank you in advance for your help making this online auction a success!



Aloha,

Barbara Shoshin Bosz Auction Co-chair

Use our auction's *QR code!* 



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# KONA DAIFUKUJI "ZOOM" YOGA 8.10.22

6 Thursdays 8-9 am HST Aug.25 Sept.1, 8,15, 22, 29

- 7:45 8 am HST Welcome Warm-up
- 8:00 9 am
- "ZOOM" YOGA!
- 9:00 9:20am
- Chat (optional)
- 1:45 2 pm EST, DLS
- 2:00 3 pm
- 3:00 3:20 pm

Open to: Members, Kona Community and ALL Beginners & Experienced WELCOME!

@Drop in or Whole Series@

ENERGY is our focus, so move to your body!

"Asanas & Chakras" integrated in Patanjali Yoga Sutras, 8 Limbs

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, H2O, & towel, empty stomach "Dana"=Temple Offering by mail or at: <a href="http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html">http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html</a>

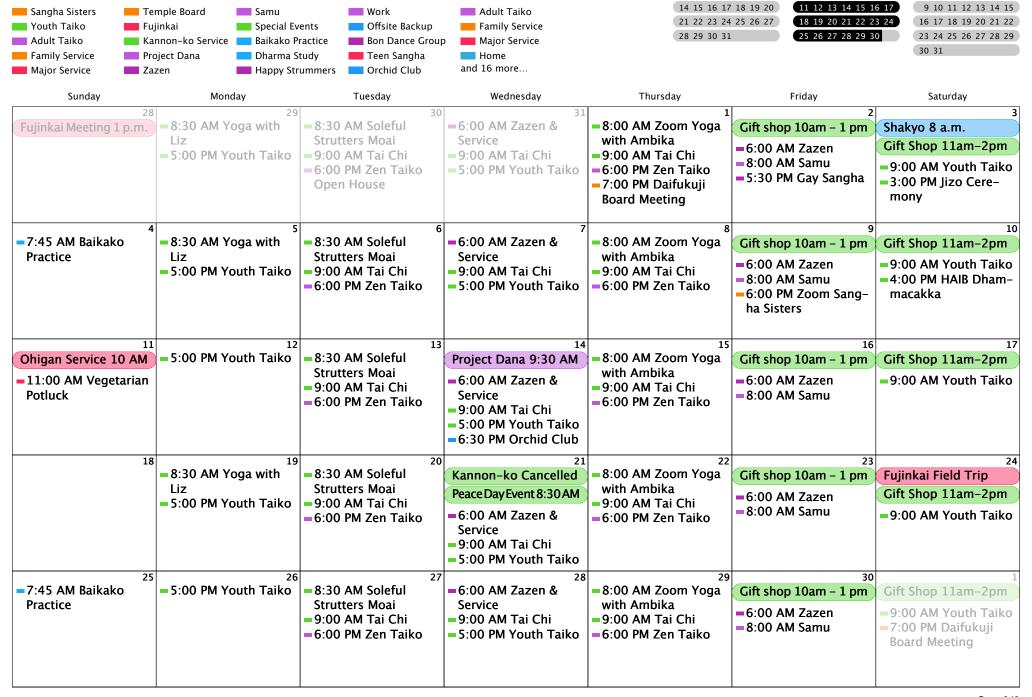
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Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose

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