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All are cordially invited to Daifukuji’s
Bodhi Day Service 成道会 (Jōdō-e)

“Commemorating the Buddha’s Enlightenment”

Sunday, December 10, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Potluck Lunch, Followed by Bazaar Evaluation Meeting

Commemorating the great awakening of Shakyamuni Buddha beneath the Bodhi Tree over 2,500 years ago, the Bodhi Day service is perhaps the most important service of the year. We would love to have you join us.

The Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Jikō. Music will be provided by the Daifukuji Baikako and Daifukuji Happy Strummers. Lunch will be a potluck. Please bring a dish to share, as well as your own “oryoki” set of reusable tableware. Labelling your dish gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc. would help those with food allergies and preferences. The gift shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon. Canned and packaged food will be collected for the Hawai’i Island Food Basket.

Together, let us celebrate the Buddha’s day of enlightenment. All are welcome. A bazaar evaluation will be held around noon. Bazaar committee heads and volunteers are invited to this meeting. (If you cannot attend, but would like to share your comments, please email them to Rev. Jikō at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.)

A New Year’s Party Form & 2024 Memorial Service List are included in this newsletter.

Bodhi Day Aloha from Rev. Jikō

Aloha dear sangha and friends,

I send you warm and happy Bodhi Day blessings from Daifukuji, where the evening air is thick with the high-pitched chirping of hundreds of coqui frogs, accompanied by the deep *don don don* of taiko drums.

Our three bazaar co-chairs express their thanks in the pages of this newsletter, and I would like to add my voice of gratitude to theirs. Mahalo, everyone, for supporting Daifukuji's bazaar and contributing to its success. Your donations have gone into our general fund which makes temple operations possible. Thanks to your support, Daifukuji is able to offer a wide variety of programs and services to sangha members, as well as to the Kona community.

Dear sangha, I look forward to sitting in silence with you during the upcoming *Rohatsu Sesshin* the week of December 1 - 8, celebrating the Buddha's great awakening with you at our Bodhi Day service on December 10, chanting the Heart Sutra with you while sacred objects are burned at the *Ofudayaki* ceremony on December 20, studying the Dharma with you via Zoom, attending our youth taiko group's concert with you on December 30, and greeting a New Year together with all of you at our New Year's blessing service on January 1.

Living in a troubled world torn apart by greed, hatred, conflict and violence, I feel grateful each day for the teachings of the Buddha and ancestors and for a sangha 'ohana that is kind, gentle, compassionate, giving, and harmonious. By being mindful of our thoughts, words, and deeds, may we model the way of peace. Wishing you all a happy Bodhi Day, happy holidays, and a happy New Year. Mahalo for your support throughout 2023.

With warm aloha and palms together in gasshō,

Jikō Nakade



On October 24, Rev. Jiko, together with Steve, Stephen, and Teri, received a group of special guests from the administrative headquarters of Soto Zen Buddhism -- Rev. Tenyu Fukagawa, Rev. Kosei Oshima, and Rev. Hakuei Hibi. We also welcomed Rev. Taiga Ito from the International Center of Soto Zen Buddhism North America and Rev. Shuji Komagata and Rev. Masataka Hoshino from the Soto Zen Hawaii Bishop's Office.

Recyclables

We are no longer accepting donations of recyclables (plastic bottles and soda cans). Thank you for your support over the years. Please take your recyclables to a recycling center.

Dharma Classes Filled

Registration is closed for Rev. Jiko's online Zoom Dharma classes. Both the Thursday and Saturday classes are filled. If you wish, you may ask to be placed on a wait list. Mahalo for your understanding.

In Memoriam



To the family of the late Michael Asada, who passed away on November 5, 2023 at the age of 76, we express our deepest sympathy. Namu Kanzeon Bosatsu.

Mike's memorial service will be held at Daifukuji on Friday, December 29 with visitation at 3 p.m. and service at 4 p.m. It is open to all.

Ofudayaki: The Burning of Sacred Objects

Wednesday, December 20 10:00 am.

An *ofudayaki* ceremony will be held in conjunction with our December Kannon-ko service. You may bring your old *omamori* and *ofuda* to the temple prior to December 20th or when you come to the ceremony. Burnable altar objects (no metal or plastic) which are no longer needed may also be burned at this time. All are welcome to attend this ceremony, after which tea will be served & snacks shared.

Questions? Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

Eight Days of Meditation: Daifukuji's Rohatsu Sesshin

December 1 - 8

Morning zazen (Dec. 1-8) 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.

Evening zazen (Dec.1-7) 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



The Rohatsu Sesshin is a period of meditation that commemorates the Buddha Shakyamuni's enlightenment, which in Japanese Buddhism, is observed on the 8th of December as Bodhi Day. Rohatsu means "the 8th day of the 12th month." In Zen, a sesshin is a period of intensive meditation. At Daifukuji, we'll be sitting in the morning and again in the evening. One is welcome to come to any number of sessions.

During this period of meditation which is held annually from December 1- 8, zazen & morning service will be held each morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. Donations to the Daifukuji Zazenkaï will be accepted.

Zazen only will be held each evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. from December 1 through December 7. Zafu (cushions) and chairs will be provided.

Please keep the following points in mind: plan on arriving at least 10 minutes early and be seated before the starting time. Should you arrive late, it is best to sit on a pew & join the group during kinhin (walking meditation). Please do not bring food, drinks (except water, if needed), or electronic devices into the meditation hall. Please do not wear shorts or tank tops. Socks, head coverings, and lap blankets are okay.

The sesshin will end after morning service on December 8th and will be followed by a simple Zen breakfast in the social hall. Questions? Please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Taiko Concert Fundraiser to be Held December 30

Aloha! We're excited to announce a Mini Concert with a Cause! Join us on Saturday, December 30, 2023, at Daifukuji Soto Mission for a wonderful afternoon of heart-thumping rhythms, delectable food, and unbounded joy. This event isn't only about music, it's also about community, culture, and the power of dreams.

Our Taiko's beat will set the tone for an amazing celebration. What makes it even more unique? The Mini Concert proceeds will be used to fund our artists' educational trip to Japan in the summer of 2024. This journey is more than just a trip, it is also an opportunity for our dedicated participants to immerse themselves in the heart of taiko culture and art before returning to give back to the community through vivid performances.

Date - Saturday, December 30, 2023

Performance time – 12:00 p.m.

Location – Daifukuji Soto Mission Social Hall

Entry Fee - \$20.00 Per Person. Collected at the door. Being that the hall capacity is 200, the first 200 people will be admitted.

Thank you for your continuing love, support, and encouragement.

Kona Daifukuji Taiko



December's Project Dana December 13 9:30 a.m.

Dear Project Dana members,

Please dress in reds and greens when you come to the December gathering. Also, please bring a wrapped gift (value about \$10) for the Secret Santa gift exchange. Michiko Enomoto will be demonstrating the art of "morimono," the making of a colorful arrangement of Japanese foods on a platter.

Temple members 60 & older are invited to join Project Dana, Daifukuji's monthly activity program for seniors. For information, call Rev Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or Joyce at (808) 329-3833.



Mahalo from Bazaar Co-chairs Joyce, Barb, and Betsy

Dear Daifukuji Sangha and friends,

I wish to express my heartfelt mahalo and appreciation for your dedication, hard work and donations which made our first mini bazaar a great success. It was very heartwarming to see temple members of different generations working harmoniously together. Barbara and Betsy, it was a pleasure co-chairing this event with the both of you.

With much love,

Joyce Yuko St. Arnault



I am so amazed by our volunteers and Sangha. The amount of items donated was overwhelming, and yet our crew dealt with each one, item by item. If we needed a table cleared, boom, it was cleared. The day of the bazaar went smoothly and was so much fun. I was astounded! Thank you all for the precious gift of your time, talent, dedication, friendship and kōkua.

My heartfelt thanks!

Barbara Shoshin Bosz



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Daifukuji's 2023 Bazaar was an exciting and successful temple event! From the beginning of the big day, as I listened to the enthusiastic and welcoming opening announcements, saw the huge crowd lined up in anticipation, heard the drumrolls of the taiko group, and smelled the good food, I loved being part of it all. And then the eager crowd entered the social hall, guided by our security force, and all of a sudden I was right in the middle of a huge, excited throng of a hundred plus shoppers. I

worked at tallying up their purchases. I even got a chance to tell a few folks about our Daifukuji Buddhist temple, to suggest they check out the temple hall itself, take some information, and come back sometime. When it was finally all over, in just a little over an hour, all the volunteers moved in unison very quickly to clean the kitchen, disassemble all the tents, fold and put away the big tables, box and store all the remaining unsold items, and wrap up the 2023 Bazaar.



It meant a lot to me to be part of the larger Daifukuji community who cooperate so well together, have fun together, and who give so much to the temple and the community. I especially loved working with the ladies of the Fujinkai. Making these new friends in the temple was the highlight of my Bazaar week. I also enjoyed cooking up ten gallons of vegetarian chili that fed many volunteers. My new philosophy in life is "one out of seven," which includes fasting one day a week and basically getting rid of one out of seven items in my cluttered house, so I was also very happy to go through my bulging-at-the-seams closet to pull out one of seven tops and dresses to fill a big black bag and donate them (and I only bought two tops back from the sale!). To sum up, I want to thank all our volunteers for an amazing outpouring of energy, time, warmth, and skills that made our 2023 Daifukuji Bazaar such a remarkable success.



In gassho,
Betsy Kairen Morrigan

Daifukuji Fujinkai News

The 57th UHSSWA conference (a gathering of Fujinkai groups throughout the state) is going to be held the weekend of April 27 - 28, 2024 in Hilo. This conference is being hosted by the Hilo Taishoji Fujinkai. Those who attended the 2023 conference had a wonderful time. Since air travel is not needed this time, attending the conference is much easier. We hope that many Fujinkai members will decide to participate.

For planning purposes, the Taishoji Fujinkai is requesting a tentative attendee count by December 5, 2023. If you are interested in attending the conference, please inform Joyce (808-329-3833) or Rev. Jiko by December 1. (808-322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org). (See tentative conference schedule below.)

The Fujinkai's next gathering will be the *Hatsumairi*, the Fujinkai's first service of the New Year, which will be held on Sunday, January 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. The service will be followed by lunch and fellowship. (More information will be available in the January newsletter.)

Membership in the Daifukuji Fujinkai is open to all adults. New members are always welcome. Annual membership dues are \$10 for those under the age of 85. https://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai_Brochure_2022.pdf

57th UHSSWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 27 & 28, 2024

APRIL 27, 2024 (SATURDAY)

9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30 a.m. Auditors' Meeting, Start Country Store Setup



10:00 a.m. Opening Service
10:30 a.m. Memorial Service
10:45 a.m. Group Picture Taking
11:00 a.m. General Membership Meeting
12:00 p.m. Bento Lunch (Social Hall)
12:45 p.m. Finish Country Store Setup
1:00 p.m. Country Store
1:30 p.m. Visit Hilo Farmers Market (on your own)
2:30 p.m. Bus to Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
3:15 p.m. Hotel Check In / Free Time
4:45 p.m. Bus to Nani Mau Gardens
5:30 p.m. Dinner and Program
8:30 p.m. Bus to Hotel

APRIL 28, 2024 (SUNDAY)

6:30 a.m. - Breakfast (on your own)
8:30 a.m. Morning Service in Moku Ola Room (downstairs)
9:00 a.m. Recognition of Jizoku, Recognition of Outgoing UHSSWA Officers, Installation of Incoming UHSSWA Officers, Introduction of Officers & Picture taking
9:30 a.m. Break / Check Out of Hotel
10:00 a.m. Dharma Session
11:30 a.m. Aloha Luncheon / Closing Ceremony

December Activities <https://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html>

Dharma Keiki, December 3 & 17 - A Dharma program for preschoolers - 3rd graders that's held at 9:30 a.m. on certain Sundays. Contact Rev. Jiko for information. (808)322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Zazen (Meditation) - Zazen is offered in person and via Zoom every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Wednesday zazen is followed by 20 minutes of chanting. Sunset meditation is held on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Practitioners are asked to arrive 10-15 prior to the starting time. Contact Rev. Jiko at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org to receive the Zoom link for zazen sessions.

Shakyo (Tracing the Sutras) & Shabutsu (tracing pictures of buddhas) - Saturday, December 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. All are welcome. By donation.

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 - Meetings are held in person and via Zoom on the second Friday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

T'ai Chi - All classes are one hour and held inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5.00 per class. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for schedule and other information: (808) 345-1492.

Soleful Strutters - T'ai Chi warm-up & walking on temple grounds at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. For information, please contact Hannah Israel at (408) 421-8845 or Reverend Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

Samu Fridays - Volunteers are needed for temple cleaning and grounds maintenance on Friday mornings from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Coffee hour & fellowship follows. Bring a snack to share.

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 liz217a@hotmail.com.

Yoga via Zoom — 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. "Dana"=Temple Offering by mail or at: [http:// www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html](http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html). Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose, (808) 430-2620. Email for Registration & Zoom Link: ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net.

Dharma Keiki on YouTube

Dharma Keiki, Daifukuji's Buddhist education program for *keiki* (children) will soon be offered via our temple's YouTube channel. With families on the go these days and not having time to bring their children to the temple, it has been a challenge sustaining an in-person Dharma school program. YouTube, here we come! Please subscribe to our temple's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/c/DaifukujiSotoZenHawaii> and tune in with your *keiki*.

Coming Up in January.....

New Year's Blessing Service....January 1
Joint Zen Retreat.....January 6
Fujinkai's *Hatsumairi*.....January 7
Project Dana..... January 10
Kannon-ko Service.....January 17
New Year's party set up.....January 27
New Year's party.....January 28



The Treasure Store

By Michael Keller

Dogen's *Fukanzazengi* was written to recommend *zazen* to everyone. Within its last paragraph is the admonition to "devote your energies to a way that directly indicates the absolute." The essay ends with the promise that if a person devotes himself in this manner, "Your treasure-store will open of itself, and you will use it at will."

Dogen also has other terms in this essay for the "treasure store," not only "the absolute" above, but also "your original face," "suchness," and of course "enlightenment."

I suggested in an essay in the January, 2022 Newsletter, that "enlightenment" for Dogen was "a non-articulated sense of connection with things, a comfortable sense of unity." And there are other aspects to the treasure store. For example, there is a sense of joy in living that is irrepressible. I heard that Abraham Maslow, the great psychologist, close to his passing, said that he regretted having to leave life, he loved it so much. Joy in life, love of it, is characteristic of an awakened person. So irrepressible is this sense of joy that it might be called "indomitability." Nothing can shake it, not loss of loved ones or any other sadness.

That is not to say that a person who has uncovered the treasure store does not feel sadness or grief. I remember when I was a member of a Sufi order many years ago, the Sheikh of the order, during a gathering of the dervishes, was asked to characterize earthly life. He said, "Trouble." There is plenty of trouble in life: loss of friends, stress in family relations, illness, old age, and death. In Sufism, to offset this trouble, there is "heart-opening," the influx of the love of God into the heart. In Buddhism, there is awakening or the uncovering of the treasure store.

With the treasure store uncovered, there is a paradox that ensues, where although sadness and pain are still felt, an underlying joy does not leave. In Zen I have often heard that in an awakened life, happiness and unhappiness are the same. That is a good description of this paradoxical situation.

To read more essays by Michael Keller, visit his website <https://www.zazenessays.com/>.

2024 Memorial Services (as of 11/8/23)

To arrange a memorial service, please call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or send an email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

One Year Memorial Service (2023)

Gladys Arase	Jan. 26
Kikuko Ushijima	Feb. 7
Don Erway	March 1
Janice Uchida	March 1
Chase Matsumoto	May 20
Fusao Sugai	May 22
Chiyoko Nakamoto	May 28
Kimiko Ikeda	June 5
Judie Fekete	July 13
Yasuo Nakamoto	Aug. 8
Aaron Wolfe	Oct. 9
Michael Asada	Nov. 5

3rd Year Memorial Service (2022)

Nancy Kurihara	Jan. 17
Roy Torioka	Feb 24
Leonard Ota	March 26
Setsuyo Oshima	April 15
Itsuo Ohta	June 20
Lorin Hopkins Hanato	June 21
Ray Horiuchi	July 12
James Ota	July 30
Nathan Sasaki	Sept. 16
Makoto Morihara	Sept. 21
Ginger Peck	Oct. 25

7th Year Memorial Service (2018)

Vivian Ontai	Feb. 11
Tomeyo Torioka	March 7
Sueno Ii	June 22
Morris Kimura	May 23
Gary Akamatsu	June 3
Dennis Bangay	Oct. 25
Brian Tsukahara	Sept. 11

13th Year Memorial Service (2012)

Tadao Sugai	Jan. 5
Akinori Ota	Jan. 18
Evelyn Kadooka	March 2
Kikuno Asada	March 19

(2012 continued)

Ruth Nishida	April 24
Tatsuki Kusunoki	July 12
James Mason Clendenon Jr.	Aug. 18
Carey Ushijima	Sept. 18
Bryan Hanato	Oct. 20
Fusae Elsie Teshima	Nov. 10
Doris Yamauchi	Nov. 15
Wade Furuuchi	Dec. 4

17th Year Memorial Service (2008)

Elaine Iwanaga	Jan. 10
Satoru Miyasato	Feb. 24
Asako Nakamoto	April 7
Melvin Teramoto	April 19
Clara Forsberg	April 21
Shinobu Maruyama	May 13
Namiko Fukunaga	June 23
Michael Oshima	July 11
Walter Oshima	Aug. 8
Ethel Oda	Aug. 14
Takao Ide	Oct. 10
Setsu Chai	Oct. 23
Tamotsu Iwanaga	Oct. 27
Hatsuko Yoneyama	Nov. 17

23rd Year Memorial Service (2002)

Torao Deguchi	Feb. 15
Irene Kimura	Feb. 25
Ronald Abe	May 19
Harris Ota	May 20
Minoru Inaba	June 6
Tomomi Ikeda	Aug. 14
Matsue Sasaki	Aug. 19
Mitsuyo Hanato	Oct. 14
Fumie Kusunoki	Dec. 27

27th Year Memorial Service (1998)

Shigeru Kawai	June 7
Torao Suezaki	Aug. 22
Richard Yoneyama	Oct. 8
Momoyo Fukuda	Nov. 13
Ichio Arai	Dec. 27

33rd Year Memorial Service (1992)

Kikue Yamaguchi	Nov. 21
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December 2023

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- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Major Service
- Happy Strummers
- Temple Board
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Orchid Club
- Samu
- Special Events
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Home
- Work
- Offsite Backup
- Bon Dance Group
- Teen Sangha
- Youth Taiko
- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service and 15 more...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Temple Clean Up Volunteers Needed 8:00 a.m.	27 8:30 AM Yoga with Liz 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 6:00 PM Sunset Meditation	28 9:00 AM Soleful Strutters Moai 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	29 6:00 AM Zazen & Service 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	30 8:00 AM Zoom Yoga with Ambika 9:00 AM Tai Chi 1:00 PM Zoom Dharma Class 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	1 6:00 AM Morning Zazen 8:00 AM Samu 10:00 AM Gift shop 10am-1pm 6:00 PM Gay Sangha 6:00 PM Evening Zazen	2 Shakyo 9:30 AM ... Morning Zazen 8:00 AM Zoom Dharma 10:15 AM Youth Taiko 11:00 AM Gift Shop ... Evening Zazen
3 Dharma Keiki 9:30 am ... Morning Zazen 7:45 AM Baikako Practice ... Evening Zazen 2:00 PM Happy Strummers	4 ... Morning Zazen ... Evening Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 6:00 PM Sunset Meditation	5 ... Morning Zazen 9:00 AM Soleful Strutters Moai 9:00 AM Tai Chi ... Evening Zazen 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	6 ... Morning Zazen 6:00 AM Zazen & Service ... Evening Zazen 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	7 ... Morning Zazen 8:00 AM Zoom Yoga with 9:00 AM Library Staff Meet- 9:00 AM Tai Chi ... Evening Zazen 1:00 PM Zoom Dharma 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	8 ... Morning Zazen 6:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Samu 10:00 AM Gift shop 10am-1pm 5:30 PM Sangha Sisters	9 8:00 AM Zoom Dharma Class 10:15 AM Youth Taiko 11:00 AM Gift Shop 11am-2pm
10 Bodhi Day Service 10 AM 12:00 PM Bazaar Evaluation Meeting	11 8:30 AM Yoga with Liz 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 6:00 PM Sunset Meditation	12 9:00 AM Soleful Strutters Moai 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	13 Project Dana 9:30 AM 6:00 AM Zazen & Service 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 6:30 PM Orchid Club	14 8:00 AM Zoom Yoga with Ambika 9:00 AM Tai Chi 1:00 PM Zoom Dharma Class 6:00 PM Zen Taiko 7:00 PM Temple Board	15 6:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Samu 10:00 AM Gift shop 10am-1pm	16 8:00 AM Zoom Dharma Class 10:15 AM Youth Taiko 11:00 AM Gift Shop 11am-2pm
17 Dharma Keiki 9:30 am 11:00 AM Teen Meditation	18 8:30 AM Yoga with Liz 5:00 PM Youth Taiko 6:00 PM Sunset Meditation	19 9:00 AM Soleful Strutters Moai 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	20 Kannon-ko 10 am Ofudayaki 6:00 AM Zazen & Service 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	21 8:00 AM Zoom Yoga with Ambika 9:00 AM Tai Chi 1:00 PM Zoom Dharma Class 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	22 6:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Samu 10:00 AM Gift shop 10am-1pm	23 8:00 AM Zoom Dharma Class 10:15 AM Youth Taiko 11:00 AM Gift Shop 11am-2pm
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31 New Year's Blessing 10 am No Sunset Meditation	1 9:00 AM Soleful Strutters Moai 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	2 9:00 AM Soleful Strutters Moai 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	3 6:00 AM Zazen & Service 5:00 PM Youth Taiko	4 8:00 AM Zoom Yoga with Ambika 9:00 AM Tai Chi 6:00 PM Zen Taiko	5 6:00 AM Zazen 8:00 AM Samu 10:00 AM Gift shop 10am-1pm 5:30 PM Gay Sangha	6 10:15 AM Youth Taiko 11:00 AM Gift Shop 11am-2pm



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KONA DAIFUKUJI "ZOOM" YOGA 10.18.23

6 Thurs. 8-9am HST Nov.16, 30 Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28

- 7:45 – 8 am HST Welcome Warm-up
- 8:00 – 9 am "ZOOM" YOGA!
- 9:00 – 9:20am Chat (optional)
- 12:45 – 1 pm EST
- 1:00 – 2 pm
- 2:00 – 2:20 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!

*Part 2: Why does Alignment matter? Aligning our body **ENERGY!***

Bring: Yoga mat, loose clothing, H2O, & towel, empty stomach

"Dana"=Temple Offering by mail or at: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>

Email for REGISTRATION & Link: ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net



Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose

I have taught yoga for 46 years. The "Style" is Amrit Yoga an authentic, meditative exploration of **Shakti [Chi] EnErGy** through intention, breath, alignment, extension & movement. Following postures, we pause: relax, breathe, and "let go!"
We EXPLORE ENERGY! For inquiry: 808-430-2620 10.18.23

Daifukuji's New Year's Party

Sunday, January 28, 2024 11 a.m. Social Hall

Please return form with payment by December 31, 2023 (see note at bottom of page)

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the Year of the Dragon. There is going to be great food, entertainment, and prizes. If you would like to donate pupus, desserts, or fruits, please call or text Merle Uyeda (808-895-7710). If you have any questions about the party, please call Rev. Jiko at 808-322-3524. Should you wish to donate a prize, please deliver it to Daifukuji by January 20, 2024.

NAME: _____ Phone no. & email address _____

M = Temple members & members of temple groups \$15.00

G = Guests who are not members \$20.00

S = Students \$10.00

C = Children under age 5 - Free

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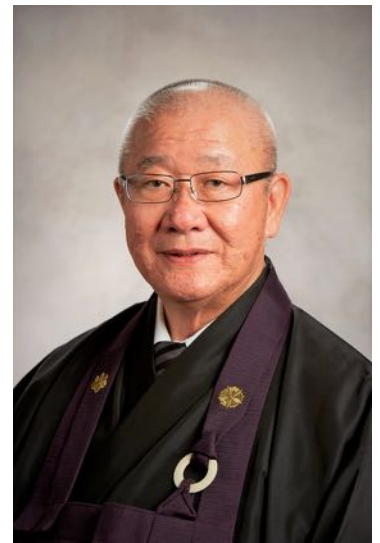
Did you know that the most popular opening comment on the television news on November 1 is “Can you believe it? It’s already November!” The funny thing is that I completely agree. 2024 has been a very busy year for the Hawaii Soto Mission, and we are now already in November.

On October 21 and 22, the Hawaii Soto Mission celebrated its 120th anniversary. Although Betsuin—the main temple I am at in Honolulu—was founded 110 years ago, the historic beginning of the Hawaii Soto Mission took place ten years earlier in 1903 when temples were established in the sugar plantation camps of Waipahu, Oahu by Rev. Sen’ei Kawahara, and Wahiawa, Kauai by Rev. Ryouin Kan. Over the next 120 years, our network of temples has grown to nine temples and one Zendo and has served the religious needs of thousands of members and their families.

As we commemorated our 120th anniversary, we offered our heartfelt gratitude to the six past bishops—Bishop Hosen Isobe, Bishop Zenkyo Komagata, Bishop Zenshu Komagata, Bishop Koryu Oyama, Bishop Gyokuei Matsuura, and Bishop Jiho Machida—and over one-hundred ministers and Jizoku for their faithful service to the temple community here in Hawaii. In addition, offered our prayers to all our departed temple members and supporters for their hard work and dedication to the temple.

We also observed the Preliminary Memorial Ceremony for the 700th Anniversary of Daihonzan Sojiji’s Founder Taiso Keizan Jokin Zenji on October 22. This preliminary memorial ceremony was observed in each of Soto Zen Buddhism’s four international regions—North America, South America, Europe, and Hawaii—as a prelude to the 700th Great Memorial Ceremony to be held at Sojiji in 2024. These services are held once every fifty years, so I am honored to have been able to participate in these same ceremonies back in 1974 at Sojiji Monastery.

Thank you to all the guest ministers in attendance, our Hawaii ministers, Jizokukai, members of the Hawaii Soto Mission Association, and of course, all the members and supporters from within our Hawaii Soto Mission *ohana*. It was a wonderful weekend seeing everyone again. As we look forward to the holiday season, please take good care of yourselves.



In Gassho.

Bishop Shugen Komagata



The Preliminary Memorial Ceremony for the 700th Anniversary of Daihonzan Sojiji's Founder Taiso Keizan Jokin Zenji and the 120th Anniversary of the Hawaii Soto Mission

The Hawaii Soto Mission Association's (HSMA) 2023 Fall Meeting and Conference were held on October 21 and 22, 2023 at the Soto Mission of Hawaii in Honolulu. The weekend's events included the Preliminary Memorial Ceremony for the 700th Anniversary of Daihonzan Sojiji's Founder Taiso Keizan Jokin Zenji and the 120th Anniversary of the Hawaii Soto Mission.

Saturday, October 21, 2023

HSMA Fall Meeting and Keynote Speaker, Rev. Konjin Godwin

After the Opening Ceremony was completed, special guest Rev. Konjin Godwin, Director the Soto Zen Buddhism International Center and abbot of the Houston Zen Center, delivered a wonderful presentation on Soto Zen Buddhism in North America in front of the HSMA officers, delegates, ministers, and Jizoku (minister's spouse) gathered at Betsuin. Rev. Godwin shared a detailed analysis of the history, growth, and spread of Soto Zen, and her thoughts on what the future may hold for our organization. After a tasty lunch in the social hall, the HSMA held its fall meeting to discuss various topics that concern the Soto Mission temples statewide.

Preliminary Memorial Ceremony for the 700th Anniversary of Daihonzan Sojiji's Founder Taiso Keizan Jokin Zenji Special Decoction-offering

Late Saturday afternoon, a special ceremony offering "sweet hot water" to Taiso Keizan Jokin Zenji was held as a prelude to Sunday's memorial service dedicated to him. Rev. Shinko Miura, the Director of Education at Kasuisai Monastery in Japan, officiated this ceremony. Rev. Miura humbly offered a series of prostrations to pay homage to and show his deep respect to the co-founder of our Soto Zen School.



Priests entering the temple hall



Rev. Shinko Miura pictured with hands in gassho



The Preliminary Memorial Ceremony for the 700th Anniversary of Daihonzan Sojiji's Founder Taizo Keizan Jokin Zenji and the 120th Anniversary of the Hawaii Soto Mission

Sunday, October 22, 2023

The HSMA Conference attendees returned Sunday morning to the Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin and were joined by nearly 100 attendees and 30 ministers from Hawaii, the mainland, Japan, and South America to observe three very special services.

120th Year Memorial Service for Deceased Ministers, Jizoku, and Members of the Hawaii Soto Mission

Bishop Shugen Komagata officiated a memorial service dedicated to all deceased Hawaii ministers, their spouses, and to all members of the Hawaii Soto Mission who passed over the course of the last 120 years. Acknowledging the many hardships endured and sacrifices made for the sake of the Hawaii Soto Mission, Bishop Komagata led the ministers and congregation in solemn prayer for the repose of the deceased.



Bishop Komagata reads his invocation as Rev. Shuji looks on from the side



Rev. Konjin Godwin

Hawaii Soto Mission 120th Anniversary Service

Rev. Konjin Godwin returned to the spotlight to officiate the auspicious 120th Anniversary Service for the Hawaii Soto Mission. We were all extremely grateful for her presence and participation at these events. Just as Bishop Komagata has been able to do with the congregation in Hawaii, Rev. Godwin was able to make an instant connection with the English-speaking crowd at Betsuin.



Preliminary Memorial Ceremonies for the 700th Anniversary of Daihonzan Sojiji's Founder, Taiso Keizan Jokin Zenji

A very warm mahalo is extended to Rev. Tenyu Fukagawa, Director of Education and Dissemination at the Administrative Headquarters of Soto Zen Buddhism, for officiating the memorial service dedicated to Keizan Zenji. During this “preliminary” service—held a year ahead of the 700th Memorial Service at head temple Daihonzan Sojiji in 2024—Rev. Fukagawa offered Dharma words, sweet hot water, rice, alms, cakes, tea, incense, and 18 prostrations (yes, that’s a lot of bows!)—to Keizan Zenji. Joined by the 29 other ministers, Rev. Fukagawa chanted the holy sutras while walking in circumambulation—a reverent processional on the altar. Albeit long, this ceremony was extremely beautiful and intriguing to witness.

Thank you to our very own Bishop Shugen Komagata, Rev. Tenyu Fukagawa, Rev. Konjin Godwin, Rev. Shinko Miura, the many other ministers in attendance, and of course to all the people who attended the ceremonies.



Rev Tenyu Fukagawa offers sweet tea to Keizan Zenji



Ministers chant and walk in circumambulation

Saturday, December 16

16 Bodhisattva Precepts Class

On Saturday, December 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Soto Mission of Hawaii will host a study session on the 16 Bodhisattva precepts, which serve as the foundation of all Buddhist thought and practice in the Soto Zen tradition. This study session is open to anyone, including those who have already studied the precepts in the past. The class will be held at the Soto Mission of Hawaii (1708 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, 96817). Registration is \$50 per person, and includes refreshments and lunch. Please contact Rev. Shuji by December 1 if you are interested in attending this class.

Sunday, December 17

Lay Confirmation Ceremony

A Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Soto Mission of Hawaii. During this ceremony, participants formally receive the 16 Bodhisattva Precepts and confirm themselves as Buddhists.

The Lay Confirmation Ceremony is open to those who attended the Precepts Class on December 16 and to individuals who participated in previous Precepts Classes. Please contact Rev. Shuji if you are interested in studying and formally receiving the Buddhist Precepts on December 17.

