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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,



On July 25th, we held our O-Bon and Hatsubon Services. I'm grateful to Rev. Jiko Nakade and Deacon Amy Jikai Nakade of Kona Daifukuji Soto Mission. Rev. Nakade was the guest speaker. She provided a beautiful Dharma message. Deacon Jikai Nakade assisted in all the services. Since we are still having issues with the coronavirus, we decided to have a

virtual Bon Dance, Taiko performance and Toro Nagashi. I also really appreciate Taishoji members, Taiko members, and Odorikai members cooperation. Thanks to their support, we were able to complete these services successfully. Did you watch the videos? You can watch the videos on our YouTube. I hope we will have all the services in person next year!

From Sunday, August 8, 2021, our Sunday School / Family Service will start! I'd like you to deepen Soto Zen teachings and pray for Buddha through the service. Let us cultivate our Buddha mind, Zen mind together!

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinsho Hata



**Deacon Jigaku, Deacon Juho, Rev. Hata
Rev. Nakade, Deacon Jikai**



Taishoji Soto Mission 2021 Virtual Obon Services



Reading of O-Toba



Daniel Takahashi & Rev. Hata on Ukulele
Singing "BON"



O-Bon Guest Speaker Rev. Jiko Nakade

Virtual Bon Dance, Taiko Performance, O-Bon Services and Toro Nagashi can be viewed on:

YouTube Link - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSQ4EVugUml_rGhb1c-8RQQ

Facebook Link - <https://www.facebook.com/Taishoji-Soto-Mission-121688031174831/>



Bon Dance



Taiko Performance



Deacon Jigaku, Rev. Hata, Deacon Juho



Lead boat Richard Villanueva, Masa Onuma, Kristen Villanueva, Rev. Hata and support boat Derrick Izumo, Howard Kawabata

Praying For Our Ancestors For A Safe Journey Home



Aloha O'e



Lanterns Carrying Our Ancestors Home To The Other Shore

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Aloha Members and Friends of Taishoji,

***“Bon is the time to honor our ancestors
Bon is the time to say a-ri-ga-to.”***

What a beautiful message to remember our loved ones.

Although we missed the excitement of people dancing live to the music at our Bon Dance and watching the awesome drumming of Taishoji Taiko, we were able to remember our loved ones and say “thank you” during our O-Bon weekend.

The pause of the rain shower gave us the opportunity for a perfect Toro Nagashi. Not a drop fell while Rev. Hata chanted in the lead boat pulling the lanterns with our loved ones returning to the other world while we sang “Aloha O’e, until we meet again.” What a beautiful weekend.

Thank you, members and friends who helped with our virtual Bon Dance, Taiko Performance and Toro Nagashi.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK AND BE SAFE!

In Gassho,
Rodney Nishino



ABSENCE OF REV. HATA / July 27, 2021 - September 14, 2021

Rev. Shinsho, Mamiko & Shogo Hata will be in Japan to visit with their families. This will be an exciting time for all of them, especially for the grandparents who will meet Sho-chan for the first time. Sensei will assist his father, Rev. Gokuyu Hata of Myoukenji Temple during the O-Bon season. During his absence, please contact **Kyodan President Rodney Nishino** for any minister or temple related matters. Rev. Hata has made arrangements with our local ministers in case of emergencies.

Call **Taishoji at 808-935-8407 or Rodney’s cell at 808-640-9956.**

Please leave your name and number, if I miss your call and I will return your call.

Shinsho, Sho-chan & Mamiko Hata

ANNUAL TEMPLE CLEANUP / SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 AT 8:00am

Due to COVID 19, the annual temple cleanup was cancelled last year. We have tried to maintain our temple with our weekly cleanup groups thru the pandemic. However, Taishoji is in dire need of a general cleanup. Your help is requested on this day. Windows & screens needs to be cleaned, shelves dusted, floors vacuumed, ramp washed and anything else you can help to make our temple beautiful. Please join our Sangha and the fellowship of working together..



Washing Screens



Washing Ramp

FUJIN KAI

Aloha Fujin Kai Members and supportive families & friends.

Ogenki desuka? (How are you?) Fujin Kai activities are still not fully recovered, however I am hoping to resume our Fujin Kai meeting in October. If the current situation is unchanged, it will be on Sunday, October 10th at 1 pm. Please have a safe summer and stay healthy. I am praying for your happiness and well-being.

(If you have any questions or suggestions about Taishoji Fujin Kai, please call me at 808-345-1765)
Take care.

With Gratitude in Gassho,
Yoko Gussman

BUSSHIN KAI MESSAGE

“You’re bound to become a Buddha if you practice.
If water drips long enough even rocks wear through.”---Shih-wu

The Chinese Buddhist sage Shih-wu (1272-1352) reminds us of the wisdom
of a persevering, disciplined practice.

Just as dripping water wears away the hardest rock, spiritual practice refines us and
wears away the obstacles to enlightenment.

These obstacles include ignorance, craving, selfish-desire, and confusion about reality. The primary
obstacle, however, is one’s own self, particularly our excessive attachment to the ego and personality.

Steady practice combined with steady proper motivation leads into our Buddha-nature.
Experience through the millennia related to awakening and transformation has brought to the forefront of
practical method and wisdom the primacy or effectiveness of spiritual practice, especially meditation.

But as the Zen tradition emphasizes, enlightenment comes in its own time. It may take years of sitting
before the lightning of a kensho experience arrives. It cannot be forced or coerced.

Please take of your self, your health and your mind.

Walter Tachibana

ZAZEN, SUNDAY SCHOOL / FAMILY SERVICE

In person Zazen from 8 - 8:35am and Sunday School / Family Services at 9:00am will be held on
August 8th, 15th and 29th. Conducting the services will be Thomas Kirkpatrick (Deacon Juho) and
Joseph Takenouchi (Deacon Jigaku). Everyone is welcomed to attend. Deacon Juho & Deacon Jigaku will
present the Dharma messages.

CHANGES

With the covid virus many things have changed here in Hawaii, and the rest of the world. All of our lives have
been affected to some extent. Our temple also has been greatly affected. We like to have as many people
come as possible, but our attendance has been restricted. Many of our large activities have been canceled.
Hopefully, the online services have been helpful.

Of course, things constantly change in the world, and in our lives. Sometimes changes are small, and we
hardly notice them. But as we look back over a few decades we can easily see lots of things have changed,
e.g. how we think about society, hair and clothing styles, new technologies, many things.

My teacher taught that change is our teacher. Why? Because it makes us look differently at things and make
adjustments in our lives. We all change our thoughts and ideas about things as time goes by. It is normal in
the course of a lifetime.

Hopefully, these new changes will bring us new opportunities. Buddhism teaches us that things are
impermanent. That is why things change. Buddhism also teaches us not to hold on too tightly to our
possessions, as they all come and go. The more we cling to things, the more we suffer when they go.
Hopefully, we can move forward with the changes brought about by the covid virus.

In Gassho,
Deacon Juho

TAISHOJI AUGUST 2021 SCHEDULE

7	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
8	Sun	8 - 8:35 am	Zazen (Deacon Jigaku)
		9:00 am	SS / Family Service (Deacon Juho & Deacon Jigaku)
		10:00 am	Kyodan Meeting
14	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
15	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service (Deacon Juho & Deacon Jigaku)
21	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
22	Sun	8:00 am	ANNUAL TEMPLE CLEAN-UP
28	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
29	Sun	8 - 8:35am	Zazen (Deacon Jigaku)
		9:00 am	SS / Family Service (Deacon Juho & Deacon Jigaku)
		2:00 pm	IREISAI SERVICE (Alae Cemetery)

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / YOGA / TAIKO / TROOP 95 / GO SCHEDULE

Yoga & Zazen	Monday	5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
ZAZEN	SUNDAY'S / BEFORE SUNDAY SCHOOL	8:00 am - 8:35 am
Taiko	Thursday, Friday	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm
Go Class	Thursday	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

TENTATIVE TAISHOJI SEPTEMBER 2021 SCHEDULE

4	Sat	7:00 am	Temple cleaning Group # 1
11	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
12	Sun	8 - 8:35 am	Zazen (Deacon Jigaku)
		9:00 am	S/S Family Service (Deacon Juho & Deacon Jigaku)
14	Tue	OPEN	Welcome Back (Rev. Hata & Family from Japan)
18	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
19	Sun	10:00 am	Autumn O-Higan Kannon-ko Service (Busshin Kai) <i>(Virtual on Facebook & Video on YouTube afternoon)</i>

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25	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
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WELCOME TO TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION

MR. STEPHEN SHEFFIELD

a new member who recently moved from Kona and joined our Zazen Group and services

WELCOME TO OUR SANGHA

MS. ARIA MARCELLA McKAIN

who has volunteered to join 2 Saturday temple cleaning groups