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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

Happy New Year! Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu! Hau'oli Makahiki Hou!

My wife, my son and I would like to extend the best wishes from our family to you and your family. We are very grateful to you for the kindness you showed us last year. May the year of 2022 bring you a lot of happiness and smiles.

“**Banpo Kiitsu (萬法歸一)**” is one of the precious Zen phrases. It means everything is one existence. We all think that we live our life individually, but we are all connected. That's why, our individual action involves the people around us. If we can always live our life peacefully, this way of life involves others and we can create a peaceful world. We didn't have much chance to see each other last year due to the coronavirus, but our hearts are always connected.

We decided to have our drive thru **New Year Blessing Service on January 1, 2022**. I hope you will come to Taishoji and receive my blessing!

Finally, I wish you this year is filled with peace, good health and happiness.

May Buddha always bless you. **Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So**

In Gassho,

Rev. Shinsho Hata



Mamiko, Shogo and Rev. Shinsho Hata

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu! - HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Happy New Year” Everyone, May this year be a very good year for all of us.

Thank you for your support and understanding through my years as Kyodan President. I appreciated all the help and cooperation from everyone. I am grateful for the members and friends who came when help was needed. Some projects were time consuming and took a lot of effort but we all worked together to complete the projects. This was truly our Sangha working together.

2021 was not a very good year due to the Coronavirus and now the new virus called Omicron which could be worst than Covid 19. Due to the virus in 2020 and 2021 all our services were held with limited audiences and virtually on Facebook & YouTube with Rev. Hata and assisting him were Deacons Juho & Jigaku and camera person Brent Takenouchi. Most of our services will also be virtual again this year with the exception of some increase in audience participation for both inside and outside activities. Outside activities are still in the planning stages like our Ko Ko Ro Garage Sale planned for May and Our Annual Picnic in June. Bon Dance is still up in the air depending on the situation of the Virus.

This will be my last report as Kyodan President. I am resigning my position due to personal reasons. This year is an election year for the Taishoji Board of Directors, so please give all your help and cooperation to whoever comes on board as Board Members for 2022 to 2024 as I was so fortunate to receive through out my years (11) as President of Taishoji Soto Mission. I am not going anywhere so if I can be of help in some way, please let me know.

Be safe and I hope to see all of you soon.

*In Gassho,
Rodney Nishino*

FUJIN KAI

Happy New Year Dear Taishoji Fujin Kai Members, Families, and Friends.

Thank you for your continuous support for our Fujin Kai throughout the year 2021. The safety and well-being of our members are always our priority. Our Annual Fujin Kai General Membership Meeting / Sokai in January is still on as planned. It will be held on Sunday, January 23rd at 10:00 am. The service and the meeting will be held upstairs. The bento will be served as take out and we will not play the bingo game regretfully. Our cookbooks are here for sale (\$10) at the temple kitchen. To purchase the cookbook, please leave payment in the box. Please call Hata Sensei to open the door.

Please stay safe and take care. May peace and comfort be with you and your family. (If you have any questions, please call me at 808-345-1765)

With Gratitude In Gassho,
Yoko Gussman

Hello Sangha Family and Friends,

I want to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year from my family to yours. How did you spend 2021? Did you accomplish all that you set out to do? Were there any unforeseen circumstances that came up, or did something not go as planned? Even the most thought-out plans might sometimes be encumbered by the unexpected. I would like to share this Zen phrase with you, “**Zui ryū ko**”. This translates to “Accept change and live with a flexible mind”. 随流去。 When I found out that Japan would not allow foreigners in, I was disappointed at first. Sensei and I had planned this trip for almost two years. When I sat down to think about what it would mean, I realized this wasn't a setback but rather an opportunity. **Zui ryū ko**, embrace the changes with a flexible mind. Because I did not travel to Japan, I was able to spend time with loved ones I had not seen for many years. Instead of letting something out of my control affect my daily outlook I focused on making it the best I could. This year even if things do not go as planned, cherish each day and be open to the possibilities that come.

Lastly, my wish for everyone this year is that they spend it in a productive, peaceful, and happy way. May you have a prosperous, healthy, and fulfilling year.

In Gassho,
Deacon Jigaku

**BUSSHIN KAI MESSAGE
OUR BIRTH YEARS
FOLKLORE & SUPERSTITIION**

In legends of China, Japan and Asia, at the death of Shakyamuni Buddha, the people and animals who followed his teachings all hastened to pay their respects and to mourn,

The story tells of twelve animals who traveled to Buddha's bedside. When the rat saw the cow starting on the journey, he jumped onto the cow's back and was carried along. Then, as the procession of animals came close to its destination, the rat ran up over the head of the cow and down her nose. He jumped off to land at Buddha's bedside first of all the animals. In truth, the cow was the first to arrive but the rat, by his clever ploy, reached Buddha before her.

To honor these faithful creatures, the Japanese among others observe the custom of naming consecutive years after the twelve (12) animals in the order of their arrival into Buddha's presence. The rat is first, the cow is second, then the tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, chicken, dog, and boar. The Year of the Cow is followed by the Year of the Tiger and so on.

The Year 2021 was the Year of the Cow, 2022 is the Year of the Tiger, 2023 will be the Year of the Rabbit, 2024 will be the Year of the Dragon, 2025 will be the Year of the Snake, 2026 is the Year of the Horse, 2027 will be the Year of the Sheep, 2028 is the Year of the Monkey, 2029 is the Year of the Chicken, 2030 is the Year of the Dog, 2031 will be the Year of the Boar, 2032 will be the Year of the Rat, and 2033 will be the Year of the Cow once again. Sometimes, other words are used for certain animals: Ram for Sheep, Rooster for Chicken, Serpent for Snake, etc.

A child born in Japan, China or any other Asian country (and Hawai'i) is expected to be born with the same traits as the animal of his or her birth year. Thus, it is an old belief among the people that:

- A child born in the Year of the Rat will be humble and successful through patient labor.
- A child born in the Year of the Cow will be steady and hardworking, slow and determined.
- A child born in the Year of the Tiger will be brave, aggressive and active.
- A child born in the Year of the Rabbit will be meek, good-natured and lovable.
- A child born in the Year of the Dragon will be lucky and achieve high position and wealth.
- A child born in the Year of the Snake will be prosperous but crafty, jealous, and untrustworthy.
- A child born in the Year of the Horse will be active and chivalrous, but lacking in steadiness.
- A child born in the Year of the Sheep will be tender and kind, but defenseless and weak.
- A child born in the Year of the Monkey will be clever, but temperamental and undependable.
- A child born in the Year of the Chicken will be good-hearted, but fickle.
- A child born in the Year of the Dog will be faithful and lovable, but weak-willed.
- A child born in the Year of the Boar will be courageous, but often headstrong and reckless.

ANIMALS FOR THE YEARS

Rat	1936	1948	1960	1972	1984	1996	2008	2020	2032	2044
Cow	1937	1949	1961	1973	1985	1997	2009	2021	2033	2045
Tiger	1938	1950	1962	1974	1986	1998	2010	2022	2034	2046
Rabbit	1939	1951	1963	1975	1987	1999	2011	2023	2035	2047
Dragon	1940	1952	1964	1976	1988	2000	2012	2024	2036	2048
Snake	1941	1953	1965	1977	1989	2001	2013	2025	2037	2049
Horse	1942	1954	1966	1978	1990	2002	2014	2026	2038	2050
Sheep	1943	1955	1967	1979	1991	2003	2015	2027	2039	2051
Monkey	1944	1956	1968	1980	1992	2004	2016	2028	2040	2052
Chicken	1945	1957	1969	1981	1993	2005	2017	2029	2041	2053
Dog	1946	1958	1970	1982	1994	2006	2018	2030	2042	2054
Boar	1947	1959	1971	1983	1995	2007	2019	2031	2043	2055

*May you live long and happy!!! Walter Tachibana



Rohatsu Sesshin



Jodo-e Service
Deacon Juho, Guest Speaker Rev. Satoshi Tomioka,
Rev. Hata, Deacon Jigaku



Rohatsu Sesshin

New Years

Another year has passed. Hopefully it has been fruitful for all of us, even though we have been struggling with the covid virus, and have to wear masks and follow other rules.

We have a wonderful tradition here at Taishoji that helps us to reflect on the last year and create new hopes for the new one. It is the ringing of the Densho Bell at midnight on the last day of December. We ring the bell 108 times to rid ourselves of defilements, or human imperfections. then we can go forward into the New Year.

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 church 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.

Life is always changing, moving from one state to another. There is nothing bad about change itself. It is the flow of life. We can learn something new every day. Whether life is good or bad depends upon ourselves.

These new changes will bring us new opportunities. Buddhism teaches us that things are impermanent. That is why they change. Buddhism also teaches us not to cling too tightly to our possessions, as they all come and go. The more we cling to them, the more we suffer when they go.

Hopefully, we can move forward with these new changes, and have a peaceful and happy new year.

In Gassho,
Deacon Juho

LETTER RECEIVED FROM MAY ETSUKO IKEDA CAMBRA IN MEMORY OF KICHISHIRO IKEDA

Taishoji Soto Mission Members and Staff,

My family lived next door to your "premise" in 1924 (first date I can recall since I was born in 1934. We then moved to accommodate our family of 5 children and parents and occasionally grandmother, who helped with the growing children.

My father Kichishiro Ikeda was a tailor and had a shop on the front street, Kamehameha Ave. across from the then Standard Drug Store. He walked daily to his place of work from home.

Thank you for "allowing" his children to take advantage of your grounds since there was no yard next to our home. The temple members never once (that I can remember) admonished us for playing in your yard as quietly as we could, and cherished the use of the space. We moved in 1940 to a larger property not far from the Honpa Hongwanji on Kilauea Ave.

Not only did we have access to your property as children but my father found a haven for his worship needs. He was very dedicated and followed the teachings of the temple.

My father was an orphan and was raised by a religious order (don't know which religion). He was taken to the temple / monastery from Fukushima - his family home, by his mother after his father passed away suddenly. There were 6 children of which he was the youngest, about 7 years old, I was told. These "facts" are not precise since he didn't speak English most of his life. Luckily my mother (Nisei) whose parents immigrated from Hiroshima to "Olaa" now Keaau could communicate with my father. Through her I got information about my dad.

Since we were very poor he was unable to help the temple financially as he would've wanted since he benefitted the comfort he received.

I am sending this letter to you in behalf of my father who would have wanted to do this - please accept the enclosed check in his name.

November 11, 1894 - 1977

KICHISHIRO IKEDA

69 Pele Ln.
Hilo, HI

His older brother was **KIICHI IKEDA** (a barber on Haili St.)

Thank You,
May Etsuko Ikeda Cambra

LIVE STREAMING & DRIVE THRU NEW YEAR BLESSING SERVICE

Saturday, January 1, 2022 from 9:00am - 10:00am, (Live Streaming New Year's Day Blessing Service With Audience) will be held via Facebook & later, on same day it can be viewed on YouTube)

After the live streaming service, Rev. Shinsho Hata will perform a short blessing service for you at a Drive Thru New Year Blessing Service in the parking area fronting the temple. Please come by the temple parking area from 1030am – 12:00pm. Each person attending will receive an Omamori (amulet) for safety and good health. Additional Omamori and Daihannya Ofuda can be purchased at \$5.00 each after the blessing.

We will keep the lines moving, so please don't stop for conversations. Let's keep everyone safe and safely distanced! There will be volunteers posted at the entrance and exit of the gates.

If you have any questions, please call 808-935-8407 for more details.



**Mochi, Omamori & Kadomatsu
New Year Blessing Service**



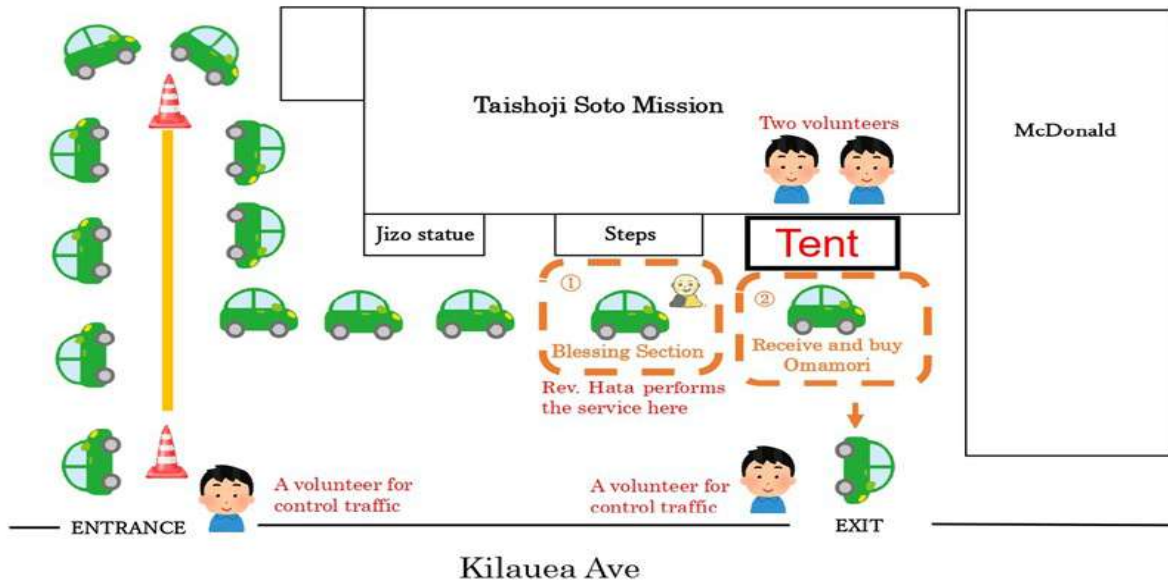
**Rev. Shinsho Hata. January 1, 2021
Drive Thru Blessing**



Omamori

**Daihannya Ofuda
Use Scotch Tape To
Place Above Entrance
Door To Residence Or
Business**

**Drive Thru New Year Blessing Service on Jan 1, 2022
10:30am – 12:00pm**



Rev. Hata will perform the short blessing in front of the temple(①). After the blessing, you will receive and buy Omamori and Ofuda next to the tent(②). If you bring old omamori and ofuda, we will receive them.

JANUARY 2022 SCHEDULE

1	Sat	9:00 am	New Year's Day Blessing Service (Live Steaming New Year's Day Blessing Service (NO Audience) (It can also be viewed Virtual on Facebook & later on same day, it can be viewed on YouTube)
		10:30 - 12:00 pm	Drive Thru New Year Blessing Service (Rev. Shinsho Hata) (WILL GIVE BLESSING & AND OMAMORI)
2	Sun	8-8:35 am	Zazen
		9:00 am	S/S / Family Service / Ojizo Matsuri (With Audience)
		10:00 am	Kyodan Meeting
8	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
9	Sun	8-8:35 am	Zazen
		9:00 am	S/S / Family Service (With Audience)
		10:00 am	(CANCELLED) Busshin Kai Meeting & Shinen Enkai
15	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
16	Sun	9:00 am	S/S / Family Service (With Audience)
22	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
23	Sun	8-8:35 am	Zazen
		9:00 am	S/S / Family Service (Dogen Zenji Birthday (With Audience)
		10:00 am	Fujin Kai General Membership Meeting / Sokai
29	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
30	Sun	8-8:35 am	Zazen
		9:00 am	S/S / Family Service (With Audience)
		10:00 am	Kyodan General Membership Meeting

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / YOGA / TAIKO / TROOP & PACK 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
Go Class	Thursday	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

TENTATIVE TAISHOJI FEBRUARY 2022 SCHEDULE

5	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
6	Sun	8-8:35 am	Zazen
		9:00 am	S/S / Family Service (With Audience)
		10:00 am	KYODAN SHINNEN ENKAI (NEW YEAR PARTY)
12	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
		8:00 am	Prepare / Set-Up for Nehan-e Service (Volunteer help is needed)
13	Sun	9:30 am	Nehan-e / 33 Kanon Osunafumi / Toba Kuyo Service (With Audience) (Kyodan)
19	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
20	Sun	8-8:45 am	Zazen
		9:00 am	S/S / Family Service (With Audience)
26	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
26 & 27	Sat & Sun		Minister & HSMA Meeting (Will Be On ZOOM)