

# HAKUHO



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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

I hope that you are staying safe and healthy in these trying times. How are you? Do you have Zen practices at your home? Do you pray for your ancestors? We cannot see each other, but our hearts are always connected as Taishoji's precious Ohana. I'm praying for you and your family's good health and happiness.

In May, I had great news. My wife gave birth to our first son on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Recently, no one can attend the birth of a child in Japan due to the coronavirus. But in Hawaii, I was able to be with my wife, since the hospital allows one person to attend during childbirth. Both mother and baby are healthy and doing well. Our son's name is **Shogo Jake Hata**. **Shogo**(昇吾) is a Japanese name. **Sho** (昇) means **Rise**. I picked the Kanji from my name, Shinsho (辰昇). **Go** (吾) means **Oneself or Protection**. We decided on this name, because we'd like our son to have his own firm will and become a person who can help others. When I took a Juzu to his hand, he held it strongly for awhile. So I thought he has the possibility of becoming a Soto Zen Minister and be a Taishoji resident minister, as well, in the future!

Buddha was born on April 8th. Buddha took seven steps forward after his birth and was standing with his right hand pointing toward Heaven and the left toward Earth. And he shouted, **Ten Jo Ten Ge Yui Ga Doku Son** (天上天下唯我独尊)!”



Shogo Jake Hata

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This saying means everyone has a special existence. Therefore, all of us have a special existence and are precious. We were all babies when we were born. We were able to live with our parents and people around us. When we became adults, we are the ones who support others. We'd like to show our gratitude in receiving the precious new life and raise him with affection until he becomes a person who can support others with compassion. We look forward to showing our son to you after everything settles down. Please take care and be safe. Buddha always watches over you.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Shinsho Hata

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Aloha Everyone,

As our community is slowly opening our small businesses with restrictions in place, hopefully with the curve being flattened we can have more businesses opening and more people can go back to work. Being cooped up at home for 2<sup>1/2</sup> months is making everyone a little restless and irritated. This is not our life style but we needed to do it in order to flatten the curve and hopefully a vaccine will be made soon to control the Coronavirus.

For now, let's all cooperate and wash our hands often, do not touch your face, keep our social distances and wear a mask as advised.

On Hawaii Island and other Islands, they also are cancelling their Bon Dances due to the Coronavirus. This is due to not being able to control our social distances at this kind of gathering. Missing one year of our O-Bon Season is better than being quarantined for the rest of the year. Hopefully, next year will be a safer and better year, and if everything goes well, we can again have our O-Bon Season as usual and really celebrate with our returning ancestors.

In Gassho,  
Rodney Nishino

### **TAISHOJI WILL BE SUSPENDING SERVICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Taishoji Soto Mission will be suspending services and activities at the temple until **June 30, 2020**, unless there are changes in the Governor's and Mayor's protocol about essential and non-essential activities on Hawaii Island. Although activities are suspended until end of June, Rev. Shinsho Hata will be available for family related services such as bedside services or Makura Gyo and planning for funeral & memorial services. **Call Rev. Shinsho Hata at 935-8407 with questions.**

**Kaisanki / Rekiju-ki Service** (Honoring the deceased members of the Baikako) on **Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>**, will be **(Live Streamed on Facebook 9:00am & the video will be uploaded on YouTube later the same day)**

### **O-BON SERVICES CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

I'm truly sorry to announce to our members and friends who always supported Taishoji during our O-Bon Season. For now, due to the **Coronavirus** situation, we are cancelling some of our services and activities concerning O-Bon until further notice: Our **Bon Dance** practices and **Bon Dance** are **CANCELLED**. On hold for now is our **O-Bon, Hatsubon, Toba Kuyo and Toro Nagashi Services** until further notice. Taishoji would prefer to have our members and friends to be safe due to the social distancing protocol. When you have these types of services, it will be difficult to control the social distances. However, when things change for the better, and some restrictions are lifted, we will notify everyone about what services can resume at Taishoji. This is the first time I know, that we will not have a regular O-Bon Season as we know it.

**If you have questions about the O-Bon Services, Please call Rev. Shinsho Hata at 808-935-8407**

## FUJIN KAI

Aloha Fujin Kai members, friends, and supporting family members!

How are you? I hope all of you are staying well despite these continued safer-at-home days. Your endurance is so encouraging. Hopefully, we can make our hospital visit in the fall. Please continue to stay safe and take care.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hata & Rev. Hata for their new healthy baby boy! We cannot wait to meet the adorable Shogo Jake!

Currently, UHSSWA (United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association) is making the holiday season fundraiser recipe book. For this effort, they request that each temple submit **30+** recipes by the end of June. Any help is welcome, from simple recipes to your favorite comfort foods or family traditions. Please share your recipes by dropping them off or mailing them to the temple (Fujin Kai mailbox). You can also share your recipes by emailing them to me, by texting or calling me, or by mailing them to my P.O. Box address (below).

Thank you so much! I hope we can meet in person again soon. Until then, please take care.

In Gratitude and Gassho,

Yoko Gussman

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### Example of Recipe Format

#### SNICKERDOODLES

1 stick butter, softened	2 tsp. cream of tartar
½ c. shortening	1 tsp. baking soda
1 ½ c. sugar	¾ tsp. salt
2 eggs	2 T. sugar
2 ¾ c. all-purpose flour	2 tsp. cinnamon

Heat oven to 400°. Mix thoroughly butter, shortening, 1 ½ cups sugar and the eggs. Blend in flour, cream of tartar, baking soda and salt. Shape dough by rounded teaspoonfuls into balls. Mix 2 tablespoons sugar and cinnamon; roll balls in mixture. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Immediately remove from baking sheet. Makes about 6 dozen cookies. If using self-rising flour, omit cream of tartar, baking soda and salt.

## BUSSHIN KAI

Aloha! Busshin Kai members and all Taishoji supporters

I hope you are all safe and healthy in this period of crisis. Please stick to 6 feet social distances and wear face masks in public areas or when outsiders come to the house.

We thank our Minister Rev. Hata and Mrs. Hata for really caring for our religious needs and giving us all the comforting joys at Taishoji. We congratulate Sensei and Okusan for the arrival of their new baby on May 8. We certainly wish for the good health and happiness of the enlarged family in our Sangha!

Let's remember Zen's teachings with the following:

"My religion is kindness." An eager reporter once asked the Dalai Lama, the world famous Buddhist leader, what he believed. The journalist was really trying to find out what made His Holiness tick. The Dalai Lama was not put off by his question, but was motivated by a sincere curiosity about a person few actually understand. His Holiness smiled at the man and with great gentleness and love said, "It's really quite simple. My religion is kindness!" Here he put his finger on one of the genuine fruits of spirituality. Christians, Jews, Muslims, and Hindus can also say, "My religion is kindness and love." Let us each examine our faith. If it is rooted in love, mercy, kindness, and compassion, we are on the right track.

So, let's all meet again soon at Taishoji... OK?

Walter Tachibana, President

### NOTICE!

**TAISHOJI PARKING DECALS:** Call Walter (959-9374) to be in the next newsletter mail out.

## LINKS FOR TAISHOJI LIVE STREAMING SERVICES & VIDEOS

You can watch our **LIVE STREAMING** and **PREVIOUS SERVICE VIDEOS** by copying the **LINKS** below and pasting it in your **BROWSER** for either **Facebook** or **YouTube** or **SCANNING** the **QR** codes below. Live streaming will be on **Facebook ONLY** and the same video will also be aired on **YouTube** several hours later to accommodate those who do not use Facebook.

### Facebook Page Link

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

### YouTube Page Link

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSQ4EVugUml\\_rGhb1c-8RQQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSQ4EVugUml_rGhb1c-8RQQ)



*Please scan the QR code with your smartphone to access site!!*



## ONLINE DHARMA MESSAGES

Soto Zen Buddhism in Hawaii is providing online Dharma talks on YouTube and Facebook every two weeks. You can watch videos of Bishop Shugen Komagata and Rev. Jiko Nakade's Dharma messages by using the **Links** or **Scanning** the **QR** code below.

### Facebook Page Link

<https://www.facebook.com/Soto-Zen-Buddhism-in-Hawaii-111602773848472/>

### YouTube Page Link

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsTHV\\_8A59kEfZIBRImDtRw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsTHV_8A59kEfZIBRImDtRw)



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## DHARMA MESSAGE SCHEDULE

Rev. Myoshin Kaniunoe May 31, 2020  
Rev. Masataka Hoshino June 14, 2020  
Rev. Ryohei Ishii June 28, 2020  
Rev. Shinsho Hata July 12, 2020

Rev. Kokei Yoshida July 26, 2020  
Rev. Shuji Komagata August 9, 2020  
Rev. Shoryu Fukagawa August 23, 2020  
Rev. Tom Wright September 6, 2020

## SUFFERING

The Buddha's teachings may be more useful today than ever. For what did He teach us? We know what He taught, because in many places in the old sutras He said " Formerly and today O Monks, I teach but one thing; suffering and the cessation of suffering " To this end, He gave us the Four Noble Truths. The first of which, He explains different forms of suffering.

We all know suffering. The older you get, the more you experience it. Today, our members have fairly comfortable living conditions. I believe that all of them have electricity to run various appliances, indoor toilets, and water on tap, even hot water. No need to go outside. Most of our suffering nowadays is mental. We have worry, tension, anxiety, and stress. More so with the coronavirus. All the more reason to practice the Buddha's teachings.

The second Noble Truth tells us why we suffer, and the third tells us that it is not necessary. The fourth lays out the Noble Eightfold Path, which teaches us how to free ourselves from this suffering.

The path has three things. Moral disciplines, mental disciplines, and the cultivation of wisdom. Sila, Samadhi, and Prajna. It is easy to see how bad morals can get us into trouble. The mental disciplines help us clear our mind and thus make better decisions. The wisdom portion gives us better thoughts and ideas, which also helps us make better decisions.

If we all study and practice the teachings of the Buddha, we will have less worry, tension, anxiety, and stress.

Deacon Juho

## VEGETABLE OR FRUIT BOX

Taishoji Zazen Kai member, Mr. Sergey Chebruchan who works at the Hilo Farmers Market, would like to help people by delivering boxed **Vegetables** or **Fruits** for **\$25.00 each** (includes delivery) to your home. He will accept either cash or check.

Please call **(808-203-3191)** and request the vegetable or fruit box or both. Please pay him when he delivers the box or boxes. You can leave the cash or check in an envelope by the delivery entrance and he will leave the box or boxes, then after picking up the envelope, he will leave without meeting, to keep the social distance.

**VEGETABLE BOX**  
**\$25.00**



**FRUIT BOX**  
**\$25.00**



### TEMPLE CLEANING FOR JUNE

**Temple cleaning will be taken care of by Rev. & Mrs. Hata.** Cleaning groups on their scheduled days in June, will not have to go in until further notice. **ARIGATO, SENSEI & OKUSAN.**

**Thank you to the people who donate flowers during the week for our Sunday Services and also helping Rev. & Mrs. Hata putting it up, I appreciate what you do for Taishoji.**

### TAISHOJI JUNE 2020 SCHEDULE

7	Sun	9:00 am	(Live Stream On Facebook)	Kaisanki / Rekiju-ki / Kannon-ko Service (Honoring the deceased members of the Baikako)
14	Sun	9:00 am		(Live Stream) SS / Family Service
21	Sun	9:00 am		(Live Stream) SS / Family Service
28	Sun	9:00 am		(Live Stream) SS / Family Service

Although Sunday School is usually not in session in **June**, due to the stay at home order, we will have it this year streaming live on **Facebook** and downloaded on **YouTube** later the same day for those who do not have Facebook with either **Rev. Shinsho Hata & Deacon Juho** or **Deacon Jigaku** starting on **June 14, 2020 at 9:00am**

### MOVING YAGURA IN JULY

**WE WILL NOT BE MOVING THE YAGURA THIS YEAR DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF OUR BON DANCE. THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO COMES TO HELP EVERY YEAR. AT O-BON**

**ADDITIONS TO OUR TAISHOJI SANGHA  
(CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PARENTS)**



**The Luiz Family  
Father: Blaine Luiz  
Mother: Robynn Namnama  
Daughter: Aria Yumiko Estrella Luiz  
(born March 7, 2020)**



**The Nakagawa Family  
Father: Chad Nakagawa  
Mother: Kyoung Nakagawa  
Son: Jun Akira Dae-Han Nakagawa  
(born April 30, 2020)**



**The Hata Family  
Father: Tatsunori Hata  
Mother: Mamiko Hata  
Son: Shogo Jake Hata  
(born May 8, 2020)**



**Rev. Shinsho Hata  
Zazen before starting SS / Family Service  
May 17, 2020  
9:00am**



**Deacon Juho Kirkpatrick  
SS / Family Service Dharma Message  
May 10, 2020**



**Deacon Jigaku Takenouchi  
SS / Family Service Dharma Message  
May 17, 2020**

Live streaming on Facebook & YouTube