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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



I perform Zazen with assistant Deacon Juho Kirkpatrick every Monday. On July 10th, I was really surprised. The participants filled the zazen room. Joy filled my heart! On that day, 18 members participated in our zazen. The visiting training monk, Rev. Yogetsu Akasaka also participated. I invited my friends in my English class to join me in our zazen session. In addition, the people who participate regularly are also increasing. I was so glad to sit in zazen with them. We sit in zazen ourselves, but we can encourage each other in our practice of zazen.

Have you ever done zazen? Have you heard that zazen is good for our brain? I spoke about the positive relationship between zazen and the brain.

According to a research at Harvard University, by sitting in meditation, our hippocampus increases. We can increase the powers of our concentration and perhaps prevent dementia. In addition, by sitting in zazen, without thinking about anxiety of the past or the future, you will be able to direct your focus to now. If you can calm down by zazen, you can control your angry mind and react to others with compassion. Buddha, Dogen Zenji, Keizan Zenji and many disciples improved their lives through zazen.

Do you want to get along with others? Do you want to interact with others with compassion? If you want to be like that, I strongly recommend zazen. I hope that you love zazen and spend your life with a zazen mindset. We can also do zazen sitting in a chair. I'm looking forward to having you participate in our zazen sessions!

In Gassho,

Rev. Shinsho Hata



Taishoji Soto Mission Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation Ceremony

“Jukai-e”

The Lay Confirmation Ceremony is a ceremony in which Taishoji members formally receive the sixteen precepts of the Buddha and firmly commit themselves as Buddhists.

According to the Soto Zen tradition, lay confirmation ceremony is the most important ceremony in the life of a person. Therefore, through this ceremony you will formally become a disciple of the Buddha. Dogen Zenji, the founder of Soto Zen Buddhism said, “Should beings receive the Buddha’s precepts, they enter the realm of Buddhahood. They are truly disciples of the Buddha.”

Date: November

Place: Taishoji Soto Mission

Purpose:

To give members of Taishoji Soto Mission the opportunity:

- To receive the sixteen precepts which are the moral & ethical foundation of our tradition.
- To deepen one’s understanding of the Dharma.
- To receive a Buddhist name.
- To provide spiritual confirmation within the Sangha in the presence of family & friends.
- To allow those who have already received the precepts an opportunity to renew their commitment to this sacred path.

Requirements

- Member must be age 15 or older (permission of parent required if a minor)
- Member will study materials on fundamental Buddhist teachings and on the 16 precepts that are prepared by the minister. Member will be invited, but not required, to attend zazen sessions whenever possible.
- Donation/Dana to the temple: \$100 suggested donation to Taishoji Soto Mission on the day of the ceremony. No person will be denied the opportunity due to financial hardship.

Receive

- Wagesa: a sacred collar worn as a symbol of your commitment to Buddha’s teachings, to be worn at all services.
- Materials for Study: Basic Buddhism, Soto Zen
- A Buddhist name: a positive description of your qualities or of the moral virtues that you may nourish and cherish as you walk in the path of Buddhahood.

Schedule:

- Day 1: Short service, zazen and study workshop of Jukai-e
- Day 2: Short service, zazen and study workshop of Basic Buddhism
- Day 3: Short service, zazen and study workshop of Soto Zen School
- Day 4: Short service, zazen and workshop of Taishoji Buddhist service, rehearsal for Jukai-e
- Day 5: Short service, zazen and rehearsal for Jukai-e
- Day 6: **Jukai-e Ceremony**



If you are interested in participating in the Jukai-e Ceremony, please call Rev. Shinsho Hata at 808-935-8407.

You do not have to be a member of Taishoji Soto Mission.

If you have already received your Buddhist name, you may renew your vows.

Having your Buddhist name makes you eligible to be a member of the Busshin Kai.

BUSSHIN KAI MESSAGE

Please come, dance, and enjoy the happy occasion that Bon is supposed to be. Recall Mokuren’s joy when he learned that his mother was not suffering in the spirit world. So, welcome the family ancestors home for a happy O-bon season. Please attend our Bon Dance and the O-bon Service and the Toro Nagashi Ceremony on July 29 and 30. Also, gaze at our new O-bon Bulletin Board decoration. Can you see Sensei and Okusan? Can you tell which might be your grandparents and samurai ancestors?

TAISHOJI PICNIC
IBEW HALL
Baker's Beach in Keaukaha
Sunday, August 6th - 9 am to 4:00 pm



A day filled with fun, relaxation, fellowship and good food....yummy beef stew prepared by our Boy Scouts, grilled chicken and hotdog, potato/macaroni salad, ice, shave ice, watermelon, refreshments and much more. You can swim, fish or just sit and enjoy the day with our Sangha.

Taishoji is most grateful for your dedication and support throughout the year. All members and temple organizations are welcome to join us. The annual Picnic is your day to enjoy!

KOKORO GARAGE SALE IV
Saturday, October 21st— 8:00 am to 12:00 noon



If you have items you want to donate for our Garage Sale, **PLEASE** call **TAISHOJI** at **935-8407** to make arrangements to drop off your items prior to going to the temple.

WE CANNOT LEAVE ITEMS OUTSIDE THE BUILDINGS DUE TO VANDALISM & WEATHER

At this time we are accepting only non-perishable items: clothing in bags or boxes, housewares, appliances, furniture, electronics. Items such as jams, jellies, canned or bottled items, food items that do not need refrigeration will be accepted on Thursday, October 19th and perishable items like fruits and vegetables can be brought on Friday or Saturday, October 20 or 21.

THE PARABLE OF THE ARROW

From one of the Pali sutras;

One day, after the afternoon meditation, a monk came to the Buddha, greeted him, and then asked him some questions that were bothering him. Namely, is the universe eternal or not, is the universe finite or infinite, is the soul one thing and the body another, or is the soul and the body the same, does the Buddha exist after death, These and other similar questions were asked.

In reply the Buddha gave this story; O monk, Suppose a man is wounded by a poison arrow, and his friends and relatives called in a skilled physician. Suppose the man should then say "I will not let this arrow be taken out until I know who shot me; whether he is of the warrior caste, or the priestly caste, or the trading caste, or the low caste; what his name and family may be; whether he is tall, short, or of medium stature; whether his complexion is black, brown, or golden; from which village or town he comes. I will not let this arrow be taken out until i know the kind of bow with which I was shot; the kind of bowstring used; the type of arrow and from what kind of material the point of the arrow was made."

O monk, that man would die without knowing any of these things. Therefore, O monk, bear in mind what I have explained as explained, and what I have not explained as unexplained. Why have I not explained those questions you ask?

Because they are not useful, not connected with the spiritual holy life, not conducive to detachment, cessation, tranquility, realization, or enlightenment.

What have I explained? I have explained suffering, the arising of suffering, the cessation of suffering, and the path leading to the cessation of suffering.

Years ago, while working on Johnston Atoll, the Christian Chaplin asked me what is the Buddhist idea of how the world began. Because he told me that god made the world. So I told him this story.

In Gassho,

Deacon Juho Kirkpatrick

TAISHOJI AUGUST 2017 SCHEDULE

5	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
6	Sun	9 - 4:00 pm	Taishoji Annual Picnic IBEW Hall (Baker's Beach)
7	Mon		Rev. Shinsho Hata to Japan - return 7/17
12	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
		1:00 pm	<u>KYODAN MEETING - CANCELLED FOR AUGUST</u>
17	Thu		Rev. Shinsho & Mamiko Hata return from Japan
19	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #4
26	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5
27	Sun	2:00 pm	Ireisai Service Alae Cemetery (Puna Hongwanji)

**During the absence of Rev. Shinsho Hata from August 7 to August 17, 2017
please call Taishoji Soto Mission at 808-935-8407 or 808-640-9956.**

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / TAIKO / BOY SCOUTS SCHEDULE

Zazen	Monday	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Morning Zazen begins September 10	Sunday	8:00 am - 8:35 am
Taiko	Sunday	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Boy Scout Troop 95	Wednesday	7:15 pm

TENTATIVE TAISHOJI SEPTEMBER 2017 SCHEDULE

2	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
9	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
10	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Aki No-O-Higan / Kannon Ko Service (Busshin Kai)
16	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
17	Sun	8:00 am	Annual Temple Clean-up POSTPONED (TO BE RESCHEDULED AFTER NOVEMBER 8)
		9:00 am	SS / Family Service
23	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #4
24	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		9:45 am	AJA Memorial Service Veterans Cemetery #1
30	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5

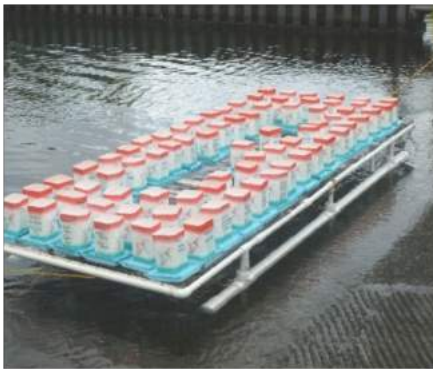
BON DANCE
SATURDAY, JULY 29, 2017
7:00 - 10:30 pm
TAISHOJI TAIKO - 9:00 pm

TEMPLE DUES

Membership dues are used solely for Taishoji Soto Mission. It is used to pay the salary for our minister, vehicle expenses, utilities and maintenance of the temple. Membership dues are due at the beginning of the year.

A budget is presented at the General Membership meeting in January. Paying your dues on time eases the burden of the treasurer in her many duties of financially maintaining our temple.

2017 TORO-NAGASHI



Our annual Taishoji Toro-Nagashi (Floating Lantern Service) will take place on **Sunday, July 30, 2017** at the Wailoa River Boat Ramp at **5:00 p.m.**

A limited number of lanterns (**96**) will be issued for this event on a "first come" basis. A donation of \$25.00 is requested for each lantern. The donor and two (2) names will be written on each lantern.

Each lantern needs a separate **Request Form**.

All donors are requested to be at the Wailoa River boat ramp at **5:00 pm** to assemble your lanterns. If you are not able to be at the boat ramp, we will ask someone else to assemble it for you.

.....**Cut On Line**.....

TAISHOJI SOTO MISSION
2017 TORO NAGASHI LANTERN REQUEST FORM

NOTE: NO PERSONAL LANTERN (S) WILL BE ACCEPTED DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS.

Donor's Name (Print) _____
Last First

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____

Dedicated to: (Print) _____
Last First

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Donation of **\$ 25.00** for each Lantern
 Make check or cash payable to **Taishoji Busshin Kai** \$ _____
 Please mail or drop form and donation to the Temple. Check \$ _____
Cash

The due date has been extended to July 25, 2017

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