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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

Our good luck brought us great weather! On July 29 and 30, we held our Bon Dance, O-bon Service and Toro Nagashi. The weather of the Bon dance day wasn't good. It had been raining since morning, but fortunately, it stopped raining before the Bon dance! So many people joined and it got really lively. Thanks to Taishoji members, Taiko members and Boy Scouts members, we were able to complete these services successfully. I'm very grateful for all your help. We are also grateful to Rev. Jiko Nakade for her assistance in our services. She helped with our Bon

Dance service and O-bon Service, and she gave us a great Dharma sermon during our O-bon Service. In addition, She and I sang the "Magokoro Ni Ikiru (Living With A Sincere Heart)" using the Ukulele!!

"Magokoro まごころ" means sincere heart, cordiality heart or kindness heart. "Ikiru 生きる" means to live. So "Magokoro ni Ikiru" means that Living with a sincere heart. This song was written by Kosetu Minami. I like this phrase of the song. "Precious meeting and sad parting all which I embrace. This very moment of life, I shall love with all my heart" It is sad to lose our loved ones, but even sad parting, we have to cherish. Because we never meet without parting. Through the sad experience, we can learn mind of gratitude. I think that our ancestors will hope that we will be positive, alive and spend every day with a smile and sincere heart. On these days, we were able to convey our feelings to our loved ones and ancestors.

On September 10, we are going to start our Sunday School / Family Service! It is a great opportunity to learn Buddhist teachings. On October 21, we have a Garage sale! Through the events, we can cooperate with each other and deepen our friendship. I'm looking forward to having you participate in that!

In Gassho,

Rev. Shinsho Hata

“Jukai-e”

The Lay Confirmation Ceremony is a ceremony in which members of Taishoji Soto Mission or anyone else who wish to receive a Buddhist name will 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: Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 10:00 am

Place: Taishoji Soto Mission

Purpose:

To give members of Taishoji Soto Mission and others, 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. This will not change your Buddhist name.

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 or someone you know is 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 to participate.

If you have a Buddhist name, you may renew your commitment to this sacred path. This will not change your Buddhist name.

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

Taishoji Soto Mission recommends you receive your Buddhist name while still living.

WISDOM WORDS

“Children Are the Rainbow of Life.

GRANDCHILDREN are the POT OF GOLD.” --- Anonymous

“Do not believe superstitions and super naturals.” --- Zen teaching

“IN SCHOOL you’re taught a lesson and then given a Test;

IN LIFE you’re given a test that teaches YOU A LESSON.” --- Unknown

“True friends leave footprints on your heart.” --- Anonymous

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When you think everything is someone else's fault, you will suffer a lot

Aloha Everyone,

We held our Bon Dance, O-bon and Toro Nagashi Services on the weekend of July 29th and 30th. It was a very successful weekend due to the cooperation of our temple members and organizations. Our Fujin Kai ladies and help from our Kyodan members, prepared our delicious lunch, Boy Scout Troop 95 members and their parents and our Taishoji Taiko members and their parents worked diligently in the rain to set up and prepare the yagura for our Bon Dance. The rain stopped as soon as the bon dance service was over. It was a beautiful and enjoyable night dancing with our ancestors.

With the help of our "teru teru bozu", we were able to enjoy an evening with our ancestors and the awesome taiko performance and the Fukushima Ondo. The younger generation especially enjoyed the line dancing.

We were honored to have Rev. Jiko Nakade as our guest speaker for our O-Bon Service and the members of Kona Daifukuji .

In Gassho,

Rodney Nishino

BUSSHIN KAI NEWS

Thank you to every single Taishoji member and friend who helped to put on our 2017 Bon Dance, O-bon Service and Toro Nagashi. It helped to make us remember our real-life family members stay fresh in our minds and hearts. It also enabled all to enjoy the various, joyous folk songs and dances from different regions of Japan. And it helped us enjoy this summer season and life in Hawai'i. Thank you very much.

--- Walter Tachibana, President

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Please come and join our Taishoji Sunday School this year. We start on Sept. 10, Sunday, at 9 a.m. It consists of a joint Sunday School and Adults Service with very informative and listenable English sermons by Rev. Shinsho Hata. The Gathas (hymns) teach us good values and histories in a musical way. And Mrs. Mamiko Hata plays the organ to really help us stay in tune as we sing along. Soto Zen is based on wisdom, compassion, non- theism, and science. Lessons are historical experiences and not wishes and miracles and superstition. Remember Steve Jobs of Apple Inc. was a Soto Zen member all his adult life. What a role model he was!

AJA MEMORIAL SERVICE – SEPT. 24

Our Annual AJA Memorial Service will be held at Veterans Cemetery #1, from 9:45 am.

It is held to honor all those men of the 442nd RCT, 100th BN, MIS, and others who served the United States in World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War and others.

On Sept. 29, 1943, the first 442nd soldier was killed in action in Italy. Sgt. Joe Takata's family were members of Taishoji Soto Mission. The remembrance is held close to his demise date.

DURING THE ABSENCE OF REV. SHINSHO & MAMIKO HATA

During the absence of Mrs. Hata from **July 31st to August 17th**, and Rev. Hata from **August 7th to August 17th**, (they will be in Japan) please call Taishoji at 935-8407. Although no one will be at the temple, someone will answer your call, or leave a brief message with your name and phone number and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

Rodney Nishino
Kyodan President

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BUDDHISM AND MEDITATION

I have noticed that some people think that all they have to do is meditate to realize the Buddha's teachings. Other people think that all they have to do is let the ministers pray for them in order to end up in Nirvana. Both are in error. The Buddha gave us an eightfold path. He taught this path so that people could be free from suffering. This path is for each of us to follow. No one can follow the path for us. We must study and practice the path for ourselves. As it says in the verses of the Dhammapada in our green book;" By oneself one is defiled, by oneself one is made pure. Purity and defilement depend on oneself. No one purifies another."

Meditation is a good practice. It is part of the eightfold path. It teaches us how to have a calm mind, but even if our mind is calm and we can think more clearly, perhaps our thoughts and ideas are not good, then our actions may not be good. This is where the rest of the eightfold path comes in. It teaches us about morality and right thinking, and how to live a peaceful and happy life. We need to practice all eight of the path, to fully understand and realize the Buddha's teachings.

In Gassho,

Juho

IRETO SERVICE

The Japanese Community Association of Hawaii will be observing its annual Ireto Memorial Service at Alae Cemetery on **Sunday, August 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm**. Please attend this memorial service to honor the pioneer immigrants from Japan who were of all faiths and are entombed at Alae cemetery who were disinterred from various cemeteries on the island.

KOKORO GARAGE SALE IV

Saturday, October 21, 2017

8 am - 12 noon

Items for our garage sale are being brought in by our members and friends. However, we are still looking for more items. Please call Taishoji Soto Mission at 935-8407 if you have large items that needs to be picked up or if you do not have transportation and need someone to pick it from you. We appreciate it if you could inform us if you will be donating baked items, jams, jelly, fruits, vegetables, plants and flowers. These kinds of items need to be brought in the day before or on the day of the sale.



Otakiage



Bon dance practice



Reverend Jiko Nakade assisting with O-Bon



Mrs. Hata & mother Mrs. Ono



Boy Scout Troop 95 installing the lanterns and lights



Fukushima Ondo

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 <u>POSTPONED</u> (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

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / TAIKO / BOY SCOUT TROOP 95 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 OCTOBER 2017 SCHEDULE

1	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
		10:00 am	Darumaki / Eitaikyo / Kannon Ko / Srv. (Kyodan)
7	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #1
8	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
14	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
		1:00 pm	Kyodan Meeting
15	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
21	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #3
22	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service
28	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #4
29	Sun	9:00 am	SS / Family Service

IN MEMORIUM

Our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Family and Relatives of the late:

Mrs. Kikuko Marumoto
November 19, 1933 - August 1, 2017 (83)