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MINISTER'S MESSAGE



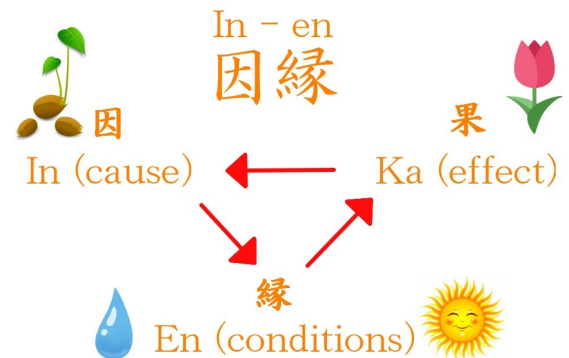
Aloha, Members and Friends of Taishoji,

On June 3rd, the Kaisanki (開山忌), Rekijuki (歴住忌) and Deceased Baika Memorial Service was held. Kaisanki is the memorial service for the founder of Taishoji. Rekijuki is the memorial service for deceased ministers. I read the names of the deceased Baika members and ministers during the service. In my message, I spoke about Rev. Shunkyo Aoki. Rev. Aoki was the resident minister of Taishoji from 1967 to 1987. He performed Taishoji's 50th anniversary celebration. After leaving Taishoji, he went to Brazil to serve as Bishop. He later returned to Japan. He was 83 years old when he passed away in 2003.

Last year, Rev. Aoki's daughters and grandson came to Taishoji. I performed a memorial service for him. After the service, they took part of his ashes to Coconut Island and scattered them in Hilo Bay. Rev. Aoki really loved Hilo. Although I didn't meet him personally, I have heard about his character from our members. He was a very strict person. He was good in Baika and calligraphy. While listening to the stories, I came to understand his personality. I'd like to share his message in the 50th Anniversary Booklet with you.

[Buddha spoke of "In-en (因縁)" as the basis of his teachings. Even a roadside weed begins from seed in order to flower and fruit. The fruit then becomes the next seed. "In (因cause)" leads to "Ka (果effect)", and "Ka" becomes "In" again. The seed germinates, grows, blooms, fruits and seeds. The seed is the "in", and until it blooms it requires water, nutrients, and heat (sun). These environmental factors constitute the "En (縁conditions)" under whose influence the seed results in a crop. In 1918, Rev. Ezawa and many believers began their construction which became the "In" of Taishoji; later succeeding ministers and members of the temple contributed services and efforts to uphold the temple.

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These contributions then constitute the "En". "In" and "En" blended together to resulting in today's Taishoji. This temple then is an accumulation of efforts. Our fifty years have gone by since the founding, and the history of this period is valuable. It is our pride and joy to inherit all this.]

It's a very wonderful message. Rev. Aoki described the cause, one of the Buddhist teachings. For the present Taishoji, the seed is that Rev. Hakudo Ezawa and many believers began their construction. The nutrient which grows the seed is the effort of Rev. Aoki, the past ministers and members of Taishoji. Thanks to them, the present Taishoji became a flower and exists as the place at which we are able to learn and practice Buddhist teachings today. That's why we have to show our gratitude to them. In addition, to grow new Taishoji's seeds is our duty. We can expand Taishoji's future by our effort. We have the possibility to bloom new Taishoji flowers. It is Rev. Aoki and past ministers wishes. Finally, it is not only Taishoji, but also the same for ourselves. To make our dreams come true or to achieve our goals is to bloom our own flower in our life. To learn Buddhism and sit in Zazen support your mind and body. I'd like to bloom Taishoji's flower and our own flower with you through Taishoji activities. Let us cherish the founder of Taishoji and the past ministers and make our flower garden from now on. Thank you very much.



Rev. Shunkyo Aoki

In Gassho,
Rev. Shinsho Hata

O-BON MAIRI SERVICE

Rev. Shinsho Hata, 15th resident minister of Taishoji Soto Mission is available for private visitation for O-Bon services at your home. He will pray for your ancestors at your Buddhist altar. It is a good time and opportunity to pray for your gratitude to your loved ones during O-Bon. This is a good opportunity for our elderly members. Please call Rev. Shinsho Hata at 808-935-8407 to make arrangements.



BUSSHIN KAI NEWS

Everyone, please all help with our Toro nagashi (Floating Lanterns) on Sunday, August 5, at Wailoa River small boat ramp. Let's set-up at 5 pm and assemble the lanterns. Taiko performance is at 6pm followed by the Toro Nagashi Service. Lest send our ancestor back to the world of Buddha with Aloha.

In Gassho,
Walter Tachibana

FUJIN KAI NEWS

Aloha Fujin Kai members and friends!

Thank you very much for your support on Kaisanki, Rekijuki, Kannon-ko services, and the memorial service for the Baikako deceased members.

Our July Fujin Kai meeting will be on July 8th at 1 pm. (NOTE: It is not the usual 1st Sunday of the month.) We will discuss the upcoming Bon Dance Yagura set up day (Sunday 7/22), Picnic (Sunday 7/29), Bon Dance (Saturday 8/4), Obon Service and Toro Nagashi (Sunday 8/5). There will be no August Fujin Kai Meeting. Vegetarian Zen Cooking class will be held on September 1. Thank you for your continuous support and prayers. May you be in a good health and happiness. Mahalo Nui Loa,

In Gassho,
Yoko Gussman

WISDOM WORDS

“With wisdom, all things are possible.” — Anonymous

“THE OLDER I GET, THE BETTER I USED TO BE...” — UNKNOWN

“American by birth, Buddhist by wisdom.” — Anonymous

TAISHOJI BON DANCE PRACTICE

Tuesday JULY 10, 24 & 31 at 7:00 - 8:30 pm,
Taishoji will be having Bon Dance Practice.
Come and join us for fellowship in our practice
sessions and Bon Dance!

Buddhist traditions were brought to Hawaii in the late
19th century by Japanese immigrants. The first Bon
Dances were held on the plantations on which the
immigrants lived and labored. Over the years the
Bon Dance has become a community event in which
all are welcome to participate.



TAISHOJI ANNUAL PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018 / 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM IBEW Hall at Bakers Beach

Our Taishoji annual picnic for our members and friends will
be held at the **IBEW Hall at Bakers Beach**. Lunch, soft
drinks and Bingo prizes will be provided by Taishoji Kyodan
in appreciation for your unselfish time and cooperation
during the year. A delicious lunch will be prepared for you
including shave ice, water melon. Dessert is voluntary. We
will have the grill going, so if anyone wants to bring some
pupu to grill, it will be welcomed. Let's all come out and
relax to join in the fellowship with our Sangha. Bring your
fishing gear & swimming suits. Our main item is BINGO!!
Let us enjoy ourselves, take a break and have fun on this
relaxing day.



HOW TO GASSHO

When you enter or leave the hall, do you do gassho toward
the Buddha? How do you gassho? Depending on the
person, the form of gassho is different. I would like to share
with all of you how to do proper gassho.

Put your hands together in gassho. The tips of your fingers
should be approximately the same level as your nose.
Leave about 3 inches between your hands and your face.
Extend your elbows and loosen up your shoulders. This is
Tadashii (proper) gassho. As you bow, the body bends at
the waist, so that the torso forms an angle with the legs of
approximately 45 degrees. The hands (in gassho) do not
move relative to the face, but remain in position and move
only with the whole body.

Gassho, expresses deep humility, reverence, gratitude, and
faith to others. Each time you enter or leave the hall, let's
bow in gassho facing the Buddha!



TAISHOJI DECAL

All members and friends of Taishoji are to receive an inside-window cling-on decal to show that you belong in our temple parking lot. It is not the sticky-type decal. Place it inside any window of your car that is easy to reach and does not block the driver's view much. Try it on the driver's side of the front windshield or the right rear window. It is easy to move around if you want to.



EMPEROR ASHOKA AND THE THIRD WORLD BUDDHIST COUNCIL

After another 135 or so years had passed, another council was held. The need for this council arose as debate was being carried out about both the dharma and the precepts. (Dharma means the teachings of Shakamuni Buddha. Precepts are the ethical values of Buddhism.)

At this time, during the third century BCE, Emperor Ashoka was ruling the huge Maurya empire in India. He had taken the throne in a bloody war and was a ruthless Hindu ruler with many violent victories to his credit. But during the eighth year of his rule, after an especially gruesome battle, Ashoka became shaken by his own bloodbath — upward of 100,000 men, women and children were slaughtered in Kalinga, the coastal kingdom south of his Magadha region. Ashoka ran into a monk who told the mighty ruler that he could use his power for good instead of evil. The monk was a Buddhist. Ashoka soon put down his sword and picked up the Buddha's dharma instead.

He stopped hunting, started meditating; stopped fighting, and started doing humanitarian work wherever he could. Instead of soldiers, he had missionary monks, who spread the dharma where-ever they could, reaching out past the borders of India and into the rest of the known world, including Egypt, Greece, the Middle East, Persia, Tibet, Afghanistan, Pakistan and China. He built thousands of stupas and monasteries throughout the land. (Stupas are dome-shaped burial monuments and pagodas are burial or religious towers with up-curved roofs.)

Emperor Ashoka inscribed his new beliefs on rocks that can be found today throughout India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. These inscriptions would come to be known as the Edicts of Emperor Ashoka. They included such promises as moderate spending, proper schooling for children, medical treatments for every-one, and promotion of proper behavior. He promised to practice the dharma until the end of time, to always be available —no matter what he was doing—for the affairs of his people. He promised respect for everyone and all religions... and so on. Because he practiced such spiritual generosity, many less-devoted practitioners entered the Buddhist practice and the purity of the practice was diluted. Ashoka sought to weed out these weak links from the monasteries he had created and so called a new council with the genuine, steadfast monks who were left. This council is said to have had 1,000 attendees, the largest yet.

At the Third World Buddhist Council, the teachings were reviewed and a new purified collection different areas of India and to cross the boundaries into other countries. Hinayana was the Buddhist tradition spread by Emperor Ashoka.

When he did this, he changed the world! The compassion, wisdom and non-violence of Buddhism appealed to the people of the Greek Empire of Alexander the Great. It lay a golden thread of Buddhism in Egypt, Greece, Palestine, Persia, Syria, Turkey (Asia Minor), Mesopotamia, Tibet, Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Burma, etc. that remained in those places under various names and groups such as the Cathars, and the first 4 or 5 U.S. Presidents. (Washington, Jefferson, etc.) The memories endured even though other fierce and violent religions called them heretics and burned them to death. Today, the Cathars are remembered by the names of Catharine, Catherine, Katherine, Cathy, Kate, Catalina, Katrina, Kalena (Hawaiian), Kathleen (Irish), etc.

Walter Tachibana



Kaisanki Service / June 3, 2018



M & M workshop / May 26, 2018
Rev. Hata & Dr. Harold Hall



M & M workshop / May 26, 2018



Panel presenters
Rev. Myoshin Kanimoe, Mr. Mike Keller,
Mr. Mike McGee & Dr. Harold Hall

TAISHOJI ZEN COOKING CLASS

Cook! Learn! and Enjoy! Zen Cooking Class will be held on September 1st. Taught by Mrs. Naoko Moller, the class will show the participants how to use locally grown ingredients to create a meal. There's a maximum of 6 spaces offered per class, and the participants are required to bring apron. Call to reserve your space.

Date September 1, 2018

Time 9:00am ~ 1pm

Cost The cost of ingredients (Lecture fee is free)

Participant Only Taishoji Members (6 members)

Place Taishoji Soto Mission

Naoko Moller

A Japanese cooking connoisseur. An ESL Educator. Born in a Buddhist temple in Niigata, Japan, raised in Hawaii and in Japan. Conducts Zen Buddhist vegetarian cooking workshops and educational workshops for parents and teachers in England, America and in Japan.

One Plate ZEN : <http://oneplate-zen.blogspot.com/>



TAISHOJI JULY 2018 SCHEDULE

7	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 5 <i>Daifukuji Soto Mission (Bon Dance)</i>
8	Sun	1:00 pm	Fujinkai Meeting
10	Tue	7:00 pm	Bon Dance Practice in the hall with Jane Heit
14	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 1
		1:00 pm	<i>Kyodan Meeting</i>
		3:00 pm	<i>Sunday Service Meeting</i>
21	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 2
22	Sun	8:00am	<i>Move Yagura to front of Temple</i> <i>Otakiage (Burning of Religious Items)</i>
24	Tue	7:00 pm	Bon Dance Practice in the hall with Jane Heit
28	Sat	7:30 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 3
29	Sun	9 - 4:00 pm	Taishoji Annual Picnic IBEW Hall (Baker's Beach)
30	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group # 4
31	Tue	7:00 pm	Bon Dance Practice in the hall with Jane Heit

TAISHOJI ZAZEN / TAIKO / BOY SCOUTS SCHEDULE

Zazen	Mondays	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Taiko	Sundays	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 AUGUST 2018 SCHEDULE

4	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #4
		7 - 10:30 pm	<i>Taishoji Bon Dance (Kyodan)</i>
5	Sun	9:30 am	<i>Taishoji O-Bon / Hatsubon / Toba Kuyo Service</i>
		1:30 pm	<i>Move Yagura to Back of Parking Lot</i>
		5:00 pm	<i>Taishoji Toro Nagashi (Busshin Kai)</i> <i>(Floating Lantern Ceremony / Wailoa River Boat Ramp)</i> <i>(Performance by Taishoji Taiko)</i>
6	Mon		Rev. Shinsho Hata to Japan - return 8/18
11	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #5
		1:00 pm	<u>----- KYODAN MEETING - CANCELLED FOR AUGUST</u>
18	Sat	7:00 am	Temple cleaning Group #1
25	Sat	7:00 am	Temple Cleaning Group #2
26	Sun	2:00 pm	<i>Ireisai Service Alae Cemetery (Taishoji)</i>

During the absence of Rev. Shinsho Hata from August 6 to August 18, please call Taishoji Soto Mission at 808-935-8407 or 808-640-9956.

TAISHOJI WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO OUR SANGHA

Aloha and Welcome New Members

Yoji, Yoko, Shuma, Hayato & Kei Seto of Hilo

Introduce yourselves to our new members and welcome them to our Sangha for activities and fellowship

IN MEMORIAM

Our Deepest Sympathy and Condolences to the Family and Relatives of the late:
Mrs. Shigeko Sato November 4, 1922 - May 30, 2018