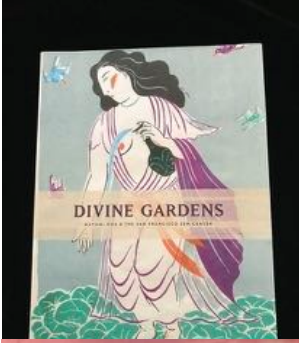


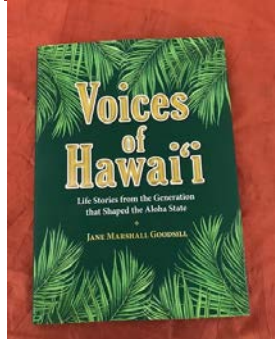


Online Auction

to Benefit
Daifukuji Soto Mission



Art, Kona specialities, Jewelry, Buddhist Items, Japanese Items, Vintage Items & Collectibles, Books, Gift Certificates, Plants, Household Items, & lots more! Unbreakable items can be shipped in flat rate boxes with prepayment of postage.



Oct. 27 - Nov. 2, 2021

Bidding will begin at 9:00 a.m. Hawaii time on October 27 and end at 5:00 p.m. Hawaii time on November 2.



Please share this link with family and friends.



32auctions.com/templealoha

Mahalo for your support!

Questions? Call or text Barb at (808) 987-2673.
www.daifukuji.org (808) 322-3524





ONLINE AUCTION October 27 - November 2

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| Drop off auction items | Oct. 14 - Oct. 25 | 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Social Hall |
| Live Auction | Oct. 27 (9 a.m. HST) - Nov. 2 (5 p.m. HST) | | Link above |
| Pick up winnings | Nov. 5, 6, & 7 | 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Social Hall |

Unbreakable items can be shipped in flat rate boxes with prepayment for postage.

We are asking for donations of new and “like new” items. We want to offer the best we have to boost Daifukuji Soto Mission’s General Fund.

Suggested items are coffee, mac nuts, gift certificates/cards for services, restaurants & stores. Plants including orchids, Japanese & Buddhist items are popular. Other examples are handmade items, jewelry, art, nonperishables, gift baskets, tools, sporting goods, etc. Please, nothing bulky or too heavy for us to manage.

We plan to combine items to have a minimum starting bid of \$20.00. So even if you have something under that price, we’ll happily accept it. Donations with a higher value will start at a higher price.

Please arrange with Rev. Jiko for dropping items off items by calling Daifukuji at (808) 322-3524 or emailing her at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org. We will be accepting items October 14 through October 25, 2021. Please leave your name, number, address & estimated value with your donation, in case I have any questions. A thank you & letter for tax purposes will be available when you donate.

The auction will begin at 9:00 a.m. on October 27 and end for online bidding at 5:00 p.m. Hawaii Time on November 2, 2021. (The link is above.)

It will go live on October 27. You can view items before it goes live.

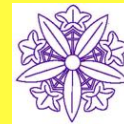
If you have any questions or would like to volunteer (vaccinated persons only, please), please don’t hesitate to contact me at barbarainkona@gmail.com, 808-987-2673, text & phone.

Thank you in advance for your help making this online auction a success!

Aloha,

Barbara Shoshin Bosz

Auction Co-Chair



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November, 2021

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See "archives" on our website for previous



*Please bring canned food
for the Hawai'i Island
Food Basket.*

You are cordially invited to

A Hybrid Thanksgiving Service

In-person and by Facebook Livestream

Sunday, November 21 10:00 a.m.

Proof of vaccination, masks, sign-in, & social distancing required

The Dharma Message will be given by Reverend Ryokei Ishii of the Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji. The Daifukuji Gift Shop will be open.

To reserve a seat, please call (808) 322-3524 or send an email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org by November 14. Seating is limited due to social distancing requirements. Members of the same household may sit together.

To view the livestream service, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/konadaifukujitemple/>.



Thanksgiving Greetings from Rev. Jiko

Dear Members and Friends of Daifukuji,

Happy autumn days! The Kona hillsides are dotted with bright orange and red coffee cherries awaiting harvest.

Thank you very much for supporting Daifukuji's online auction, our temple's sole fundraiser of the year. We have received many donations of items and gift certificates from sangha members, friends, and businesses in our Kona community. It warms my heart to know that, even in these challenging Covid times, our community supports us with great generosity and kindness. I am truly humbled and filled with gratitude. My mahalo goes out to everyone, including co-chairs Barb Shoshin and Joyce Yuko and their dedicated auction committee members who are hard at work.

Well, we're taking baby steps to open up. My heart is beating with joy, knowing that Jikai and I will be able to welcome you back into the temple for a Thanksgiving Service on November 21. It's been a year and a half since an in-person service open to the sangha has been held. We hope that you will join us, knowing that Covid protocols will continue to be followed. We only ask that you call or email us by November 14 to reserve a seat since seating is limited. The livestream option will also be available.

Our temple board and sangha volunteers have been working on a variety of projects during this pandemic. This period of relative quiet has been wisely utilized.

I have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to use this period to deepen my study of the Dharma and to share our rich Soto Zen tradition with many people through Zoom. Nothing gives me greater happiness than to see people's lives touched and transformed by the teachings of the Buddha and Soto Zen ancestors. It is my hope that all of our Buddhist temples throughout Hawai'i will grow and flourish with everyone practicing the Buddha Way together.

Please take care, dear friends. My family joins me in wishing you and yours a very happy Thanksgiving.

With much love, in gassho,

Reverend Jiko



No Mochitsuki to Be Held

We are sorry to announce that there will be no mochitsuki (mochi making) again this year. Rev. Jiko's video "An Easy Way to Make Mochi for the New Year" is available on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJno1VdIOWE&list=PL1vCcj2ZDjWTIEmkBwLyVA4O92ppTPba6&index=1>



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Traveling Light

by Mary Kakuju Park

On September 18, 2021, the National Day of Dance, I received the 16 Bodhisattva precepts which form the moral and ethical foundation of the Soto Zen Buddhist tradition. I had taken the 12-week study of the precepts with Rev Jiko via Zoom from January to March of this year. I enjoyed learning with classmates of varying ages from teenagers to eighty-year-olds from all over the Hawaiian islands. I learned that the precepts are not about achieving perfection or even striving for perfection. The precepts are a guide, a north star, that points the way. We aspire to live mindfully, with intention, with compassion for self and others.

Knowing that I had a few weeks to prepare for my lay confirmation ceremony, I took this opportunity to declutter my house. I held each item as Organizing Consultant, Marie Kondo instructs, and asked myself if this item sparks joy in me. If not, I thanked it and gave it away. How fortunate for me that the Daifukuji auction was coming up in October and I was able to donate art and items I no longer wished to carry with me on this journey.

In preparation for the ceremony, I was requested to write down the negative karma that I may have created through body, speech and mind over the course of my life. During the ceremony, as I dropped the paper into the flame, I repented the suffering that I have caused due to greed, hatred, ignorance, and delusion.

Dressed in all white, I bowed to the Buddha, the ministers, and my family. It was a private, intimate, thoughtful, meaningful ceremony. I had copied the names of our Dharma Ancestors prior and I felt honored to add my name following Rev. Jiko Nakade's name. Kakuju. Kaku = to awaken, to attain enlightenment, to remember (in this case one's Buddha nature) Ju = Tree. A tree of awakening inspiring refuge, shade and joy. An aspirational name I am committed to embody.

Thank you for witnessing my journey. It feels like a beginning. Feeling light.



November Programs Being Offered Online Via ZOOM

Zazen - Join us for Zoom zazen and chanting every Wednesday morning from 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m. and two Thursday evenings a month (**November 11 & 18**) from 6:00 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. Contact Rev. Jiko at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org to receive the Zoom link.

Sangha Sister's Women's Spirituality Circle - Via Zoom, meetings are held on the second Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

Bare Bones Writers Group - Via Zoom, meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Call Kathryn at (808) 345-2976 for information.

Zoom Yoga (October 14 - November 18)

Six Thursdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST

Welcome warmup from 7:45 - 8 a.m. HST. Zoom yoga from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. HST. Optional chat from 9:00- 9:20 a.m. Drop in or whole series.

What's needed: Yoga mat, loose clothing, water, towel, empty stomach "Dana"=Temple Offering by mail or at: <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>.

Instructor: Ambika "Jō-An" Rose

For inquiry about this series and future yoga classes: (808) 430-2620. Email for Registration & Zoom Link: ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net



Giving

Donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are appreciated and may be given through the temple's website

[*http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html*](http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html)

or mailed to

Daifukuji Soto Mission, P.O. Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750.

Mahalo for your support!

Online Study of the Precepts (January 8 - April 2, 2022)

“How can I live a life of wisdom and compassion?”

12 weekly classes via ZOOM

Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

First class: Saturday, January 8, 2022



Receiving the precepts & one's Buddhist name and formally becoming a disciple of the Buddha is an important event in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist. One will go through a process of study and reflection together with Rev. Jikō and a group of Sangha friends. The sharing of one's life is done in an atmosphere that is gentle, accepting, and compassionate. Many have found their lives illuminated and enriched by this inner journey.

In January of 2022, Rev. Jikō will be starting a new series of precepts study sessions using ZOOM. This course is comprised of 12 weekly one-hour sessions. It is an opportunity to learn about the 16 Bodhisattva precepts, which form the moral and ethical foundation of the Soto Zen tradition.

These sessions are open to all who are interested in studying the precepts and do not require participation in the precepts ceremony.

There is no class fee. Donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are appreciated.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Maintenance Committee Looking for Help

Would you be interested in serving on Daifukuji's Temple Maintenance Committee?

Here's what this committee will be doing:

- 1) Do a walk-through to inspect temple buildings every January.
- 2) Report to the temple Board what areas are in need of maintenance or repair.
- 3) Keep track of such things as fumigation, septic tank cleaning, ramp maintenance, and annual inspection of fire extinguishers.

If you would like to join this committee, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org. Please know that your help would be very much appreciated.



Gift Shop Regular Hours Again in November & December

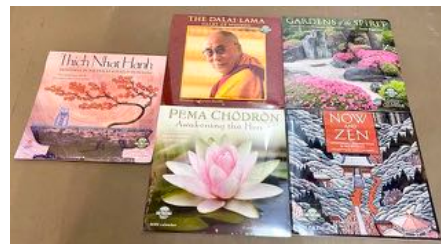
In order to accommodate gift shopping for members of the temple, the gift shop will be open three days a week for most of November and December.

Starting on November 5, we'll be open:

Friday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to noon

Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mondays from 9:00 a.m. until noon.



We probably won't put open signs by the road, since the temple may not yet be open for visitors. Meanwhile, more beautiful 2022 calendars continue to arrive! They're all on sale for \$10 each except for a mini calendar which is \$7.



Also, the shop has four butsudans (home altars) ranging in price from \$200 to \$400. The latest one we've just gotten in is the smallest, probably the oldest, and also the most ornate. It's the one that's \$400—small but quite breathtaking.

To shop early, call or text for an appointment: Barb Shoshin, 987-2673 or email barbinkona@gmail.com.



Cookbooks Make Great Holiday Gifts

Sharing Our Favorites with You!, the United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association Cookbook, is available for purchase. Containing 338 recipes submitted by all nine of our Soto Zen temples in Hawaii, this spiral-bound cookbook would make a great gift for those folks who love to cook and try new recipes. The cover of the book is sweet and inviting.

For the price of \$12 per cookbook, you may purchase cookbooks either through the temple's gift shop or through the temple office.

Call (808) 322-3524 or email info@daifukuji.org.



Zazen and Not Being the Doer

By Michael Keller

There is a juncture in the experience of a zazen practitioner when the person clearly sees that he or she is not doing their own breathing. That we don't do our own breathing is of course the normal state of affairs, just as we do not cause our hearts to beat. As we go about our daily lives, our body does our breathing for us. However, when we sit to meditate, if we haven't seen the contrary, we feel that we need to make some effort ourselves to bring the breath in and to expel it. Eventually though, as said, the perception comes that we are not doing the breathing ourselves. If the impression is firm enough, we can stop efforting to breathe and just watch our breath come in and go out.

This perception of not doing one's own breathing may be the forerunner of a very large insight. Advanced spiritual teachers in both the Hindu tradition and in Soto Zen say that we are not the doer of our own lives. In the Hindu tradition, Nisargadatta says that real spiritual progress has been made "when one stops thinking that one is living, and gets the feeling that one is being lived, that whatever one is doing, one is not doing, but one is made to do." Another teacher in the Hindu tradition, Ramana Maharshi, when he was asked, "What is the end of the path of knowledge," responded, "It is to be free from the feeling of being the doer."

Similar statements can be found in the Soto Zen tradition. Keizan, born 15 years after Dogen's passing and called the "Great Patriarch" of Soto Zen, speaks of "that which causes the eyebrows to raise and the eyes to blink." He continues, ". . . It is something whose name you don't know even though it has always been living with you. . . . It causes you to be born, causes you to die, causes you to move and act, causes you to perceive and feel."

Modern Soto Zen teachers also speak of the agency of human action as something other than the person. Shunryu Suzuki says, ". . . We create airplanes and highways. And when we repeat, 'I create, I create, I create,' soon we forget who is actually the 'I' which creates the various things. . . ." Shortly after, he refers to this source of creation as the "big I." Also, Reb Anderson, the distinguished student of Shunryu Suzuki, says, "What I am is actually what everything has made. In that sense, each of us is under control. The entire cosmos is controlling us, but individually we cannot control anything."

There are various terms and concepts for what is held to be the ultimate doer: God, Allah, Original Mind, Buddha, the Lord, and so on. In mystical traditions that I have any familiarity with, the ultimate doer is considered to be unknowable. As Keizan says above, "it is something whose name you don't know."

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However, a sense that one is not the doer leads to a profoundly relaxed life. As Ramana Maharshi wryly puts it,

Since the supreme power of God makes all things move, why should we, without submitting ourselves to it, constantly worry ourselves with thoughts as to what should be done and how, and what should not be done and how not? We know that the train carries all loads, so after getting on it why should we carry our small luggage on our head to our discomfort, instead of putting it down and feeling at ease?

As zazen practitioners, we should patiently wait for the time, if it hasn't come yet, when we can put our doer-luggage down and take an easy seat on the train of life.

A Report from the Daifukuji Board

By Steve Hoshin Mann, Corresponding Secretary

The Daifukuji Board met October 7 via Zoom.

We learned that Dennis Nakano's work on new cement pathways in the cemetery is well underway. We'll be soliciting bids for professional maintenance of the cemetery.

We received a final draft of the work of the Long Range Planning committee, approved some changes, and expect to act on it next month.

The social hall work is 95% done. The room is cleaned, painted, and reset for the online auction - thanks to the taiko group for their help! After the auction, the speakers and photos will be re-hung.

The online auction runs from October 27 through Nov 2; we decided that this year the proceeds will go to the general fund for temple operations, as we rely more on the Legacy Endowment Fund for building maintenance.

Stephen Tanaka is working on a plan for repair or replacement of the handicap ramp, to the same design but with more durable materials. Board member Kai Ioh is working with a number of contractors on a plan for cleaning, maintaining, and eventually replacing the temple roof. A maintenance committee of Board and Temple members is being formed to do an annual walkthrough and recommend a schedule of maintenance each year.



Shaun and Kai check on the painting of the social hall interior.

Volunteers are a Treasure



Have you noticed the sturdy new fence along the road the road that goes to the cemetery? Thanks to labor provided by volunteers John Ogg, Dan Gordon, Steve Hoshin Mann, and Becky Safarik, this fence was installed. The group is also reconstructing the ancient stonewall along the orchard's *makai* boundary. Big mahalo!



The Gay Sangha, taking a turn at weeding, hauled away several truckloads of weeds from behind the Social Hall, and plans to maintain the area. Pictured are Travis Schnepf, Ann Marie Muramoto, Clear Houn Englebert, Steve Hoshin Mann. Thanks to Travis for the use of his truck. Mahalo to our Daifukuji Gay Sangha!



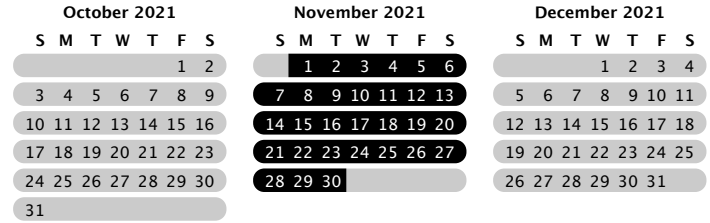
In September, 232 pounds of food was delivered to the Hawai'i Island Food Basket from our Daifukuji Sangha. We thank Sachi and Kenneth Joesting for making the delivery and Stephen Tanaka for his help loading the food into their vehicle.

Good job, Daifukuji 'ohana! Please continue to bring your donations of canned food to the temple. We'd like to make another Food Basket delivery for the holidays.



After the social hall's new panels and screens were installed, Sensei Akemi Iwamoto and members of our Kona Daifukuji Taiko 'ohana, along with temple board leaders Stephen Tanaka and Barb Shoshin Bosz, washed the windows and old screens, dusted the ceiling fans, mopped the floor, cleaned the refrigerator, set up tables for the auction, and, in a word, put the hall back together again. A big mahalo to Kai Ioh and Shaun Roth for their leadership, and a big mahalo to all who came out to help that day. Thanks to these volunteers, our social hall is clean and bright.

November 2021



- Adult Taiko
- Family Service
- Major Service
- Home
- Work
- Kannon-ko Service
- Project Dana
- Zazen
- Sangha Sisters
- Youth Taiko
- Baikako Practice
- Dharma Study
- Happy Strummers
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