
Programs Offered at Our Temple

Baikako Plum Blossom Choir
Bare Bones Writers Group
Bon Dance Classes
Daifukuji Fujinkai Women's Association
Daifukuji Gay Sangha
Daifukuji Happy Strummers Ukulele Group
Daifukuji Lending Library
Daifukuji T'ai Chi
Daifukuji Yoga
Daifukuji Zen Taiko for Adults
Dharma Study Sessions
Family Sangha Sunday School
Japanese Conversation/Song Class
Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club
Kona Daifukuji Taiko for Youth
Project Dana Kupuna Program
Samu Temple Cleaning
Sangha Sisters Women's Spirituality Circle
Shakyo & Shabutsu Art Meditation
Zazen Meditation

Please see our website for program information: www.daifukuji.org



IN GASSHO



If you have any questions regarding our Buddhist services or various programs, please don't hesitate to speak to our minister or minister's assistant. We hope that you've enjoyed your time with us and look forward to seeing you again.

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WELCOME to Daifukuji Soto Mission

A Guide for Newcomers



E komo mai
We welcome you with aloha!





Daifukuji Soto Mission is a Buddhist temple belonging to the Soto Zen tradition. All are welcome to join our services and programs and to freely explore the Soto Zen Buddhist teachings.

The main object of veneration in our tradition is Shakyamuni Buddha, the historical buddha. Our two eminent ancestors are Zen masters Dogen and Keizan.

Seated meditation called zazen is offered on Wednesday mornings at 6:00 a.m. and certain Thursday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

You may view the temple's schedule and monthly newsletter on our website: www.daifukuji.org or request to be put on the mailing list. Membership information can also be found on our website.

WELCOME

We are happy that you've taken the time to be with our sangha today and hope that you will feel comfortable at our temple. Below are some answers to frequently asked questions. If you have other questions, please feel free to talk to Rev. Jiko or Deacon Jikai after the service.



ATTIRE & BASIC ETIQUETTE

Please dress in a way suited to visiting a spiritual place. We prefer that beach shorts or tank tops not be worn to temple services. Please avoid using strong fragrances which may bother the people sitting near you. Bow facing the altar upon entering the temple and bow once again upon leaving. You may wear your shoes into the temple. However, please remove them before entering the meditation hall.

HOW MONETARY OFFERINGS ARE GIVEN AT SERVICES

It is our custom to place a monetary donation in an envelope and to drop off the envelope at the reception desk located on the temple porch before the service begins. Please write your name on the envelope. You may request a receipt for your donation at the reception desk. For casual donations, there are offertory chests in the main hall & Kannon Hall.

USE OF THE LENDING LIBRARY

The lending library may be used by temple members and members of temple groups. Books may be borrowed for one month and DVDs for one week. Please write your name and phone number on the library card that's inside the book & place the card inside the card box. You may see the minister or a member of the library staff for assistance.

GASSHO

To bring one's palms together in gassho is an expression of humility, reverence, gratitude, and faith. When we gassho to the Buddha, we are honoring our great enlightened teacher. When we gassho to each other, we are honoring each other's intrinsic Buddha Nature.

HOW TO OFFER INCENSE

To offer granulated incense, stand in front of the incense box, gassho, and bow. While your left hand remains in the gassho position, take a pinch of incense with your right hand, raise it to your left hand in an expression of gratitude, and sprinkle it over the piece of burning charcoal. Gassho and bow once more. Sticks of incense are lit & placed upright in the incense bowl.

RESTROOMS

You'll find a restroom located on the south end of the temple porch. More restrooms are located outside and across the entrance to the social hall kitchen. There are two restrooms in back of the stage inside the social hall.