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## Spring Higan and 33 Kannon Pilgrimage

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

I know that many of you are patiently waiting your turn to receive the Covid vaccine. Not a day goes by without one of our sangha kupuna telling me that he or she has received the vaccine. There is a sense of relief, a lessening of anxiety, and an increase in hopefulness that comes with receiving the vaccine. We can be grateful for the efforts made by our fellow islanders to prevent the spread of the virus. Let's continue to hang in there and to do our best to protect each other. We all still need to wear our masks to keep each other safe.

I have considered offering a socially distanced Kannon pilgrimage, but have decided that it's best to practice patience and wait until more folks are vaccinated. So, once again, a major service will be offered on YouTube. I know that it's not the same as being at the temple in person, but please view the service from the safety of your home and go on the 33 Kannon pilgrimage in your hearts this year.

### **Spring Higan and 33 Kannon Pilgrimage Service**

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

**Video to be available on YouTube (Daifukuji Soto Zen) at any time after 5:00 a.m.**

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCni\\_mBKgI4u1A1k4P8mvckw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCni_mBKgI4u1A1k4P8mvckw)

Here at Daifukuji, the sakura tree has delicate blossoms, there are bright orange marigolds blooming here and there, the dahlia tubers are sprouting, and the lotus plants are doing well in their bathtub pond. If we look around at the beauty that surrounds us, we can feel grateful for nature's abundant gifts. May the buddhas and bodhisattvas guide us in living an awakened life.

In gassho, with warm aloha,

*Rev. Jiko*

9th Annual  
**BUDDHA DAY CELEBRATION**  
 Hosted by the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB)

**DHARMA  
 IN  
 ACTION**

Keynote Speaker: Mushim Patricia Ikeda  
 East Bay Meditation Center

Young Adult Speakers:

 Ryan Nakade Integral Buddhist	 Lisa Lassner Triratna Buddhist Community	 Sheera Tamura Jodo Shin Tradition
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March 14, 2021 10:00 AM—11:30 AM (HST)  
 Attendance will be VIRTUAL (Zoom) and is FREE

Please register at <https://forms.gle/8LOK7zAGSDELMZNB7> to receive the Zoom Link

For more information contact Rev. Blayne Higa at [bhiga@honpahi.org](mailto:bhiga@honpahi.org) or (808) 323-2993

Donations can be made to the Hawaii Food Basket ([hawaiifoodbasket.org](http://hawaiifoodbasket.org)). Kindly put HAIB in the comments.



## Flowers Needed for Hanamido

Orchids, anthuriums, protea...all kinds of flowers are needed on Saturday, March 13 to decorate this year's *hanamido* flower shrine for the Buddha Day service.

Flowers may be dropped off outside the **Kona Hongwanji Buddhist Temple meeting room** before 4 p.m. on March 13.

Should you need help transporting the flowers from your home to the Kona Hongwanji Temple, please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524, [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org).

On March 14 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. the Hawai'i Island chapter of the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists (HAIB) will be holding its annual Buddha Day event using ZOOM and invites everyone to celebrate the Buddha's birth together. The event will open with a Buddha Day service, which will be followed by talks given by several speakers.

Keynote Speaker: Mushim Patricia Ikeda is a Buddhist teacher, author, mentor, and community activist. She teaches meditation retreats for people of color, women, and social justice activists nationally. She is a core teacher at the East Bay Meditation Center.

Three young adults will speak on "Dharma in Action" in the context of their lives.

Sheera Tamura, Seattle "Historical Racism and Empowerment from a Buddhist Perspective"

Lisa Lassner, Boston "The Dharma in Ordinary Life"

Ryan Nakade, Oregon "Mindful Politics: Dharma and Dialogue"

**Please register at <https://forms.gle/8LOK7zAGSDELMZNB7> to receive the Zoom Link.**

This event is being offered free of charge. It is suggested that those who wish to make a donation do so to the Hawai'i Island Food Basket. Kindly put HAIB in the comments. <https://www.hawaiifoodbasket.org/donate-1>

## Welcome, New Members

The Daifukuji Sangha warmly welcomes the following new members:

### **Richard and Gay Morley**

New members are always welcome. Please see our website for information on membership. [http://www.daifukuji.org/membership\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf) The 2021 membership form is available through the temple office. [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org).

Called the Buddha's Hand Citron, this fruit which looks like a hand with many fingers, was grown right here in Kona and brought to the temple as an offering. It is one of the oldest citrus fruits and is all rind and pith with little juice. Its shredded zest can be used to flavor drinks and baked goods.



## String Beans Miso Ae

*This is a recipe that I got from my aunt Yoshie Tanaka. The dressing is delicious and may be used on all kinds of veggies. — Rev. Jiko —*

1 pound string beans, cut in 2-inch lengths

Steam beans until tender - crisp. Or boil them if you prefer. Drain under cold running water and cool in colander.

Mix dressing ingredients together until the sugar is completely dissolved.

### Dressing

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1 T. granulated sugar

2 T. roasted sesame seeds

2 T. white miso

1 tsp. peanut butter

Toss the beans with the dressing just before serving.

Roasting sesame seeds: Heat skillet until hot. Add the seeds and stir often until they start popping. Remove from heat before the seeds start to burn. Cool. Store in a jar in the refrigerator.

For a dressing with more sesame flavor, you can grind the seeds using a coffee grinder or a mortar and pestle.





## March Programs Being Offered Online Via ZOOM

**Zazen** - Every Wednesday morning from 6 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.; Thursday evenings (**March 11 and March 25**) from 6 p.m. - 7:20 p.m. Contact Rev. Jiko to receive ZOOM link, (808) 322-3524, [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org).

**New Series of ZOOM Dharma Sessions to Begin in April** - "Zen Seeds" by Shundo Aoyama Roshi. Please see page 5 for details.

**Sangha Sister's Women's Spirituality Circle** - 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** - Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. Call Kathryn at (808) 345-2976 for information.



**Daifukuji Yoga** - Yoga teacher Ambika Jo-An Rose will be offering a new 6-week series of ZOOM yoga classes from March 18 - April 22. These classes will be held on Thursdays from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. with an optional chat from 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. Classes are open to all. One may drop in or attend the whole series. To register and receive the ZOOM link, please send an email to Ambika at [ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:ambikarose@hawaiiantel.net). You may also contact her at (808) 430-2620.

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

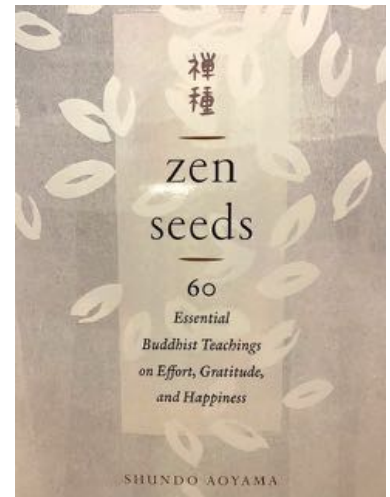
<http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>

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

## Online Study of *Zen Seeds* to Begin in April

*“60 Essential Buddhist Teachings on Effort, Gratitude, and Happiness” by Shundo Aoyama Roshi*

*Translated by Patricia Dai-En Bennage Roshi*



One may register for either group 1 or group 2. Facilitated by Rev. Jikō, these weekly Dharma sessions will offer participants a chance to read the material and share their thoughts, reflections, and life experiences in an online atmosphere that is kind, respectful, and compassionate.

Group 1: Starting April 6, Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Group 2: Starting April 10, Saturdays from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.



*Zen Seeds* is a sparkling collection of short stories by Shundo Aoyama Roshi, who is among the foremost Zen teachers in contemporary Japan and a living treasure of Soto Zen. She now serves as advisor to Sojiji Monastery and is the chief priest of a training temple for female priests in Nagoya, Japan.

*Meeting both Aoyama Roshi and the translator of this book, Dai-En Bennage Roshi, at the Aichi Semmon Nisodo training temple forty-one years ago when I was an impressionable teenager, a layperson interested in Zen, changed my life and set me on the path to becoming a Soto Zen minister. To these two women teachers who live and breathe the Zen way of life, I will always be infinitely grateful.*  
~ Jiko Nakade ~

Books are available through the Daifukuji Gift Shop at the special price of \$10 for class participants. Those living outside Kona may order the book online.

Like all Dharma offerings, these sessions are open to all at no charge. Donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are welcome. <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index.html>.

For more information or to register, please contact Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524, [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org).



## Honoring our Keirosha

At our New Year’s party each year, our Daifukuji community would normally honor those sangha members attaining the honorable age of eighty-eight. Since no party could be held due to Covid restrictions, cards and KTA gift certificates were mailed to our six *keirosha* or honored elders whose 88th birthdays fall within 2021. In Japanese culture, one’s 88th birthday called “beiju” is truly auspicious.

We send our warmest birthday wishes and congratulations to:

**Michiko Enomoto, Aiko Kimura, Sylvia Kimura, Harold Murata, Hilda and Fusao Sugai.**



## Valentine’s Day Cards Mailed to Project Dana Seniors

The members of the Daifukuji Young Buddhist Association (Y.B.A.) recently sent Valentine’s Day greetings to our Daifukuji Project Dana seniors. Mahalo to Ginger, Aiyanna, Xavier, and Nina for brightening the hearts of our temple kupuna by participating in this statewide Project Dana activity.

## Mahalo For Your Years of Dedicated Service



Gilbert Kaneko, who has taken care of our P.A. system for years and years at all kinds of temple events and services, has recently passed the baton to Warren Ikeda. We cannot thank Gilbert enough.



Steve Shinkaku Marquis, a dedicated member of our Samu team for years & Julio’s rice cooking partner at temple fundraisers, is moving to the mainland. Thank you, Shinkaku. We’ll miss you.

*The P.A. system will now be handled by Warren Ikeda and the cemetery maintained by Larry Yoshiyama, whom we deeply thank.*

## Would you adopt a small piece of Daifukuji?

Certain outdoor areas of the temple have already been “adopted” by volunteer sangha members who see that their area is lovingly maintained, especially during this Covid crisis when the Samu group cannot all gather on Fridays. There are a few more small plots that need regular care — weeding, trimming plants, and tidying up. Rev. Jiko is looking for volunteers to take care of certain areas. These small areas can be adopted by an individual, two people, a family, or a temple group. The maintenance of our grounds depends upon volunteers like you. It’s the energy of love and devotion that can be felt when one steps onto the grounds of Daifukuji. Please contact Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 if you would like to lend a hand and offer your kokua. Thank you.

### Areas Already Adopted



Mahalo, Stephen!



Thanks, Warren!



Arigato, Stanley!



Beautiful anthuriums, Ann!  
Thanks for cleaning the altars, too.



Thank you, Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club!



Mahalo, Elaine & Julio! Also appreciate your & Tyrone’s help with the monthly newsletter.



We appreciate you, Chester!



Nice marigolds, Judie Myoko!



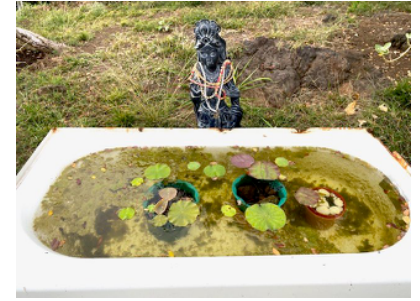
Very much appreciated, Larry!



Mahalo to all who are helping to turn the Mac Nut and coffee grove into an orchard!



Rev. Jiko's kuleana — the dahlia garden



and lotus pond.

### Areas In Need of Adoption (Mostly Weeding)

If any of these areas call to you, please call Rev. Jiko. (She'll surely jump for joy!)



Small Courtyard Between Temple & Minister's Residence



Small Orchid Garden In Back of the Outside Restrooms



Walkway Leading to Teshima's



Two compost bins (one covered with vines) outside the hall kitchen that need turning and emptying from time to time