



## Daifukuji Soto Mission



At Daifukuji, we recognize the dignity and inherent Buddha Nature of all living beings and do not discriminate based on gender. Whether the marriage be between a man and a woman or between two members of the same sex, the bond of marriage is considered sacred.

*YOUR  
SOTO ZEN BUDDHIST  
WEDDING  
CEREMONY*



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Your wedding would include the following:

- \* One or more meetings with the minister prior to your wedding day
- \* E-mail correspondence & phone consultations with the minister while arrangements are being made
- \* A wedding rehearsal if desired
- \* Use of the temple and grounds for your ceremony & picture taking
- \* A gift of *ojuzu* prayer beads from the temple to the couple
- \* Electronic certification by the minister that the ceremony was held

For detailed information on getting married in Hawaii, go to the State of Hawaii Department of Health website:

<https://emrs.ehawaii.gov/emrs/public/home.html>

Rev. Jiko Nakade is licensed to perform marriage ceremonies in the state of Hawaii. She is listed as Mary Beth Oshima-Nakade.



*The greatest happiness which one can imagine is the bond of marriage that ties together two loving hearts.*

#### Wedding Ceremony Program

Processional

Dharma invocation

Vandana Ti-Sarana (Three Refuges)

Chanting of the sutras & offering of incense by the bride & groom

Blessing of couple with holy water

Blessing prayer

Vows (standard or self-written)

Exchange of rings

Presentation of *ojuzu* prayer beads and leis

Marriage pronouncement

Recessional

Please prepare the following for your wedding day:

Two white floral arrangements for the altar as an offering to the Buddha. No flowers with thorns.

White aisle runner (optional)

Please place your donation to Daifukuji Soto Mission inside an envelope on which your name and address is written and give it to the minister either before or after the ceremony. Donations to the temple are tax-deductible. A receipt will be sent to you.

The suggested donation for a ceremony held at the temple is \$300.

The suggested donation for a ceremony held elsewhere is \$400 - \$500.

Gifts of appreciation to the minister, organist, and others assisting with the wedding may be given if desired and should be placed in cards or envelopes addressed with the recipients' names.

The privilege of using the temple's social hall for a reception is given to those who have been members of Daifukuji Soto Mission for at least the past two consecutive years.