

Daifukuji Soto Mission

Where Compassion Blooms



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December, 2024

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See "archives" on our website for previous newsletters.

Bodhi Day Service 成道会 (Jōdō-e)

Sunday, December 15 10:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Paul Ananda Normann

Potluck Lunch & Jam Sale



Rev. Ananda
Normann

All are warmly invited to Daifukuji's Bodhi Day service. Commemorating the great awakening of Shakyamuni Buddha beneath the Bodhi Tree over 2,500 years ago, the Bodhi Day service is perhaps the most important service of the year. We would love to have you join us.

The Dharma message will be delivered by Rev. Paul Ananda Normann. Rev. Ananda is the Executive Director of the non-profit Neighborhood Place of Puna and is passionate about preventing and ending family and child homelessness. In his ministerial capacity, Rev. Ananda serves as the minister for Amida Hawaii -- a small group of Buddhist practitioners rooted in the vision of the Pure Land and working to bring about an enlightened world.

Lunch will be a potluck. Please bring something to share if possible, as well as your own "oryoki" set of reusable tableware. Labelling your dish gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, etc. would help those with food allergies and preferences. The gift shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to noon. Canned and packaged food will be collected for the Hawai'i Island Food Basket. **All are welcome to purchase jars of Daifukuji tropical fruit and poha jam after the service. (See page 2 for more information.)**

2025 Memorial Service Schedule on page 11.

A New Year's party form & 2025 membership form will be included in next month's newsletter.

In Loving Memory



Doris Yanagi
October 20, 2024
Age 95

Gilbert Akiyoshi Kaneko
October 25, 2024
Age 99
Long Beach, California

Namu Kanzeon Bosatsu.



2025 Ukulele Classes for Beginners

Raymond Baltero, leader of the Daifukuji Happy Strummers ukulele group, will be offering a series of ukulele classes for beginners. The classes will start in January of next year and be held twice a month on Saturday afternoons from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted.

Here are the dates of the first 6 classes:

January 11 and 25

February 8 and 22

March 1 and 15

If you are interested in signing up for Raymond's ukulele classes, please inform Rev. Jiko by calling (808) 322-3524 or by sending an email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.

Project Dana

December 11
9:30 a.m.



Aloha Project Dana members,

Please dress in reds and greens when you come to our December gathering. Also, please bring a wrapped gift (value about \$10) for our Secret Santa gift exchange.

Raymond Baltero will be offering an ukulele strum-along-and-sing-along session. Please bring your ukulele if you'd like to participate.

Temple members 60 & above are invited to join Project Dana, Daifukuji's monthly activity program for seniors which is funded by the temple. For information, call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or Joyce at (808) 329-3833.

Jam Sale

Sunday, December 15



About 96 jars of our Tropical Jam and 12 jars of the Poha Jam made by temple members will be sold after the Jodo-E Bodhi Day service at approximately 11:15 a.m. on December 15. Please come to the social hall.

Tropical Jam \$ 7.00

Poha Jam \$ 9.00

Payment by cash or check only. This is a fundraiser for Daifukuji Soto Mission.

Mahalo to Edna Yamane, Joy Utz, and Tuan Luong for donating the jars and sugar.

Bodhi Day Greetings from Reverend Jikō



Aloha Sangha members and friends,

Happy holidays and happy Bodhi Day to all! As my Bodhi Day gift to you, I would like to share Dogen Zenji's teachings on The Three Minds, a topic which was recently studied by my online Zoom Dharma group.

The founder of our Soto Zen tradition in Japan, Dogen Zenji (1200- 1253), travelled on a trading ship to China in search of the True Dharma when he was 22 years old. In his writings found in the *Tenzo Kyōkun* or "Instructions to the Cook" he talked about the importance of cultivating the Three Minds— *Daishin*, *Kishin*, and *Rōshin*. Cultivating these three qualities of heart and mind are important not only for one who works in a temple kitchen, but for everyone who practices Zen. What is applied in the kitchen can be applied to all of our everyday tasks. Here are the Three Minds as described in the book *From the Zen Kitchen to Enlightenment: Refining Your Life* by Dogen Zenji and Uchiyama Roshi, and translated by Rev. Daitso Tom Wright.

大心 *Dai-shin* is Magnanimous Mind. "Magnanimous Mind is like a mountain, stable and impartial. Exemplifying the ocean, it is tolerant and views everything from the broadest perspective."

喜心 *Ki-shin* means Joyful Spirit. "How fortunate are we to have been born as human beings given the opportunity to prepare meals for the Three Treasures. Our attitude should truly be one of joy and gratefulness."

老心 *Rō-shin* means to have a caring, nurturing heart. "Rōshin is the mind or attitude of a parent. In the same way that a parent cares for an only child, keep the Three Treasures in your mind....In this same manner, when you handle water, rice, or anything else, you must have the affectionate and caring concern of a parent raising a child."

We will soon be greeting a new year. May we aspire to cultivate magnanimous minds, joyful and grateful spirits, and caring, nurturing hearts. Let us practice Dogen Zenji's teachings on *Dai-shin*, *Ki-shin*, and *Rōshin* moment by moment in our daily lives.

Thank you for your hard work and diligent practice of the Buddha Way throughout the year. I am grateful for your support of Daifukuji Soto Mission and look forward to seeing you at the Rohatsu Sesshin, Bodhi Day service and New Year's celebration. Have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Namu kie butsu. Namu kie hō. Namu kie sō.

In gasshō,

Jikō Nakade

12th Resident Minister of Daifukuji Soto Mission



Kōkua Needed to Clean Temple and Grounds

Sunday, December 1 8:00 a.m.

Sangha members and temple groups, please pitch in and lend a hand. Our goal is to clean our temple, halls, columbarium and grounds in preparation for Bodhi Day and the New Year.

We will begin with a short blessing inside the temple at 8:00 a.m. Please bring rags, buckets, garden tools and gloves, all labelled with your name.

Any amount of time that you can contribute will be appreciated.

Refreshments will be prepared by the Happy Strummers group. Bring your own water bottle and set of reusable tableware to help us eliminate the use of single-use products.

Questions? Please call Shaun, our clean-up day coordinator, at (808) 936-9815.



Our youth taiko group shared their aloha at the Kona Coffee Cultural Festival lantern parade.

A Message from Board President Stephen Shōdō Tanaka

Dear Daifukuji members and friends,

As the end of the year comes into view, I asked myself what happen to 2024. Actually, our sangha accomplished quite a few things together.

The resurfacing of our driveway and parking lot was, I think, our biggest accomplishment. Also, all of our different sangha groups such as our Fujinkai, Dharma Keiki, Project Dana, Taiko, and others each accomplished a lot. We are always continuing to do more for our community.

So, I'm looking forward to the coming year and to all of our future events, both old ones and new ones, that will be held at Daifukuji.

Thank you for your support.

In gassho,

Stephen Shōdō

Commemorating the Buddha's Awakening

Rohatsu Sesshin: Eight Days of Zazen December 1 - 8

Morning Zazen (December 1 - 8) 6:00 a.m. - 7:20 a.m.

Sunset Zazen (December 1 - 7) 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



The Rohatsu Sesshin is a period of meditation that commemorates the Buddha Shakyamuni's enlightenment, which in Japanese Buddhism, is observed on the 8th of December as Bodhi Day. Rohatsu means "the 8th day of the 12th month."

At Daifukuji, we'll be sitting in the morning and again in the evening. One is welcome to come to any number of sessions.

During this period of meditation which is held annually from December 1- 8, zazen & morning service will be held each morning from 6:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m. Donations to the Daifukuji Zazenkai will be accepted.

Zazen only will be held each evening from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. from December 1 through December 7. Zafu (cushions) and chairs will be provided.

Please keep the following points in mind: plan on arriving at least 10 minutes early and be seated before the starting time. Should you arrive late, it is best to sit on a pew & join the group during kinhin (walking meditation). Please do not bring food, drinks (except water, if needed), or electronic devices into the meditation hall. Please do not wear shorts or tank tops. Socks, head coverings, and lap blankets are okay.

The sesshin will end after morning service on December 8th and will be followed by a simple Zen breakfast in the social hall. Questions? Please contact Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524, rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.



Board Nominations for 2025 & 2026 Term

It's time once again to reach out to our sangha and ask if you are interested in becoming a member of the Board of Directors of the Daifukuji Soto Mission. As we are a significant-sized, tax-exempt organization, there are business decisions that must be made by an elected board of directors, which can be as large as 15 members. We currently have 11 board members but one has decided to move onto other things and so that leaves us with 10. While it sounds like a lot of work, being on the board certainly is not a heavy lift. The board meets on the first Thursday of every month for about an hour and a half by Zoom, and, occasionally, in person. Except for being at the New Year's Party, the only other duties are to be willing to chair an occasional committee, which adds a few more hours to this commitment. Daifukuji is an important part of our larger Kona sangha and your small commitment would ensure that we are around to serve our friends well into the future. **Any dues-paying temple member may nominate a dues-paying member, but their nomination must be received no later than two weeks prior to the general membership meeting on January 26, 2025. If you would like more information about this fulfilling opportunity, please feel free to call Bobby Command at (808) 895-2416.**



December Activities

(More activities listed at <https://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html>)

Dharma Keiki Children's Program - We will take a break in December and meet again on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Rev. Jiko at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org for information. To register, please go to: <https://forms.gle/Azubjv2fbmEHUJZk6>.

Zazen (Meditation) - Zazen is offered in person and via Zoom every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Wednesday zazen is followed by 20 minutes of chanting. Sunset meditation is held on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Practitioners are asked to arrive 10-15 prior to the starting time. Contact Rev. Jiko at rev.jiko@daifukuji.org to receive the Zoom link for the morning zazen sessions.

Shakyo (Tracing the Sutras) & Shabutsu (tracing pictures of buddhas) - **Saturday, December 7** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. All are welcome. By donation.

Sangha Sisters Women's Spirituality Circle - Meetings are held in person and via Zoom on the second Friday of the month at 4:30 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

T'ai Chi - All classes are one hour and held inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5.00 per class. Call instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for schedule and other information: (808) 345-1492.

Soleful Strutters - T'ai Chi warm-up & walking on temple grounds at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. For information, please contact Hannah Israel at (408) 421-8845 or Reverend Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

Samu Fridays - We welcome volunteers for temple cleaning and grounds maintenance on Friday mornings from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Coffee hour & fellowship follows. Bring a snack to share.

Yoga with Liz - **No classes will be held during the month of November.** Classes will resume December 2, 2024 and will be held on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. No fee, but donations accepted. Bring a mat or towel. Call instructor Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or liz217a@hotmail.com.

Ofudayaki: The Burning of Sacred Objects

Wednesday, December 18 10:00 am.

An *ofudayaki* ceremony will be held in conjunction with our December Kannon-ko service. You may bring your old omamori and ofuda to the temple prior to December 18th or when you come to the ceremony. Burnable altar objects (no metal or plastic) which are no longer needed may also be burned at this time. All are welcome to attend this ceremony, after which tea will be served & snacks shared.

Questions? Call Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524.



DAIFUKUJI SOTO MISSION
FUJINKAI
&
One Plate Zen

Miso

Miso making and Zen Vegetarian Lunch

MISO is umami-rich, versatile fermented seasoning.

In this class, you will prepare MISO to take home and learn all about MISO including the history, nutritional values, and Japanese fermentation.

January 18, 2025

Daifukuji Social Hall

11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Fee: \$40.00

Includes Zen vegan
Miso lunch

Date: Saturday, January 18th, 2025

Time: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm

Place: Daifukuji Soto Mission Social Hall

79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy in Honalo

Fee: \$40.00

(includes a jar of MISO to take home, lecture, preparation of Miso, and Zen vegan Miso lunch)

LIMITED TO THE FIRST 30 REGISTRANTS

To Register: Send an email to info@daifukuji.org

Call (808) 322-3524 (no text messaging)

REGISTRATION IS
LIMITED TO THE
FIRST 30
INDIVIDUALS WHO
SIGN UP.

info@daifukuji.org

(808) 322-3524

Instructor:
Naoko Komagata Moller
<https://www.oneplatezen.com/>
✉ naoko.moller@gmail.com





Gift Shop Volunteers Needed

The 2025 calendars have started to arrive at the gift shop. Also, the shop could use more volunteer cashiers, both regularly to expand the hours and occasionally to cover absentee cashiers. Please call Clear at (808) 328-0329 if you are interested. The new gift shop hours for Saturdays are from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Library News

by Clear Hōun Englebert

We have some really neat new arrivals:

That is Not Your Mind! by Robert Rosenbaum is subtitled *Zen Reflections on the Surangama Sutra*. The Surangama Sutra is a very important scripture in Zen, and if you're not familiar with it, this is a great way to become so.

Dogen's Shobogenzo Zuimonki is a very important work by Dogen. This edition is translated by Shohaku Okumura. I personally adore this book. It was the first Dogen book I ever read and it's still my favorite. You don't have to understand esoteric language to get it. Here's an example that shows what I mean: "*In this country today, with regards to actions and speech, most people are concerned with personal fame and reputation. They think [in terms of] good and bad, right and wrong, and believe that if they do one thing, others will think well of them, or if they do something else, others will think poorly of them. They even worry about the future. This is entirely wrong.*"

It's Okay Not to Look for the Meaning of Life by Jikisai Minami is another Soto book that is written in plain language. The subtitle is *A Zen Monk's Guide to Living Stress-Free One Day at a Time*.

Zen Vows for Daily Life is a wonderful book by Robert Aitken. It's a collection of gathas, vows in verse form, which are helpful as gentle reminders to be fully present in each moment and each activity of our lives.

Home of the Brave by Allen Say is a stunning children's book about the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII. It's a very moving book and the sequences are dreamlike.

The last four books are by Thich Nhat Hanh:

Cracking the Walnut is subtitled *Understanding the Dialectics of Nagarjuna*.

The Bodhisattva Path is subtitled *Commentary on the Vimalakirtinirdesa and Ugrapariprccha Sutras*.

The Admonitions and Encouraging Words of Master Guishan is a Chinese text from the 700's and this edition includes Thich Nhat Hanh's commentary.

My Master's Robe by Thich Nhat Hanh is subtitled *Memories of a Novice Monk*. What a wonderful book!

Fujinkai Holiday Craft Making

Saturday, December 7 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Social Hall



Andrea Harai Shea will lead us in simple origami which we can use on cards or as ornaments. Teri Hollowell will help with wreaths made of candy canes. Susie Weaver will have Yule logs and Buddha succulent bowls. Bring scissors, glue guns, native plants such as A'ali'i, Moa, and succulent cuttings. At the end of our session you may bring your creations home. Any extra will be available for sale on a donation basis at the Bodhi Day service lunch on December 15. If you're interested in attending this activity or have questions, please call Andrea at (916) 205-3534, Teri at (808) 756-1697, Susie at (808) 936-5817, or Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524. For information about joining the Fujinkai, a group which is open to all, please visit https://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai_Brochure_2022.pdf or stop by the temple for a brochure and Fujinkai membership form. Dues are \$10 annually.



Sangha Mahalos

Thank you to the Sangha Sisters women's spirituality group for preparing a delicious lunch for our sangha on the day of our Daruma-ki service. We also thank Brenda Harai for sewing a colorful Hawaiian-print bib and hat for our Ojizosama. A big mahalo goes to Wayne Fukunaga and Warren Ikeda for spending days under the hot sun replacing the boards of the temple's long wheelchair ramp.

Coming Up in January...

New Year's Blessing Service.....January 1
Joint Zen Retreat at Taishoji Soto Mission..... January 4
Fujinkai's first gathering of the New Year (Hatsumairi)....
January 12
Daifukuji's New Year's Party.....January 26

Fire Safety Tips

COOKING/STOVES

Never leave a stove that's turned on unattended. Turn pot handles in. Avoid cooking when your faculties are impaired (i.e. you're drowsy). Set a timer when cooking or using the oven.

December 2024

- Zazen

Sangha Sisters

Youth Taiko

Adult Taiko

Major Service
- Happy Strummers

Temple Board

Fujinkai

Kannon-ko Service

Project Dana
- Orchid Club

Samu

Special Events

Baikako Practice

Dharma Study
- Home

Work

Offsite Backup

Bon Dance Group

Teen Sangha
- Youth Taiko

Adult Taiko

Family Service

Major Service and 16 more...

November 2024							December 2024							January 2025						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 ... Rohatsu Sesshin 3:00PM Happy Strummers	9 8:30AM Yoga with Liz 5:00PM Youth Taiko 6:00PM Sunset Meditation	10 9:00AM Soleful Strutters Moai 6:00PM Zen Taiko	11 Project Dana 9:30 am 6:00AM Zazen & Service 5:00PM Youth Taiko 6:30PM Orchid Club	12 9:00AM Tai Chi 11:00AM Zoom Dharma Study 6:00PM Zen Taiko 7:00PM Temple Board	13 6:00AM Zazen 8:00AM Samu 10:00AM Gift shop 10am-1pm 4:30PM Sangha Sisters	14 8:00AM Zoom Dharma Study 10:15AM Youth Taiko 11:00AM Gift Shop 11am-2pm
15 Bodhi Day Service 10 AM Jam Sale after service 12:00PM Potluck Lunch	16 8:30AM Yoga with Liz 5:00PM Youth Taiko 6:00PM Sunset Meditation	17 9:00AM Soleful Strutters Moai 6:00PM Zen Taiko	18 Kannon-ko 10 am Ofudayaki 6:00AM Zazen & Service 5:00PM Youth Taiko	19 9:00AM Tai Chi 11:00AM Zoom Dharma Study 6:00PM Zen Taiko	20 6:00AM Zazen 8:00AM Samu 10:00AM Gift shop 10am-1pm	21 8:00AM Zoom Dharma Study 10:15AM Youth Taiko 11:00AM Gift Shop 11am-2pm
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2025 Memorial Services

**To arrange a memorial service, please call
Rev. Jiko at (808) 322-3524 or send an
email to rev.jiko@daifukuji.org.**

One Year Memorial Service (2024)

Sakae Oshima	Jan. 7
Stanley Harai	Jan. 7
Fujiko Akamatsu	Jan. 8
Janice Bovard	July 3
Dr. Masao Nakamoto	July 5
Doris Yanagi	Oct. 20
Gilbert Akiyoshi Kaneko	Oct. 25

3rd Year Memorial Service (2023)

Gladys Arase	Jan. 26
Donald Erway	March 1
Kikuko Ushijima	Feb. 7
Janice Uchida	March 1
Chase Matsumoto	May 20
Fusao Sugai	May 22
Chiyoko Nakamoto	May 28
Kimiko Ikeda	June 5
Judie Fekete	July 13
Yasuo Nakamoto	Aug. 8
Aaron Wolfe	Oct. 9
Michael Asada	Nov. 5
Yoshiko Faye Osako	Nov. 12

7th Year Memorial Service (2019)

Yoshiko Ikeda	Jan. 29
Takeshi Kudo	April 6
Mitsue Oshima	May 9
Kazuyo Sasaki	Sept. 7
Clark Sasaki	Sept. 15
Nancy Tanaka	Nov. 4
James Okimoto	Oct. 26
Ray Yamane	Dec. 5
Masaru Deguchi	Dec. 13
Jeanette Inaba Tinnel	Dec. 25

13th Year Memorial Service (2013)

Betty Abe	Jan. 14
Herbert Okano	March 13
Jane Okano	March 13
Mitsugi Inaba	March 27
Colbert Nozaki	April 26
Fusano Harai	June 28

(cont. 2013)

Beverley Arai	July 29
Kimie Masuda	Aug. 9
Lester Nakano	Aug. 13
Myles Ota	Aug. 23
Chirio Miyose	Oct. 16
Shizuko Teshima	Oct. 22
Rochelle Ashikawa	Dec. 19

17th Year Memorial Service (2009)

Charles Sasaki	Jan. 15
Kiyoshi Deguchi	Feb. 4
Yoshie Kawasaki	April 21
Sally Deguchi	May 21
Kazuko Sato	June 19
Kay-Ann Asada	Oct. 2
Tomomi Matsumoto	Oct. 4
Tomoko Ioh	Oct. 18
Sadaki Kusunoki	Dec. 19

23rd Year Memorial Service (2003)

Cynthia Bennett	Jan. 31
Mabel Jenkins	Feb. 22
Hiroko Corpuz	Feb. 24
Hagino Harai	Feb. 27
Takashi Harai	March 16
Mildred Oshima	March 27
Hideo Matsuo	April 14
Jesse Hanato	Aug. 9
Stanley Yamauchi	Sept. 23
Hisashi Kimura	Oct. 17
Paul Takashi Oda	Nov. 12
Masako Fujitani	Dec. 11
Hisashi Araki	Dec. 26

27th Year Memorial Service (1999)

Tsuichi Masuda	Jan. 24
Kimie Ota	March 1
Hisa Matsuo	April 9
George Sasaki	June 14
Kazuo Seo	June 15

33rd Year Memorial Service (1993)

Nobuyo Kawakami	Feb. 1
Paul Murata	April 19
Tetsuo Maruyama	May 18
Harumi Nakano	Aug. 20
Mitsue Nakamura	Oct. 24
Hideko Seo	Nov. 11



Okagesama De

Okagesama de is a humble Japanese expression that means “thanks to you and your support.” *Okagesama de*, Daifukuji Soto Mission is here, thanks to the support given by the ministers and members of the past, whose dedication, sacrifice, perseverance, and moral integrity are embedded in the very walls of our temple. *Okagesama de*, Daifukuji is here today, thanks to your support for which I bow deeply in gratitude.

In Gasshō,
Rev. Jikō Nakade
12th Resident Minister

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We awaken to the truth that innumerable beings, visible as well as invisible, have contributed to the existence of our temple over the course of its more than 100 year history. Sustained by the entire universe—the earth, sea, sky, people, animals, plants, Buddhas, and Bodhisattvas—Daifukuji Soto Mission is here today.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude.

Contributing to the Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund will help ensure that our beautiful temple continues to serve our community for generations to come. Please make checks payable to: DAIFUKUJI SOTO MISSION LEGACY ENDOWMENT FUND.

Daifukuji Soto Mission

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Honor the Past
Continue the Legacy
Shape the Future

Honor the Past



Since 1914, Daifukuji Soto Mission has stood along Mamalahoa Highway at the gateway to mauka Kona on the island of Hawaii. Our temple holds tremendous significance as one of the oldest existing structures in the area and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Throughout its 100 plus year history, our temple has provided a safe, nurturing sanctuary for both religious and cultural events.

Today, our temple is home to many groups: Project Dana Kupuna Program, Fujinkai, Daifukuji Youth & Adult Taiko, Dharma Keiki, Dharma Study Group, Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club, Bon Dance Classes, Baikako Buddhist Choir, Zazenkai Meditation Group, Tai Chi, Yoga, Shakyo and Soleful Strutters Moai. The temple is also home to our annual Obon Festival, Bazaar, and Orchid Show. We have a library, gift shop, orchard, columbarium, and cemetery.

To ensure the realization of our mission and to remain a light in our community, we must take action now to protect the legacy left to us by our predecessors, and strengthen our temple's financial stability.

Continue the Legacy



An endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding. The endowment assets are invested and only the earnings on those investments may be used for specific purposes. The original donations are not used. In this way, an endowment fund can grow and provide support for its designated purpose in perpetuity.

The Daifukuji Soto Mission Legacy Endowment Fund Charter specifies that the sole purpose of the endowment's earnings are for the "preservation, maintenance and capital improvement of the temple and its surrounding buildings and grounds." Donations help us address these needs without depleting our reserve assets or putting undue strain on our general operating fund. Eventually, the endowment will allow us to expand our programs and services.

Our endowment fund is managed in strict accordance with the temple's Investment Policy Statement. The Legacy Endowment Fund Board of Trustees provide another level of oversight in adherence to the endowment's Investment Policy and Spending Policy.

Shape the Future



Donating to the Legacy Endowment Fund can be a benefit to the donor as well as to Daifukuji Soto Mission. Leaving a legacy gift helps ensure our beautiful temple is maintained to support the many programs and activities that benefit both members and the community well into the future.

The donor may benefit from tax advantages in addition to the satisfaction of helping sustain the rich legacy of the temple. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and may include:

- Cash
- Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds
- Required Minimum Distributions from IRAs
- Other gifts on a case-by-case basis: Real Estate, Life Insurance, Annuities

Consult your tax professional, estate attorney, or financial advisor for guidance on any tax benefits of charitable giving before making a donation.

If you are interested in making a donation, please call the temple office at (808) 322-3524 or visit our website at: www.daifukuji.org/endowment