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# **SOTO MISSION OF HAWAII**

## **BETSUIN NEWSLETTER**

### **APRIL 2020**

#### **Important Announcement on COVID-19**

In the midst of the current outbreak of the COVID-19, with rapidly changing situations everyday, Soto Mission of Hawaii, Betsuin has made a difficult decision in regards to the temple operations. The changes take place **Immediately until April 30** are as follows:

- **All activities such as classes, meetings, and public services are cancelled or postponed.**
- **Temple office and Nokotsudo will remain open during its business hours.**
- **Memorial Services can still be held but group size should be kept to a minimum. (Under 10)**
- **Funerals may be conducted at the discretion of the family and the minsters.**

There decisions were made by the Chief Priest, Temple President, staff, ministers and the feedback from some members of the sangha in taking preventative measures. The decisions were based on maintaining the safety and well-being of the entire congregation and its family members.

We appreciate your understanding, especially on this short notice, as we make this difficult decision that takes into account the health and best interests of our sangha and the community of Hawaii.

We will inform you if there are any changes through our Facebook and/or Homepage. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the temple at 808-537-9409.

#### Office and Nokotsudo Hours (Thru April 30, 2020)

Monday to Friday 8:00 AM ~ 5:00 PM  
Saturday & Sunday 8:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM  
(Lunch Hours 12 Noon ~ 1 PM)

## **[Cancelled] United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association Conference**

Due to the COVID-19, Mantokuji Soto Mission (the host temple), UHSSWA Executive Boards, Jizokukai, and the Bishop's Office made a decision to cancel the event.

## **[Cancelled] Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service**

Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service has been cancelled.

## **[Postponed] Buddhism 101 Classes**

As announced in the March Newsletter, Rev. Yoshida was planning to have the class will be postponed until further notice.

## **Upcoming Events**

April 5 [Cancelled] Hawaii Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service  
April 18-19 [Cancelled] 55<sup>th</sup> UHSSWA Conference @ Maui Mantokuji  
May 10 Mother's Day and Buddha Day Service @ Soto Mission of Hawaii

## **Office Hour Changes for April**

With the COVID-19 outbreak, please be advised that temple hours may change day to day as situation changes. Please see the section on **Important Announcement on COVID-19** for more information.

## **Donations**

Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for their generous donations.

### **New Year Donations**

We thank everyone who supported the temple with the purchase of Omamori and Ofuda purchases.

We would like to express our gratitude to the following individuals for their most generous donations to support the temple in its general operations.

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### **Kannonko Donations (February)**

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### **Memorial Service / Funeral / General Donations**

Aki no Kai, Family of the Late Edwin Abe, Ryuko Kokuzo, Susan Sturgill, Afuso-Ryu Sanshin, Shanie Hiraoka, Hawaii Soto-Shu Head Office, Lillian Wakabayashi, Colleen Kainuma, Susan Iha, Toshiko and James Sato, Bernice Koike, Melvin Masaki, Paul Nakai, June Yoshiko Aono, Howard Yoshinobu, Ronald Horiuchi, Family of the Late Nancy Koike, Frank Hirazumi, Claire Ching, Tatsuko Koike, Family of the Late Misao Kawachi, Fukushimaen Bukkyokai, Aikido Ohana, Gladys Sakata, Hiyoko Class, Bette Terada, Richard Hayashi.