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Services and Events

Eitaikyo Service (Sunday, Nov. 12)

On November 12, 9:30 AM, we will be having our annual Eitaikyo Service. This is a service where we read all the names that are written on the Eitaikyo Chronicle Book. Since the beginning of this temple many people have enlisted their names by making a donation to the temple for this service. If you are interested in having your deceased loved one's name being dedicated during the service, the minimum donation is \$300 per name. For more information or to request to have your loved one or your name on the Eitaikyo Chronicle Book, please contact the temple for more information.



Bodhi Day Service (Sunday, Dec. 3)

On December 3, 9:30 AM, Hawaii Buddhist Council will be having its Bodhi Day Service at Nichiren Mission of Hawaii.

Bodhi Day is a service commemorating the day when Shakyamuni Buddha became enlightened. Sitting under the Bodhi Tree for 7 days, he reached Enlightenment. Honoring Shakyamuni Buddha and his accomplishment of becoming Enlightened, we dedicate a service.

This year, Nichiren Mission and Soto Mission will be the temples hosting the service. We would love to ask for everyone's support by attending the service. The service will be held at Nichiren Mission of Hawaii,

Nichiren Mission of Hawaii

33 Pulelehua Way,
Honolulu, HI 96817

Lay Confirmation Study Session (Saturday, Dec. 16)

On Saturday, December 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., the Soto Mission of Hawaii will host a study session on the 16 Bodhisattva precepts, which serve as the foundation of all Buddhist thought and practice in the Soto Zen tradition. This study session is open to anyone, including those who have already studied the precepts in the past. The class will be held at the Soto Mission of Hawaii (1708 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, 96817). Registration is \$50 per person and includes refreshments and lunch. **Please contact the Betsuin office by December 1** if you are interested in attending this class.

Sunday, December 17: Lay Confirmation Ceremony

A Lay Confirmation Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 17 at 10:00 a.m. at the Soto Mission of Hawaii. During this ceremony, participants formally receive the 16 Bodhisattva Precepts and confirm themselves as Buddhists. The Lay Confirmation Ceremony is open to those who attended the Precepts Class on December 16 and to individuals who participated in previous Precepts Classes. Please contact the Betsuin office if you are interested in studying and formally receiving the Buddhist Precepts on December 17.



Joya no Kane (Sunday Dec. 31)

On December 31, Once again we will be having our Joya no Kane service, which is the midnight bell ringing service as we say thank you to 2023 and welcome 2024. The service will begin at 11:30 PM. Please join us as we ring the temple bell 108 times and welcome the new year.



Sunday Services and Kannonko Services at Betsuin

We have Sunday Service on Sundays. Please join us in the prayer and learn about Buddhism.

Sunday and Kannonko Service Dates
Nov 5, Nov 19 (Kannonko), Nov 26

Announcements

Temple Clean Up

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to ask to you all to help us clean the temple in preparation for the New Years. This year, the temple clean up will be on Sunday, December 10, starting at 9 AM.

If you are able to come for the temple clean up, please let us know so that we are able to have enough cleaning tools. You can sign up by either calling us or using the sign up link below.

<https://shorturl.at/krDMW>



We would also like to ask all of the organizations that use the facility to come out to help clean the temple, especially areas that you use throughout the year.

We ask for your help in this clean up as every help is greatly appreciated in cleaning every corner of the temple as we express our gratitude to the temple for this year and prepare to welcome the New Year. Thank you in advance for your help.

Maui Wildfire Donation

Donation for the Maui Wildfire are still being accepted by Hawaii Buddhist Council. These donation will go directly to the three temples - - Honpa Hongwanji, Jodo, and Shingon Mission - - that were destroyed by the Wild Fire. If making a check donation, please write to **Hawaii Buddhist Council** and send them in to us at 1708 Nuuanu Ave. Honolulu, HI, 96817.



2024 Daihannya Ofuda Packet

We will be sending you the order form and more information for the 2024 Ofuda Packet Order soon. But as we prepare for the ending of this year and beginning of next year, we wanted to share with you some information about the Ofuda Packet.

The new Daihannya Ofuda will be distributed at our 2024 Daihannya Service on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 9:30 AM. Each NEW OFUDA PACKET includes the following contents: 1 wooden kifuda, 2 paper ofuda, 1 car omamori, and 1 wallet omamori.

There were many questions regarding Ofuda and Omamori. Below are common questions we receive.



1. **Q. When will the Ofuda Packet be ready by?**
A. Ofuda Packets will be blessed on Jan. 7 at our Daihannya Service. You can pick it up anytime after the service.
2. **Q. I cannot make it to the Daihannya Service, can I pick it up later?**
A. Yes, we will hold your order at the office. Please pick them up as soon as possible so that the ofuda and omamori can protect you and your family.
3. **Q. I want only the car, house, or the wallet omamori, can I buy just them?**
A. Yes, you can come to the temple anytime after Jan. 1 to buy any of the other Omamori. The only thing you have to wait until the Daihannya Service is if you want the Wooden Kifuda, which only is available when you order the Ofuda Packet.

We will be sending out more information and the order form at beginning of December. If you would like to order the Ofuda packet, please look out for the letter.

Mahalo For Your Support: Kala Kokua Fundraiser

Thank you for everyone who supported us through the purchase of tickets and/or monetary donation for the Kala Kokua Fundraiser. Every efforts through his fundraiser will help us sustain and maintain our temple. From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to say thank you for your support and trust in us.



Upcoming Events

November 12	Eitaikyo Service
December 3	HBC Jodo-e Service
December 10	Temple Clean Up
December 17	Lay Confirmation Ceremony
December 31	Joya-no-Kane
January 7	Daihannya New Year Blessing Service

Temple Closed Dates & Modified Hours

November 10	Temple close at noon in observance of Veterans Day
November 23	Temple close at noon in observance of Thanksgiving
December 25	Temple close at noon in observance of Christmas
December 31	Temple closed for 5 th Sunday (Will reopen at 11 PM for Joya no Kane)
January 1	Temple will be open from 7 AM to 2 PM

Donations

Thank you for your their generous donations for the month of August and September.

Robert Abe	Donation - Building Maintenance
Ryan & Amber Abe	Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe
Jason & Ding Abe	Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe
Robert Abe	Service - 1 yr Memorial for Toshiko Abe
James Abe	Service - 1 yr Memorial for Toshiko Abe
Lawrence Abe	Service - Funeral and Burial for Itsuko Abe
Bety Abe Family	Service - 7 yr Memorial for Bety Setsu Abe
Karen Akamine	Service - Fall Higan
Ando Family	Service - Memorial for Ando Family
June Aono	Donation
Millicent Asari	Donation - Building Maintenance
Baron Fukata Family	Service - Funeral for Baron Fukata
Beretania Florist	Donation - Building Maintenance - In Memory of Howard Nakamoto
Boris Borissoff	Service - 1 yr & Inurnment for Ryoko Borissoff
Frank Childs	Donation - Building Maintenance
Pam Cunningham	Service - Precremation for Brian Suda
Lawrence Cutwright	Donation
Family of the Late Brian Suda	Service - Funeral for Brian Suda
Family of the Late Wendy Watanabe	Service - Inurnment
Akiyo Fujioka	Donation - Building Maintenance
Lynn Fujise	Service - Fall Higan
Gayle Fukunaga	Donation - Building Fund In Memory of Koji & Yaeko Nakano
Lois Fukushima	Donation - In Memory of Mike Fukushima
Hanayagi Dance Studio	Donation - 2022 Rummage Sale
Shigeto Handa	Service - Inurnment for Mitzi Tanaka
Miyeko Hashimoto	Building Maintenance - In Memory of Richard & Shari Hashimoto
Lee Ann Hashimoto	Building Maintenance - In Memory of Richard & Shari Hashimoto
Miyeko Hashimoto	Service - Tanagyo and Fall Higan
Gail Hayashi	Donation - Building Maintenance
Masae Hayashi	Service - Fall Higan, Osuna Fumi
Chiyoko Hidano Family	Service - Family Blessing
Honolulu Fukushima Kenjin Kai	Donation
Colin & Deira Itagaki	Service - August Kannonko
Thomas & Chiye Itagaki	Service - Aug & Sept Kannonko, Butsudan Blessing
Carrolyn Iwamoto	Donation - Building Maintenance
Daisy Iwamoto	Donation - Butsudan Disposal
Carrolyn Iwamoto	Service - Higan Donation
Cora Jim On	Donation - Building Maintenance
Miles Kasahara	Service - Fall Higan, Donation
Gail Kashiwabara	2023 Membership & Donation
Keiko Kawagishi	Service - Aug & Sept Kannonko
Gertrude Kihara	Service - Fall Higan
Kirio Family	Service - Memorial for Evelyn & George Kirio
Jason Kiyota	Service - Restaurant Blessing
Kiyota Family	Service - 49 day & Inurnment for Elizabeth Kiyota
Roy Kodani	Donation - Building Fund
James Koga	Donation - Building Fund, Fall Higan, Keizan Anniversary Donation
George Koide	Donation
Bernice Koike	Service - Fall Higan
Reginald Kokubun	Service - 23rd Memorial for John Kokubun
Ryoko Kokuzo	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Shugen Komagata	Donation - Building Maintenance
Pua Kondo	Service - August Kannonko
Gail Krieger	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Kim & Jason Lindler	Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe
Arden & Mary Loomis	Service - September Kannonko
Dara Luangphinit	Donation

Sharon Maekawa	Service - August Kannonko
Jean Maekawa	Service - Fall Higan, Aug & Sept. Kannonko
Clyde & Annette Matsumoto	Donation - Building Maintenance
Mae Matsumoto	Service - 1 yr Memorial for Stanley Watanabe
Shelbie Mitnick	2023 Membership & Donation
Jean Miyata	Service - Memorial for Shizue Sunada
Ruby Mizue	Donation - Building Maintenance
Gary Morikawa	Service - 1 yr Memorial for Itsumu Morikawa
Patricia Moriyasu	Donation - Building Maintenance
Jay & Tes Motokawa	Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe
June Motokawa	Service - 1 yr Memorial for Toshiko Abe
Karen & Warren Motosue	Service - September Kannonko
Stacey Naito	Service - Funeral for Harriet Brown
Yoko Nakagawa	Donation
Nakai Family	Donation
Karl Nakamura	Donation - Building Maintenance
Gary Nakamura	Service - Fall Higan
Ellen Nishimura	Service - Fall Higan, Aug & Sept Kannonko, Donation
Bryan Nishimura	Service - Memorial for Charles & Ruth Nishimura
Lori & Ty Nojima	Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe
Sally Nozaki	Service - Fall Higan, Aug & Sept Kannonko
Todd Nozaki	Service - Aug & Sept Kannonko
Jamie Peterson	Service - Aug & Sept Kannonko
Rodney Puou	Donation - Building Maintenance
Merritt Sakata	Donation
Glenn Sakimura	Donation - Building Maintenance
James Sato	Donation - Building Maintenance, In Memory of Curtis Uno
James & Toshiko Sato	Service - September Kannonko
Mona Sawai	Service - Fall Higan, Aug & Sept Kannonko
Gary Shibuya	Donation
Jean Shibuya	Donation
Michael & Sarah Shildmyer	Service - Fall Higan, Aug & Sept Kannonko
Leila Sibayton	Donation - Building Maintenance
Shane & Julie Smith	Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe
Brent & Tiffinie Smith	Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe
Susan Sturgill	Service - Fall Higan in Memory of Harold Minami & Minami Ancestors
Alan Suzukawa	Donation - Building Maintenance
Yooko Suzuki	Building Maintenance - In Memory of Kizo & Hanayo Suzuki
Michiko Tachibana	Service - Memorial for Soyoko Hattori
Sally Takakawa	Donation - Building Maintenance
Carol Takeuchi	Service - Funeral & Inurnment for George Takeuchi
Lynne Tanno	Donation
Linda Unten	Service - Fall Higan, Aug & Sept Kannonko
Wayne & Ann Uradomo	Service - August Kannonko, Fall Higan
Wayne Warashina	Service - Fall Higan
Cherie & Colin Watanabe	Donation - In Memory of Toshiko Abe
Hideko Watanabe	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Danny & Ellen Yamamura	Donation - Building Maintenance
Dorothy Yasutake	Donation - Building Maintenance