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Services and Events

Fall Higan Service (Sept. 17)

On September 17, 9:30AM, we will be having our annual Fall Higan and Ryosoki Service. This service is dedicated to all our deceased members of our temple and the founders of Soto Mission, Dogen Zenji and Keizan Zenji.

During the service, We will be chanting and praying to our loved ones. If you would like to have a special dedication we personally bless your loved ones during the service, please kindly make a donation to the temple in honor of your loved ones for Higan Service. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Higan Service.



700th Preliminary Memorial for Keizan Zenji and Hawaii Soto Mission's 120th Anniversary Celebration

Next year, one of the two founders of Soto Mission, Keizan Zenji, will be honored on his 700th grand memorial service at the Head Temple, Daihonzan Sojiji in Japan. In commemorating this service, we will be observing a preliminary memorial service here in Hawaii on October 21 and 22.

Also, this year marks Hawaii Soto Mission's 120th year since coming to Hawaii. We will be dedicating all the deceased members of Soto Mission in Hawaii as we commemorate this auspicious event at Soto Mission of Hawaii (Betsuin).



You are invited to attend three very important events held at the Soto Mission of Hawaii Betsuin (1708 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu 96817) on **October 22, 2023**:

1) Hawaii Soto Mission's 120th Memorial and Anniversary Services (at 10:00 a.m.)

Soto Zen Buddhism traces its roots in Hawaii back to 1903 when the Kauai Zenshuji and Waipahu Taiyoji temple communities were established. A memorial service is first held in gratitude with prayers to all departed ministers and members of our temple community statewide. A special commemorative ceremony follows in observance of the 120-year journey of Soto Zen Buddhism throughout Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Molokai, and the Big Island.

2) Preliminary Memorial Ceremonies for the 700th Anniversary of Daihonzan Sojiji's Founder, Taiso Keizan Jokin Zenji (at 11:00 a.m.)

"Daionki" are major ceremonies held every 50 years to show our heartfelt gratitude to the two founders (Koso Dogen Zenji and Taiso Keizan Zenji) and the two second abbots (Koun Ejo Zenji and Gasan Joseki Zenji) of Soto Zen Buddhism's two head temples, Eiheiji and Sojiji. In 2024, Master Keizan's 700th Memorial Service will be held in Japan. Preliminary Services are held a year earlier in the Soto Zen Buddhism regions outside of Japan.

3) Fellowship Lunch in Social Hall (at 12:00 p.m.)

Bento Lunch will be distributed in the downstairs social hall. Please let your minister know if you plan to attend the services and would like to order a bento lunch. The cost of the bento lunch will be \$15. Please confirm your attendance by calling the temple or email to hirosato@sotomission.org by September 30.

Time Schedule for Sunday, October 22, 2023

- 10:00 a.m. Memorial Service for all Departed Ministers and Members of the Hawaii Soto Mission
- 10:30 a.m. Hawaii Soto Mission 120th Anniversary Services
- 11:00 a.m. Preliminary Memorial Ceremony for
the 700th Anniversary of Daihonzan Sojiji's Founder, Taiso Keizan Jokin Zenji
- 12:00 p.m. Bento Lunch (in Social Hall or grab and go for departing attendees)

Please join us at the service to pay our respect to Keizan Zenji and honor our departed loved ones who supported Soto Mission in Hawaii during the past 120 years.

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

Sept 3, Sept 10, Sept 17 (Higan and Kannonko), Sept 24
Oct 1, Oct 15 (Kannonko), Oct 22

Announcements

Komagata Building Donation Fund

In mid-February, during a particularly lengthy period of heavy rainfall in Honolulu, spalling of the roof edge along the Komagata Hall occurred and tiny pieces of concrete fell to the driveway below. At the same time rainwater leaked into the temple's social hall restroom facilities currently under renovation. During the subsequent examination of the roofs on all the buildings, we discovered other spalling problems and leaks. When combined with the ongoing repairs to the aging temple, Komagata Hall, and the residences of the Bishop, ministers, and deacons, the total repair costs have skyrocketed to over \$2 million.

To address these issues and continue to preserve the legacy of Soto Mission of Hawaii, we humbly request your generous contributions. Donations to the temple building fund can be made by mail, in person, or online (www.sotomission.org).

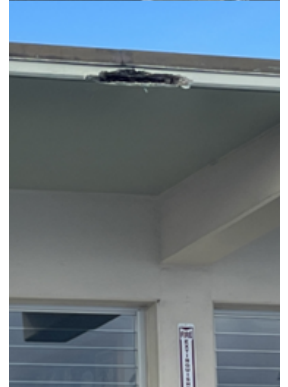
Let's work together to save our cherished temple and ensure that it remains as sanctuary of peace and enlightenment for our Sangha and community for generations to come. Your support is invaluable, and any amount, will make a significant difference.

Maui Wildfire Donation

It is very disappointing and sad to witness the Maui Wildfire that destroyed Lanaina, Kihei, and Kula Communities. Many have called and asked about our temple on Maui. Fortunately, Maui Mantokuji is located in Paia and was not affected by the wildfire. However, three Buddhist temples in Lahaina, Lahaina Honpa Hongwanji, Lahaina Jodo Mission, and Lahaina Shingon Mission were completely destroyed. Along with many lives were taken and homes were lost. We send our prayers to those affected.

As the temple, we immediately delivered goods and clothing to the State Capital in hopes that they will be in good cause for those in need. If you are searching for ways you can help as well, State and many organizations are collecting goods and clothing. We as a part of Hawaii Buddhist Council is also collecting donations for the recovery.

If you are interested in making monetary donation, we will be collecting the donation on behalf of Hawaii Buddhist Council. If making a check donation, please write to **Hawaii Buddhist Council** and send them in to us at *1708 Nuuanu Ave. Honolulu, HI, 96817*.



We appreciate everyone's thoughts and prayers. Let us be united to share our compassion and overcome these difficult challenges that we face in Hawaii.

Twilight Concert Honoring Mary Mikahala Foster

The Honolulu District Hongwanji and Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens cordially invites you to join them for a twilight concert honoring Mary Mikahala Foster on September 8th from 5 - 6:30pm in the Daibutsu area of Foster Botanical Gardens. Please view the attached flier for more info.



Kala Kokua Fundraiser - Presale

On October 7 (Saturday), we will be having our annual fundraiser, partnering with Kala Kokua. We will be sending out more information along with presale order forms in September.

Thank you for your support. Your participation will allow us to repair and maintain our temple.

Mahalo at Bon Service

We would like to thank everyone for offering your prayers to your loved ones during the Bon O-Toba Service. As a Buddhist practice and tradition that we cherish, Bon Service is important in connecting with our departed loved ones and our ancestors. We greatly appreciate your donation to the temple for the service and taking part in honoring your departed loved ones.

Upcoming Events

September 8	Twilight Concert Honoring Mary Mikahala Foster
September 17	Autumn Higan Service
October 7	Kala Kokua Fundraiser
October 21	HSMA Fall Conference
October 22	700th Preliminary Memorial Ceremony Keizan Zenji and Hawaii Soto Mission 120th Anniversary Celebration

Temple Closed Dates & Modified Hours

September 4	Temple closed at noon in observance of Labor Day
October 29	Temple closed for 5 th Sunday

Donations

Thank you for your their generous donations for the month of June and July.

James Abe	Donation - Building Maintenance
Toshiko Abe	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Kenneth Ando Family	Service - Inurnment for Kenneth Ando
Marguerite Aono	Donation
Alice Arase	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Robert Asari	Donation
Millicent Asari	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Lyman Ashikawa	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Christine Asuka	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Stanley Ayano	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Chihoyo Ayano	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Catherine Blackburn	Donation - Building Maintenance
Mark Bryant	Donation
Frank Childs	Service - Osunafumi, Building Maintenance
Edmund Civerolo	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Jack Comstock	2023 Bon Otoba Donation

Katie Costello	Gobutsuzen Bon Service - In Memory of James & Tamiko Sakai
Pamela Cunningham	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Julene Davis	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Lynn De Jesus	Donation - from Jane Ueyama
Kay Fujino	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Fujioka Akiyo Myrtle Nakamiyo	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Jean Fujitani	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Charles Fujiwara	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Joyce Fukata	Donation
Baron Fukata	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Anne Fukumitsu	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Edward Fukuyama	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Lynette Furuhashi	Donation - Building Maintenance, Gobutsuzen
Lena Goto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Lena & Leslie Goto	Donation - Building Maintenance
Mark Hada	Donation - Building Maintenance
Carole Haga	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Carl Hagihara	2023 Bon Otoba Donation, Gobutsuzen
Wynn Hamano	Donation - Building Maintenance
Hanako Ishida Family	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Shigeto Handa	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Charlene Harada	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Rev. Harayama	Donation
April Hasegawa	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Linda Hashiba	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Miyeko Hashimoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Susan Hashimoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Jean Hayashi	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Masae Hayashi	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Katherine Higuchi	Donation - Building Maintenance, 2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Amy Hirohata Goto	Donation - Building Maintenance
Eileen Hirono	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Vicki Ho	Donation - Building Maintenance In Mem of Shunso Moriyasu
Marianne Honda	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin	Donation
Lynnette Horio	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Lynnette Howells	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Lee Ann Ideta	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Ikeda Family	Service - Funeral and 7th dayfor Kimiko Ikeda
June Ikemoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Dennis Imada	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Lynn Ishii	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Herbert Ishikawa	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Lillian Ishimaru	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Patricia Ishitani	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Thomas & Chiye Itagaki	Service - Osunafumi, Kannonko, , Gobutsuzen, Donation - Building Maintenance
Joanna Ito	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Lawrence Ito	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Earl & Iris Iwamoto	Donation - Building Maintenance
Carrolyn Iwamoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Susan Iwasa	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Carol Iyomasa	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Patricia Izumoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Colleen Kainuma	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Myrtle Kaita	2023 Bon Otoba Donation, Gobtsuzen
Sandra Kakiuchi	Service - 13th Memorial for Marjorie Kakiuchi
Sarah Kam	Donation - Bon
Eric Kanda	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Richard Kanda	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Irene Kanda	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Merle Kanemori	Donation
Lisa Kaneshiro	Donation

Darryl Kaneto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Miles Kasahara	2023 Bon Otoba Donation, Gobutsuzen, Donation - Building Maintenance
Shigeo Kato	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Keiko Kawagishi	Service - Kannonko July, Gobutsuzen
Clayton Kida	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Kida Family	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Gertrude Kihara	2023 Bon Otoba Donation, Gobutsuzen
Rev. Kikuchi	Donation
Gail Kim	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Rhanda Kim	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Clayton Kirio	Donation - Building Maintenance
Adele Kiyota	Service - 1 yr Memorial for Walter Kiyota
Wayne Kobayashi	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
James Koga	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Drucilla Koide	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Bernice Koike	Service - Osunafumi, Kannonko
Kazuo Koike	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Roy Koizumi	2023 Bon Otoba Donation, Gobutsuzen
P. Komeiji	Donation - In Memory of Bishop Machida
Norman Kondo	Donation - In Memory of Shozo Kondo Family
Pua Kondo	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Helen Kumagai	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Kumagai Family	Service - Funeral & Inurnment for Kazuo Kumagai
Sharon Kunimoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Kurogi Family	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Dorothy Kushimi	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Wenda Lai	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Charlene Lee	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Lily Hisako Teraoka Family	Service - Funeral Service for Lily Hisako Teraoka
Lauren Loo	Donation - Building Maintenance
Mary & Arden Loomis	Service - Kannonko July
Arden & Mary Loomis	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Dara Luangphinith	Donation
Gail Lum	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Violet Machida	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Jean Maekawa	Service - Kannonko July, 2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Stanley Masagatani	Donation - Building Maintenance, Gobutsuzen
Verda Masuda	2023 Bon Otoba Donation, Gobutsuzen
Betty Matsubara	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Paul Matsuda	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Barbara Matsumoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Annette Matsumoto	Service - Memorial Service for Charlotte Nishimura
Mae Matsumoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Clyde & Annette Matsumoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Matsuo	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Martin Matsuura	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Jean Matsuura	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Joan Matsuzaki	Donation
Carol Mersburgh	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Clifford Mito	Service - 7th Memorial for Peggy & Harold Mito
Miyanaga Family	Service - 7th yr Memorial for Kenneth Miyanaga
Gary Miyata	Donation
Kenneth Miyazono	Donation - In Memory of Kikutaro & Matsuyo Miyazono
Richard Miyazono	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Fumie Miyazono	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Ruby Mizue	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Gary & Lois Mizumoto	Donation - Building Maintenance
Ruth Mizuno	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Gertrude Mori	Service - 7th Memorial for Shinako Mori, Gobutsuzen
Dianne Morimoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Walter Morishige	Donation - Shunsuke & Takeko Morishige Memorial Fund
Edward & Cynthia Moriyasu	Donation - Building Maintenance

June Motokawa	Donation, Gobutsuzen
Karen & Warren Motosue	Service - Osunafumi
Warren Motosue	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Edith Mukai	Gobutsuzen Bon Service - In Memory of Tarokichi & Kikue Hiramatsu
Gwen Murakami	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Nancy Murakami	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Thomas & Jean Nakagawa	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Vern Nakaguma	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
June Nakahara	Donation - Building Maintenance, Gobutsuzen
June Nakamoto	Donation - Building Maintenance
Gary Nakamura	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Kyoko Nakamura	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Kristin & Reid Nakamura	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Lori Ann Nakao-Yamada	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Rev. Ikki Nambara	Donation
Diane Nishida	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Sue Nishiguchi	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Ellen Nishimura	Service - Osunafumi, Oihai Blessing
Morris Nishimura	Donation - Building Maintenance
Ellen Nishimura	Donation - Building Maintenance
Bryan Nishimura	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Jon Nishimura	2023 Bon Otaba Donation, Gobutsuzen
Morris Nishimura	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Todd Nozaki	Service - Kannonko July
Sally Nozaki	Service - Kannonko July, 2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Nozaki Family	Service - Nozaki Family Inurnment
Bruce Ogawa	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Shoroku Ohnuma	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Barbara Ohta	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Ernest Oi	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Lorraine Okamura	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Walter Omuro	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Doris Onodera	Donation, 2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Carl Onoye	Donation - Building Maintenance, Gobutsuzen
Leslie Ozawa	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Jamie Peterson	Service - Osunafumi
Kathleen Puou	Service - Funeral for George Tokita
Deborah Saito	2023 Bon Otaba Donation, Gobutsuzen
Merritt Sakata	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Haruko Sakaue	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Barry Sakoguchi	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Michiko Sasaki	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Kanrad Sasaki	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Ray Sato	Service - Inurnment
Myra & Clarence Sato	Donation - Building Maintenance
George Sato	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
James Sato	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Brian Sato	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Roy Sato	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Sato Family	Service - Funeral, 49 Day & Inurnment for Nora Sato
Sato Family	Service - Inurnment for May Sato & Hazel Sato
Mona Sawai	Service - Kannonko July, Gobutsuzen
Eric Sherry	Donation - Building Maintenance
Padraic Shigetani	Donation - Building Maintenance
James Shildmyer	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Joey Shimabuku	Service - House Blessing for Yamashiro Family
Chikako Shimada	Donation - Building Maintenance
Sumiko Shimada	2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Hiromi Shimada	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Naomi Shimomi	Donation - Building Maintenance
Edwin Shintani	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Linda Shirai	Donation - Building Maintenance, 2023 Bon Otaba Donation
Rae Shiraki	Donation

Louise Storm	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Susan Sturgill	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Barry & Amy Suda	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Elsie Sugano	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Fuyu Suganuma	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Alan Suzukawa	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Brian Suzuki	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Susan Takahashi	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Frances Takakawa	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Sally Takakawa	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Fredercik Takakawa	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Hoa Myto Takata	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Dorothy Takeshita	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Tye & Jeanne Taketa	Donation - Building Maintenance
George Takeuchi	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Carol Takeuchi	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Nona Tamanaha	Donation - Building Maintenance, 2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Diane Tamane	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Natalie Taniguchi	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Erin Tanita	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Leighton Tanno	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Ross Tanoue	Donation
Arlene Terawaki	Donation - Building Maintenance
Goering & Sharon Toda	Donation - Building Maintenance
Goering Toda	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Toki Family	Service - 3rd yr Memorial for Yoshiko Toki
Wendy Tokumine	Donation - Building Maintenance
Steven Tom	Service - Funeral Service for Jiro Tanabe
David Tomatani	Donation
Hoac Tomatani	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Howard Tomatani	2023 Bon Otoba Donation, Gobutsuzen
Teruko Towata	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Michiyo Tsubata-Okihiro	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Helen Tsuchiya	Donation - Bon
Hellenne Tsuda	Donation - In Memory of Sasaki Family
Joyce Ueda	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Elizabeth Uno	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Linda Unten	Service - Kannonko July, Gobutsuzen
Wayne & Ann Uradomo	Service - Osunafumi, Kannonko July, Gobutsuzen
Ronald Ushijima	Donation - In Memory of Imo Shirota, Tono Takeuchi & Agnes Ushijima
Waikiki Bazaar	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Wakatsuka Family	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Irene Wakatsuki	Donation - Building Maintenance
Wayne Warashina	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Michele Watanabe	Donation - Building Maintenance
Helene Watanabe	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Jane Watanabe	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Wayne Yagi	Service - 17th Memorial for Kay Hisako Yagi
Neal & Karen Yamamoto	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Eric Yamanaka	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Glen Yamasaki	Donation - Building Maintenance, 2023 Bon Otoba Donation
George Yamashita	Donation - Building Maintenance
Joann Yasui	2023 Bon Otoba Donation
Dorothy Yasutake	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Emelyn Yeo	Donation
Esther Yokooji	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Glenn Yokoyama	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Carl Yorita	2023 Bon Otoba Donation, Gobutsuzen
John & Paulette Yoshikane	Donation - Building Maintenance
Arthur Yoshinami	Gobutsuzen Bon Service
Deborah Yoshizumi	2023 Bon Otoba Donation



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Bishop's Message:

Aloha from the Bishop's Office,

Oh, how time flies! As we find ourselves already in the middle of 2023, I hope that you and your family are doing well. The conditions surrounding COVID-19 have improved steadily and I am happy to see people slowly returning to their normal routines.

We are now in the middle of the Bon Season here in Hawaii. As I have mentioned in the past, Bon is a time for us to remember our departed loved ones. We offer our gratitude to them and pray for their continued peace in the world of Nirvana.

I would also like to emphasize the importance of Bon amongst the living. At the Bon Dance, while dancing around the yagura in a symbolic reunion with the departed, people further cultivate their love and appreciation for their families and friends as they spend time in fellowship. For those who are actively grieving the loss of a loved one, I pray that the Bon Service offers comfort and solace. Truth be told, there are also times in life when family members and friends go through challenging times with one another. I pray that the season of Bon, with all that it represents, offers people the opportunity for reconciliation, forgiveness, and healing.

I am happy to announce that Bon Services at all the Hawaii Soto Mission temples are in-person again this year. The Soto Mission of Hawaii will not be hosting its Bon Dance this year due to ongoing repairs and renovations on the temple and adjacent Komagata Hall, but I am excited that all the other Hawaii Soto Mission temples are having Bon Dance. Please inquire with your temple when your Bon Service and Bon Dance will be held. As you enjoy this beautiful summer, please continue to take care of yourself and your family.



In Gassho.

Bishop Shugen Komagata



2023 Hawaii Soto Mission Buddhist Study Tour

From May 26 to June 2, 2023, a group of ten from Japan, Hawaii, and New Mexico traveled to California for the **2023 Hawaii Soto Mission Buddhist Study Tour**. Led by Senior Minister Rev. Shuji Komagata, the tour began at Los Angeles Zenshuji Soto Mission for their Centennial Celebration and the North America Preliminary Service for Keizan Zenji's 700th Memorial. During the two days spent in Los Angeles, the group visited Zen Center of Los Angeles and the Hsi Lai Buddhist Temple. The trip next took the group to the Bay Area. Over the next four days, they visited Green Gulch Farm Zen Center, Sonoma Mountain Zen Center, the San Francisco Zen Center, Sokoji Soto Mission, Berkeley Zen Center, the Buddhist Church of America in Berkeley, and Kojin-An. All participants appreciated the opportunity to explore the richness and diversity of Buddhism in California. This trip was coordinated by the Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office and sponsored in part by the Hawaii Soto Mission Association.



Sightseeing in San Francisco



With Bishop Akiba of North America at Kojin-An



Visiting Zen Center of Los Angeles



E Ho`ohanohano i ke Ola o Mary Mikahala Foster



Please join us for a
twilight concert honoring
Mary Mikahala Foster

Sponsored by the Honolulu District
Hongwanji Buddhist Temples and
Friends of Honolulu Botanical Gardens
at the Foster Botanical Garden, Daibutsu area

September 8, 2023

5:00 - 6:30 pm

Donate here!



Free admission; donations welcome
Picnics permitted / no alcoholic beverages
Bring beach chairs and mats

Performers include: Nola Nahulu Choral Group; Udi Bar-David (Cellist, Philadelphia Symphony); Herb Lee Trio (Hawaiian Slack Key); Lehua Matsuka (Halau Hula o Lehua o Nana'ihale); Katsumi Takemoto (Shakuhachi Japanese Flute); Pacific Buddhist Academy (Taiko Drummers)

For more information, please contact Jon Matsuoka at (808)536-7044 or jmatsuoka@hawaiibetsuin.org