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Autumn Higan and Ryosoki Service (Sept. 18)

On September 18, 9:30 AM, we will be having our annual Autumn 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. In honoring our ancestors during the service, we are happy to have Rev. Jiko Nakade from Kona Daifukuji joining us for this service. Rev. Nakade has been serving the community of Kona and across the United States. Her teachings aspire many individuals from keikis to kupunas. Her smile and compassion are truly like a Kannon Bodhisattva and we are very excited to have her with us to share her Dharma teachings.



During the service, Bishop Komgata will be chanting and praying to our ancestors. If you would like to have a special dedication where Bishop would read your name to dedicate to your ancestors, please kindly make a donation to the temple in honoring your ancestors for Higan Service. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Higan Service.

Introduction of Guest Minister: Rev. Jiko Nakade



Rev. Jikō Nakade is the 12th resident minister of Daifukuji Soto Mission. Daifukuji is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple located in the town of Honalo in the Kona district on Hawai'i Island. She was raised in Kona and is a graduate of Konawaena High School.

Following high school, Rev. Jikō studied at Seattle University, the Monterey Institute of International Studies, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she majored in Japanese language and religion. From 1983-84, as a recipient of the Crown Prince Akihito Scholarship, she studied Buddhism at Komazawa University, a Soto Zen university in Tokyo, Japan. She received her Buddhist name "Taishin Jikō" while training, as a layperson, at a Soto Zen women's training monastery in Nagoya, Japan.

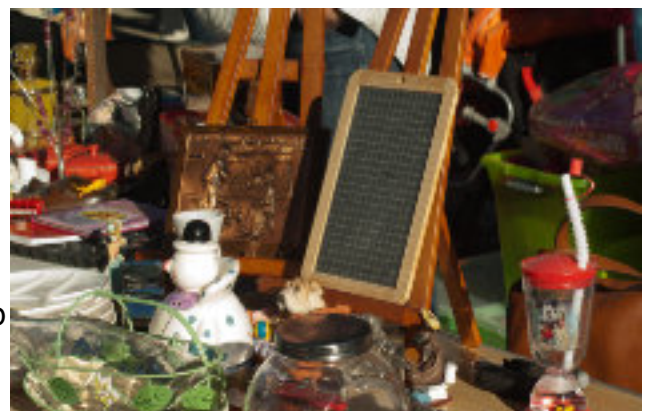
In 1999, Rev. Jikō was accepted into the Hawaii Soto Shu Ministerial Training Program. For five years, she trained under her teacher, the Reverend Ryuji Tamiya. She was asked to serve as Daifukuji Soto Mission's resident minister in 2004 and has held this position for the past 18 years, assisted by her daughter, Deacon Amy Jikai Nakade. She enjoys her Dharma work and is an active member of the Hawaii Association of International Buddhists.

Rev. Jiko and her husband Michael have two adult children and a dog named Michi.

Rummage Sale Sun., Sept. 25 (9 AM to 12 Noon)

On September 25, we will be having our rummage sale. **Donation of items will be accepted at the temple from September 1st to September 20.** Please call Bernice Koike at (808) 732-6783 to schedule your drop off date and time.

WE ALSO NEED LOTS OF HELP SORTING THE ITEMS BEFORE THE EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 24 AND SELLING THE ITEMS ON SEPTEMBER 25. If you are able to help, please let us know. Without volunteers to help the event, we will not be able to run the rummage sale. Please call the temple if you are able to help with the rummage sale.



Zen Short Story: A PLACE THAT IS NEITHER HOT NOR COLD

In the ninth century there was in Tang China a Zen master called Dongshan Liangjie (Tozan Ryokai, in Japanese) who was eleven generations distant from Bodhidharma. Because of his great virtue he was awarded the title of Wuben (Gohon, in Japanese) Daishi, and the "To" of Soto School came from the first character of his name. Consequently, we should pronounce it "Soto" and not "Sodo" as many Japanese do. Once a monk in training asked Great Master Dongshan, "When heat and cold come, how can I avoid them?"

It was probably a scorching hot summer afternoon or a bitterly cold winter morning, and this heat (or cold) was so extreme the monk could not bear it.

Now you may think that the monk's question has no relevance today when we can avoid heat and cold as we wish with air conditioning and central heating. But even though we have indoor cooling and heating, if we take just one step outdoors, we will find that a way to avoid the violence of nature has not yet been developed.

Dongshan said, "Why don't you go where it's neither hot nor cold?"

"What is this place of no heat or cold?" The training monk seems to have thought that in some distant land there was such a place, and to counter this Dongshan replied, "When it's hot, become one with the heat; when it's cold, become one with the cold. That is the place of no heat or cold."



As long as we are living in natural surroundings, we cannot avoid and cold, but we can get rid of the mind which is fearful of, uncomfortable with, or uneasy around heat or cold.



I become depressed around the time of the Festival for the Dead (O-bon). Thinking about having to go around from house to house for memorial services in the hottest part of summer makes me want to go to a country which has no heat. However, once I start making the rounds and get drenched with sweat, the heat no longer bothers me. In the same way, while I am shivering with hunched shoulders at the "kotatsu" stove at home, I just cannot seem to get into the mood to face a snowstorm; but once I get myself ready and leave to go skiing, even a snowstorm can be fun. So, heat and cold themselves are not troublesome or anything else; it is the anxiety and discomfort twined about them which makes us suffer. An old poem says:

"The ladle, coming and going In the Hell of Heat and Cold, Has no mind and suffers not."

As it says in the poem, the ladle enters the boiling kettle and enters the cold water pitcher but feels no pain, because it has no mind.

Once when Ryokan fell victim to an earthquake he said to a visitor paying a condolence call:

"When you're sick, it's all right to be sick; and when you die, it's all right to die."

It is not only a matter of heat and cold. Birth, death, sickness and old age also are like this. Casting away delusive speculations and thoughts is the only Way to transcend birth and death and avoid the heat and cold.

In the sixteenth century, Kaisen Osho was supported by Shingen Takeda and was subsequently invited to live at Erinji in Koshu (Yamanashi Prefecture). When Shingen's son Katsuyori was later attacked and defeated by Nobunaga Oda, most of the Takeda forces fled to Erinji. Hearing that Kaisen Osho had sheltered these people, Nobunaga became violently angry. He drove all of the monks up into the tower of the temple gate and set fire to the tower. At that time Kaisen turned to the other monks and calmly said,

"Well, this is finally the end. Of course we are discharging our debt to the Takeda family, but in any case, we could not have simply handed over to the enemy people who had sought refuge in the sleeve of the robe of Dharma. We will die bravely and loyally with the others." Having said this, he had each monk in turn recite a death verse, and finally he himself intoned the following: "Calm meditation doesn't require peaceful surroundings. If the mind is clear, fire itself is cool."

This verse appears in the Hekiganroku (Blue Cliff Record) in the chapter "Dongshan's Neither Hot Nor Cold."

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Announcements

Upcoming Events

September 18 Fall Higan and Ryosoki (Founders' Day) Service
September 24 Rummage Sale Preparation Day
September 25 Rummage Sale

Temple Hour Changes

September 5 Temple close at 12 noon in observance of Labor Day

Acknowledgement of Donations

Thank you very much for your generous donations during the month of July.

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Susan Arimoto	In Memory of Teruo & May Maruyama	Lorraine Okumura	Bon Otoba - Donation
Faye Chiogioji	Bon Otoba - Donation	Deborah Saito	Bon Otoba - Donation
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RUMMAGE SALE

September 25, 2022

(Sunday)

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Household items such as
dishes, linens, blankets, bed coverings,
cushions,

vases, baskets and decorations

Clothing (used and new)

Suitcases, purses, bags, and wallets

New Handcrafted Items

Oriental dishes, Japanese dolls, knick
knacks

Lots and lots of miscellaneous “stuffs”

Note to Temple members and Soto Academy parents:

Your donations to be sold at the Rummage Sale welcomed.

Please call Bernice (808 732 6783) to set up appointment to bring
your donations to the temple beginning September 01, 2022.

Thank you very much.