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Eitaikyo and Osuna Fumi Services

On November 15 at 9:30 AM, we will be having our annual Eitaikyo and Osuna Fumi Services.

Eitaikyo Service is a perpetual service dedicated to members who asked the temple to conduct an annual memorial service every year. Many of the members who do not have a family to take care of them after their death or those who wish not to burden their family may choose to have the temple take care of them.



We offer two types of perpetual care currently:

- 1) Eitaikyo (Perpetual) Service = Minimum donation of \$300 to have your name in the Eitaikyo Chronical Book**
- 2) Nokotsudo Perpetual Care = Minimum donation of \$3000, where the ministers perform prayers every morning: We will reserve a nitch in our columbarium.**

Osuna Fumi is a special service where we bring out the 33 Kannon Bodhisattvas that are enshrined on the altar. If you have been wondering what is the small Buddhas on the altar, this would be the only chance for you to see it close. These Kannon Bodhisattvas are hand crafted and very delicate statues. They represent the 33 main Buddhas of Western Japan's temples that are recognized as Saigoku 33 Kannon . Many people throughout Japan and around the world travel for the pilgrimage and pray to the 33 Kannon Bodhisattvas.



If you are interested or have questions about Eitaikyo (Perpetual Care), please call the temple. We will be doing our best to keep Social Distancing and follow the State and City order to keep the service safe for everyone. However, we will also be providing live-streaming service for those who wish to join us from the safety of your home. Visit us on our YouTube at <https://bit.ly/35f8VFj>.

If you would like to make a donation for the service, please go to our [homepage](#) (credit card) or mail us your check/cash to the temple by November 12.

Temple Fundraiser (December 6)

In late October, we mailed fundraiser tickets out to our members and supporters. We sincerely ask for your support to the temple with this fundraiser.

Date: December 6, 2020

Time: 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Place: Soto Mission of Hawaii Front Parking

Products: Jumbo Arabiki (2- 9 oz. package) &
Flame Broiled Chicken (12 oz. package)

Price: \$11 per ticket



This year, the two products that we will be selling are Arabiki "Jumbo" Sausage and Smoked Chicken. We did taste both of them and can say they are very delicious. Lots of different ways to serve, from pupu to incorporating them into a dish. Here are some recipes that includes the use of the two products.

Kala Kokua Recipes

Arabiki Sausages Stir-Fry

Slice Arabiki Sausages into bite size pieces. Slice Sweet Round Onions. Sliced Green, Yellow and Red Bell Peppers. Stir fry in 1 T cooking oil. Add Chili Oil to taste for a spicy stir fry.

Smoked Chicken Quesadilla

2 - 10" flour tortillas
Chop smoked chicken in pieces
Use 1/2 cup smoked chicken
1/4 cup cheddar cheese or to your likings
Cover with pan cover and steam
Flip tortilla and heat till cheese is melted
Dip in sour cream and taco sauce

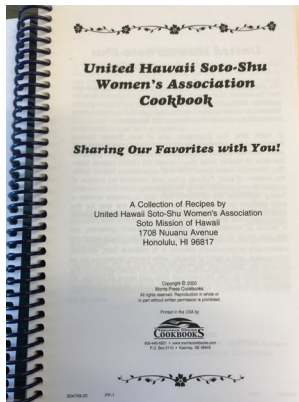
If you would like to purchase more tickets, please call the temple or visit us during our office hours to pick up more.

UHSSWA Cookbook

Need an idea for your dinner tonight? Or thinking early what to give for your Holiday and New Year Gifts to your friends and family? The United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) cookbook has been one of the temple's most wanted books. Even to this day, we



have inquiries asking if we have the first (2002) cookbook and have to tell everyone that we are all sold out. That is how popular our cookbooks are! Well, the good news is that the popular UHSSWA



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cookbook has been newly published and is ready for this holiday season with new recipes shared by the members.

UHSSWA members have tirelessly collected many delicious recipe from members of Soto Mission from the 9 temples in Hawaii and they are all new recipes. Even if you have the older version (2002) of the cookbook, this is still worth the purchase.

The book is \$12 each. We have limited quantities so please come pick up your book as soon as you can before we sell out again!

2021-2022 Board of Directors Nomination

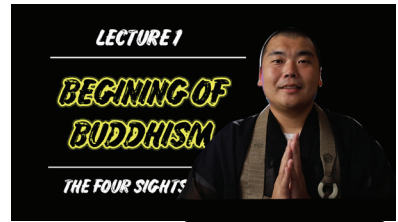
The Board of Directors are looking for individuals who are committed and willing to serve on the Board of Director. If you feel that you can be a help to the temple by joining the Board or have any

candidate that you wish to recommend, please contact the temple. We will be sending out the nomination slate and ballet via mail in the upcoming month.

Video Series by Rev. Hirosato Yoshida

Rev. Hirosato Yoshida has been uploading videos about “Beginning of Buddhism” on YouTube. If you have not had the chance to watch them, he uploads a new episode on Fridays at 9 AM. Currently he has 4 videos in the series but more that he had shared throughout the years.

You can visit the video from the link <https://bit.ly/3j7lo2U> or scan the QR code.



Let's Learn About Sotoshu: Dogen Zenji

Dogen Zenji, the founder of Soto Zen School as well as of Daihonzan Eiheiiji, was born on January 26, 1200 CE. This was during the Kamakura Period of Japanese history, the year following the death of Minamoto Yoritomo. It is said that his father was Koga Michichika, a government minister, and that his mother was Ishi, the daughter of Fujiwara Motofusa. Presumably, young Dogen Zenji lived in comfort. However, at the age of thirteen, he climbed Mt. Hiei, and the next year he shaved his head and became a monk. It is said that he became a monk because he felt the impermanence of the world on his mother's death when he was eight years old.

However, Mt. Hiei at that time, as reflected in the eyes of Dogen Zenji, had become decadent because of connections with people in power. Among the priests there was much worldly greed for fame and wealth.

Disappointed, Dogen Zenji left Mt. Hiei walking in search of the true Dharma (the true Buddhist teaching). He visited temples in many different districts, considerably confused and agitated. In Shobogenzo Zuimonki, Dogen Zenji is quoted as saying, "I was unable to meet a true teacher or any good friends of the Way and consequently confused and evil thoughts arose. However, when I learned of eminent monks of the past, I realized that



the thoughts I had been thinking were despised and hated by such people. So, I changed my way of thinking, realizing that I should think of my eminent predecessors, the great priests of China and India, rather than the monks in Japan.”

True to his words, he traveled by boat to China at the age of 24 in search of the true way of Buddha. There were no teachers in China who were able to fulfill the pure ideals of Dogen Zenji. Just as he was about to return to Japan, however, he met Nyojo Zenji on Mt. Tendo where there was true practice focused on zazen.

“I sat in zazen day and night. When it was extremely hot or cold, many of the monks stopped sitting for a while because they were afraid of getting sick. At the time, I thought to myself, ‘I’m not sick and if I don’t practice, then it would be useless for me to have come all the way to China. Dying from illness because of practice would be in accord with my original wish’ and so, I continued to sit” (Shobogenzo Zuimonki). It was to this extent that Dogen Zenji devoted himself to zazen. Many Japanese monks who went to study and practice in China brought back a mound of Buddhist sutras as souvenirs when they returned to Japan, but Dogen Zenji came back empty handed. The only thing that Dogen Zenji brought back with him was having made the teaching of only/just single-minded sitting his own (shikan-taza).

In order to encourage as many people as possible to practice zazen, Dogen Zenji wrote “A Universal Recommendation of Zazen” (Fukan Zazengi) in which he carefully explained the significance of zazen and how to practice it.

He also wrote “An Account of Discerning the Way” (Bendowa), a question-and-answer format in which he taught that the practice of zazen is the true Way of Buddha. In his representative work The Treasury of the True Dharma Eye (Shobogenzo), material that stretches for more than ninety chapters, Dogen Zenji thoroughly conveyed the mind of spiritual awakening.

In 1243, at the invitation of his supporter Hatano Yoshishige, Dogen Zenji left Kyoto and moved to the mountains of Echizen.

It has been said that this move was because of pressure from priests at Mt. Hiei, but it is also true that he left Kyoto because of Nyojo Zenji’s advice to “live in the deep mountains and secluded valleys, protecting the teaching of Buddha and ancestors.”

In 1244, the monastery that had been funded by Hatano Yoshishige was completed. At first named Daibutsuji, the name was later changed to Eiheiji. This is the present-day Daihonzan Eiheiji.

It was here that Dogen Zenji continued to practice strictly while fostering his disciples. In 1253, he fell sick and died at the age of 53.

(Article from <https://global.sotozen-net.or.jp/>)

Upcoming Events

Nov. 15, Eitaikyo and Osuna Fumi Services

Office Hour Changes for November

Nov. 11, Close at Noon in observance of Veterans Day

Nov. 26, Close at Noon in observance of Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 29, Close in observance of 5th Sunday

Acknowledgment of Donations

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

Fall Higan & Kannonko Service

Wayne Warashina, Katherine Higuchi, Thomas & Chiye Itagaki, James Sato, Toshie Fukushima, Bernice Koike, Arthur & Velvet Yoshinami, Helen Tsuchiya, Milton & Grace Saito, Gertrude Kihara, James Koga

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Memorial Service / Funeral / General Donations

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