



March 2026 (弥生 YAYOI)

### Sensei's Message

#### Waipahu Taiyoji Members and Friends,

We warmly invite you to join us for our Spring Higan Service, on Sunday, March 22nd, 2026 at 9:30 am, a time to reflect and renew our spiritual practice as we welcome the changing season. Higan, meaning "the other shore," is a special observance in our tradition that encourages us to cultivate wisdom and compassion. During the Higan service, Baika-ko will sing *Higan Gowasan*. Since it is in Japanese, I am sharing its meaning in English.

#### Hymns for Higan

*(Buddhist services performed during the equinoctial week)*

1. Even in a world filled with steep mountains and deep rivers,  
by earnestly believing in the Buddha's teachings,  
we will reach the other shore and find happiness.  
How bright is the light throughout heaven and earth!  
Eternal salvation is right here.
2. For those who give their all, follow the Buddha's teachings,  
and practice diligently, day and night,

the spider flower blooms beautifully.

How pure and refreshing this place is! This exquisite melody is no mere dream.

3. By stilling the mind, letting go of anger,  
and praying wholeheartedly to our ancestors,  
parents and children together can observe Higan.  
How wonderful is this awakening we have realized!  
The storm and snow have calmed for now.

As part of this occasion, we will be serving Botamochi (ぼたもち), a traditional sweet  
rice and red bean treat enjoyed during the Higan period. This special offering  
symbolizes gratitude and the spirit of togetherness.

I look forward to sharing this meaningful service with you. Please feel free to invite  
family and friends to join us.

In Gassho  
Rev. Ryohei Ishii

### *In Memoriam*

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences  
to the families of the late: **mitsue AMANO**,  
who passed away at the Age 100 on Wednesday, January 14, 2026.

August 6, 1925 ~ January 14, 2026

May the love and blessing of the Compassionate Buddha be with you.

In Gassho 合掌



### *In Memoriam*

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies and condolences  
to the families of the late: **HAROLD HARUO OKUMURA**,  
who passed away at the Age 83 on Saturday, 17, 2026.

March 8, 1943 ~ January 17, 2026

May the love and blessing of the Compassionate Buddha be with you.

In Gassho 合掌



**Nehan-e Service & Kannon-ko Service 2-15-2026**

**Otakiage Service 2-15-2026**



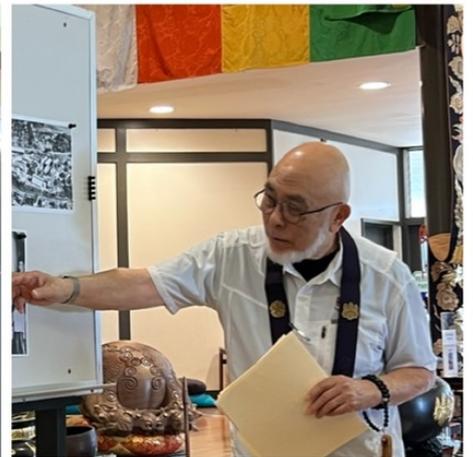
**Thank you for helping Roy, Candace & Tesshu.**

## Orientation for New Taiyoji Members 2-15-2026

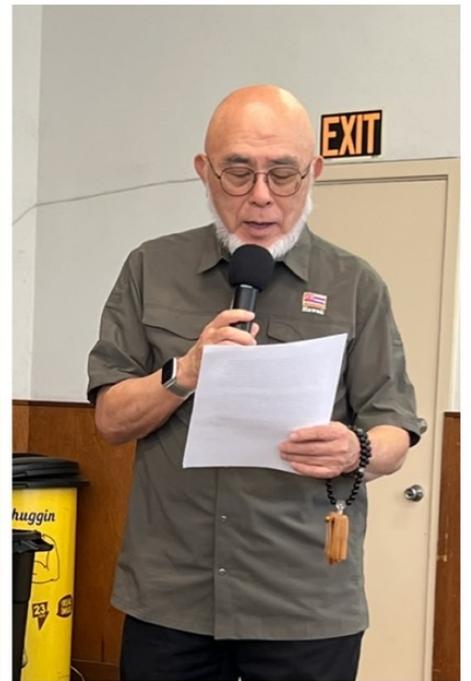
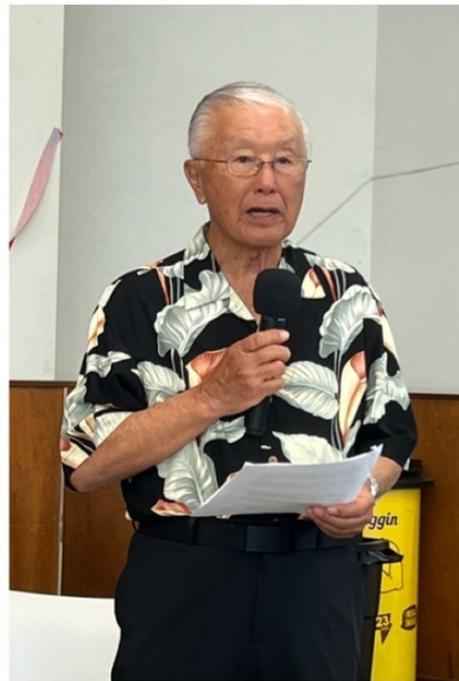
Thank you Mr. Walter Ozawa & Ikuko Ishii

Thank you to all who attended the New Member Orientation. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new members, Erin and Gwen Kawamoto, and Alden and Sarah Saito.

For those who were unable to attend, we look forward to welcoming you at the next orientation.



**HSMA Spring Meeting @ Betsuin 2-22-2026**



**Thank you for sharing proposal insurance, George Sakurai & Walter Ozawa.**



*Keizan Zen Master*

*Taiyoji Buddha*

*Dogen Zen Master*

*理を攻めていい勝つは悪しきなり  
(Riwosemete Iikatsuwa Ashikinari)*

*“Even if you are right, you should not argue to put someone down”*

By The Teaching of Buddha

## **Important Announcements!!**

- **2026 Spring Higan Service & Kannon-Ko Service**  
Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 9:30am
- **Temple hours in March**  
We are open 7 days a week, 8:00am~2:00pm (Office Hours)  
Nokotsudo (Columbarium) open 7 days a week, 8:00am~2:00pm (Mon~Fri)  
8:00am~3:00pm (Sat~Sun)
- **March Zazen**  
Saturday, March 14 & 21, 2026 at 19:00~20:00
- **Monthly Temple Clean Up day**  
Sunday, March 29, 2026 8:30~
- **2026 Year of the Horse T-Shirt**  
On sale @ Waipahu Taiyoji \$25 each (Sold out XL, L)

## 2026 Special Donation in January & February

Jennifer Narimatsu	Taiyoji Taiko
Sharon Kawatomari	Taiyoji Taiko
Junko Jiang	Taiyoji Taiko
Ikuko Ishii:Nihon-Go Circle	General Donation
Linda Nakasone: Sewing Club	General Donation
Gail Funai	Nehan-e Service
Genevieve Imai	Nehan-e Service
Cuyler Yogi	Car Blessing Service
Gail Harioka	General Donation
Dawn Amano	Pre Cremation Service for Late Mitsue Amano
Frances Fujioka	General Donation
Marjorie Muraki	Taiyoji Taiko
Junko Jiang	Taiyoji Taiko
Jennifer Narimatsu	Taiyoji Taiko
Norene Ajimine	Taiyoji Taiko
Kathryn Koshi	Zazen-kai
Joyce Tome	Car Blessing Service
Koren Wakatsuki	In Memory of Late Richard Kaya 1st year Memorial Service
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Earl & Mildred Kimura	General Donation
Janet Kawaguchi	General Donation
Melissa Yamashiro	General Donation
Sean Sadaoka: Sanshin	Donation for social hall use
Ikuko Ishii: Nihon-Go Circle	General Donation
Teruya Pearl	General Donation
Sun Noodle Hawaii	General Donation
Sunday Service Attendees	Kannon-ko Service
Jun Miyasaka	Zazen-kai
Kathryn Koshi	Zazen-kai

## New year's Party Donation(Food, Door prizes)

Susan Goya / Margaret Ginoza / Linda Nakasone / Diana Salansky / Erin Kawamoto / Kathryn Koshi / Mildred Kihara  
Clyde and Dori Saito / Sarah Sugimoto / Lissa Ishiguro / Colleen Nakatsu / Derrick Iwata / Tom Yamamoto / Noella Narimatsu  
Christie & Kent Jiang / Julie Hikichi / Tomoko Takumi / Hiroko Kamitani / Koren Wakatsuki / Margy Kodama / Ann Hasegawa  
Taiyoji Taiko / Ikuko Ishii

## 2026 Nehan-e & Kannon-ko Service

Frances Matsumoto / Celia & Robert Fujioka / Avis Connolly / Kathryn Koshi / Walter Ozawa / Deanna Kato / Margaret Ginoza  
Ivan Endo / Susan Goya / Susan Goya / Susan Goya / Mildred Kihara / Koren Wakatsuki / Sarah & Alsen Saito / Linda Nakasone  
Margy Kodama / Erin & Gwen Kawamoto / Carolyn Yoshioka / Hiroko Kamitani / Marjorie Muraki / Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai

We appreciate all heartfelt Donations





## 2026 Waipahu Taiyoji March Memorial Services

Phone: (808) 671-3103 / Email: waipahutaiyoji@gmail.com

### 1st Year (2025)

### 3rd Year (2024)

Egan Isao Kawamoto 3/8/2024  
Michael Endo 3/17/2024  
Aiko Uranaka 3/23/2024  
George Jyoji Matsumoto 3/25/2024

### 7th Year (2020)

Takumi Shibata 3/1/2020  
Toru Yamaguchi 3/6/2020

### 13th Year (2014)

### 17th Year (2010)

Lawrence Shigeo Kato 3/22/2010

### 23rd Year (2004)

Sadao Amano 3/18/2004

### 25th Year (2002)

Edith Mieko Watarai 3/3/2002

### 27th Year (2000)

### 33rd Year (1994)

### 37th Year (1990)

### 50th Year (1977)

### 100th Year (1926)

Tokubei Suzuki (Wife) 3/5/1926  
Fumio Sasaki (Son) 3/7/1926  
Hirazaemon Kishi (Children)  
3/12/1926  
Koujin Higa 3/17/1926  
Tokukichi Yamashiro (Daughter)  
3/30/1926

**Please contact Rev. Ishii to make a Memorial service appointment.**

**Please bring Ihai (Memorial tablet), picture, offering of flowers and food.**

**If you have any question, please let Sensei know.**

**In Gassho**



<b>March 2026</b>		<b>Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji</b> 94-413 Waipahu St, Waipahu, HI 96797			<b>Phone: (808) 671-3103</b> <b>Email: waipahutaiyoji@gmail.com</b>	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:00~ Grand Opening Ceremony @ Aiea Taiheiji 14:30~ Bon Dance Meeting @ Soto Mission of Hawaii	2	3	4 9:00~ Baika Practice 18:30~ Nihon_Go Circle	5 18:00~20:30 Sanshin Class	6 8:30~ Nokotsudo Clean up Day	7
8 11:30~ Taiko Practice 14:00~ 16:00 Bon Dance Practice	9 9:00~11:30 Fujinkai Coffee & Crafts	10 18:00~ Sewing Club	11 9:00~ Baika Practice 18:30~ Nihon_Go Circle	12 18:00~20:30 Sanshin Class	13 8:30~ Nokotsudo Clean up Day	14 19:00~ Zazen
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22 9:30~ Spring Higan Service & Kannon- ko Service 13:00~ Taiko Practice	23 9:00~11:30 Fujinkai Coffee & Crafts	24 18:00~ Sewing Club	25 9:00~ Baika Practice 18:30~ Nihon_Go Circle	26 18:00~20:30 Sanshin Class	27 8:30~ Nokotsudo Clean up Day	28 19:00~ Zazen
29 8:30~ Temple Clean-up day 12:30~ Taiko Practice	30 9:00~11:30 Fujinkai Coffee & Crafts	31				

<b>2026 April Schedule (Schedule is subject to change)</b>		
<b>5th</b>	9:30~	Buddha Day Service @ Honpa Hongwanji
7th	18:00~20:00	Sewing Club
<b>11th</b>	<b>14:00~16:00</b>	<b>Bon Dance Practice</b>
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	18:30~20:00	Nihongo Circle
<b>13th,20th,27th</b>	<b>9:30~</b>	<b>Yoga Class</b>
14th, 28th	19:00~20:00	Zazen
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>18:00~20:30</b>	<b>Okinawa Sanshin Practice</b>
Fridays	8:30~	Nokotsudo Clean-up day
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:00~12:00</b>	<b>Okinawa Dance Practice (NO practice in April)</b>
Sundays	TBA	Taiko Practice



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## Dear Waipahu Taiyoji Members and Friends,

In the Soto Zen Buddhism, Higan is one of our important service Such as obon. It is the customary at Higan to visit the temple or grave yard and the family to express our gratitude to the family ancestors. This year's Spring "Higan" season is just around the corner. Spring Higan week is from March 18th to March 24th.



Ko-Toba (Small Toba)  
Size 12' x 1 ½

For the families that wish to request a Ko-Toba (Small Toba) for deceased members, Reverend Ishii will conduct multiple service **on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 9:30 A.M.**

- ✧ If you would like to bring offerings of flowers and food, please contact Rev.Ishii.
- ✧ The service will be live streaming on Facebook.
- ✧ 2026 Spring Higan Ko-Toba service may be dedicated to:
  - **Senzo Daidai** (for all deceased members of your family)

Please submit your Spring Higan Service Request Form with your donation using the enclosed self-addressed envelope **by March 21, 2026.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Rev.Ishii at (808) 671-3103.

In Gassho

**Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji**  
**2026 Spring Higan Ko-Toba Service Request Form**

**Ko-Toba Sponsor Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you know Kanji character of your family name please write in Japanese)

(Your name if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

I or We would like to request 2025 Spring Higan Service Ko-Toba dedication.  
Donation per Ko-Toba is \$20.00. **Please PRINT clearly!**

Ko -Toba \_\_\_\_\_ Senzo Daidai (Ancestors)  
Your Family name (This is for all departed members of your family)

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**Service will be on Sunday, March 22, 2026 at 9:30am**

**Your order:**

- Ko -Toba @ \$ 20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
  - Spring Higan Service Donation (Optional) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**
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- Minister Appreciation should be written to Rev. Ishii (Optional) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to “*Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji*” by March 21, 2026**



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## **Dear Waipahu Taiyoji Members and Friends,**

The Daihannya Haramitta-kyō (Great Prajñāpāramitā Sūtra) is the largest scripture in all of Buddhism, consisting of 600 volumes that teach the wisdom of compassion, generosity, and emptiness—the understanding that all things are impermanent and interconnected. Brought from India to China by the great monk Xuanzang after years of hardship, this vast sutra is said to bestow blessings even through symbolic reading. Because it is impossible to chant every word, Buddhist ministers developed the practice of Tendoku, an abbreviated reading in which key passages are chanted while the volumes are turned, representing the recitation of the entire sutra for the benefit of all beings.

During the Daihannya Tendoku ceremony, the books are fanned, lifted, and moved with strong, deliberate motion. This ceremonial action is not theatrical. It expresses energy, protection, and prayer. The movement of the sutras is believed to dispel misfortune, purify the space, and share blessings with those present. Each volume represents wisdom carefully preserved for centuries, and caring for these sacred books is an act of devotion and gratitude. By supporting the upkeep and replacement of the Daihannya sutras, members help ensure that this powerful practice continues so that wisdom, protection, and compassion may be passed on to future generations.

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In Gassho  
Rev. Ryohei Ishii

**Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji**  
**Daihannya Book Donations Request Form**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Your email address \_\_\_\_\_

I or We would like to donate Daihannya Book(s).  
Donation per Daihannya book is \$200.00. **Please PRINT clearly!**

**#1 Daihannya Book Label Sample (Individual Name on. NOT more than 1 person)**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Deceased person full Name)

Dedicated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name)

**#2 Daihannya Book Label Sample (all deceased Family Members)**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your Family name (This is for all departed members of your family))

Dedicated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name)

**#3 Daihannya Book Label Sample ( Husband and Wife )**

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Departed your Parents or Grandparents)

Dedicated by \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name or your Family name)

**Your order:**

- Daihannya Book @ \$ 200.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Donation (Optional) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**