

Gyosha 暁鐘 “Morning Bell - Let us Awaken”



WAIPAHU SOTO ZEN TEMPLE TAIYOJI

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SEPT. TEMPLE HOURS

Office: Mon-Sun * 8am - 3pm
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SEPTEMBER 2026

by Rev. Ryohei Ishii



Waipahu Taiyoji Members and Friends,

As we do every year, we held our three days of Obon Memorial Services and Bon Dance in July, and I am grateful that everything was completed safely and successfully.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who came to the temple, participated in the services and Bon Dance, and especially to all those who generously gave their time and effort to help us.

After such a busy time, I finally had a chance to relax—and perhaps I relaxed a little too much, because I ended up catching a cold. I hope all of you are doing well.

When we look around the world today, we hear almost every day about earthquakes and other natural disasters, wars, conflicts, and many other events that bring sadness and suffering to people.

In the midst of all this, we should remember how fortunate we are to be able to live our daily lives without great difficulty, and to spend peaceful days together with our families and friends. These are blessings that we should never take for granted.

Dogen Zenji, the founder of Soto Zen Buddhism in Japan, taught us that the Buddha Way is not found only in special places or at special times. Rather, it is found within our everyday lives.

Waking up in the morning, sharing a meal, greeting someone, doing our work, and spending time with family—when we treasure each of these ordinary moments and live fully in the present, our daily lives themselves become the practice of the Buddha's teachings.

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Sometimes we do not realize how precious something is until we lose it. Yet true happiness may not be found in something extraordinary. It can be found in the simple and ordinary moments of each day.

Obon is a special time to remember our loved ones who have passed away and to express our gratitude for the life that has been passed down to us through our ancestors.

Our lives are not ours alone. We have received this precious life through countless generations before us, and each day we are supported by many people and many connections.

Therefore, rather than dwelling only on yesterday or worrying too much about tomorrow, let us treasure the life we have here and now, and live each day with a heart of gratitude.

As September approaches, we will also observe our Autumn Ohigan Service. Ohigan is another important opportunity to remember our ancestors, offer our prayers, turn our hearts once again toward the teachings of the Buddha, and reflect upon the way we are living our own lives.

I warmly invite you and your family to join us for the Autumn Ohigan Service. I look forward to seeing everyone again at the temple.

The hot summer days continue, so please take good care of yourselves and stay healthy. May each of you continue to enjoy peaceful, healthy, and meaningful days.

A hui hou — until we meet again.

In Gassho,
Rev. Ryokei Ishii



Keizan Zen Master



Taiyoji Buddha



Dogen Zen Master

道の楽しみをともにせよ
(Michino Tanoshimiwo Tomoniseyo)
“Enjoy the way to enlightenment”

By The Teaching of Buddha



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Dear Waipahu Taiyoji Members and Friends,

In Soto Zen Buddhism, Higan is one of our important Buddhist observances, along with Obon. During Higan, it is customary to visit the temple or the graves of our loved ones, offer prayers, and express our gratitude to our ancestors.

This year's Autumn Higan season is just around the corner. Autumn Higan week will be observed from September 20 through September 26, 2026.

Higan is a meaningful time for us to reflect upon the Buddha's teachings, remember those who have gone before us, and renew our hearts with gratitude and compassion.

We warmly invite you and your family to join us in observing Autumn Higan.



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 services on **Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 9:30am.**

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

Please submit your Autumn Higan Service Request Form with your donation using the enclosed self-addressed envelope **by September 19, 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 Autumn 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 2026 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, September 20, 2026 at 9:30am

Your order:

Ko -Toba @ \$ 20.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Fall Higan Service Donation (Optional)=\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED =\$ _____

Minister Appreciation should be written to Rev. Ishii (Optional) = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji" by September 19, 2026



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WAIPAHU SOTO ZEN TEMPLE TAIYOJI 2026-2028 BOARD NOMINATION NOTICE

To All Waipahu Taiyoji Members and Friends:

Thank you for your continued support, participation, and cooperation with Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji. This is to inform you that the nomination and selection of the next Board of Directors will take place in November 2026.

As in the previous Board selection, the Resident Minister will select and determine the next Board members after carefully considering each individual's participation in Temple activities, contributions to the Temple, experience, and overall suitability for Board service. The Resident Minister is regularly involved in the daily activities of the Temple and has the opportunity to observe and understand the involvement and contributions of members, volunteers, current Board members, and others who participate in Temple activities.

Therefore, consideration will be given not simply to membership status, but also to how each individual has been involved with and supported the Temple through their actions and participation. Members of the Board of Directors have an important responsibility to support the religious mission and traditions of Taiyoji and to contribute to the proper operation and future development of the Temple.

In considering prospective Board members, factors such as regular participation in Temple activities, understanding of the Temple and its activities, responsibility, cooperation, and a spirit of service will be taken into consideration. Individuals who are considered appropriate for the future needs of Taiyoji will be selected.

Additional information regarding the nomination process and the next Board of Directors will be provided after the selection process has been completed. Thank you for your continued understanding, cooperation, and support as we work together to preserve the Soto Zen Buddhist teachings and traditions of Taiyoji for future generations.

Respectfully,

Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji
Resident Minister
Rev. Ryokei Ishii

Thank You For Your Donations

General Donation

Linda Nakasone: Sewing Club, Noreen Hayamizu, Alsen Saito, Jill Young, Donna Yim Watanabe,
Ikuko Ishii: Nihon-Go Circle, Derrick Iwate: Bon Dance Class, Aiko Tome: Okinawan Buyo

Bon Service

Frances Matsumoto, Allen & Carol Kamemoto, Carol Nishimoto Oyama Family, Barbara Sakato, June Yokota, Janet Kawaguchi, Carolyn Onaga, Karen Nagahama, Erin & Gwen Kawamoto, Ann Hasegawa-Taira, Shizue Watanabe, Susan Hikichi, Kris Miyashiro, Yoneko Higa, June Takiguchi, Lynne Tanigawa, Deanna Kato, Shelly Buckley, Iris Chinen, Rae Lindsey, Henry Rietz, Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai, Betsy Kaneshiro, Harue Okamura, Carolyn Yoshioka, Joyce Tome, Linda Nakasone, Diane Sugai, Lee Ann Tokuda, Gerald Takiguchi, Cheryl Okada, Kris Miyashiro, Andrew Shimizu Family, Ralph & Lillian Yokouchi, Janet Kawaguchi, Robert Kokuzo, Ivan Endo, Jo-Ann Tokunaga, Saburo & Hanae Takahashi, Henry Takahashi, Leslie Ozawa, Walter Ozawa, Todd, Cheryl & Erin Ozawa, Alsen Saito, Ernest & Jane Sasaki Ohana, Susan & Larry Goya, Carolyn & Dexter Onaga, Keith & Debbie Sasaki, Hiroko Kamitani, Rev. Ryosho Kokuzo,

Memorial Service

Rae Lindsey - In Memory of the Late Doris Kamihara 23rd year Memorial Service
Rae Lindsey - In Memory of the Late Reid Kamihara 33rd year Memorial Service
Margy Kodama - In Memory of the Late Yukiko Tabe 33 year Memorial Service
Peter Shimabukuro - In Memory of the Late Roy and Sally Shimabukuro
Sudo Family - In Memory of the Late Eric and Beatrice Toyama
Yoshiko Hashimoto - In Memory of the Late Herbert Hashimoto 23rd year Memorial Service
Lois & Paul Fetherland Hashimoto - In Memory of the Late Hashimoto 23rd year Memorial Service
Colleen Nakatsu - Funeral and Inurnment Service for the Late Edith Nakatsu
Mary Ann Kobayashi - Funeral and Inurnment Service for the Late Paul Matsuda
Sharon Shimamoto - Funeral and Inurnment Service for the Late Allen Shimamoto
Clin Kenji Waki - Blessing Service

Obon

Frances Imamura, Andoin From Fukushima: Rev. Yokoyama, Wahiawa-Waialua
Hiroshima Kenjinkai,

Taiyoji Taiko

Friends of Waipahu Cultural Garden Park for Taiko Performance

Join Us, Get Involved, Meet New People, Reconnect

Kyodan and Fujinkai New Board Members Wanted

The Kyodan board of directors are looking for patient, eager and available volunteers willing to serve as officers or board directors for the 2027-2029 term. Your service will be much appreciated and an excellent way to give back to the temple. As my term comes to an end on December 31, 2026, I would like to invite anyone interested and concerned about the future of the temple to attend the meetings in the Ozawa Hall on Saturdays, September 12 or November 14 at 9:30 am as an observer to see if serving will interest you.

The ***Waipahu Fujinkai is also looking for members to serve as officers or board directors*** for the next two year term. You will help host the ***60th United Hawaii Soto Shu Women's Association (UHSSWA) Conference on Saturday, April 17-Sunday, April 18, 2027*** at the temple and at the Ala Moana Hotel. Your ideas, creativity and input are welcomed and valued in planning a fun-filled, memorable conference. Please call the Soto Zen temple at 808-671- 3103 or email the temple office at waipahutaiyoji@gmail.com for your participation.



A reminder to shop for your groceries September 1-30th at Foodland, Sack N Save or Foodland Farms for the GIVE ALOHA fundraiser annual community matching gifts program. The Waipahu Soto Zen Temple is participating. Your donations may be made by cash, check or credit card up to \$249 and use code 79287. An abbreviated version of our organization will appear on your receipt.

Our donations are not matched dollar for dollar. Foodland will provide contribution amongst their many participating organizations. Happy grocery shopping!

In Gassho,
Susan Sasaki Goya

For more information or questions, feel free to contact the temple via email: waipahutayoji@gmail.com or call 808-671-3103.

MARK YOU CALENDAR!

Get ready for our **Second Annual Online Auction!** We hope to welcome back our generous donors and see an increase in bidders to make this event a success. Help spread the word of this fundraising event to family, friends, co-workers and anyone else you think may be interested. Your participation makes a difference!

Start Date: Sunday, September 27 at 9:00am
End Date: Friday, October 9, at 9:00pm

Pick Up:

Sunday, October 11, 2026 from 10:00am to 1:00pm. (Note: Please bring your receipt to claim your items.)

Instructions forthcoming. Create a free account.

Happy bidding!

Announcements & News

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September 2026



Craft Workday

Sept. 26 12:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us to make crafts to sell at the Fujinkai event in October. If you are able to crochet, know how to sew, handy at craftmaking, please contact the temple to let us know you are available to help with sewing rice bags, patchwork throw rugs or crocheting the wash cloth (bring crochet hook and scissors). We're also open to new crafts ideas. Thank you for your continued support!

Open House, Crafts & Food (Bazaar) October 11

10:00am - 2:00pm

SAVE the DATE on your calendar and bring your Holiday Shopping List.

The Opening Doors

Committee and **Taiyoji**

Fujinkai are collaborating to expand the annual bazaar to promote and educate the community on the services, classes and events held at the temple. Along with the informational booths, Taiyoji Fujinkai will sell their quilts, rugs, scrubbies, bags, tie hand towels, aprons, etc.

You will be able to pre-order your favorite tsukemono items. Look for the pre-sale form located in this newsletter.

We need your assistance to help raise funds for the 2027 UHSSWA Conference

on April 17 & 18. Attendees will experience cultural and spiritual services and workshops and shop the country store. Meet and make new friends with Fujinkai members from the six other temples.

The Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai will host next year's conference. We are seeking donations for the October Bazaar to help reach our goal of \$5,000 to help defray some of the costs for the conference.

You can support our efforts by donating:

- **Baked Goods**
- **Handmade Crafts Items**
- **Ordering (Tsukemono) picked vegetables and rice dishes** that will be on sale at the Bazaar.

Upcoming Events

Autumn Higan Service

September 20
9:30am

2nd Online Auction

Sept 27, 9:00am - Oct 9
Ends at 9:00pm

Oahu Soto Mission Bon Dance Association Irokai

- Sunday, Sept. 27
- 10:30am-2:00pm
- Central Oahu Event Center (Formerly Dots)
- Adults - \$35
- Children 3-9yrs. - \$20

Deadline with payment is September 11. For more information contact Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji at 808-671-3103

Open House & Fujinkai Bazaar (crafts & food)

October 11
10:00am - 2:00pm

Rummage Sale

December 5 & 6
9:00am - 2:00pm

"Upcycling and Reusing"
Find your treasures at the Sale. We need your help letting your friends, families, neighbors, and community know to save the date for our Rummage Sale.



2026 Waipahu Taiyoji September Memorial Services

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1st Year (2025)

3rd Year (2024)

Joji Yoshioka 9/26/2024

7th Year (2020)

Herbert Hiroichi Kon 9/11/2020

13th Year (2014)

Miyoko Yokono 9/1/2014
Elsie Saeko Ishii 9/6/2014
Fusaye Kiyabu 9/18/2014

17th Year (2010)

Tsuyako Kaya 9/23/2010

23rd Year (2004)

Hideo Sato 9/6/2004

25th Year (2002)

Makato Enomoto 9/19/2002

27th Year (2000)

Haruko Ito 9/4/2000
Shizuko Matsunaga Mitobe 9/22/2000
Shigeko Takara 9/22/2000

33rd Year (1994)

Komaji Mishina 9/2/1994
Eyo Koizumi. 9/16/1994

37th Year (1990)

Yoshinaga Uehara 9/8/1990
Yoshio Shigemura 9/28/1990
Koushi Oshiro 9/30/1990

50th Year (1977)

Toshio Kuranaka 9/1/1977
Takashi Higa 9/17/1977
Hatsuko Saito 9/25/1977

100th Year (1926)

Matsujiro Wakatsuki 9/12/1926
(Children)

***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



Join us at the
Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji

OPEN HOUSE & BAZAAR

Sunday - October 11
10:00am - 2:00pm
94-413 Waipahu Street

Handmade gifts: quilts, bags, aprons, rugs and more!!!

Prepared Vegetables: Kogen, Miso Won Bok,
Sambai Zuke, Tatsumi Zuke

Seasoned Rice Dishes, treats, baked goods

Sign up for Classes & Activities

.....Cut Here & Mail Or Drop Off Your Order & Payment.....

Thank you for your support by pre-ordering pickled vegetables and rice dishes.
Join us and do your holiday gift shopping for handmade items at the Open House & Bazaar.

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Kogen (Daikon) _____ Miso Won Bok _____ Sambai Zuke _____

Takuan _____ Tatsumi Zuke (Green Cabbage, Mustard Cabbage) _____

Hijiki Rice _____ Sekihan _____ Total Items _____ x \$6 = _____

Please make checks payable to: Waipahu Taiyoji Fujinkai.

Deadline to submit your order and payment is **October 2, 2026.**

Come to the Open House and Bazaar on October 11 to shop and pick up your order.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	3 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	4 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	5
6 9:30am-11:30am Taiko practice	7 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	8 6:00pm-9:00pm Sewing Club	9 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	10 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	11 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	12
13 9:30am-11:30am Taiko practice 2:00pm - 4:00pm Bon Dance Practice	14 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	15	16 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	17 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	18 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	19
20 9:30am Higan Service & Kannon-ko Service Taiko practice	21 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	22	23 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	24 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	25 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	26 12:00pm-6:30pm Craft Workday
27 Oahu Bon Dance Association Irokai	28 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	29 6:00pm-9:00pm Sewing Club	30 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle			

2026 October Schedule (Subject to Change)

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Oct 11	10:00am - 2:00pm	Open House & Bazaar (Crafts & Foods)
Oct 5, 19, 26	9:30am-12:00pm	Crafts & Coffee
Oct 8 & 22	6:00pm-9:00pm	Sewing Club
Oct	6:30pm-8:00pm	Nihon-Go Circle
Oct	7:00pm-8:00pm	Zazen
No Craft Workday		until January 2027
Oct	8:30am-12:00pm	Temple Clean-up
Thursdays	6:00pm-8:30pm	Okinawan Sanshin Practice
Fridays	8:30am-until done	Nokotsudo Clean Up
Saturdays	9:00am-12:00pm	Okinawan Dance Practice
Sundays	TBD	Taiko Practice

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WAIPAHU SOTO ZEN TEMPLE

TAIYOJI

Delicious & Juicy!

**LIMITED
BENTOS**

YAKITORI BENTO FUNDRAISER



EACH BENTO INCLUDES:

- ✿ 2 Yakitori Skewers
(1 Tsukune & 1 Chicken Breast)
- ✿ White Rice with Umeboshi
- ✿ Broccoli (2 pieces)
- ✿ Beni-Imo Croquette
(Okinawan Purple Sweet Potato Croquette)
- ✿ Pickled Daikon

\$15
PER BENTO



PICKUP:

10-11-2026

(SUNDAY)



PICKUP TIME:

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM



WAIPAHU TAIYOJI SOCIAL HALL

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SUBMIT ORDER FORM WITH PAYMENT BY: 10-4-2026

Mahalo for Supporting Waipahu Taiyoji!



YAKITORI BENTO

ORDER FORM

NAME:

PHONE:

ITEM	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Yakitori Bento	\$15.00 EACH		\$

SPECIAL DONATION (OPTIONAL)

\$

Mahalo for your support! ♥

TOTAL AMOUNT

\$

PAYMENT METHOD

☐ CHECK ONLY

(Payable to: Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji)

ORDER NUMBER

(Use official only)