

Gyosha 曉鐘 “Morning Bell - Let us Awaken”



WAIPAHU SOTO ZEN TEMPLE TAIYOJI

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SEPT. TEMPLE HOURS

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OCTOBER 2026



Bodhidharma — Returning to Our True Mind

October 5 is known as Darumaki, the memorial day of Bodhidharma. On this day, we remember Bodhidharma, who is traditionally regarded as having brought the teachings of Zen to China, and we reflect once again on his teachings.

In Japan, Bodhidharma is widely known through the familiar Daruma doll. However, many people may not know very much about the person who inspired the Daruma doll or the teachings he sought to share. Bodhidharma is traditionally said to have traveled from India to China approximately 1,500 years ago and to have transmitted the teachings of Zen.

If we were to express his teaching in simple words for our lives today, perhaps we could say:
“Instead of always looking outside ourselves, we should look within and observe our own mind.”

Today, we live surrounded by an enormous amount of information. The moment we open our smartphones, we receive news, emails, social media updates, and countless other messages. Without even realizing it, we may begin comparing ourselves with others, worrying about a future that has not yet happened, or repeatedly thinking about things that have already happened in the past.

Our bodies may be here in the present moment, but our minds are often traveling back into the past or ahead into the future. As a result, our minds rarely have a chance to rest.

At such times, it is important to stop for a moment.

When we are angry, we can simply recognize, "I am angry right now."

When we are worried, we can recognize, "I am worried right now."

Then, we can take one breath and quietly observe our own mind.

Zazen is not a practice for becoming someone special. We adjust our posture, regulate our breathing, sit quietly, and return to "here and now."

Of course, practicing zazen does not mean that all of the problems and difficulties in our lives will disappear.

However, when we become aware of our own state of mind, we may be able to choose different words or actions before being carried away by our emotions.

The practice of Zen is not limited to the zendo or meditation hall.

Taking one breath when we are busy.

Eating our meals with care and gratitude.

Listening carefully when someone is speaking.

Treating the person in front of us with kindness and respect.

Giving our full attention to what we are doing at this very moment.

All of these can also become part of our practice of Zen.

Approximately 1,500 years have passed since the time of Bodhidharma. Our way of life has changed tremendously. Yet perhaps the human mind itself has not changed very much.

Especially today, when we are surrounded by information and our lives are constantly busy, Bodhidharma's teaching reminds us of something very important:

"Stop for a moment and return to your own mind."

On the occasion of Darumaki, I hope each of us can find even a little time in our daily lives to be quiet and look within ourselves.

In Gassho,

Rev. Ryokei Ishii



Keizan Zen Master



Taiyoji Buddha



Dogen Zen Master

はからいの 心から 離れる

Hakaraino Kokorokara Hanareru

Be Free from the mind of contrivance

By The Teaching of Buddha

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



At the recently held Kyodan board of director's meeting, interim President Susan Goya appointed Avis Connolly, board director, as the Nominating Chairperson for the 2027-2028 term of office. The board will have the slate prepared by their next meeting on November 14 at 9:30 a.m. We will also schedule to meet with a consultant from the Hawaii Community Foundation to see if an Endowment Fund is a feasible option for our temple.

Thank you very much for supporting last month's GIVE ALOHA fundraiser annual community matching gifts program. As soon as the Waipahu Soto Zen Taiyoji Temple (WSZTT) receive word from Foodland on the monetary matching gifts program we will publish it.

WSZTT members will be receiving a letter for their support in the ADA ramp construction fundraiser this month. The blessing of the ramp will be held in January 2027 at the Daihannya service, date to be announced at a later printing.

Right now our most pressing issue facing the temple is the unique structural design with a roof framed by four primary inclined glue-laminated wood beams. These beams bolt into structural steel hangers that are partially embedded in concrete foundations and

extend past the roofline being fully exposed to the weather. To prevent further deterioration we need to repair the four beams and steel saddle coatings; repair the concrete foundation deterioration; extend gutter downspouts and remove sprinkler heads near structural elements. The board is in the process of acquiring three bids and vote to accomplish this much needed capital improvement project. The board is also looking into getting three bids to tent the Reverend's residence for termites.

Members we really have our work cut out for us in the next few months before the year ends. Please come and support our annual Bazaar on Sunday, October 11 from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. We will be selling Yakitori bentos for the first time. Come and enjoy a bento and purchase our ono-licious pickled vegetables, seikihan and hijiki rice.

And finally, you can start donating and bringing in your slightly used clothing (no bras or undergarments), no holes, stains or torn pieces, household goods, electronic equipment, and other sellable goods. Thank you very much for all your support and cooperation!

In Gassho,
Susan Sasaki Goya

Thank You For Your Donations

General Donation

Sean Sadaoka: Sanshin, Richard Oshiro, Linda Nakasone: Sewing Club, Ikuko Ishii: Nihon-Go Circle, Hawaii Eisa Shinyuu-kai, Diana Salansky: Ikebana, Sean Sadaoka: Sanshin Donation for Social hall use

Autumn Higan Service

Eleanor Nakada, Mildred Kihara, Celia & Robert Fujioka, Aileen China, Marjorie Muraki, Shizue Watanabe, Genevieve Imai, , Nancy Takiguchi, Frances Matsumoto, Stan Nakayama, Lesile Matsukawa, Deanna Kato, Gail Funai, Carolyn Yoshioka, Avis Connolly, Janet Kawaguchi, Florence Abe, Margaret Ginoza, Shelly Buckley, Hiroko Kamitani, Susan Goya, Marjorie Muraki, Charlotte Arakaki, Dianne P, Margy Kodama, Erin & Gwen Kawamoto

Memorial Service

Colleen Nakatsu - In Memory of the Late Edith Nakatsu 100-day Memorial Service

Noreen Hayamizu - In Memory of the Late Joyce Sakai

Alice & Gerry Mishina - In Memory of the Late Komaji Mishna 33rd year Memorial Service

Glenn & Elaine Miura - In Memory of Late Paul Sakai

Alan Saka - In Memory of Late Paul Sakai

Kimberly Sakai - In Memory of Late Paul Sakai

Celia & Robert Fujioka - In Memory of Late Paul Sakai

Obon Donation

Rose Matsumoto

Mae Kawasaki

Food Donation

Susan Goya, Charlotte Arakaki, Margy Kodama, Marjorie Muraki, Margaret Ginoza, Erin Kawamoto, Hiroko Kamitani

Taiyoji Taiko

Jennifer Narimatsu, Junko Jiang, Norene Ajimine, Sharon Kawatomari

Announcements & News

October 2026

Join Us, Get Involved, Meet New People, Reconnect



Craft Workdays

Thank you for your support by attending our workdays and they'll start up again in 2027. We enjoyed the fellowship and learning new crafts to support the Fujinkai annual Bazaar.

Although the Craft Workdays will be ending, we will be meeting to make the **Macrame Landyards** for next year's UHSSWA Conference in April. Please contact any board member if you are willing to help. We will announcing the meeting dates in the upcoming newsletter.

Open House, Crafts & Food (Bazaar) October 11 10:00am - 2:00pm

Join us on Sunday, 10/11 for a fun day at our annual bazaar and start your Holiday shopping for those special family members and friends.

All items are handcrafted by Fujinkai members. Be sure to pre order your tsukemono items by October 2.

In addition to crafts and food, many of the classes will have members available to promote and educate the community on the services, classes and events held at the temple. This would be a great opportunity meet the instructors and students and possibly sign up for a class.

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

The **Taiyoji Fujinkai** is seeking members to run for the Board. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact Marjorie Muraki or Margaret Ginoza if you are interested in serving on the Board.



We are recruiting volunteers to help with various events, activities, office work, fundraising, technology support, share your talents by teaching a workshop or classes. Please contact the temple at 808-671-3103 or waipahutaiyoji@gmail.com. Get involved and meet new people. We hope to hear from you soon.

Upcoming Events

Temple Clean UP

October 4
8:30am - 11:30am

2nd Online Auction

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

PICK UP ITEMS at the Bazaar/Open House Oct. 11 - 10am-2pm

Bazaar/Open House Prep Oct. 8-10

Drop off any baked goods or crafts by Saturday, Oct. 10.

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 October Memorial Services

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1st Year (2025)

Sumire Kawamura	10/7/2025
Betty Kimi Masuda	10/26/2025

3rd Year (2024)

7th Year (2020)

Agnes Suzuko Nagasawa	10/1/2020
Yoshika Kami	10/21/2020

13th Year (2014)

Toshi Inouye	10/11/2014
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17th Year (2010)

Ichiro Mishina	10/1/2010
Kate Setsuko Enomoto	10/5/2010
Sadako Okimoto	10/7/2010
Donald Eugene Erickson	10/30/2010

23rd Year (2004)

Sally Hatsue Okamura	10/15/2004
Kiyoshi Izumi	10/25/2004

25th Year (2002)

Kiyoshi Saito	10/10/2002
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27th Year (2000)

Yoshikatsu Sato	10/13/2000
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33rd Year (1994)

37th Year (1990)

Rikio Watanabe.	10/11/1990
Chiyoko Nagamine	10/17/1990
Asao Oshiro	10/24/1990

50th Year (1977)

Hisa Sasaki	10/12/1977
Katsuki Kiryu	10/13/1977
Sakae Arai	10/30/1977

100th Year (1926)

Tomesaburo Kiyono(Wife)	10/11/1926
No name	10/11/1926

***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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	2 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	3 9:00am-12:00pm Okinawa Dance Practice 7:00pm-8:00pm Zazen
4 8:30am - 11:30am Temple Clean Up 9:30am-11:30am Taiko practice	5 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	6	7 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	8 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	9 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	10 All Day Set up for Bazaar
11 10:00am-2:00pm Fujinkai Bazaar & Open House	12 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	13	14 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	15 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	16 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	17 9:00am-12:00pm Okinawa Dance Practice 7:00pm-8:00pm Zazen
18 9:30am Darumaki & Kannon-Ko Services 12:00pm-2:00pm Taiko Practice 2:00pm - 4:00pm Bon Dance Practice	19 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee Nihon-Go Circle Hokkaido Tour Oct. 19 - 26	20	21	22 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	23 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	24 9:00am-12:00pm Okinawa Dance Practice
25	26 9:00am-12:00pm Crafts & Coffee	27	28 9:00am-10:30am Baika Practice 6:30pm-8:00pm Nihongo Circle	29 6:00pm-8:30pm Sanshin Practice	30 8:30am Nokotsudo CU	31 All Day Okinawa Dance workshop

11-1-26

All Day
Okinawa Dance workshop

2026 November Schedule (Subject to Change)

Nov. 6	9:30am	Eitaiyo Service, Keizan Zenji Birthday & Kannon-Ko Family Service
Nov. 2,9,16,23,30	9:30am-12:00pm	Crafts & Coffee
Nov. 10 & 17	6:00pm-9:00pm	Sewing Club
Nov. 4,11,18	6:30pm-8:00pm	Nihon-Go Circle
Nov. 14, 28	7:00pm-8:00pm	Zazen
		Ikebana
Nov. 29	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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OPEN HOUSE & FUJINKAI BAZAAR

Waipahu Soto Zen Temple Taiyoji
invites the community!

Experience the temple through its cultural
and educational classes and delicious eats.
Everyone is welcome!

Sunday,
October 11,
2026

10:00am – 2:00pm

Waipahu Soto Zen Temple
Taiyoji

Free Admission!

EXPLORE & EXPERIENCE



Zazen meditation



Baika (Buddhist hymn singing)



Bon Dance



Japanese language class



Sanshin



Okinawan Dance



Taiko

SHOP & ENJOY



Bento



Marinated vegetables
and seasoned rice



Baked goods



Handmade quilts, bags,
aprons, rugs and more!

Have Fun!



Make & take origami



Sashiko



Fish pond for children



Everyone is Welcome!

RUMMAGE SALE

Donations
Welcome!

Good Items
Finds
Great Prices!

We gladly accept all kinds of items!



DATE

December 5 (Sat) & 6 (Sun), 2026
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

PLACE

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- When bringing donated items, please call us in advance just to be sure.
- The deadline for item donations is December 1, 2026.
- For any other inquiries, please contact the temple.

Thank you for your support!