

# Taiheiji Bulletin

December 2021 (Special Edition)

Aloha! Thank you for your continued support for Taiheiji throughout these difficult times amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the November and December 2021 Taiheiji Bulletin already went out, there are several important announcements that I want to share with you. As always, if you have any questions, please call me at 808-488-6794.

In Gassho,  
Rev. Shuji Komagata

## **Legacy-Endowment Bond Pledge Money Deadline Approaching!**

Taiheiji is grateful for all the pledges received for the Legacy-Endowment Bond. The pledges helped the temple plan for the construction of the Soto Mission of Aiea Activity Center in 2022. As we approach the end of 2021, we want to send out a friendly reminder to all those with outstanding pledges to send in your money to complete your bond purchase by December 31, 2021. However, if you can send in your pledge money sooner, we will greatly appreciate it.

## **Legacy-Endowment Bond: \$123,000 Now Available for Purchase!**

Thanks to several bond owners who generously donated their shares back to the temple, Taiheiji now has \$123,000 of its once sold-out Legacy-Endowment Bond available for purchase. This comes at a crucial time, as construction costs have skyrocketed due to the pandemic. Reselling these bonds will help raise much needed funds to cover increased construction costs. Please support the project to build the Soto Mission of Aiea Activity Center with your purchase of the Legacy-Endowment Bond. Call Rev. Shuji to purchase your bonds or visit [www.sotomission.com](http://www.sotomission.com) for more information and downloadable forms.

## **Taiheiji Website is Up and Running!**

Please visit the Soto Mission of Aiea website: [www.sotomission.com](http://www.sotomission.com). The website is being designed to provide you with up-to-date information on temple activities and events. New content is being added regularly to the website and will soon give you the opportunity to donate online to Taiheiji.

## **Taiheiji Bodhi Day and Kannonko Services**

On Sunday, December 12 at 9:00 a.m., Taiheiji will be observing its Bodhi Day Service to celebrate Siddhartha Gautama's enlightenment over 2,600 years ago. It will also be the last Kannonko service for this year. Please join us for a morning of service and fellowship at Taiheiji!

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## **Recycling**

The Hawaii Deposit Beverage Container Program (HI-5) is a State of Hawaii funded program that places a 5¢ redeemable deposit on each qualified beverage container. Why throw away your recyclables when you can donate it to Taiheiji? Just look for the HI 5¢ label on your glass, plastic and metal containers, and drop them off at Taiheiji. We will take the recyclables to the redemption center to get cash back for the temple and help protect the environment at the same time. Contact Rev. Shuji or visit [www.sotomission.com](http://www.sotomission.com) for more information.

## **Cemetery Plots Available for Purchase**

Taiheiji can help you and your family make arrangements for a final resting place in the future. Through the generous donations by temple members and supporters over the years, the Soto Mission of Aiea owns several cemetery plots at Hawaiian Memorial Park Mortuary and the Valley of the Temples Memorial Park that are available to the Taiheiji community. If you are interested in acquiring a plot for you or a loved one, please contact Rev. Shuji at 488-6794. He will be able to send you more information. Additionally, if your family has an available plot they would like to generously donate to Taiheiji, please contact Rev. Shuji. Mahalo!

## **Zippy's Fundraising Event Report**

Thank you very much to all the wonderful members and supporters of Taiheiji. Together, we sold 2,067 Zippy's Fundraising Tickets over a span of just two weeks! We are also extremely grateful for the many additional generous donations received for the project. The proceeds from this fundraising event will help cover the day-to-day operation and maintenance costs of the temple.

## **Yoga Classes at Taiheiji**

Yoga is a new activity at the Soto Mission of Aiea! We are very pleased to have Christy Kokami, Yoga for Back Care and Scoliosis Specialist, teach yoga at Taiheiji. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Ms. Kokami will also hold meditation sessions from 8:15 to 8:45 p.m. Please see the attached flyer for more information!

## **Taiko Classes Resume at Taiheiji**

Somei Taiko, under the direction of Rev. Shuji and Jaymie Komagata, resumed classes at Taiheiji on November 21, 2021, after a several months pause due to the pandemic. Please contact Rev. Shuji if you are interested in learning taiko on Sundays. Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. and run through the afternoon. The Karate and Kendo groups resumed their classes in October.