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# TAIHEIJI BULLETIN



JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

## HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022!

The 2022 New Year's Blessing Service will not be held inside the temple, but instead will be a "DRIVE THRU" service held between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. We kindly request that you go to Taiheiji at the appropriate times listed below:

<u>Last Name of Person Placing Ofuda Order</u>	<u>Blessing and Pick up Time</u>
A—J	9:00—9:30 a.m.
K—N	9:30—10:00 a.m.
O—S	10:00—10:30 a.m.
T—Z	10:30—11:00 a.m.

Upon arrival, please remain inside your vehicle. Rev. Shuji will be outside the temple to bless everyone in your vehicle. You will also receive your entire ofuda order from the comfort and safety of your vehicle. Even though you pick up your entire family's ofuda order, please encourage them to drive themselves to the temple to also receive their New Year's blessing! Don't forget to drop off your old ofuda and omamori for proper disposal!

We had long hoped that the 2022 New Year's Blessing Service would be held in the temple. However, due to the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases possibly associated with the new Omicron variant, we feel it is best to start the year "responsibly" by maintaining an environment that is safe and comfortable for everyone to participate in. Mahalo!

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## THE LEGACY ENDOWMENT BOND

The 20 year bond, yielding 3% interest annually,  
begins January 1, 2022.

By Rev. Shuji Komagata

Aloha from the Soto Mission of Aiea! I am so excited as we take a big step closer to the start of construction on the Soto Mission of Aiea Activity Center! On behalf of the Soto Mission of Aiea, I would like to thank everyone for investing in the \$1,000,000 bond. A special thank you also goes to all the donors who contributed nearly \$140,000 directly to the New Building Construction Fund. I am also grateful for several bond investors who generously converted their bond purchases into donations to the temple. Their generosity has amounted to \$179,000 in bonds to be resold (of which \$93,000 have already been picked up by new investors).

Although the twenty year clock begins with the official start of the Legacy Endowment Bond on January 1, 2022, we would still like to sell \$86,000 in bonds that are still available. Your bond purchase will help offset the skyrocketing construction costs for this project. Please contact Rev. Shuji or visit our temple website, [www.sotomission.com](http://www.sotomission.com) for more information.

# JANUARY SERVICES

## HATSU KANNONKO & DOGEN BIRTHDAY SERVICES OFUDA-YAKI CEREMONY

2021 was yet another challenging year amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. To help us welcome the new year, I would like to invite you to attend the “Hatsu Kannonko,” or first Kannonko service of the year on Sunday, January 9, at 9:00 a.m. A service will be also held commemorating the birth of Dogen Zenji, one of Soto Buddhism’s two founders. After the temple services are completed, everyone will adjourn to the front of the temple for the *Ofuda-yaki* ceremony. All the old *ofuda* and *omamori* from 2020 will be burned during this service. Please stop by and join everyone. We look forward to seeing all of you.

# FEBRUARY SERVICES

## NEHAN-E, KANNONKO, & SETSUBUN

On Sunday, February 6, the Soto Mission of Aiea will observe Nehan-e (Parinirvana), Kannonko Service, and also celebrate the Setsubun (Bean Throwing) Ceremony. February is the month when Buddhists observe the passing of Shakamuni Buddha. At Taiheiji, the large Nehan-zu (scroll) that illustrates the Buddha’s passing is displayed for all to view. The scroll, painted back in the 1930s, was recently restored to its original beauty in 2008. As followers of the Buddha and his Teachings, it is important that many have the opportunity to see and appreciate the scroll to express our gratitude. We therefore urge all of you to pay a visit to the temple and join others at this annual observance. Although not a Buddhist practice, the Setsubun Ceremony is a Japanese tradition that the members of Taiheiji have adopted. Those born in “the Year of the Tiger” will have the honor and privilege of tossing roasted beans while shouting, “FUKU WA UCHI,” (good luck in) and “ONI WA SOTO” (bad luck out). This lighthearted ceremony is a joy for participants of all ages.

## WHAT IS NEHAN (PARINIRVANA)?

February 15 is Nehan, the day that Shakyamuni Buddha died near the town of Kushinagara on the banks of the Hiranyavati River. A big scroll depicting the Buddha entering Nirvana is hung in the temple and a ceremony expressing our gratitude to the Buddha is performed.

It is said that at the time of his death the Buddha was sleeping on a bed that had been prepared between two sal trees; his head to the north, his face to the west, and his right hand for a pillow. At that time, white flowers bloomed on the sal trees and fell continuously.

Many of his disciples, the king and his family, men and women of all ages, and even birds and animals gathered, sighing with sadness. The Buddha gave his last discourse, expounding the fundamental truth – even though the physical body dies, the Dharma is eternal; in order to see the Buddha, it is necessary to see the Dharma. In this way, he taught his disciples the precepts and the way they should maintain the practice of Buddha’s Way. This last sermon is called the *Yuikyogyo*.

# **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!

## **TAIHEIJI WEBSITE [www.sotomission.com](http://www.sotomission.com)**

Please visit the Soto Mission of Aiea website: [www.sotomission.com](http://www.sotomission.com). The website provides you with up-to-date information on temple activities and events. New content is being added regularly to the website. You will soon have the ability to make donations to the temple online.

## **TAIHEIJI BOARD MEETING**

The Taiheiji Board meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23, at 9:00 a.m. This is the first meeting of 2022, so we humbly ask that all board members be present at the meeting! Mahalo!

## **FUJINKAI MEMBERSHIPS**

If you haven't done so already, please submit your Fujinkai membership dues (\$10) for 2022. Please call Rev. Shuji if you need new membership forms. Mahalo!

## **NEW YEAR'S PARTY CANCELLED**

It was unfortunate that we were not able to have the Taiheiji New Year's Party (Shinnenkai) in 2021 due to the COVID-19. Sadly, due to the recent uptick in cases, the 2022 Shinnenkai will be cancelled again. We can only hope that we will be able to gather together in 2023.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### January

1	Fri	9:00 a.m.	New Year's Blessing Service
9	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Dogen Zenji Birthday Service, Hatsu Kannonko, and Ofudayaki
23	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Taiheiji Board Meeting

### February

6	Sun	9:00 a.m.	Nehan-e, Kannonko, & Setsubun Ceremony
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## 2022 TENTATIVE CALENDAR\*

January	1	New Year's Day Blessing Service
	1	Daihannya Services
	9	Dogen's Birthday, Kannonko, Ofuda-yaki Services
February	6	Nehan-e & Kannonko Services
March	13	Spring Higan & Kannonko Services
April	10	Taiheiji Buddha Day & Kannonko Services
May	15	Fujinkai Tsuicho-e & Kannonko Services
June	16, 18	Taiheiji Bon Services
	19, 20	Taiheiji Bon Services
August	5, 6	Taiheiji Bon Dance
September	11	Autumn Higan, Ryosoki, and Kannonko Services
October	9	Daruma-ki & Kannonko Services
November	13	Keizan's Birthday, Veteran's Day Services
	13	Eitaikyo & Kannonko Services
December	11	Taiheiji Bodhi Day & Kannonko Services

\*Dates Subject to Change

# ARE YOU OBSERVING A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN 2022?

## **Memorial Services (*Nenki Service*)**

1 Year Service      3rd Year Service      7th Year Service      13th Year Service  
17th Year Service      23rd Year Service      27th Year Service      33rd Year Service

We remember our departed loved ones and ancestors with love and gratitude at memorial services. We remember the ways in which they enriched our lives and pray for their continued peace. Prayers are also made for the well being of the family. This is the traditional custom of properly honoring the deceased.

If possible, the first memorial service should be conducted just before the first year has passed. For subsequent memorial services, the memorial services should be conducted before the beginning of the particular memorial year.

For example: using the date of passing (*meinichi*) as a starting point, the seventh year memorial service should be held right before the sixth anniversary after passing.

### **Memorial service offerings that are traditionally brought to the temple by the family:**

- Ihai (Wooden Memorial Tablet)
- Photo of the deceased (optional)
- Flowers (non-thorny, of any color, cut or potted)
- Food offerings (*osonaemono*) - sweets or fruits
- Osaisen Small monetary offering by everyone attending the service (place in the offertory chest)
- “*Ofuse*,” or Donation to Soto Mission of Aiea\*  
Average “*Ofuse*” donation amount is \$150
- “*Orei*,” or Discretionary Gift of Appreciation to Minister\*  
Average “*Orei*” amount to minister for a memorial service is \$150

*\*It is customary to place monetary “Ofuse” donation to temple and “Orei” to minister in separate envelopes*

# SOTO MISSION OF AIEA MEMBERSHIP

Taiheiji strives to serve the social, spiritual, and religious needs of its members through its ongoing mission to provide a place where people are welcomed with open arms to receive the guidance of the Buddha Dharma.

Whether for happy occasions like weddings and blessing services, or for the times to remember departed loved ones during memorial services and funerals, your Taiheiji membership enables you to access the variety of religious services available. We at Taiheiji certainly feel that your membership donation we receive is an encouraging sign of confidence that you place in the temple as an important and relevant part of your life.

Taiheiji regularly receives requests from nonmembers for services. The requests often comes at the time of a wedding or a funeral, or when people know of no other place to call. The strongest confirmation we receive that we have positively impacted someone’s life is when they decide to join the temple as new members.

An additional benefit active members receive is the opportunity to use the social hall to host parties and events. With no set rental fee, members make a donation at their discretion for use of the hall. The social hall can comfortably accommodate up to 150 guests.

The membership/donation form for your household to join the temple or renew membership has already been sent to you. Please send your membership in if you have not already done so. **Please also encourage your parents, adult children, and relatives to renew their membership or to join our temple community by becoming a member.**

The annual membership donation is \$100 per household, and is customarily received in December and January. If you have any questions, please call Rev. Shuji at 488-6794.

# Memorial Services for 2022

## 1st Memorial Year: 2021

01/16/21	Hamada	Doris	83
02/18/21	Koizumi	Reiko	85
08/01/21	Nagamine	Michie	96
08/09/21	Miyasawa	Kiyoko	95
08/17/21	Suzuki	Mitsue	99

## 3rd Memorial Year: 2020

3/23/20	Iwata	Ronald	74
4/4/20	Kosuga	Kieko	95
4/15/20	Kono	Esther	96
04/30/20	Ono	Betsy	94
05/03/20	Yoshioka	Kazuo	87
05/10/20	Shimizu	Tazuko	89
5/28/20	Sumimoto	Janet	86
05/29/20	Hamada	Henry	84
07/08/20	Kurosawa	Reiko	92
09/05/20	Shiraki	Fujiko	94
10/05/20	Kawachi	Karl	69
11/03/20	Kurosawa	Roy	80

## 7th Memorial Year: 2016

03/28/16	Kojima	Midori	95
05/31/16	Iinuma	Setsumi	87
06/05/16	Suzuki	Masaharu	94
06/21/16	Kuwada	Richard	89
06/29/16	Saito	Hideo	81
07/02/16	Nagamine	Richard	81
08/03/16	Ono	Fujie	93
08/08/16	Mizusawa	Aiko	83
08/09/16	Naya	Seiji	83
09/23/16	Shibata	Sadamu	95
10/11/16	Mato	Wayne	78
11/14/16	Fukuhara	Frederick	79
11/17/16	Hasegawa	Edith	75
12/13/16	Kurashima	Keikichi	93

## 13th Memorial Year: 2010

01/05/10	Tengan	Teisei	81
02/05/10	Maeda	Momoe	76
02/15/10	Watanabe	Eleanor	69
02/24/10	Miyasawa	Hideo	89
03/13/10	Yokouchi	Yaeno	90
03/14/10	Shishido	Yoshiko	88
03/28/10	Mizusawa	Mildred	87

## 13th Memorial Year: 2010 (cont'd)

04/23/10	Sakami	Takeo	84
05/12/10	Kiriu	Hisao	83
06/09/10	Imai	Aiko	88
06/10/10	Matsubara	Chizuko	94
07/22/10	Koizumi	Loretta	78
10/02/10	Tanioka	Alice	92
12/24/10	Hirai	Kowashi	83

## 17th Memorial Year: 2016

02/11/06	Kaneko	John	64
02/27/06	Tanakaya	Betty	86
04/19/06	Nagamine	Kazuo	93
09/11/06	Aisaka	Ronald	84
09/19/06	Fuyumuro	Richard	56
10/09/06	Asao	Roberta	76
10/09/06	Kihara	Walter	71
10/16/06	Saito	Kyohei	102
11/09/06	Koizumi	Saburo	88
11/29/06	Umemoto	Yoshiko	91
12/09/06	Taketa	Yoshihiko	84
12/21/06	Mimuro	Donald	67

## 23rd Memorial Year: 2000

1/16/2000	Hasegawa	Tetsuko	89
4/25/2000	Takata	Edward	94
8/27/2000	Takahashi	Shinji	80
11/19/2000	Kaneko	Fukue	89

## 27th Memorial Year: 1996

06/06/96	Tanaka	Kenso	72
08/11/96	Nakamoto	Shigeru	82
08/26/96	Lee	Linda	47
10/10/96	Shiraki	Fred	86
10/30/96	Nose	Mitsugi	85
12/12/96	Okuda	Mitsugi	74

## 33rd Memorial Year: 1990

4/5/90	Miyashiro	Kimiko	84
8/6/90	Ono	Thomas	66
8/12/90	Abe	Masami	79

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GENEROUS DONATIONS RECEIVED

Daishu Komagata	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Jennifer Yamaguchi	Donation for Home Blessing
Kris Horie	Donation for Home Blessing
Doreen Orita	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Kevin and Lara Sugimoto	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Lynn Mauer	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Janis Hiranaga	Donation in Memory of Edith Hasegawa
Kikunobu Dance Company	Donation to Temple
Glenn Tango	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Gordon Toyama	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Charlene Yamaguchi	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Chester & Carol Fujimoto	New Building Construction Fund
Paul Hokama	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Chris Hokama	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Scott Hokama	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Kaori Saito	Donation to Aloha Kansha Project
Archer Yamaki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Hawaii Soto Mission Association	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Johnee Linda Miller	New Building Construction Fund
Pat Radona	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Masuyo Tanaka	Donation to Temple
Candace Tasoe	Donation in Memory of George Yamaki
Candace Tasoe	Donation in Memory of Kiyoko Yamaki
Carl & Mutsumi Kawauchi	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Steven Nakamoto	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Judith Yamaki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Cheryl Yamaki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Rodney Yamaki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Cari Suzuki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Roy Yamaki	New Building Construction Fund
Debra Yamaki	New Building Construction Fund
Lynne Kihara	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Jody Kihara	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Amy Tsuneyoshi	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Candace Tasoe	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Harold Haga	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Karen Matsukawa	Legacy-Endowment Bond
James Matsuoka	New Building Construction Fund
Eric Zee & Tracie Tanakaya	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Beth Iwamoto	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Barbara Bosz-Burczyk	Legacy-Endowment Bond

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Archer Yamaki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Mae Suzuki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Betty Takahashi	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Candace Tasoe	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Wes Wakata	Donation to Temple
Carl & Mutsumi Kawauchi	Eitaikyo Dedication for the late Mary Kawauchi
Vernon & Anne Koizumi	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Karen Matsukawa	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Sueno Miyasato	Donation to Temple
Claire Nishioka	Donation to Temple
Iris Palumbarit	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Warren Wild & Sharon McBride	New Building Construction Fund
Warren Wile & Sharon McBride	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Edwin Nose	Donation to Temple
Loren Odagiri	Donation to Temple
Verna Rabacal	Donation to Temple
Candace Tasoe	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Candace Tasoe	New Building Construction Fund
Earl & Rachel Tsuneyoshi	Donation to Temple
Gerald & Susan Tachino	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Rev. Shuji Komagata	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Jaymie Komagata	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Shizue Komamura	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Jennie Yamaki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Irvin Komamura	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Kathy Matsukawa	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Susan Suzuki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Steven Yamaki	Legacy-Endowment Bond
Steven Yamaki	Donation to Temple
Steven Aisaka	New Building Construction Fund
Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Club	New Building Construction Fund
Melvin Yamaki Jr.	3rd Year Memorial Service for the late Melvin Tsutomu Yamaki
Miriam Tottori	New Building Construction Fund Donation in Memory of Kijuu & Hatsu Oyama
United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Association	Legacy-Endowment Bond



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## Operating Fund

Evelyn Ono  
Steven Aisaka  
Carl & Mutsumi Kawauchi  
George Akahori  
Chester & Carol Fujimoto  
Harold Haga  
Carl & Mutsumi Kawauchi  
Shizue Komamura  
Gail Nagamine  
Glenn Nakagawa  
Gordon Toyama  
Wes Wakata  
Ralph & Lillian Yokouchi  
Sharon Bower  
Corinne Gytoku  
Joseph & Sharon Katano  
Wallace & Diane Kazama  
Danette Kobayashi  
Vernon & Ann Koizumi  
Karen Maruoka  
Karen Matsukawa  
John Miyata  
Joe & Gertrude Nishida  
Warren & Michiko Nishimoto  
Loren Odagiri  
Kathleen Tagawa  
Jean Takata  
Dennis & Anne Tanioka  
Candace Tasoe  
Darryl Toyama  
Earl & Rachel Tsuneyoshi  
Ada Yamaki  
Harold Yokouchi

## Operating Fund

Jane Yoshizumi  
Beth Iwamoto  
Caroline Masutani  
James Matsuoka  
Annie Okoji  
Ellen Sato-Lum  
Roy & Faith Yamagishi

## Maintenance Fund

Steven Aisaka  
George Akahori  
Harold Haga  
Shizue Komamura  
Edith Matsuda  
Glenn Nakagawa  
Gordon Toyama  
Wes Wakata  
Wallace & Diane Kazama  
Joseph & Sharon Katano  
Vernon & Ann Koizumi  
Karen Matsukawa  
John Miyata  
Joe & Gertrude Nishida  
Loren Odagiri  
Jean Takata  
Candace Tasoe  
Paul & Mary Toyoshima  
Earl & Rachel Tsuneyoshi  
Beth Iwamoto  
Annie Okoji  
Ellen Sato-Lum  
Roy & Faith Yamagishi

## Building Fund

Steven Aisaka  
Harold Haga  
Shizue Komamura  
Glenn Nakagawa  
Frederick Takakawa  
Thelma Tanaka  
Gordon Toyama  
Wes Wakata  
Phyllis Kawachi  
Wallace & Diane Kazama  
Vernon & Ann Koizumi  
Karen Matsukawa  
John Miyata  
George & Evelyn Niino  
Joe & Gertrude Nishida  
Loren Odagiri  
Elbert Saito  
Jean Takata  
Candace Tasoe  
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### Bishop's Message: Bishop Shugen Komagata

Aloha from the Bishop's Office,

I would like to extend my fondest holiday greetings to everyone as we close the year 2021 and welcome the new year, 2022. "Time" is an interesting thing... For some, 2021 went by so slowly, as the extended the restrictions continued to limit the things people could do, like travel and interact with others face-to-face. For others, the day-to-day activities in life kept them busy, and 2021 went by quickly. Whatever your perception of "time" may be, one thing is for sure—time continues to move on.

Therefore, no matter what our situation in life may be, it is imperative that we do our best to make the most of each moment in life. Do everything—big or small, exciting or mundane, for the first time or the thousandth time—with full effort both physically, mentally, and spiritually. These little moments in life that we string together make up our various experiences of each day. These experiences strung together make up the various chapters of our life. We should all reflect upon the words written in *The Golden Chain of Love*: "knowing that what I do now affects my life and the lives of others."

2022 is the Year of the Tiger. The tiger, or "tora" in Japanese, is the third symbol in the Japanese Zodiac. People born in the Year of the Tiger are proud, courageous, and generous. Since they are confident and decisive, they have the potential to be great leaders. However, they do not like to follow orders, so Tiger people must be careful to avoid interpersonal friction.

Tigers are compatible with horses and dogs and can benefit from relationships with boars. Beware of the monkey, as they are the least compatible with tigers. It is said that those born in the Year of the Tiger are not good at making plans, and sometimes fail because of overconfidence. However, they offer great sympathy for those they love.

So, in the spirit of the Tiger in 2022, let's all do our best to act decisively in doing our best to beat the COVID-19 pandemic together. Please continue to take care of yourself and your loved ones. I wish all of you a very Happy New Year!



In Gassho,

Bishop Shugen Komagata



## Online Study of the Precepts (January 8 - April 9, 2022)

*“How can I live a life based on wisdom and compassion?”*

12 classes via ZOOM

Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

First class: Saturday, January 8, 2022 (No class on February 19 & March 12)

Receiving the precepts & one’s Buddhist name and formally becoming a disciple of the Buddha is an important event in the life of a Soto Zen Buddhist. One will go through a process of study and reflection together with Rev. Jikō and a group of Sangha friends. The sharing of one’s life is done in an atmosphere that is gentle, accepting, and compassionate. Many have found their lives illuminated and enriched by this inner journey.

In January, Rev. Jikō will be starting a new series of precepts study sessions using ZOOM. This 3-month course is comprised of 12 weekly one-hour sessions. It is an opportunity to learn about the 16 Bodhisattva precepts, which form the moral and ethical foundation of the Soto Zen tradition.

Once it is safe to travel and gather, Bishop Shugen Komagata will be going from temple to temple to offer Soto Zen Buddhist Lay Confirmation ceremonies.

These sessions are open to all who are interested in studying the precepts and do not require participation in the precepts ceremony.

There is no class fee. Donations to Daifukuji Soto Mission are appreciated. For more information or to sign up, please contact Rev. Jikō at (808) 322-3524, [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org).

## Online Baika workshop

We are having online Baika workshop once a month led by **Rev. Shinryu Okuma** via Zoom. He teaches us how to use the bell and how to sing the songs in English. It's easy to understand. You can join the workshop from your home (on Zoom) or Taishoji with Rev. Hata. If you are interested in his workshop, please contact Rev. Hata (935-8407) It’s good time to start BAIKA!

Following is the schedule.

Every month on the Fourth Sun, until Mar 27, 2022.

1. Sunday Jan 23, 2022 4:00pm
2. Sunday Feb 27, 2022 4:00pm
3. Sunday Mar 27, 2022 3:00pm



**Rev. Shinryu Okuma**

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