

# Daifukuji Soto Mission

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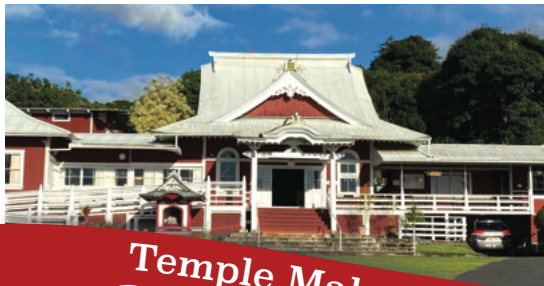


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See "archives" on our website for previous newsletters.



Temple Makana  
**ONLINE**

**AUCTION**

A Benefit for Historic  
Daifukuji Soto Mission

**September 19-25, 2025**

Located in the town of Honalo, Daifukuji Soto Mission is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and deemed a Kona Heritage Building by Pulama la Kona. We ask for your kōkua and invite you to support our fundraiser.



Gift Cards  
Gift Baskets  
Collectibles  
Local Specialities  
Handcrafted Items  
Art

Potted Plants  
Vintage Items  
Jewelry  
Cultural Items  
Tableware  
and more!

We will be posting items on our 32 Auctions site as we receive them. Wish to donate? Questions? Please call or text Barb at (808) 987-2673. [daifukuji.org](http://daifukuji.org) • 79-7241 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kealahou, HI 96750 • (808) 322-3524



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The temple will be closed for carpet cleaning on Monday, September 22. No sunset meditation will be held.

Arigatō to the Daifukuji Zazenkai for donating the cleaning of the carpets.

Temple Makana Online Auction to be held September 19 – 25, 2025

[www.32auctions.com/templemakana](http://www.32auctions.com/templemakana)

Mark your calendars! We are starting to plan Daifukuji's 5th online auction!

Daifukuji members and friends, please help make our upcoming online auction a success. Many costly projects have been done and continue to be worked on in our board's efforts to maintain and preserve our historic temple. Our next big project is to update our minister's residence which was rebuilt in 1950.

Fundraising is crucial and this year's online auction is our BIG annual fundraiser.

Here's how you can help:

### **Donate to the auction**

We are asking for donations of new, 'like new' & 'gently used' items. We want to offer items of excellent quality.

Auction items will be accepted inside the social hall from September 13-18. Drop off hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Saturday thru Thursday.

Suggested items are Kona coffee, mac nuts, gift certificates/cards for services, restaurants, golf, hotel stays, and stores. Plants, orchids, Japanese & Buddhist items, handmade items, art, nonperishables, gift baskets, tools, sporting goods, collectibles, vintage, musical instruments, housewares, are all popular. Please, nothing bulky or too heavy for us to manage. If you have connections, please ask for a donation!

We need volunteers to accept donations in the social hall starting Saturday, September 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and each day until Thursday, September 18. Collection will be for 6 days and you can do 3-hour shifts or stay the whole time -- whatever works for you! We record what is donated, clean items if needed, measure if needed, and prepare items to be photographed. Items can be combined into a gift basket. We will have the thank you letters available for all donors with our Tax ID #.

**Without volunteers our fundraiser would not be possible. We would appreciate your help!**

If you need to make other arrangements to donate at the temple, please arrange with Rev. Jiko by calling Daifukuji at (808) 322-3524 or sending an email to [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org).

Let Barb know if she can pick up your donation ahead of time to put it up on the auction site. Barb is at 808-987-2673 or [barbarainkona@gmail.com](mailto:barbarainkona@gmail.com).

**Participate in the auction by bidding online & sharing the link.**

The auction will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday September 19 and end at 8:00 p.m. Hawaii Time on Thursday, September 25. Here is the link we ask you to share with family & friends:

<https://www.32auctions.com/Templemakana>

You can view items as we post them before it goes live. To place a bid, please be sure to create your 32auctions.com account.

**Pick up items in front of our Social Hall on September 27 & September 28**

Pick-up of auction winnings will be on Saturday, September 27 and Sunday, September 28 from 10 a.m. -2 p.m.

We need volunteers for the pick-ups, too. Two people to greet the car pulling up, make sure items are paid for online or collect payment (checks only, no cash); three people inside the social hall to gather and deliver to winner. One or two to help direct incoming vehicles with traffic.

We will also have a booth with items not put up or sold on auction. We need 3-4 volunteers working there.

**Can you participate if you don't live on Hawai'i Island?**

Certainly! This is an online auction. Payment can be made through the auction's secure payment site. Just be sure to read the item description which will indicate whether or not the item can be shipped. Shipping charges are extra. Flat rate boxes will be used. You can also pay with a check when picking up your items. No cash, please.

**Don't wish to participate in the auction but still want to contribute to this fundraiser?**

A monetary donation would be gratefully accepted. Please make your check payable to Daifukuji Soto Mission and mail it to PO Box 55, Kealakekua, HI 96750, or donate online through our website <http://www.daifukuji.org/donation/index/html>. Include a note that your donation is for the auction.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [barbarainkona@gmail.com](mailto:barbarainkona@gmail.com), 808-987-2673, text & phone.

Thank you in advance for your help making this online auction a success!



*Keizan Zenji*



*Dōgen Zenji*

*We cordially invite you to Daifukuji's*  
**Autumn Equinox (Ohigan) and Soto Zen Founders (Ryōsoki) Service**

Sunday, September 14                      10:00 a.m.

*Dharma Talk "Daifukuji's Bodhi Tree: A Living Connection to the Buddha" by Rev. Jikō*

Let us gather on the 14th of September to observe Ohigan (お彼岸), celebrate the completion of the restoration of Daifukuji's Dōgen and Keizan sculptures, and formally install the memorial tablet of the late Bishop Shugen Komagata in the temple's memorial alcove.

Ohigan, a Buddhist holiday observed in Japan at the time of the spring and autumnal equinoxes, is considered the perfect time to strengthen one's practice of the Buddha's teachings of the Six Perfections of the Heart — the Six Paramitas — which are generosity, observation of the precepts, patience, fortitude, meditation, and wisdom.

In addition to observing Ohigan, we will pay homage to Dogen Zenji, the eminent founder of our Soto Zen tradition and Keizan Zenji, the eminent propagator of the Soto Zen teachings, on the occasion of their memorial anniversaries, after which the memorial tablet of the late Bishop Shugen Komagata, who served as Daifukuji's resident minister from 1976 -1981, will be installed in the temple's memorial alcove.

The morning's Dharma talk "Daifukuji's Bodhi Tree: A Living Connection to the Buddha" will be delivered by Rev. Jikō Nakade.

Should you wish to view this service online, it will be live-streamed via Daifukuji's YouTube channel at 10 a.m. HST: <https://www.youtube.com/c/DaifukujiSotoZenHawaii>.

Please join us for lunch, which will be prepared by members of the Daifukuji Fujinkai led by Joyce St. Arnault, Linda Calloway, and Reiko Sekine. Fujinkai members, please sign up to help by calling Joyce at (808) 329-3833. We encourage everyone to bring their own sets of reusable tableware to minimize landfill waste.

The Gift Shop will be open.



## Fundraising: Sustaining Our Temple for Future Generations

by Rev. Jikō

Aloha, dear Sangha,

Once a year we at Daifukuji reach out to our members, supporters, and the wider community and humbly ask for everyone's support of our temple's fundraising efforts.

This time the Daifukuji Board is focusing on using the funds raised to update the minister's residence, which was rebuilt in 1950 during the tenure of the late Bishop Gyokuei Matsuura who served our temple from 1947 - 1965. Matsuura sensei's daughter Lois recently visited from Oregon and shared with me her fond memories of living at Daifukuji with her parents and three siblings, helping her mother with various chores, practicing judo and aikido in the dojo, hanging out at the Nakamura's, and running over to the Hanato's to watch television while her parents were at Aloha Theatre watching Japanese movies.

My family is the 12th minister's family to occupy the minister's residence. While some electrical work was done in 2011, further upgrading of the outlets was recently done by electrical contractor Alan Okamoto. We are looking into having the cracked kitchen flooring tiles replaced, the interior of the residence re-painted, and a new refrigerator unit installed.

For organizations such as ours, fundraising is a necessity. It takes energy, time, dedication, and a humble attitude. I see fundraising as an opportunity to engage our sangha in the practice of *dana* paramita, the perfection of the heart mentioned in the article about the upcoming Ohigan service (p.4). *Dana*, also called "selfless giving" or simply "generosity" is the practice of wholehearted giving. I'm not just talking about the giving of money or goods. One can practice *dana* in many ways: giving one's time, giving one's encouragement, giving one's skills and talents, giving one's love. All of these generosity practices benefit both self and others.

Furthermore, fundraising is not just about raising money for a specific cause such as updating and improving the minister's residence. There's a bigger picture. We raise funds to keep our temple buildings maintained so that they can continue to be safe, peaceful, and beautiful gathering places for our Sangha now and in the years to come. Our fundraising allows the Dharma to continue to flourish and to bring peace and happiness to many beings.

In a word, let's approach fundraising as a Buddhist practice with love and gratitude in our hearts and appreciate the many personal encounters that take place in the process of giving and receiving. May we also appreciate the oneness of giver, receiver, and gift!

In advance, I thank you for your support and also thank our auction co-chairs Barb and Joyce and our many volunteers, who will be working hard over the next several weeks.

My warmest mahalo, in gasshō,

*Jiko Nakade*

*12th Resident Minister of Daifukuji Soto Mission*

## New Members

With joy and gratitude,  
we welcome the  
following new members:



Izumi Asano and Akemi Maeshima

David Clayton

New members are always welcome. For  
information, please stop by the temple to  
pick up a brochure or visit our website:

[https://  
www.daifukuji.org/membership\\_brochure.pdf](https://www.daifukuji.org/membership_brochure.pdf)

## Zen Retreat: A Day of Silence



Saturday, October 11, 2025

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Check in at 8:30 a.m.)

To be hosted by the Daifukuji Zazenkai, this Zen  
retreat will be open to the public.

Suggested donation: \$20.00

Vegetarian Potluck Lunch

Check next month's newsletter for registration  
information or email [info@daifukuji.org](mailto:info@daifukuji.org).

## Fujinkai Corner

by Susie Seien Weaver, Fujinkai President



- Saturday, September 6 at 2 p.m. is the Fujinkai's annual general membership meeting. Touch base with the Fujinkai officers, learn about the UHSSWA conference and upcoming activities, join in a fun trivia game, enjoy refreshments and fellowship, and help package the dolls that our group recently made. This is an important meeting so please make every effort to be present. Contributions of refreshments are welcome.
- Sunday, September 14 is our Ohigan service and the Fujinkai is responsible for the lunch preparation. Help in the kitchen is needed. If you'd like to help, please contact Joyce at (808) 329-3833. Lunch prep will be led by Joyce, Linda, and Reiko Sekine.
- The Fujinkai will be doing a deep cleaning of the temple kitchen at 11 a.m. on October 4. Tables and chairs will also be cleaned. We would appreciate everyone's help.
- On April 18 & 19, 2026, the Daifukuji Fujinkai will be hosting the 59th UHSSWA conference at Daifukuji and the Royal Kona Resort. Fujinkai members are welcome to help with various conference committees. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September 6th meeting.

Call or email Susie for more information (808) 936-5817, [susieweaver2000@yahoo.com](mailto:susieweaver2000@yahoo.com). Wish to become a Fujinkai member? There's information on our website: [https://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai\\_Brochure\\_2025.pdf](https://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai_Brochure_2025.pdf). [https://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai\\_Membership\\_Form.pdf](https://www.daifukuji.org/activities/Fujinkai_Membership_Form.pdf)

## **September Activities**

(More activities listed at <https://www.daifukuji.org/activities.html>)



**Dharma Keiki** - Dharma Keiki is a program for children of preschool age to grade 3 and their parents. Please join us on **Sunday, September 7 and Sunday, September 21** from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. There is a ZOOM option for the first Sunday of the month. Siblings are welcome. By donation. Bring a healthy snack to share. Contact Rev. Jiko at [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org) for information. To register, please go to: <https://forms.gle/Azubjv2fbmEHUJZk6>.

**Zazen (Meditation)** - Zazen is offered in person and via Zoom every Wednesday and Friday from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Wednesday zazen is followed by 20 minutes of chanting. Sunset meditation is held on Monday evenings from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Due to the cleaning of the carpet, no sunset meditation will be held on September 22.** Practitioners are asked to arrive 10-15 minutes prior to the starting time. Contact Rev. Jiko at [rev.jiko@daifukuji.org](mailto:rev.jiko@daifukuji.org) to receive the Zoom link for the morning zazen sessions. <https://www.daifukuji.org/zazen.html>

**Art Meditation: Shakyō (tracing the sutras) & Shabutsu (tracing pictures of buddhas) - Saturday, September 6** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Art supplies are provided. All are welcome. By donation. Call (808) 322-3524 for information.

**Sangha Sisters Women's Spirituality Circle** - Meetings are held in person on the second Friday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Call Susie at (808) 936-5817 for information.

**Qigong** - Thursday classes are one hour and held inside the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. \$5.00 per class. Call or text instructor Philip Kakuho Hema for schedule and other information: (808) 345-1492.

**Soleful Strutters** - Qigong-T'ai Chi warm-up & walking on temple grounds at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays. A good way to get some exercise and make new friends. For information, please contact Hannah Israel at (408) 421-8845 or Reverend Jiko at (808) 322-3524.

**Samu Fridays** - We welcome volunteers for temple cleaning and grounds maintenance on Friday mornings from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Coffee hour & fellowship follows. We bring snacks to share.

**Yoga with Liz** - One-hour classes are held on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. in the Hisashi Kimura Cultural Hall. No fee, but donations accepted. Bring a mat or towel. Call instructor Liz Aschenbrenner: (808) 345-1270 or [liz217a@hotmail.com](mailto:liz217a@hotmail.com). **No class will be held on September 1.**

## Library News

By Clear Hōun Englebert



Library Staff: Lisa, Clear, & Hannah

These are the new arrivals, the first four of which are CDs by Thich Nhat Hanh: *Drops of Emptiness*, *Making Peace*, *Touching the Earth*, and *Mindfulness and Psychotherapy*.

*Healing Our Way* by Valerie Brown, Kaira Lingo, and Marisela Gomez is subtitled *Black Buddhist Teachings on Ancestors, Joy, and Liberation*.

*How to Let Go of Things* by Shunmyo Masuno is a recent book by the popular author of *Don't Worry*. It is subtitled *99 Tips from a Zen Buddhist Monk to Relinquish Control and Free Yourself Up for What Matters*.

*Bussho* by Dogen is one of the chapters of the *Shobogenzo* translated by Eido Shimano and Charles Vacher. The English title of this important chapter is *The Buddha Nature*.

*A Blade of Grass* by Steven Heine is the first complete annotated translation of Dogen's collected poetry. It is stunning to read!

*A Concise History of Buddhism* by Andrew Skilton is very accessible and I highly recommend it.

*In This Body, In This Lifetime* is edited by Esho Sudan, and translated Kogen Czarnik, and the Forward is by Paula Arai. It is subtitled *Awakening Stories of Japanese Soto Women From Students of Sozen Nagasawa Ni-Roshi*.

*The Original Frontier* by Michael Elliston is an important Soto book because it's from an often overlooked lineage, that of Soyu Matsuoka Roshi who came to the USA before WWII.

*Searching for Mary Foster: Nineteenth-century Native Hawaiian Buddhist, Philanthropist, and Social Activist* by Patricia Lee Masters is an important Hawaii book because Mary Foster was unique in many ways, one of which was that she was one of the first non-Asian Buddhists in Hawaii, and this is the only book about her. Foster Gardens in Honolulu was Mary's gift to the people. (The gift shop also carries this book.)

The following books are in Japanese:

*Aloha no Shima de Tera Meguri, Kauai edition: We Are Kauaians* by Ryuhei and Hatsuko Ogawa is a tour of Buddhist Kauai. Even if you can't read Japanese—look at the wonderful photos!

*Shobogenzo by Dogen* by Hiro Sachiya

*Basho Bunshu: Collections of Basho's Work* by Susumu Toyama

*Inochi Kagayakasu Bukkyo (Buddhism That Illuminates Our Lives)* by Eiichi Shinohara

*Gakudo Yojinshu Kowa (Collections of Sermons Regarding Learning the Way of the Buddha)* by Dogen and Reirin & Hattori, Shosai Yamada



*Congratulations to Kona Daifukuji Orchid Club for a successful 40th annual orchid show and sale. Mahalo to all who came and to Kona Daifukuji Taiko for a wonderful performance.*



## Thinking During Zazen

by Michael Keller

Continuing to read Chogyam Trungpa’s talks in *Smile at Fear* (Boston and London, 2009), I was struck by this remark about meditation: “All kinds of thoughts arise naturally. If you have lots of time to sit, endless thoughts happen constantly.” (p. 15)

When I was a member of the Houston Zen Center, I assisted the head teacher in a weekly introductory class in Buddhist principles and zazen. The attendees were asked to meditate daily for at least ten minutes and discuss their experience during the next class. Many of these people expressed frustration about the continuing persistence of thinking when they were trying to keep their focus on breathing.

In my longtime practice of zazen, I have not noticed any diminishment of thinking. What I have noticed is that underneath my focus on breathing, thinking still goes on. It goes on in a kind of subterranean fashion so that I cannot tell what any of the thinking is about. Also, when I end my zazen session, I cannot tell what the thinking has been about either.

In my experience, as long as I have a sense of myself at all as I practice, I am going to be thinking. That’s just the way the mind works, constantly spinning out thoughts. There is no point to being bothered by it.

*To read more essays by Michael Keller, visit his website <https://www.zazenessays.com/>.*

## Coming Up in October...

- Shakyō Session.....October 4
- Dharma Keiki.....October 5 & 19
- Project Dana.....October 8
- Zen Retreat.....October 11
- Bodhidharma Service (Daruma-ki).....October 12
- Kannonko service.....October 15
- 10th U.S. Soto Conference, Honolulu.....October 23 - 26



Mahalo to Mako Yamamoto, whose ballet performance delighted the members of Project Dana!

# September 2025

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  - Zazen
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