



YEAR OF THE TIGER  
2022



**New Year's Blessing Service**

Sunday, January 23, 11:00 a.m.  
Outdoors, under a Tent  
Bento will be served after the service  
Officiant: Reverend Hirosato Yoshida

**To: Our Kauai 'Ohana**

Please join us for this blessing service (Daihannya). We will abide by Covid regulations and take it outdoors. The gathering will be limited to 100 people. All attendees must show proof of vaccination status, and masks will be required. After the service, you may take your bento home, or dine on the picnic tables spread out on the lawn.

**Fill out the forms and mail it back to us by January 16th**, with the number of attendees & names in your party.

Call us if you have questions. Via email, text, or phone. Mahalo! You may call 808-346-4650.

**To our Off-island 'Ohana**, check our website for current information on events, and updates on our activities.

If you provide an email address, we'll be able to send you the links to the site & get you the information.

Please fill out the forms as well. If you are ordering Omamori, please add \$5.00 for shipping. Thank you!



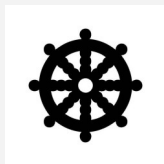
**OMAMORI NOW AVAILABLE**

You may order now, or purchase at the service.

- (1) Personal safety & protection, 2"x 2.5" wallet or purse size (\$3.00)
- (2) Car safety & protection, 2'x 3.5" dark purple, wrapped in plastic with a tie, to hang in your auto (\$7.00)
- (3) House safety & protection, 2.75"x 7.5" to be placed somewhere in the entrance to your home, in the foyer, or placed in the back of your front door \$5.00

For detailed information on ofuda & omamori, its meaning & explanation, please check our website.

**OUR VISION**



To serve our community that includes everyone, regardless of age, race, religion, background, rich, poor, or political affiliation. We promote peace and harmony to enrich everyone's lives.

Our mission is for you to discover your individual strength and power of personal discovery by finding the peace in yourself.

**OUR STORY**

Zenshuji will be marking its 119th years of serving our island's residents. We've had humble beginnings in a dusty little sugar plantation village at Wahiawa, Kauai, McBryde Sugar Company's Camp 2 and Camp 3. The temple served its Japanese immigrant community at the turn of the century in 1899 when 500 contract laborers arrived that fall. For the next century, the temple, its members, and the surrounding community evolved for over five generations, establishing a foothold in an island kingdom that became a territory of the U.S. and eventually becoming the 50th state in the Union. A remarkable journey of Americanization. Where does it lead us in the next century? We must continue this journey with our adopted, local, multi-cultural spirit to guide us. The tenets of Zen Buddhism remains constant. However this time, we embrace our kamaaina heritage, one that is of this land, of these islands, so we can flourish in this dynamic American culture.

*Go to our website to view the video, "Our Story"*

### Membership Dues

Please hop on board and join our membership base. It's a good way stay tuned and maintain a connection with our island home, a good way to share our vision of Building a Community, a good way to support our many events and activities, and a good way to grow our temple family.

### New Year events

End of year, beginning of year, December-January is usually a busy time. This year there is no mochi making. The traditional **mochitsuki** has been cancelled again. We'll bring it back next year.

The New Year's eve **Ringing of the Bell** however, continues. It has not been publicized, but we have a group that bears this tradition. We meet at 11:30 pm, Dec 31st. We start ringing the bell 15-20 minutes before midnight, before the noisy firecrackers take over. The bell is rung 108 times. Check the website for the significance and meaning of that number. We then head to the kitchen to partake in **oden**, a one-pot dish, served with several ingredients such as boiled eggs, daikon, fishcakes stewed in a light broth. You are welcomed to join us. Call 808-346-4650.

A New Year's **Blessing Service** is usually held at Buddhist temples. Either on the eve or on New Year's day. While there is lots of merry making and celebration elsewhere at this time, the mood is peaceful and quiet at the temple. On Kauai, our blessing service will take place January 23rd, to coincide with our thank you luncheon. See *information on the previous page*.

## Sunday at the Temple

In 2022, we will open our temple to everyone, one Sunday a month, starting in February. We will encourage local residents and visitors to drop by, visit, mix and mingle. The Kauai Soto Zen Temple has a rich cultural, historical and religious traditions to share with everyone. There is a bodhi tree, a World Peace Statue, a Zen temple, and an iconic bell tower that stand on the temple grounds. Learn about a tree that is a symbol of wisdom, make a wish for peace at the base of a kannon, offer a prayer or sit in silence at the first Zen temple to be established in Hawaii and the Americas, and ring a bell to signify the continuity of life. We will host lectures, informal talks, quiet activities, exhibits, demonstrations, arts, crafts, music, song and dance. Tea, manju, senbei, and mochi will be available for snacks.

### Maintaining a Legacy

One of the challenges moving ahead is to maintain the legacy of our parents and grandparents who built this temple. It is now our kuleana to maintain, upkeep and preserve what was bestowed to us for future generations.

Two major challenges face us. The roofs of our temple and social hall are in need of repairs. There are major leaks in the social hall. The temple roof leak is currently being assessed.

Other areas of the social hall need to be upgraded, a functioning stage, an improved restroom facilities and accommodations to make it available for community use. Our certified kitchen has been an asset and could use further upgrades in equipment.

For support and assistance, we'll continue to reach out to our Zenshuji ohana, our supporters and the community.

In spite of the challenges, as we have faced with Covid, the lessons learned clarify and strengthens our resolve. Still we maintain an attitude of gratitude.

### Your Lifelong Legacy

Through the power of endowment, your gift can grow over time. Charitable gifts helps Kauai Soto Zen secure the temple's future.

There are many ways to do this. Estate planning, annuities, securities, trusts and wills.

As donors we are presented with many options. Your legacy of gift giving is one way.

Please fill out the FORM, fold and send it back to us in the self-addressed envelope.

We appreciate your continued support. Checks payable to: **Kauai Soto Zen Temple**

MAHALO NUI!

**CONTACT INFORMATION***(Please fill out this information & return)* Thank You!

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW YEAR'S BLESSING SERVICE**

January 23, 2020 , 11:00 am

(Deadline: Jan 16th)

List Names of those Attending:

TOTAL # in party \_\_\_\_\_

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**DONATION BOX**

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Dues (\$100)

\_\_\_\_\_ Building Fund

\_\_\_\_\_ New Year Events

**OMAMORI:**

\_\_\_\_\_ In Memory Of

\_\_\_\_\_ Mindfulness /Meditation

\_\_\_\_\_ # Personal (x \$3.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Columbarium

\_\_\_\_\_ Building Our Community

\_\_\_\_\_ # Wallet (x \$7.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ General Donation

\_\_\_\_\_ # House (x \$5.00)

Off-island Postage: Add \$5.00

**GRAND TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_**ADDITIONAL WAYS OF GIFT GIVING**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please send me more information

Estate Planning, Charitable Gift Annuities, Wills &amp; Trusts

**YES! I would like be a Volunteer in BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY!**

\_\_\_\_\_ Obon Festival

\_\_\_\_\_ Temple Yard Work, Flower beds, Statue

\_\_\_\_\_ Peace Day / Peace Initiatives

\_\_\_\_\_ Temple / Hall Cleaning

\_\_\_\_\_ Events/ Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday at the Temple

\_\_\_\_\_ Health/ Fitness / Wellness

\_\_\_\_\_ Zen Minfulness / Meditation