



## New Beginnings for Zenshuji

*The legacy continues after a ministerial absence of 17 years*

Gerald Hirata, Temple President

Hanapepe – On June 19, 2023, the Board of Directors unanimously agreed for the Reverend Scott Daruma Mangis to become Kauai Soto Zen Temple’s 14<sup>th</sup> minister. Bishop Shugen Komagata of the Central Office, Rev. Shuji Komagata, and Rev. Hiroshiro Yoshida initiated discussions with Rev. Mangis early this year to secure the position at Zenshuji.

This marks a significant stage in the temple’s future as current challenges require bold and new leadership. The social, religious, and cultural landscapes have changed, and generational variances must be understood. Old blueprints that have worked in the past must be redrawn and reconfigured.

I look forward to Rev. Mangis’ tenure. I recall Mrs. Haruko Sakai who stated in 2013 that “A temple is not a temple without a minister, a minister keeps the temple alive.”

We know that Rev. Mangis with his wife Emiko and young daughter Gabriella will infuse the parsonage with new life and spirit.

In turn, it should generate a sense of hope and optimism in all of us, the Zenshuji ohana of members, friends, and supporters.

We look forward to the Reverend’s arrival in mid-September, to be joined by the rest of his family in late November.

To Rev. Mangis and his family, ALOHA and WELCOME to Kauai. We look forward to your arrival!



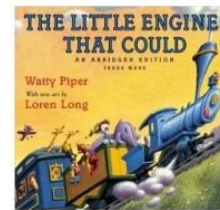
**Emi, Rev. Daruma, & Gabby**

To assist the Mangis family in their relocation to Kauai, we have set up a **GoFundMe** account to assist with the high cost of relocation, shipping a car and household goods, in addition to travel expenses. Before Rev. Daruma’s arrival to Kauai in mid-September, Emi and Gabby will move back to Okinawa so Gabby can start school in late August. The family will be reunited on Kauai in mid-November.

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### GoFundMe Instructions

- (1) Go to your web browser and type in: [GoFundMe.com](https://www.gofundme.com)  
This will get you to the GoFundMe website.
- (2) Click on the word “Search” (or a magnifying glass), on the left side of the screen.
- (3) In the Search bar, type in “Kauai Soto Zen Temple”
- (4) You will see a photo of the Daruma’s family and a title. Click on the photo to get to Daruma’s GoFundMe page.
- (5) Click on the video to view Rev. Daruma’s story and why we are asking for help. The video will tell the story.
- (6) After you have viewed the video, page down for more information. Please make your donation.
- (7) There is a **Donate** and **Donate now** button. Use either.
- (8) Click and follow the instructions. MAHALO!
- (9) Or, if you choose, send in a contribution with your check in the return envelope and we will compile it and make that donation for you as a group on the website.



### REMEMBER THIS STORY?

We are like "The Little Engine That Could." "I think I can, I think I can..." and we think we can help Rev. Scott and his family move here, so he in turn could help our temple once he arrives. Rev. Scott must travel 4,860 miles from Wake Forest, North Carolina to Hanapepe, Kauai, Hawaii.

**PLEASE KOKUA!**

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