



KAUA'I SŌTŌ ZEN

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Message from Reverend Hirosato Yoshida

Akemashite Omedeto Gozaimasu, Happy New Year!

As we welcome the new year, 2024, this year will bring new joy and excitement to Zenshuji. Many of you have already met our new resident minister of Zenshuji, Rev. Scott Mangis. We are currently in the transition of handing off the responsibility of the duty of a minister from me to Rev. Scott. One of the challenges that we face being in Hawaii is the importance of culture and tradition that our pioneer Issei immigrants brought and protected. It is my job to share that with Rev. Scott during this transitional phase as he will assist me this year. I hope that he will be able to protect the legacy of our ancestors but at the same time, find new ways to share the teachings as we begin this new era. Please welcome Rev. Scott, Mrs. Emiko, and Gabby to Zenshuji as they will need all of your support as they become accustomed to their new life here on Kauai. Together, let us protect the tradition but encourage new growth that will once again bring Zenshuji as a place where Buddhist teachings are respected and honored.

Once again, Happy New Year and we look forward to seeing everyone of you at the temple during our many services and events planned throughout the year to meet Rev. Scott and his family and for me to say "A Hui Hou" as this year will be my last term here at Zenshuji.

In Gassho,
Rev. Hirosato Yoshida

Message from Rev. Scott & Family

Aloha,

It is wonderful to be writing this from the perspective of having arrived on Kauai and, for the most part, settled into our house.

We offer our thanks and appreciation for the efforts of our Zenshuji family for bringing this opportunity into fruition. There were a lot of moving parts to coordinate and I am grateful that the process was smooth and peaceful. I've always enjoyed the final month of the year - look back...a look forward. The one thing we can all count on is change. I am grateful that I am always in the perfect place and in the perfect relationships to thrive as this change takes place.

Looking forward, we smile at the new opportunities and the new friendships coming our way. We look forward to a deeper settling into the natural rhythms of this magical island.

Thank you all for your kindness, support and love. We leave behind a happy, interesting and productive 2023 and we are excited for what 2024 offers.

Be well,
Rev. Scott, Emiko and Gabby



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\$7,870
Raised
\$15,000
GOAL

From U.S. Marine to Zen Monk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L61o34CCmmo&t=18s>

Please take the time to view this inspiring video of Rev. Scott's spiritual journey that has over 600,000 hits on YouTube. The journey continues with Rev. Scott here at Zenshuji, Kauai! With Rev. Scott's arrival in late September, he has been busy preparing the parsonage, painting the interior of the house, stripping the old carpets, retiling the floors, replacing doors, and electrical fixtures. His work has contributed to significant cost savings. We thank Rev. Scott for his skills as a handyman, getting his new home ready for Emiko and Gabby who arrived recently on November 5th.

The high cost of relocation – shipping household goods and a car, plus travel expenses from North Carolina and Okinawa, and settling in – have added up.

We have not met our fundraising goal to cover these expenses. We still need your **KOKUA** and kind donations!

KAUAI SOTO ZEN TEMPLE ZENSHUJI CALENDAR 2024

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Funeral and Memorial Services:

Call Evelyn for arrangements (808-651-0728). Families may want to schedule anniversary memorial services on those Sundays when Rev. Yoshida is scheduled to come from Oahu to conduct Sunday services. (See below EVENTS, 2024 for the service dates)

Memorial Service Year for 2024

1st year services for those who passed away in 2023

3rd year services for those who passed away in 2022

7th year services for those who passed away in 2018

13th year services for those who passed away in 2012

17th year - 2008; 23rd year - 2002; 27th year – 1998; 33rd year-1992; 50th year - 1975

Makuragyo Services:

Call Evelyn or Rev. Scott. Minister should be compensated for their service.

EVENTS 2024 Kauai Soto Zen Temple Zenshuji Activities

+ Island wide event

* State-wide Soto Shu event

Zazen every Sunday at 9am

Jan	21	Sun	10 am	New Year Blessing Service
	21	Sun	11 am	New Year Party (Mahalo Luncheon)
Feb	4	Sun	10 am	Nehan-e Service
	* 24	Sat	9:30 am	Hawaii Soto Mission Minister's Meeting
	* 25	Sun	9:30 am	Hawaii Soto Mission Assn Spring Conference
Mar	24	Sun	10 am	Spring Higan Service
	24	Sun	TBA	Zen Workshop, Open House
Apr +	7	Sun	TBA	Kauai Buddhist Council Buddha Day Service
	* 27-28	Sat-Sun	TBA	United Hawaii Soto-Shu Women's Assn Conf.
				(Host: Hilo Taishoji)
May	TBA			Mother's Day – Memorial Day, Open House
Jun	21-22	Fri-Sat	5-10 pm	Soto Zen Bon Festival & Service
Jul	=			=
Aug	TBA			Open House
Sep	21	Sat	TBA	United Nations International Day of Peace
	22	Sun	TBA	Fall Higan Service
Oct	20	Sun	10 am	Darumaki and Ryosoki
	* TBA	TBA	TBA	Hawaii Soto Mission Minister's Meeting
	* TBA	TBA	TBA	Hawaii Soto Mission Assn Fall Conference
Nov	TBA			Open House
Dec +	1	Sun	TBA	Kauai Buddhist Council Bodhi Day Service
	31	Tue	11:30 pm	Joya-no-Kane (Ring of the Bell)

Please save this calendar for reference
MAHALO!



Zazen every Sunday at 9:00 am

Please check our website (kauaisotozen.org) and Facebook page (Kauai Soto Zen Temple) for events / activities such as cooking classes, lei making, Hawaiian herbal medicine, Ikebana, Chinese brush painting, Dharma talks on Zen Buddhism, Bon dancing, and Ondo drumming.

Call 808-335-3521 and leave message.

Meet two new members of the Board

Cameron Williams – hailing from the Buckeye state, Ohio (Columbus), and his other half Kim Loh, who has lived internationally in Malaysia and England, have been part of this temple for over a year-and-a-half. They have been hosting our Sunday meditation sessions for over a year! As an organizational development consultant Cam's expertise will assist the temple in its strategic planning efforts. They are building their new home in Kalaheo.

Patty Asakawa-Ellis – already in the temple's office assisting our Treasurer with financial reports and data organization, bringing a wealth of experience from her extensive background in Operations Management. With her other half Chris, they have built their home in Kalaheo, and also spending time in San Diego with their family ties.

Welcome Cam and Patty! We are happy and pleased to have you "on Board"!

Stanley Kunisaki – has retired from the Board after many, many years of service. Thank you, Stan, for your dedicated service and tireless support of Zenshuji. You may join **Penny Dusenberry** who retired last year and is still helping us in many useful ways and are also part of our Advisory Board. Other members of the Board are Evelyn Masaki, Ed Goka, Jane Kimata, Roy Miyashiro, Russell Kuboyama, Sandy Nakagawa-Tateyama, and Gerald Hirata.



Welcome Potluck for Rev. Scott, Emiko and Gabby (on the right), Nov 20th



Zen Morning Retreat, Saturday, Nov 18 with Sensei Brian Turner



Dr. Dee Denver, Professor of Integrative Biology at Oregon State University commenced his study of Bodhi trees on Kauai in 2017. Through DNA testing of leaf samples, similar genetic code patterns were found in our temple's Bodhi tree, confirming it to be a "descendant" of the original tree that the Buddha sat under in Bodh Gaya, India over 2500 years ago! A sapling of the tree was given to the temple by Mary Mikahala Foster, who donated her estate that became the Foster Botanical Garden in Honolulu. Mary was the "first Native Hawaiian



Buddhist," philanthropist, social activist who supported many native Hawaiian and Buddhist causes in the early 1900's. She was a childhood friend of Queen Liliuokalani. For many years the sapling was kept as a bonsai until it was planted in the ground in 1978 when the "new" temple was built in Hanapepe.



YEAR OF THE DRAGON



To Our Zenshuji Members, Friends, & Ohana,
New year, new beginnings.

Where old traditions continue because of new ideas.
Where the Year of the Dragon portends to be one of the luckiest and most prosperous, full of opportunities.

With your continued support we can rely on Rev. Scott working with Rev. Yoshida to help us move Zenshuji forward.

Don't forget. Your membership dues (\$100) help us support our programs and events. You get discounts on t-shirts, other sale items and various temple services. Fill out your Omamaori requests. Respond to the New Year's Mahalo Luncheon. No charge for the luncheon. However, we need to track attendance. Thank you.

Let us know if you are coming home to visit. A hui hou. Until we meet again.
E malama pono. Take care of yourself.
And stay in touch,

Gerald Hirata,

ALOHA!

With Gratitude



NEW YEAR'S BLESSING SERVICE

Conducted by: Reverend Hiro Yoshida,
Reverend Scott Mangis

Place: Kauai Soto Zen Temple

Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024

Time: 10:00 am

& MAHALO LUNCHEON

Place: Zenshuji Social Hall

Date: Sunday, January 21, 2024

Time: 11:00 am, No charge

Fun, food, entertainment!



Please join us! We invite our members, friends, supporters, and volunteers who have helped us during the year! Please complete the tear-off information, cut it, and enclose it in the self-addressed envelope by

Deadline: January 10, 2024



Ring of Temple Bell

December 31st, New Year's Eve, 11:30 pm

108 rings on the bonsho (large bell).

You'll get your turn! Meet at the bell tower.

Enjoy a Soto Zen tradition – *oden soup (fishcake stew)*

The Gift of Giving: Planning Matters

Charitable donations help secure our temple's future. Legacy gifts, estate planning, annuities, IRAs, bequests. Your contributions leave us with endless opportunities. If interested, please contact us by email, mail, or telephone. We are blessed by your kindness and generosity. Call 808-346-4650.

Charitable Gift Strategy

Gifts to the Kauai Soto Zen Temple are one way to reduce your taxes at year-end and support our mission of serving our community. If your itemized deductions are close to the standard deduction, you might consider the strategy of bunching your charitable gifts for this year by prepaying gifts that you were going to make next year before the end of this year. Those extra gifts may make your itemized deductions exceed the standard deduction, which would produce a greater tax saving for you in the 2023 tax season.

Filing Status	Age	Standard Deduction
Single	<64	\$13,850
	65+	\$15,700
Surviving Spouse	<64	\$27,700
	65+	\$29,200
Married Filing Jointly	Both <64	\$27,700
	One <65, one 65+	\$29,200
	Both 65 +	\$30,700



OMAMORI for Sale

Omamori or ofuda are paper amulets that are good luck charms that are blessed to bring positive spirits and protection for someone possessing them.

1. **Personal safety & protection - \$3.00** 2"x2.5" amulet that fits in your wallet or purse.
2. **Car safety and protection – \$7.00** 2"x 3.5" and can be hung or placed on the dashboard area of your car. "Kauai Zenshuji" tag.
3. **House safety and protection - \$5.00** 2.75" x 7.5" placed somewhere near the entrance to your front door, in the foyer or even the back of the door itself. "Kauai Zenshuji" tag.



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| 1. Personal protection (wallet size) | Quantity _____ x \$3.00 = _____ |
| 2. Car protection | Quantity _____ x \$7.00 = _____ |
| 3. House protection | Quantity _____ x \$5.00 = _____ |

Total: _____

Postage (Neighbor islands, U.S. mainland: Add \$5.00

Grand Total: _____

Please fill out the form below to help us with your current status. Thank you!
Also fill out the reverse side. Cut and enclose in the self-addressed envelope.



Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ New address? Check here _____

Email _____

Check the areas that apply:

____ Membership dues (\$100, Y2024) ____ In Memory of ____ GoFundMe ____ Building Fund ____ Columbarium
____ Omamori ____ General donation ____ Other (please specify _____)

Omamori order:

Personal Qty _____

Car Qty _____

House Qty _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

You may write a single check for the total amount to: **Kauai Soto Zen Temple**

Total Amount: _____

- ____ I would like to continue receiving my newsletter via U.S. Postal service
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Keep this section for your record:

Membership dues _____
 In Memory of _____
 GoFundMe _____
 Building Fund _____
 Columbarium _____
 Omamori _____
 General donation _____
 Other (specify) _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: \$ _____



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Mahalo Luncheon Attendance Count – *please cut & return in envelope*

Submitted by _____ Telephone: _____

Please print the name of members and friends attending:

Total attending: _____

If there are any questions, or if you missed the deadline, call Evelyn (808-651-0728)
 or Gerald (808-346-4650)