



July 2020

Dates to Remember

Hatsu Bon services

July 18: time TBA by letter to Hatsu Bon families

Virtual O-Bon service

July 18 at 6:00 pm live streaming on Mantokuji's Facebook

Our Mission: Paia Mantokuji is a Soto Zen Buddhist temple founded in 1906 by a community of Japanese immigrants. Our mission is to be a place of compassion, respect and kindness for all who seek truth through the teachings of Buddha, the practice of Zen meditation and arts, and the fellowship of the temple sangha.

Our Vision: Paia Manokuji's short term vision is to stay in place in Paia, grow, develop and mitigate erosion if possible.

Our Values: Honor Traditions
Respect Ancestors
Embrace Inclusivity
Nurture Fellowship
Practice Compassionate Kindness
Gratitude
Appreciation & Humility
Live the Dharma
Embody Buddhism

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President's Message

Aloha Everyone,

We've made it to July, and the good news is that our isolating, quarantining, sanitizing, distancing, and mask wearing have all appeared to help keep the coronavirus under control in our community. The bad news is that Covid-19 is still out there without a vaccine or quick, easy treatments to combat it. The public health and safety guidelines and restrictions that prompted the cancelling of our O-Bon festivities remain in place. While travel restrictions are loosening, arranging travel for guest ministers for Mantokuji's previously planned services is problematic. Despite these challenges, we are comforted and touched by the generous O-Bon donations that we've received. A sincere mahalo for your continued support.

In another bit of good news / bad news, we're pleased to report that we have made progress in our search for a new resident minister for our temple. Unfortunately, the global closures and restrictions associated with the pandemic have delayed completion of some final Soto Shu rituals in the young minister's certification process, but we have begun the early stages of an immigration application to prepare for the time when he is officially available to serve us. While we still have a way to go in this lengthy process, we are pleased to finally be working with someone and we are encouraged by his willingness to come to Maui.

In the meantime, we ask that you put your hands together in gassho and let our collective thoughts and prayers help this process move forward in a smooth and timely manner. Please look out for upcoming announcements regarding alternate arrangements for an O-Bon service and any other updates or changes to our current closures and cancellations. Take care.

With aloha,

Eric Moto
President Mantokuji Kyodan

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Announcements

Fujinkai News The Fujinkai will be having their monthly meeting and clean up as follows:

July 12, 2020 at 8:30am
August 9, 2020 at 8:30am

Please join us if you feel comfortable returning to the temple as we take precautions by sanitizing common areas, wearing masks and social distancing.

O-Bon Service on July 18, 2020

Rev. Hata of Hilo Taishoji will be here on July 18, 2020 to perform Hatsubon services for the families and to do an O-Bon service for the sangha. The O-Bon service for the sangha will be live streamed on Mantokuji's Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Mantokuji/>) at 6:00pm on July 18. It will also be available for viewing on Sunday, July 19, 2020.



Online Dharma Message

Soto Zen Buddhism in Hawaii is providing online Dharma talks on Youtube and Facebook every two weeks. You can watch videos of Bishop Shugen Komagata and Rev. Jiko Nakade's Dharma messages by using the link or scanning the QR code below.

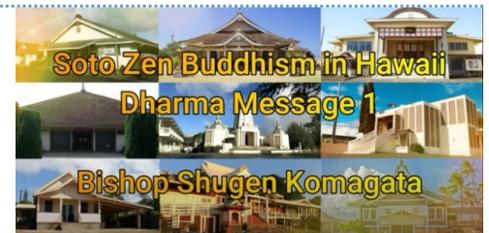


Youtube Page Link

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsTHV_8A59kEfZlBRlmDtRw

Facebook Page Link

<https://www.facebook.com/Soto-Zen-Buddhism-in-Hawaii-111602773848472/>



Schedule:

Rev. Myoshin Kaniumoe May 31, 2020
Rev. Kokei Yoshida July 26, 2020
Rev. Masataka Hoshino June 14, 2020
Rev. Shuji Komagata August 9, 2020
Rev. Ryokei Ishii June 28, 2020
Rev. Shoryu Fukagawa August 23, 2020
Rev. Shinsho Hata July 12, 2020
Rev. Tom Wright September 6, 2020

Special Thanks

To **Neil Watanabe** for continuing to maintain the Japanese garden and bougainvillea hedge.

2020 Membership Dues and Maintenance Fees

Thank you to all who have paid your 2020 membership dues and cemetery/nokotsudo fees. Your dues, fees and generous donations are fundamental in the maintenance of all the facilities and many activities we have at Mantokuji. THANK YOU!! :

Membership Dues: \$50 per household
Nokotsudo Fees: \$40/year or in perpetuity (\$2000) per niche
Cemetery Fees: \$40/year or in perpetuity (\$2000) per plot

Please continue to send in your dues and fees for 2020 if you have not done so yet.

When submitting your nokotsudo and/or cemetery fees, please be sure to indicate the names of those the fees are being paid for. If you know the number of the niche in the nokotsudo, please include as that is very helpful.

Hawaii Soto Mission Bishop's Office
Guidelines for Reopening of Hawaii Soto Shu Temples
Approved by Bishop Shugen Komagata 5/27/2020

Temple Cleanliness Policy

In an effort to mitigate spread of infection, Paia Mantokuji Soto Mission will:

- Ventilate the temple by opening the doors (at least 5-10 minutes at a time, every 30 to 60 minutes).
- Minimize crowding: Schedule services that temple is only up to 1/3 full at a time. Gradually will increase to 2/3 over time.
- Avoid close contact: No hugging or shaking hands. Instead we shall gassho and bow reverently to one another.
- Fully disinfect temple: Regularly disinfect commonly touched/shared surfaces.
- Utilize PPE: Require anyone who enters the temple to wear a mask. Take the temperature of everyone upon entrance.

We ask that temple members, their families, friends, and visitors to support our efforts by:

- Following current rules on social distancing.
- Staying at home if they have a temperature or are not feeling well.
- Maintaining proper personal hygiene. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon entrance into the temple.

Here are a few tips from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention:

- Wash your hands often. Washing with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds is ideal.
- Hand sanitizer is an effective alternative to washing hands if hands are not visibly soiled. Gels, rubs, and hand wipes all work well, as long as they contain at least 60% alcohol. Hand wipes must be disposed of properly. Always read and follow label instructions when using hand sanitizer.
- Keep your hands away from your face and avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes when possible.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues or by coughing into your sleeve or the inside of your elbow. Do not cough or sneeze into your hands. If a tissue is used, it should be thrown out immediately.

If you suspect that you have contracted any illness it is important that you do not visit the temple until you are no longer symptomatic.

Thank you for your help in keeping everyone at the temple healthy.

Donations made in May

We would like to sincerely thank you for your very generous donations.

General Donations

Ronald & Kay Fukumoto, Addison "Bud" Harrison, Faith Ito, Tsukasa & Julie Kamekaneya, Wayne Kobayashi, Allen & Mitsuko Nikaido, Faith & Garth Sodetani, Les & Linda Takahashi, Mildred Tamayose, Henry & Betty Yamashiro.

Toba Requests

Faith Ito, Jane Kusuno, Gary Matoi, Takeji Nihei, Faith & Garth Sodetani, June Sachie Toyota, Joy Ueoka, Watanabe Family, Henry & Betty Yamashiro.

O-Bon Donation

June Sachie Toyota.

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July 2020

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July				1	2	3	4
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11 9:30-12:30 Ikebana
	12 8:30am Clean-up, Fujinkai meeting	13	14	15	16	17	18 6:00pm Virtual Obon service (Live on Mantokuji's Facebook)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Coming up in August (Tentative Schedule)	
Sunday 9	Clean up, Fujinkai Meeting

Hospital and Hale Makua
Visitations are scheduled during
the month if allowed.