



Soto Mission of Hawaii

Betsuin Newsletter

January 2019



Happy New Year! Welcome to the Year of the Boar! I hope that last year was a productive year for all of you and that this year like the boar – full of energy, giving you the opportunity to try new things in your life and accomplish new heights for your challenges to come.

Last year at Soto Mission of Hawaii, there were many new changes. First, a long time minister, Rev. Ryokei Ishii, took over for retired minister, Rev. Ryosho Kokuzo, at Waipahu Taiyoji. By filling that position, Rev. Hirosato Yoshida is no longer the liaison of Sotoshu Shumuchō (Administrative Headquarter in Japan), but a full-time minister here at Soto Mission of Hawaii.

With my new team, Rev. Yoshida, Rev. Masataka Hoshino, Bernice Koike, and I, along with our temple deacons, Arden Daishin Loomis and Frank Shinko Childs, I hope many new positive changes will take place to engage the members with exciting events and information. As part of this new change, we will be starting a newsletter. This will be an essential part for us to communicate with our members. As we are still working on finding the best way to reach out to our members, we appreciate your patience, understanding, and feedback on this matter.

While we will be mailing our newsletter to most of you, we will also be sending out our newsletter through email to those of you who have already given us your address. There are several advantages to getting an electronic copy:

1) Get the newsletter immediately. No need to wait for the mail to be delivered.

- 2) Save the planet. As a Soto Mission sect, we make every effort to protect Planet Earth. And saving paper is one of them.
- 3) Other information that is beneficial to our members will also be sent out immediately through our email mailing list. They include special events and offers that are time sensitive.

As we hope more of you will choose this option, if you are interested in getting our newsletter and other temple information through email, please register your email address through our email newsletter signup page.

<https://sotomission.org/about/newsletter-signup/>

It is with great anticipation that this newsletter will open up more opportunities to share the teachings of the Buddha, create new ideas for improvement, and allow us to be more connected with our Soto Mission family and neighboring community. As there are members to our temple, it is our hope that this newsletter is the first of many more exciting changes to come.

“One Hundred thousand grains of rice starts from one grain of rice.”

As one grain of rice can't even satisfy a baby's stomach, we take a grain of rice as if it has no significance to our life. But we must remember that every rice plant starts from one grain of rice, that will grow to produce hundreds. Without that one grain of rice, there won't be hundreds of other grains to fill a scoop of rice. Likewise, a crack on a wall happens not because a catastrophe occurs breaking the wall instantly, but a small dent in the wall gradually deepens until it cracks the entire wall. The same holds true for our temple. We need everyone's help. Each and every one of you completes us. That is why we hope you know how much we value you as a person and your support of our temple. As we would like to learn more about you, please come to the temple and share your experience with us.

So let us start the new year with this ancient Zen teaching in mind that every one of us is special and can make a difference in this time of great rapid change. As even more is possible if we do it together, we hope we can count on your help once again this year. Happy New Year!!!

Announcements

New Year's Day Blessing Service: Tuesday, January 1st

We will start the year with a special blessing service.

Daihannya Blessing Service: Sunday, January 6th, at 9:30 AM

This is our first major service of the year. At this time, the ofuda and omamori is blessed by the Bishop and all attending ministers to bring you prosperity and ensure your safety throughout the year. Please come and join us. If you did not order your ofuda packet, please call the temple.

Ofuda Packet (\$30) includes:

- 1 Car Omamori
- 2 House Paper Ofuda
- 1 House Wooden Ofuda
- 1 Wallet Omamori



New Years Party General Membership Meeting (February 10)

We will be having our General Membership Meeting after the Sunday Service, followed our temple's new year's party. Please join us in fellowship.

2019 Membership Dues

We appreciate your generous support each year through the timely payment of our Membership Dues. This helps us maintain and operate the temple each year. The membership fee for 2019 is \$150. The Nokotsudo (Columbarium) Maintenance Fee is \$24. We will be sending out the Membership Dues Form shortly. Please continue to support us. Thank you.

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Name: _____	
Nokotsudo Niche No. _____ No. _____	
<small>Maintenance Fee \$24.00 per niche yearly. Nokotsudo is maintained exclusively for Members.</small>	

Special Event

2019 Zazen for early risers

~A time to sit in silence, watching your breath, emptying your mind, and appreciating being here~

Date: Friday, January 4th, 6:30am - 7:30am, breakfast to follow.

Place: Soto Mission of Hawaii

Donation: \$10.00~

Breakfast: Zen monastery style rice porridge, prepared by Living Ohana will be served.



Please make **reservations for the breakfast** at livingohana808@gmail.com
Please write "New Year's Zazen and breakfast" as the title.

Attire: Comfortable clothes

NOTE: Please be at the temple at least five minutes before the session. This session is strictly silent sitting meditation and there will be no sutra chanting or lecture.

For information, contact Rev. Masataka Hoshino at our Temple office (537-9409) or email him at masatakahoshino@gmail.com

Regular January Events

Sunday Service - Sundays (except 5th Sunday) from 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Kannon Ko Service - 3rd Sun. from 9:30 am - 10:30 am

Zazen Kai - Morning Hours: Mon., Wed., Fri. from 6:30 am - 7:30 am

Evening Hours: 2nd and 4th Wed. from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tomonokai (Ukulele Class) - 1st and 2nd Wed. from 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Temple Clean-up Mahalo

The temple would like to thank everyone who came on December 16th for the Temple Clean-Up. Many temple organization members came and shared their time cleaning the temple grounds. They showed their appreciation to the Buddha for allowing them to use the facility and for watching over them throughout the year to keep them safe

