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Aloha Members and Friends,

I hope that you all have been well during this very hot and muggy time of the year. This is the kind of weather that can make us feel out of whack.

Our body may have difficulty adjusting to the changes in the temperature as we may walk out into the sun from an air conditioned room and then into a vehicle that is also air conditioned. Then after driving for a while, we get out into the hot sun again and then go into a store that is again - air conditioned. As we keep moving from one place to another, our bodies can have a hard time keeping up with the rapid change in temperatures and we may start feeling ill.

It is funny how as a child I was not affected by the weather as much as I do now. Probably because we did not have so much air conditioning back then.

I have a feeling that in recent years, my body has become "conditioned" to artificial things like the air conditioner, and therefore my body has lost some of the natural ability to adjust to the weather.

When our bodies and mind become "conditioned" to something, we are prone to lose flexibility, just as my "conditioned" body has difficulty making adjustments to the changing temperatures. It is the same for a mind that is "conditioned" and how it can prevent someone from seeing things in its pure form.

If at all possible, we wish to live a life free from having a "conditioned" body and mind that may inhibit our senses and perspectives. This will help us be more understanding and tolerant of everything.

Gratefully In Gassho,  
Rev. Kenji Oyama, Resident Minister



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**Daruma-sama Service  
and Picnic  
Sunday October 16, 2011  
10 am - 2 pm**

## Family Service and Study Session

We will have family service and study sessions on the following days:

**Sunday October 23 at 9 am**  
**Sunday November 13 at 9 am**

Family service is a gathering for the whole family to participate in.

Services are conducted in English.

A study session on either Buddhism or Japanese culture and language follows the family service.

Everyone is welcomed to join us.

## In Memoriam

We express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late **Midori Tomita**, 75, who passed away on August 7 at the Maui Memorial Medical Center, for their great loss.

We pray for her and give our utmost support to the family during this time of mourning.

**Namu Kie Butsu, Namu Kie Ho, Namu Kie So**

## Mantokuji Website

A special thank you to **Brian Lieberman and Ajay Pandey** for their help in updating and working on the Mantokuji website. The website is [mantokujimauiemple.org](http://mantokujimauiemple.org).

We hope to add more photos and make it even more accessible for our members and visitors.

## International Symposium

Rev. Oyama will be going to Japan to attend the International Symposium on October 4 – 6 to be held at the Soto Shu Shumucho in Tokyo and at Daihonzan Sojiji Monastery in Kanagawa.

## Fujinkai News

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

**Sunday October 9 at 8:30 am**  
**Sunday November 6 at 8:30 am**

Thank you to all who came for the monthly clean up on August 14:

**Michie Tamane, Robin Smith, Misa Umetsu, Tokuko Abe, Kiyoko Suzuki, Kiyoko Quiggle, Judy Matoi, Naomi Takahashi, Setsuko Takahashi, Violet Moto, Gladys Nagata, Carol Moto, Kay Hanano, Bobbie Arita, Cathy Murayama, Marion Watanabe, Kathleen Davis, Meyer Ueoka, Baron Ueoka, Naoko Oyama and Rev. Oyama.**

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On September 3, **Judy Matoi and Naoko Oyama**, attended the UHSSWA Board Meeting at Nuuanu Betsuin.

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## Fujinkai Workshop

October 23 at 10:30 am

November 13 at 10:30 am

## 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Soto Conference

The 8<sup>th</sup> U.S. Soto Conference will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel on March 10-11, 2012.

Participants from the U.S. mainland, South America, and Japan are expected to join the members in Hawaii for this gathering.

Please contact Rev. Oyama at 579-8051 for more information.

# Daruma-sama Service & Picnic

## Sunday October 16, 2011 10 am ~ 2 pm

The Daruma-sama Service & Picnic will be held on Sunday October 16 from 10 am to 2 pm. This event gives the members of Mantokuji a chance to thank our friends who come to help us during obon, the bazaar and the craft fair, and our supporters who donate vegetables, and their professional services to us throughout the year. Their generosity and kindness has been invaluable.

We will start with a service in honor of the Daruma-sama, or Bodhi Dharma, the patriarch of Zen Buddhism, followed by games for children and adults to participate in.

Lunch will be served at noon. Please come and enjoy!

Donation of prizes, food, beverages, and desserts are welcomed.

**Please join us for this special occasion and bring your family and friends.**

Please call **579-8051** by **October 9** to let Rev. Oyama know if you are planning to attend so that we can get an idea of how many people will be coming. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Donations Made in August

Thank you for your very generous donations!!!

### General Donations

Michael and Myra Reed – Donation Harry Umetsu – In Memory of Yosaku Umetsu Family Lawrence and Gloria Nashiwa – O-Bon Donation Robert and Patsy Yamashita – O-Bon Donation Patricia Kochi – In Memory of Chozo and Kiyo Suzuki Peter and Trudy Hanano – General Donation Colin Watanabe – Donation Fusae Moniz – O-Bon Donation Shiichi Horiuchi – Building Fund Bernice Ueoka – In Memory of Norman Norimasa Ueoka Maui Fukushima Kenjinkai – Donation for use of hall Sam Sato's Inc/ Charles and Lynne Toma – Donation Robert & Deborah Takahashi – Donation for use of hall	Charles Tomita and Family – In Memory of Midori Tomita Greg Takahashi and Family – Butsudan Hakken Kuyo Hiroshi and Harumi Isogawa – In Memory of Alice Nakasone Natsuko Takayama – O-Bon Tanagyo Service Patsy Tamayose – O-Bon Donation Steven and Ileene Tanabe – O-Bon Donation Akio and Kay Hanano – Donation Sadao Joyo – Donation Albert and Amy Watanabe – Donation Pachi Haber and Rob Haber and Family – Donation Rick and Karen Seminara – Donation Michiko Shibuya – Autumn O-Higan Leigh and Diane Wakamatsu – O-Bon Donation
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Jean Miyahira/ Howard Tamashiro – In Memory of Seizo and Aiko Miyahira  
 Sakuma Family – 27 year memorial for Iso Sakuma and memorial for Matsujiro Sakuma

### For Japan Relief Fund

Lynnette Viela	Natsuko Takayama	Peter and Trudy Hanano	Meyer and Yukie Ueoka
Ann Kusunoki	Edward and Hideko Zwick	Bobbie Arita, Cathy Murayama and Melina Murayama	
Kay Mesina	Kiyoko Quiggle		

## October Schedule

4-6			International Symposium in Japan
9	Sunday	8:30 am	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean Up Day
16	Sunday	10 am	Daruma-sama Service & Picnic
16	Sunday	6:20 pm	KNUI Maui Buddhist Council Radio Sermon in Japanese
20	Thursday	9 am	Sokanbu Meeting and U.S. Soto Conference Committee Meeting
23	Sunday	9 am 10:30 am	Family Service and Dharma Study Fujinkai Workshop

### Coming up in November . . . (tentative schedule)

Nov. 2	Hale Makua Kahului Service for Maui Buddhist Council
Nov. 5	Kannonko and Goeika Practice
Nov. 6	Fujinkai Meeting and Clean Up, Kyodan Meeting
Nov. 7	Maui Buddhist Council Annual Meeting at Kahului Hongwanji
Nov. 13	Family Service and Japanese Study, with SHICHI-GO-SAN Ceremony
Nov. 17	Sokanbu Meeting and U.S. Soto Conference Meeting at Betsuin
Nov. 19	Prep for Ben Franklin Craft Fair, Sushi Making
Nov. 20	Ben Franklin Craft Fair at War Memorial Gym in Wailuku
Nov. 27	Fujinkai Outing to Kula

Zazen Sessions are on Saturday at 7am and Sunday at 5 pm.

**No Zazen on Oct 1, 2, 16**

Hospital and Hale Makua Visitations are scheduled during the month.

## What is this about?

The Confirmation Ceremony is a ceremony in which a person can formally receive the sixteen precepts of the Buddha and make a personal commitment to undertake these precepts.

This ceremony will take place at each of the nine Soto Shu temples in Hawaii with Bishop Shugen Komagata as the officiant.

Mantokuji is scheduled to hold this ceremony on **Saturday May 19, 2012 from 10 am.**

There will also be two study sessions on **Saturdays May 5 and May 12 from 10 am** to prepare for the ceremony.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and I hope that many of you will participate in this ceremony that only happens once every ten to fifteen years.



## *Soto Zen Buddhist Confirmation Ceremony*



## Purpose

- ❖ To give members of Soto Temples in Hawaii the opportunity to receive the sixteen precepts which are the moral and ethical foundation of our tradition.
- ❖ To deepen one's understanding of the Dharma.
- ❖ To receive a Buddhist name in this life.
- ❖ To allow those who have already received the precepts an opportunity to renew their commitment to this sacred path.

### *16 Buddhist Precepts*

Taking refuge in the Buddha  
Taking refuge in the Dharma  
Taking refuge in the Sangha  
Ceasing from evil  
Doing good  
Living for the benefit of all beings  
Affirming life – not killing  
Respecting the property of others - not stealing  
Honoring relationships –not misusing sexuality  
Manifest truth –not lying  
Proceed clearly – not clouding the mind with intoxicants  
Being mindful of one's speech – not speaking of others' errors and faults  
Maintaining modesty – not elevating the self and blame others  
Giving freely – not being withholding  
Dwelling in equanimity – not letting anger take control of you  
Always respecting the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha

## Requirements

- ❖ Member must be age 16 or older (permission of parent required if a minor)
- ❖ Member will attend two study sessions that will be held prior to the ceremony.
- ❖ Members will be encouraged, but not required, to take part in temple activities, such as service, clean ups, fundraisers, zazen and study sessions whenever possible.
- ❖ Donation/ Dana to the temple: \$50 suggested donation to participate in the confirmation ceremony. (possible additional cost for lunch)

## You will receive

- ❖ Certificate of Confirmation
- ❖ Wagesa: a sacred collar worn as a symbol of your commitment to Buddha's teachings, to be worn at all services.
- ❖ Materials for Study
- ❖ A Buddhist name: a positive description of your qualities or of the moral virtues that you may nourish and cherish as you walk in the path of Buddhahood.

***Please contact Rev. Oyama at 579-8051 if you are interested in participating in the confirmation ceremony or need further information.***