

Taishoji Soto Mission



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Directions

[map](#) 15 min from Hilo Airport

Surrounding Areas Served

Downtown Hilo, Kilauea Volcano, Rainbow fall, Blacksand beach etc.

Brief History

1915 Rev.Mokusen Hiok i(Eiheiji 66th) stopped by on his return from San Francisco where World Buddhist conference had been held, and promised to the people to dispatch an excellent minister.

1916 Rev.Hakudo Ezawa established the Shinmachi temporary temple near Coconut Bay in Hilo.
 1917 Present site in downtown was purchased and building commenced.
 1918 Relocated to the new building, and named Hakuhozan Taishoji.
 1942 War broke out with Japan and ministers and important officers were relocated , later sent to mainland camp with families.
 1945 War ended.
 1955 English name was decided as Taishoji Soto Mission.
 1964 Taishoji By-laws were established.

Founders & Successive Chief Priests

- Ezawa Hakudo (Go-kaisan)
- Inoue Fuzan
- Murao Jitsuei
- Goto Kosen
- Shibukawa Tairei
- Kinoshita Reigyū
- Kokuzo Zenkai
- Ueno Kisan
- Nakajima Kando
- Aoki Shunkyo
- Kato Kosei
- Yoshida Kotoku

Priest

- Akita Shinryu

Activities

- Sunday School
- Board of Directors
- Fujinkai
- Busshinkai
- Baika-ko
- Sr.YBA
- Taishoji Taiko
- Flower Arrangement
- Zazen Kai
- Bonsai Club
- Shoukai Haiku
- Wedding service provided

Annual Services and Events

- Jan.) New year's blessing Service,Ojizo Matsuri,DogenZenji Birthday Service,Annual membership meeting
- Feb.) Officers' installation services,Nehan-e
- Mar.) Higan-e

- Apr.) Hanamatsuri
- May) Baccalaureate Service, Memorial Day Service, Fujinkai Hospital Visitation
- Jun.) Kaisanki
- Jul.) Haka mairi
- Aug.) BonDance&Service
- Sep.) Higan-e,Ryoso-ki,100th Batalion Service
- Oct.) Darumaki & Eitaikyo Service
- Nov.) Veterans' Day Service, General Cleanup,Fujinkai Hospital Visitation
- Dec.) Rohatsu Sesshin, Bodhiday Service,Joya no kane

Notes

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