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The HO-On Service host groups are asked to assist in keeping the Hondo (Chapel) clean and tidy before major Services and Events. Your HO-On leader will be advised if additional maintenance of the Hondo is need beyond the major events listed below.

- Before Major Services
- Before Obon Services (July)
- Year End Cleaning (December)

BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND
Hondo Cleaning Prior to a Major Service

The hondo cleaning prior to a major service prepares the hondo for a special observance and is a way for us to show our appreciation for the opportunity to listen to the nembutsu teachings.

BUDGET

None

SUPPLIES

Swiffer/Dust cloths in flower arranging room

Vacuum cleaner on balcony

Light vacuum in flower arranging room

JOBS

- Dust pews and all surfaces in main/public area of hondo (do not do Onaijin altar area)
- Swiffer floor
- Vacuum carpet
- Straighten books/discard trash; place "Buddhist Temple Etiquette" brochures in pews
- Dust/vacuum Nokotsudo & clean up flowers/add water if needed

TIMELINE

Hondo cleaning should be done the Sunday prior to a major service, after the Family Dharma Service

CLEAN UP

Return equipment/supplies to proper storage place

CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS

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BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND
Hondo Cleaning Prior to Hatsubon/Obon Services

The Hondo cleaning prior to the Hatsubon/Obon Service prepares the temple for this important observance. It is a way for us to show our gratitude for this temple that allows us the opportunity to hear the nembutsu teachings.

BUDGET

None

SUPPLIES

Clean cotton cloths (i.e. T-shirts)
Wood oil in flower arranging room cabinet
Vacuum on balcony
Light Vacuum in flower arranging room
Swiffer in flower arranging room

JOBS

- Dust pews and all surfaces in main/public area of hondo (do not do Onaijin altar area)
- Apply wood oil to all wood surfaces (pews, walls, doors etc except hardwood floor)
- Vacuum carpet
- Swiffer floor
- Straighten books in pews, discard trash; place "Buddhist Temple Etiquette" brochures in pews
- Dust/vacuum Nokotsudo; clean up flowers/add water if needed

TIMELINE

Hondo cleanup should be done the Sunday prior to Obon Service

CLEAN UP

Return equipment/supplies to storage

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BUDDHIST CHURCH OF OAKLAND
End of Year Hondo Cleaning

The end of year hondo cleaning prepares the temple for the New Year. It is an opportunity to show our gratitude to the generations before us for the Buddhist Church of Oakland where we come to hear the nembutsu teachings and is a small gesture towards ensuring the nembutsu teachings remain accessible for future generations to come.

BUDGET

None

SUPPLIES

Clean cotton cloths (i.e. T-shirts)

Wood oil in flower arranging room cabinet

Old toothbrushes

Brass polish (only if polishing onaijin pieces – to be determined by the minister)

Swiffer

Vacuum on balcony

Light vacuum in flower arranging room

JOBS

Dust all surfaces in main/public area of hondo (do not do onaijin altar area)

Apply wood oil to all wood surfaces (pews, walls, doors, etc except hardwood floor)

Swiffer floor

Vacuum carpet

Straighten books in pews, discard trash, place “Buddhist Temple Etiquette” brochures in pews

Dust/vacuum Nokotsudo; clean up flowers, add water if needed

Polish brass onaijin pieces

TIMELINE

The hondo cleaning should be done the Sunday prior to New Year’s Eve/New Year’s Day services. Cover mini chapel tables with butcher paper and label with sections of onaijin; onaijin pieces to be removed by Rev. Michael Endo.

CLEAN UP

Return equipment/supplies to storage; discard used supplies appropriately.

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