

No. 186 FEBRUARY 2007

ORIGINS

*Long have you wandered on your path until now.
You must be very tired of it.*

Ofudesaki I:55



*BOYS AND GIRLS ASSOCIATION
LEADERSHIP CAMP & NEW YEAR'S PARTY 1/27-28*

Message from the Head of the Overseas Department
January 26, Tenrikyo 170

I would like to express my appreciation for your daily dedication in your respective positions. The Spring Grand Service for the 170th year of the Teachings was blessed with tranquil weather for the month of January, and very many returning followers were present as the Service was performed in unison with the Shinbashira as the core.

In his prayer, the Shinbashira relayed our commitment to bring joy to the ever-living Oyasama by utilizing the many obligations we have been granted as the basis of our joy by sincerely devoting ourselves toward spreading the fragrance of the teachings and saving others beginning from those close to us and thereby gradually expanding the circle of the Joyous Life.

Following the Service, we received words from the Shinbashira.

The Shinbashira reflected back on the year of the 120th Anniversary of Oyasama and expressed his appreciation to the entire faith for their effort toward the activities of the anniversary. Also, as he mentioned in his New Year greetings regarding the regular activities of the faith, that we should absolutely not think that the year of the anniversary is over, and he explained that the fruit of our effort would solely depend upon our actions within the positions and responsibilities we hold.

He also referred back to the days when Oyasama hid Her physical presence. He mentioned that although we now have the freedom to believe in any religion, one might have the tendency to get caught in the current of the times. And that no matter when, we must always discern the true essence of the teachings, not drifting according to one's own conveniences and that it is important we remember what Oyasama relayed through the Divine Direction when She urged the completion of the service, that we must follow each day with the conviction that our resolutions are most important.

Further, he spoke about the twenty-five Successor's Seminars that will commence from August and urged us to utilize this as one way to nurture our future generations by having as many people as possible attend. At the same time he mentioned that it is essential to guide the future followers of the path through practice by having them study the Divine Model of Oyasama as taught to us in the Life of Oyasama and the Anecdotes of Oyasama, the Foundress of Tenrikyo.

Lastly, he urged that now that we have completed the year of the anniversary that now is the season to begin to plant seeds and advance by conducting activities that will elevate our faith. He urged us to further apply the mind of salvation we cultivated during the anniversary by participating in the service and missionary activities at our churches. He ended his sermon by expressing his desire for us to make this year a meaningful one by advancing our effort toward a renewed path.

Further, I would like to announce that today, the former Head of the Overseas Department, Reverend Yoshiaki Mihama received sanction as the 13th Bishop of the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters in Taiwan.

Yoichiro Miyamori, Head of the Tenrikyo Overseas Department

January Grand Service Prayer

Before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, who resides in this shrine, I, (Michihito Hamada, bishop of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii) pray with reverence.

God the Parent, You have nurtured and guided us over many long years since You created humankind out of Your desire to see human beings live the Joyous Life. Also, coinciding with the arrival of the Promised Time, You accepted Oyasama as Your living shrine and revealed the truth of the creation in detail, taught the service, showed us free and unlimited blessings, and guided us toward the path of the Joyous Life. These boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. We are forever grateful for these blessings and we express our gratitude day and night as we spiritedly apply our effort toward the path of single-heartedness with God. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the January Monthly Service at this mission headquarters. This month signifies the original day when Oyasama, out of Her desire to save all people of the world even a day sooner, shortened Her 115 years of life by twenty-five years to step out and level the ground. We express our deep appreciation, as the service performers unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. Today, as you view the brothers and sisters of the path who have looked forward to this day singing the songs of the service in unison with hearts filled with gratitude for Your parental love, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

We head ministers and Yoboku, having just completed our effort toward the 120th Anniversary of Oyasama are presently embarking on a new goal. We hope that the same sincerity fostered during our effort toward the anniversary of Oyasama, can be the basis of our daily activities, as we apply our effort toward the service and missionary work in hopes to create a haven where those who are suffering from hardships and privations and lost within the darkness of their own minds can rely on. By relating to them, the intention of the Parent, we hope that they can come to know the blessings of the Parent and open their minds to the truth of this world. Together, we pray for the happiness of all people of the world by applying our utmost effort as we walk the path toward spiritual maturity.

May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and utilize us with Your unchanging parental-love, and we ask that You guide us even a day sooner, toward reconstructing the world where we can spend our days living in a state of joyousness for generations to come. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.

Dendocho January Grand Service Sermon
Bishop Michihito Hamada
(Tenrikyo Hawaii Dendocho)



We have just completed the January Grand Service in high spirits with many of you today. Thank you very much. I would like to share with you some of my thoughts on this occasion and would like to ask for your kind attention.

Last year on January 26, the 120th Anniversary Service of Oyasama was conducted. How quickly time has passed by as already one year has passed since then. The Shinbashira mentioned, "Furthermore, we will exert ourselves fully so that we may show You a lively and joyous atmosphere in Jiba throughout this entire year, which we regard as the year of the anniversary, by bringing forth the fruit of the efforts we made during the 'three years, one thousand days' period." Thus proclaiming that the entire year is to

be regarded as the anniversary year. We are told that not only on Service days, but even on Sundays and holidays the Jiba was filled with worshippers. From Hawaii, our goal was to have 1,000 returnees and made the effort reaching out to people to return to Jiba. That effort resulted in having a large number of 964 returnees. I am still overwhelmed with joy to this day to having reached this number. There were people in spite of their physical hardships or personal hardships, who returned to Jiba. I believe that God the Parent and Oyasama must have been filled with overwhelming joy. Having accepted their sincerity many people received many miraculous blessings. With this joy in their hearts, I hope that they will pass on this joy to those who have yet to learn about God the Parent and Oyasama.

As the anniversary year has ended, we are now embarking on our next goal which is the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama. The Shinbashira has said that Oyasama's anniversaries are the starting point to a goal. He further explained that it is vital to ensure that the activities we worked on together during the anniversary period leads to the enhancement of our continued and sustained work in ordinary times

January Grand Service Sermon

beyond this special period.

In addition, the Shinbashira also explained the church and yoboku's roles pertaining to carrying out regular activities.

He said, "In terms of the work of our churches, the activities that should be conducted at all times include performing the services and spreading the teachings. The primary mission of our churches is to perform the services to have God and Oyasama be spirited so that the blessing of universal salvation, which will include the true settling of the world, may be shown. In order to fulfill this mission, it is essential to make every effort to ensure that there are a sufficient number of people to perform the services; it goes without saying that this endeavor includes helping people practice the dance and musical instruments for the service. If we neglect these efforts, our churches may end up with fewer people than necessary to perform the service properly. In this regard, all Yoboku should not only practice the service so that they can take part in the performance of the services, but they need also to make sincere efforts to help younger members and beginners learn the service.

If we are to save all humankind, we must also strive to spread this ultimate teaching throughout the world. We need to convey the voice of the Parent to those who are experiencing suffering and anxiety, unaware of the existence of their true Parent. We should help and guide them,

sincerely working with them so that they may grow spiritually to the point where they will join us Yoboku, who are timber for building the Joyous Life World. Such efforts represent important aspects of the mission of our churches. These efforts will also help improve the way our churches perform the services.

I very much hope that those of you who are head ministers will feel a sense of pride and joy in performing this important duty. As for other Yoboku, I hope that they will proactively stay connected to their churches and cooperate with their head ministers so that their churches can serve as centers for the practice of single-hearted salvation and as models of the Joyous Life in the local communities."

With these words we are encouraged to progress towards this great goal of attaining the Joyous Life by clearly defining the role of the church and the great expectations of Yoboku's. Let us keep the words of the Shinbashira firmly in our heart and make every effort to realize his wishes.

The origin of the Spring Grand Service in January is because of Oyasama's love for all humanity and desire to save Her children even a day sooner, that led Her to withdraw from physical life by shortening Her term of life of 115 years by twenty-five years.

The world that Oyasama desires can be found in the following Osashizu, the Divine Directions:

'Sah, sah, I shall begin to level the

January Grand Service Sermon

ground completely. Sah, sah, with the portals opened, opened. I shall level the ground all over the world. Sah, I shall step out to level the ground. Sah, sah, shall I open the portals and level the ground? Shall I close the portals and level the ground? Shall I close the portals and level the ground?

February 17, 1887

A leveled ground means the land is flat, in other words, impartiality.

Oyasama is indicating in the words leveled ground not only the equality of the system or the equality in the upper and lower society or the equality for man and woman, but for each person to remove their mind of prejudice and unconcern thoughts of others. All human beings in the world are God the Parent's children and God desires for us not to have discrimination between man and woman, or between each others' social status so that everyone can live impartially.

When we reflect upon the life of the Divine Model of Oyasama, upon becoming the Shrine of Tsukihi She led a path that was unconventional at that time by doing away with existing customs. Oyasama fell to the depths of poverty accordingly to God's will and gave away Her personal belongings She had brought with Her when She married into the family, and then the family items and eventually the house to those in need. Oyasama willingly fell to the depths of poverty.

In those days, it was understood that a wife's role was to be obedient to her husband and to protect her family. That constituted what a good wife should be. However, in contrast to this, Oyasama taught the role and position of a woman which was opposite to the common sense of the people of that period. At that time, the idea was that men were respected however women were looked down upon. The main role of the woman was to bear children, however, the process of childbirth was thought to be unclean and the monthly cycle necessary for a childbearing woman was considered dirty and hated. It was in these circumstances that Oyasama taught that men and women are equal, through the teaching that there is no discrimination between a man and a woman. Further, She taught that a women's monthly cycle was not something dirty, but rather a flower, a wonderful blessing, and that because the flower blooms, a seed forms. Thus, She corrected the idea against childbirth and provided the light for those suffering from childbirth.

Also, to those who were in the upper class of society who did as they pleased, She admonished their willful ways. She feared that the foolishness of the upper class who did what they wanted was leading the people in the wrong direction. To this, Oyasama urged the leaders of the upper class to quickly learn of the truth of this world.

Since the time Oyasama hid Her

January Grand Service Sermon

physical self, one hundred twenty years have passed. In many parts of the world, countries now have a democratic system where people have equal rights. It may seem that the world Oyasama desires has begun to appear, however, in reality though the system may provide equality, people are still at odds with each other, and discrimination and prejudice among each other still exists. Racism and cultural discrimination still exists as it was before, and the gap in economic status is and seems to be ever more increasing. The rich have become even richer and those with power have become even more powerful. While the poor and powerless have increased as society oppresses them into a corner. Not only adults but even children have been rampantly bullying each other. Countries fight over natural resources while ethnic differences have engulfed into wars. Furthermore, even religions that pray for peace of the world accuse those that do not agree to their justification and expulse them. The discord continues on and on. What does God the Parent and Oyasama feel seeing all of this?

Currently, in many parts of the world, avian flu has spread. However, ninety years ago the Spanish Flu rampantly spread and killed 4 million people in the world. The Spanish Flu was a strain of avian influenza, a viral infectious disease. If the avian flu that is afflicting the world now mutates and a variation of the strain should use human beings as a host, it would not be

possible to contain this and it is estimated that it could kill hundreds of millions of people around the world. God the Parent is informing us of God's regret through this illness.

In Japan in 1879, cholera infected and killed 100,000 people. Oyasama wrote in the Ofudesaki regarding cholera as,

The world is saying that it is cholera, but it is Tsukihi informing you of the regret.

XIV-22

In the form of cholera, God the Parent is expressing regret to us. God is filled with regret because we do not listen to the teachings of God, and in fact at times we've denied the truth, obstructed or interfered with the teachings. Or, the regret that those in power control people and the world as they please with arrogance, without understanding that it is God that created this world and provides the blessings for our survival.

The mind that discriminates, the mind makes us at odds with others is a mind that only thinks of oneself which comes from a selfish thought. The mind that is filled with greed is like muddy water and there seems to be more and more people like this all over. Although they have enough they desire more to the point of destroying natural land resources. There are those who take what belongs to others just to satisfy their own greed which has

January Grand Service Sermon

become endless. Then people discriminate each other, fall apart from each other, and become biased. It seems that society has gone in the opposite direction of what Oyasama desires, a world of equality.

The country we now live in is by far one of the richest countries. Clothing, food, dwellings are made up of all the highest standards. How much are we feeling grateful for all of these? Are we not taking these things for granted and in fact wish for a higher quality of life? We live in a rich environment, but on the other hand, there are so many people suffering from hardships. If we only look around near to us, we cannot see what kind of environment we are living in. One must broaden their horizon and look beyond and if you try to look, you will see that there is a totally different world from ours.

The world of the Joyous Life is the world without discrimination and everyone is equal. There, everyone must help each other at all times. To help each other is to have concerns for the other person and having a heart that is kind and considerate. It is the action of reaching out to those who are in need of help or going through hardships and to those who have problems, which is helping one another.

In the Osashizu, Divine Directions, we are taught,

“Those who have little and those who have abundance. Those who have abundance bring to those who have only

little. This is the path God desires. This is the leveled ground.”

(Unauthorized translation of April 9, 1907)

Those who have abundance are people that are rich. Those who have little are those that are poor and have hardships. We are taught in this Divine Direction that the people who have many should share and give to those that have little. This is what God desires and this is the state of equality.

We, who have learned of the teachings of Oyasama, should put into practice from those closest to us and help them from what we can do. However, there are people who we cannot even account for nor be able to reach out to, that are pleading for help. What can we do for these people?

Even if we do not have the money to give, or the materials to give, there is something we still can do. We can pray and ask for blessings to be bestowed on them. We can ask God the Parent and Oyasama for salvation. As we ask for blessings of rain for places that are having drought and famine, where infections are spreading and terrifying the people, we can pray and ask for the blessings that the discord will settle and that their lives will return to tranquility even a day sooner. Although our prayers may seem small, it is our sincerity to ask for these blessings that God the Parent and Oyasama will accept. We can do this by performing the service.

January Grand Service Sermon

Through the service we offer our thanks for the blessings we receive and also pray and ask God the Parent and Oyasama to save those who are suffering and going through hardships. The service is a form of saving others.

In the Ofudesaki,
Hereafter, if all of you throughout the world save one another in every matter,

XII-93

Know that Tsukihi will accept that mind and will provide any salvation whatever.

XII-94

Thus we are promised, that if we

human beings as children of God the Parent save one another and live in harmony, then God the Parent will provide any salvation no matter what kind of suffering it is. How promising and reassuring this is to us.

Be rid of the mind that makes us be at odds with each other, and have a warm heart to those we know. Let us perform the service with the mind and heart that prays for the people of the world to help one another so that we may all live in harmony. Let's enthusiastically convey the teachings of Oyasama to those who have yet to learn of this teaching. As we set out towards the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama with renewed enthusiasm, let us strive towards this great goal of the realization of the Joyous Life for the entire world.

February Monthly Service
February 18, 2007 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)
Sermon in English by Reverend Ronald Yama
Japanese Interpretation by Reverend Tsunenori Ichise

2007 SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE
AT DENDOCHO (SHUYOKAI)
JUNE 17 - JULY 14, 2007
Please contact Dendocho for further information

Faraway Friends of the Path



DEAN NAKAMURA

Hawaii-Kona Mission Station/
Shuto Grand Church

Aloha from Japan! I know some of you know me already but for those of you who don't, my name is Dean Nakamura. I am originally from Kona and right now I am living in Japan. I am currently attending TLI (Tenrikyo Language Institute) and enrolled in the Japanese course.

Let me talk about school first. School is so much fun. I'm not just learning Japanese and about Tenrikyo. I'm also learning many other things. One thing I am learning is about other cultures because my classmates come from different countries. The 39 of us come from 12 different countries. The diversity here makes school interesting. We learn about living with each other and about each other's cultures. The teachers here are the greatest too. They make classes so much fun. They not only just teach Japanese but also about life and Tenrikyo from their own experiences.

Because of that, it makes me look forward to going to school everyday.

Being here in Japan also made me grow as a person. Life here is so different compared to Hawaii. The culture here is not what I am used too. In the beginning I thought I would have an easy time living here but I was wrong. One reason why I thought I would have an easier time was I've been to Japan before for the Children's Pilgrimage and for Oyasato Seminar. Before I left, my brother, who also came to Tenri to learn Japanese, told me that visiting Tenri and living in Tenri are two different things. After hearing that I thought that things wouldn't be that different but it was. My Hawaii upbringing would often clash with the Japanese culture. The way I would think or see the world was not the same as the people here. Because of the culture and lifestyle, there would be times where I would get frustrated and get tired of living in Japan.

Another thing I learned here was to be thankful for things. I didn't think I would miss Hawaii but I do. I miss the island scenery and the ocean. I miss the warm weather especially now. There are days where I would wear six layers of clothing and still be cold. I miss the food, especially plate lunch. But most of all I miss my family. I came to realize that my family is real important to me. I thought that I wouldn't miss them but I do. After coming to Japan I know now how much my family means to me. My parents do so much for me and I didn't really know how hard they worked to raise me. Because of

that I am so thankful for my family and upbringing.

But the most important thing I learned here was to lean on God the Parent and Oyasama. God the Parent and Oyasama is with me all the time. This year was a year full of ups and downs. I found that when I am going through the tough times it all works out in the end. I feel the reason why things work out in the end is because of God the Parent and Oyasama. I feel that God the Parent and Oyasama makes us go through things so that we can grow as human beings. When I would be going through tough times I would go to the

sanctuary and pray to God the Parents and Oyasama. After I would feel so relieved and in the end things would work out. My belief in God the Parent and Oyasama has gotten stronger since I came here.

This past year was the 120th Anniversary of Oyasama and I was able to see many familiar faces here at Jiba. I plan to stay in Tenri for a couple more years and I am looking forward to seeing you when you come back to Jiba. Tenri is small like Hawaii so I'm pretty sure I'm going to see you guys when you come back. So until then take care and I hope to see you guys real soon. Mahalo and Aloha.

Young Faith Expressions

We will be starting a new column, Young Faith Expressions, in order to nurture our youth to become productive adults in the faith and assist them to eventually become Yoboku.

This month, we will feature Hiroyoshi (Hiro/Norio) Nishikawa, a long-time seinen at Hawaii Dendocho. He is no longer a "youth" however, he has contributed a thoughtful column for us with him being young at heart. Thanks, Hiro!



Hi, I'm Hiro. I'm gonna leave Hawaii on March 20th of this year. I came here on

March 18, 2004, so that means I will have served here at Dendocho for three years.

During that time, I had only good experiences, not even one bad experience.

I met many great people, especially in my second year. Lewis Nakao, Jason Kawasaki, Michael Inouye, and Cheryl Horikawa were here (at Dendocho) and they taught me many things, like English, Hawaiian culture, carpentry work, how to drink beer, etc.

I really appreciate them and I really enjoyed staying here with them. I won't forget them. I'm sure they feel the same as me, I hope.

I want other Dendocho seinen and joshiseinen to have the same experiences I had. So, local boys and girls, if you have a chance, come to Dendocho as a seinen or joshiseinen. Thank you for everything!

2007 New Year's Resolutions



**Bisho
Hama**
Altoget
perfo
engag



**Maaki
Shiroyama (19)**
To make others
around me happy



**Conor
McGivern (17)**
Do Otsutome every
morning and night



**Daryl
Suzuki (4)**
Go to ch
on a mor
regular l

**Mr. Carl
Gruebl (65)**
Remove more
mental dust



Janell Ito (25)
Call my mom
once a week



**Rev. Y
Miyau**
Spread
to co-



**Mrs. Yoshi
Inouye (86)**
Live everyday
in happiness



Megan Yamamoto (9)
Spend more time
with dad & mom
Kristi Yamamoto (6)
Be nice to my
Sister!

**Mrs. Faith
Ito (59)**
Get better
at narimono
instruments



**Kosuke
Watanabe (25)**
Pray for the happiness
of the people I am visiting



**Mrs Audrey Suga-
Nakagawa (40+)**
Be better organized,
refocus on priorities,
stay healthy & say NO



**p & Mrs. Michihito
da (59 & 52)**

together endeavor to
firm the service and
age in missionary work



Rev. Lynn So (48)
Try not to grumble
about any & everything



**Daniel
Kauhini (25)**
Lose weight &
stop overeating



**Hitomi
Fukuda (21)**
Smile all Day!!



**Rev. Ronald
Yama (71)**
Go to Dendocho
more often

40)
church
re
basis



Alissa Higaki (6)
Become better at
ballet



Kayo Saito (48)
Even just a little bit,
make efforts to
spread the fragrance of
the teachings

**asutsugu
chi (47)**
and the teachings
workers



Jon Lower (32)
Eat more healthy



Megumi Hashida (23)
Help my mom become
a Yoboku



Kyoko Takemura (36)
Participate in the
Honolulu Marathon



**Ms. Janyce
Imoto (40+)**
To be more
outward focused



**Jason
Miyauchi (17)**
Get my Osazuke



**Hiro
Nishikawa (25)**
Try to take a bath
everyday!

Mrs. Kazuko Kauhini (76)
Start preparing for
the 130th Anniversay
or Oyasama



Mrs. Lynn Nagata (40+)
To be more organized
so I can have more
balance in my life

ISLAND LIFE

Year-end & New Year Mochi Pounding Events

Hawaii Dendocho is invited every year to different sites in the community to demonstrate and promote the traditional Japanese mochi pounding. This year was no different. Below is a list of all the mochi pounding events that were held at the end of December 2006 until January 2007.

Mahalo nui loa to the Women's Association, Young Men's Association, and individuals for their continued assistance and hinokishin each year.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| Dec. 20 (Sat) | Japan Airlines |
| Dec. 28 (Thu) | Kuakini Hospital |
| Dec. 30 (Sat) | Dendocho |
| Jan. 4 (Thu) | Sheraton Hotel |
| Jan. 14 (Sun) | Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH) |
| Jan. 29 (Mon) | Moanalua High School Japanese Club |

At Sheraton Waikiki Hotel →



WA members hard at work



A large crowd gathered at JCCH



NEW BEGINNINGS WORKSHOP (Introduction to Tenrikyo)

The first New Beginnings Workshop, planned and conducted by the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii Missionary Committee, was held on January 20th at Dendocho's Rainbow Hale at 1pm. The workshop began with a video "Teachings for the Joyous Life." Rev. Owen Nakao then gave a power point presentation of the teachings and a faith experience speech. The workshop ended with a question and answer session. Some of the questions asked were: What does it mean that Oyasama has the soul of the first mother of all human beings? How does the Kanrodai represent spiritual maturity? How does the Kanrodai serve as proof of the creation of human beings at Jiba?

Although there were a small number of participants, Rev. Nakao said that the difficulty of the questions made the workshop meaningful and that it represented the depth of interest in the Tenrikyo

teachings shown by the participants who were new to the faith.

The New Beginnings Workshop is scheduled to be held every other month on the Saturday prior to Hawaii Dendocho's monthly service. The next one is scheduled for March 17th at 1:00 pm in the Dendocho sanctuary. The speaker will be Rev. Colin Saito. The workshop is geared for newcomers, but lay members and ministers are also welcome. It is hoped that the New Beginnings Workshop will serve as a stepping stone to other workshops, the Hawaii Spiritual Development Course and Besseki Lectures; and also for lay ministers and prospective ministers to practice conveying the faith to an audience.

The name of the workshop was decided by the missionary committee with a vision that the workshop will provide participants with information and inspiration that will enable them to make a new beginning in life.



Rev. Nakao giving his presentation



Participants listening intently

ISLAND LIFE

Young Women's Club AFTERNOON TEA

On January 13th, members of the Young Women's Club gathered at Waioli Tea Room in Manoa for an afternoon tea party. The members enjoyed various teas, scones, sandwiches, cookies, tarts, and each others company in the historic surroundings.

For many of the members, this was their first afternoon tea experience. "It is great to try something new, and when you can experience it with your friends, it is even more fun," commented one member.

In the future, the YWC hopes to have

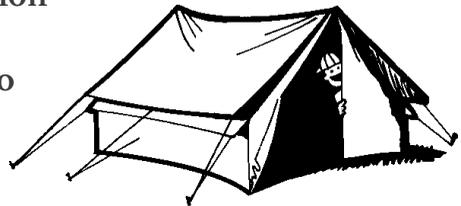
similar events so that the members can share their thoughts in a more comfortable, relaxed environment.



Boys and Girls Association Upcoming Activities

32nd Annual Boys and Girls Association
General Meeting
March 24 (Sat) 10 a.m. at Dendocho

BGA Spring Camp
March 24 (Sat) ~ March 26 (Mon)
assemble at Dendocho



Weekly Sunday School
Every Sunday at Dendocho
9:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

Aloha Band Practice
Every 3rd Sunday
1:00 p.m. ~ 4 p.m. at Dendocho

Reverend Shizuko Fujimoto



In Memoriam

August 12, 1930 Date of Birth
In 1948 Married Misao Fujimoto of Hoku
Shudansho (prior name of mission station)
September 18, 1957 Received Sazuke
September 27, 1957 Completed Shuyoka
July 15, 1967 Completed Head Ministers'
Qualification Course
August 15, 1967 Registered Minister
June 26, 1970 Big Island Church
established after 32 years, in addition
to overcoming her blindness
June 13, 1974 The former Shinbashira
and his wife visits the church
January 12, 2007 Passed away for rebirth

Big Island Church head minister, Rev. Shizuko Fujimoto, passed away for rebirth on January 12, 2007 at the age of 76. Services were held at Borthwick Mortuary

on January 17 and Big Island Church on January 20, respectively, with Rev. Yoshikazu Uno, head minister of Koshinokuni Grand Church, and his wife in attendance. Also in attendance were Bishop and Mrs. Michihito Hamada, and Rev. and Mrs. Takatoshi Mima, of Koshinokuni Hawaii Church.

Mrs. Chie Mima wrote a heartfelt condolence message: *When I heard the sad news on January 12 about Rev. Shizuko Fujimoto passing away for rebirth, I thought that I had heard incorrectly and kept asking my husband to repeat it again and again. I had seen her just five days before she passed away on monthly service day and it was quite a shock.*

We performed the Service together and before returning to Honolulu, her words of "Chie, take care and please come again," became her parting words to me.

When my husband and I arrived in Hawaii in September of 1973, Rev. Shizuko became like a mother to me. Whenever we visited the church, it almost felt like coming home and I felt very happy.

Returning for our church's 90th anniversary (to Japan), including Rev. Shizuko, staying over at our grand church in Tsuruga (Fukui Pref.) and our tsumesho in Jiba, were some of the most memorable times.

I also remember her giving a kind word or two whenever times were tough and so many other unforgettable memories.

When you are reborn, let us follow the path of faith together again.

2007 Dendocho Board of Directors

The following are the newly appointed Dendocho Board of Directors. The Board would like to thank Reverend Tadamasa Nishimura (Kilauea Church) for his years of service, as well as welcome Reverend Michioki Inafuku (Kariyushi MS).

Rev. Ronald Yama (Kalihi Church)
Rev. Clyde Mikuni (Taiheyo Church)
Rev. Masatoshi Shamoto (Malie MS)
Rev. Glenn Honda (North Honolulu Church)
Rev. Melvin Iwata (Honolulu-ko Church)
Rev. Takatoshi Mima (Koshinokuni Hawaii Church)
Rev. Tsunenori Ichise (Joyous MS)
Rev. Colin Saito (Honolulu Church)
Rev. Michioki Inafuku (Kariyushi MS)
Rev. David Kawasaki (Aloha Church)
Rev. Mark Hisao (Maui Church)
Rev. Owen Nakao (Pearl Church)
Rev. Setsuo Kakitani (Kochi Makoto Church)

NEW BEGINNINGS WORKSHOP



Date: March 17, 2007 Saturday

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Dendocho Worship Hall

Speaker: Rev. Colin Saito
of Honolulu Church

Workshop is open to everyone

DENDOCHO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dendocho Staff Changes

We would like to welcome Toyoko Hanada, who arrived on January 10th. Toyoko will be in Hawaii for one year and will be serving as kitchen staff at Hawaii Dendocho.

We would also like to say thank you to Cheryl Horikawa, who on January 21st finished her one year and a half term at Hawaii Dendocho. Thank you for making everyone smile and best of luck!



Toyoko Hanada



Cheryl Horikawa

TCC Hinokishin

We will be having a joint association clean-up hinokishin at Tenri Cultural Center. We are asking members of the Women's Association, Young Men's Association, Young Women's Club, Boys & Girls Association, Hawaii Tenri Library, Tenri Judo Club, Saturday School and the Hawaii Missionary House to participate. Please come and join us!

Date: February 19, 2007 Monday

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Place: Tenri Cultural Center

(Lunch will be served)

Tid Bits

Associations' Reports



BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

LEADERSHIP CAMP & NEW YEAR PARK CLEAN UP & BBQ PICNIC

Thank you to all who attended and helped at the Park Cleaning Hinokishin and BBQ Picnic!

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

From February 4, 2007, we will be holding weekly Sunday School. It will start at 9 am with the Prayer Service and end at 11:30 am. Children ages 5 and above are eligible to attend by themselves. Under 5 must be accompanied by a parent. Please contact Janyce Imoto at 381-6034 for more information. Transportation available upon request.

GENERAL MEETING & SPRING CAMP

The 31st Annual General Meeting & Spring Camp will be held on March 24-26 (Sat-Mon). The General Meeting will be held on March 24th at 10 am at Dendocho.

Service performer assignments will be made in advance with practices to be held prior to the General Meeting. Please give names of children and service positions they can perform to Rev. Setsuo Kakitani by February 18th. More information to follow!



YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30 pm at Rainbow Hale. Please make plans to join us.

MONTHLY HINOKISHIN

On President's Day Holiday, Monday, February 19th, we will be having a joint hinokishin with the Women's Association, Young Women's Club, and Boys and Girls Association at Tenri Cultural Center from 9 am. Following the hinokishin activities, we will be having lunch and a Sports Day event at TCC. Please make plans to join us and invite others to do so as well.



YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

FOLLOW MISS KOKAN SEMINAR

Please join us at the Follow Miss Kokan Seminar on Saturday, February 24th to Sunday, February 25th. The Seminar will be held both at Dendocho and Taitan Church.

AFTERNOON TEA PARTY

Thank you to everyone that made it to the afternoon tea party. It was nice having a chance to socialize and getting to know everyone a little better. Please keep an eye out for our next social event.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The new year has come and many activities are in motion. Hinokishin for mochi pounding and the recent BGA New Party and Leaders Camp were successful. Many mahalos. In addition, on February 19, Monday, there will be TCC Hinokishin held jointly with BGA, YMA, Tenri Library, Tenri Judo Club and Saturday School. Hope to see you all there.

NUUANU HALE VISITATION

February 10 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

MONTHLY MEETING

February 12 (Mon)
Meeting 9:00 a.m.

Lecture from Bishop 10:15 a.m.
Wrapping Hinokishin 10:45 a.m.

WOMEN'S INSTRUMENTS PRACTICE

February 13 (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

TCC HINOKISHIN

February 19 (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

HUI O WAHINE OHANA

February Meeting Cancelled

WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK

February 24 (Sat) 7:00 p.m.

HAWAI'I ISLAND OYASAMA'S BIRTHDAY OFFERTORY PERFORMANCE

February 24 (Sat)
Kakaako Church

SLOGAN FOR SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Let's follow the Divine Model and become the foundation for the Joyous Life

GUIDELINES FOR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

In anticipation of our association's 100th anniversary:

Let's inquire into the origin and become the foundation for our families and churches.

- 1) Let's put our hearts into performing the service.
- 2) Let's sprinkle the fragrance and strive to save others.



The Hungry Reporter

I am always looking for tasty, simple and delicious recipes and I must say that my intention to do so has brought many great recipes my way. An avid contributor is Iris Saito of Honolulu Church. Not only are her recipes simple, but they are usually always healthy. Last month I was thanking her for her contributions and right away she offered another one for me to share this month. Not

her usual healthy dish, but simple and delicious.

Iris uses Yoshida's Marinade & Cooking Sauce for this recipe. This marinade can be found at either Costco in large, or Times Super market in smaller quantities. A great sauce to use when hosting a large gathering or to spice up an everyday meal. I'm sure you will enjoy this one! Good luck!

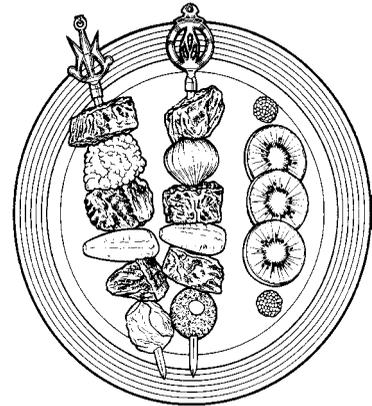
Bacon & Waterchestnuts

Ingredients

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Thick Sliced Bacon | 1 pkg |
| Whole Water Chestnuts | 1 8oz can |

Directions

1. Trim fat off bacon.
2. Slice bacon in half.
3. Marinate bacon and water chestnuts in Yoshida's Marinade & Cooking Sauce for a few minutes.
4. Wrap water chestnut in bacon.
5. Poke with toothpick.
6. Broil until brown.



February 2007

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| 3rd Sat | Missionary House Monthly Service | TCC | 10:00 a.m. |
| 4th Sun | BGA - Sunday School | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m. |
| 10th Sat | WA - Nuuanu Hale Visitation | | 9:30 a.m. |
| 11th Sun | BGA - Sunday School | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m. |
| 12th Mon | WA - Monthly Meeting | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m. |
| 13th Tue | WA - Musical Instruments Practice | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m. |
| 14th Wed | YMA - Monthly Meeting | RH | 7:30 p.m. |
| 15th Thu | BGA - Staff Meeting | Dendocho | 7:00 p.m. |
| 18th Sun | Dendocho Monthly Service | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m. |
| | Aloha Band Practice | Dendocho | 1:00 p.m. |
| 19th Mon | TCC Hinokishin | TCC | 9:00 a.m. |
| 24-25th | YWC - Follow Miss Kokan Seminar | Dendocho & Taitan | |
| 24th Sat | Women's Support Network | Dendocho | 7:00 p.m. |
| 25th Sun | BGA - Sunday School | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m. |
| 26th Mon | Monthly Yohaishiki | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m. |

March 2007

| | | | |
|----------------|----------------------------------|-----|------------|
| 3rd Sat | Missionary House Monthly Service | TCC | 10:00 a.m. |
| 24-26th | BGA - Spring Camp | TCC | |

WA = Women's Association
BGA = Boys & Girls Association
YMA = Young Men's Association
YWC = Young Women's Club

TSA = Tenrikyo Student Association
RH = Rainbow Hale
WSN = Women's Support Network
TCC = Tenri Cultural Center

TENRIKYO HAWAII DENDOCHO
2920 Pali Highway
Honolulu, HI 96817
phone: (808) 595-6523 fax: (808) 595-7748
e-mail: dendocho@tenrikyo-hawaii.com
Tenrikyo homepage: <http://www.tenrikyo.or.jp>
Tenrikyo Online: <http://www.tenrikyo.or.jp/kaiden/newsletter/>
Hawaii Dendocho Online: <http://www.tenrikyo-hawaii.com/news>

**Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Honolulu, HI
Permit No. 570**

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB
Follow Miss Kokan Seminar

February 24-25, 2007, Saturday - Sunday
at Dendocho
Followed by an overnight activity at Taitan Church