



## **Message from the Head of the Overseas Department March 26, Tenrikyo 170**

I would like to commend you for your daily effort in your respective positions.

During this time of spring break, Ojiba is full of life as many young people from all over are gathered to participate in the Boys and Girls Association training camp and the Student Association gathering. On such a day, we were blessed with fine spring weather as the March monthly service was joyously performed in unison without mishap with the Shinbashira as the core.

In his prayer, the Shinbashira offered a firm resolution that we would as instruments of Oyasama, bring ourselves closer to Her intention by applying our sincere effort in relaying the intention of the Parent to all people of the world by further applying our effort toward performing the service and administering the Sazuke.

Following the service, Honbu-in Reverend Narahiko Nakata gave the sermon.

Reverend Nakata spoke about the truth of the ever-living Oyasama, using his own experiences in sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings. He shared, that when sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings, Oyasama is indeed walking together with us, and that we can especially feel the truth of the ever-living Oyasama when we are applying our effort toward salvation work with passion. He conveyed to us by reading verses from the Divine Directions and other unpublished verses from the Ofudesaki, that as long as we ceased to lose direction, we would surely come to accumulate the seed of all things.

Due to departmental transitions within the Overseas Department on March 15th, 22 new staff members joined us on the 23rd and up until yesterday, they participated in the orientation camp for new staff. Until they grow accustomed to their new positions, it may cause some uneasiness to all of you, so during this time, I ask for your kind understanding.

At this time, I encourage your spirited effort during the month of April as well. I am anxiously awaiting the return of as many as possible to participate in Oyasama's birthday celebration.

Yoichiro Miyamori, Head of the Tenrikyo Overseas Department

## *March Monthly 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, as we receive Your over-flowing grace and blessings, which grants us the free use of our bodies, we advance toward the realization of the joyous life world receiving the guidance of the Ever-living Oyasama.*

*These boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. As we direct our constant focus toward the teachings, we proceed in high spirits toward the path of sincerity applying our effort with a mind focused on salvation. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the March monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will 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.*

*This month for 3 days from the 24th till the 26th, the Boys and Girls Association Camp will commence, and during this time on the 24th the general meeting will be held. The nurturing of successors of the path is an important aspect for the assured continuity of generations to come, and maintaining our conviction that this is the path that will settle the world, I would like each of us to continue in our effort to pass on the joy of the teachings to all children. Also, we would like to further settle deep in our minds the truth of the teachings, apply our effort toward the service and strive to administer the Sazuke as we advance in our effort of this important responsibility.*

*May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that You guide us toward reconstructing the world where we can spend our days living in harmony by helping one another.*

*Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.*

*Mission HQ (Dendocho) March Monthly Service Sermon*  
**Reverend Tadamasu Nishimura**  
*(Tenrikyo Kilauea Church)*



Congratulations, together we have just completed the monthly service for the month of March. It has been a few years since I have been designated to give a sermon so I am at a loss of what to speak about. These days, long sermons are not appreciated very much so today I plan to make my sermon very short. May I ask for your kind attention for the next few minutes.

Well, it is hardly necessary for me to mention that the reason God created us was from the fervent desire to lead humankind towards the Joyous Life. On the contrary, however, as a result of not understanding the true intention of the Parent and living our lives as we please, the reality is that we experience agony and

despair quite opposite of the Joyous Life intended. Through the parental concern for humankind to experience true joy, we are taught two paths.

One way is through the Service. It is understood that throughout the fifty years of the Divine Model, Oyasama concentrated Her efforts in completing the Service. God's desire to save humankind through the performance of the Service was so great that it did not waver despite oppression from the government at that time.

Anecdote 74 Following God's Path reads:

Oyasama vigorously urged the performance of the Service in the autumn of 1880. When people were hesitating to comply with Her words because it was a time of strict vigilance and interference by the police, Oyasama sternly urged them to comply through this Timely Direction.

“Crushing God's path by excessive concern for men's obligations is not a path at all. The true path consists in standing up for the path of God, not for the path of man. Sah, will you crush the principle of

God and stand for the principle of man? Will you not stand up for the principle of God rather than the principle of man? Now answer one of these.”

Despite Her frail condition, Oyasama taught us the importance of the Service as the basis for universal salvation and encouraged us to perform it exactly as we were taught by our predecessors despite any opposition or difficult circumstance. If we consider the fact that She went to the extent of shortening Her term of life by 25 years to hasten the Service, I feel we must grasp the important truth of the Service and perform it with all our hearts. Surely, more than ever if we are parents. Today we no longer have to lower our heads to anyone and can perform the service openly and with confidence. What is of utmost importance however, is how much we cherish the service.

It is written in the Ofudesaki Chapter 12-Verse 90

To my sorrow, no matter how deeply you have pondered, you have no mind to save others.

This verse cries out “how pitiful,” as long as we are content with our own lives, who cares about the needs of others, seeing others that may be suffering and lacking the heart to help is regretful. This is why the mind that saves others is the

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state of mind that pleases God the most. Helping others is salvation work and also spreading the fragrance. There is no need to explain why we should engage in Otasuke and Nioigake. It is because God is delighted most with the heart that cares about others.

This is taught in the following verse in the Ofudesaki.

Ponder from your innermost heart to understand, Through saving others, you will be saved.

We can understand through this teaching how much the action of helping people in need pleases God. Every one of us are lent our wonderful bodies from God and have the freedom of mind to do as we please but sometimes we take our health for granted. It truly becomes a grave matter if we lose our health.

This person suffered broken ribs in an auto accident in January of last year. Because of this injury, it made it very difficult for him to breathe so a pipe was inserted into his throat to send the air to his lungs. Gradually his condition improved, however the muscles in his throat weakened due to the pipe and made it difficult to swallow and nutrition had to be pumped directly into his stomach. I felt how sad it was that while others enjoyed eating and drinking with relish, he could not taste or swallow his food.

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To be able to eat delicious food is one of the greatest pleasures of life. Although taste is limited to only while the food is still in your mouth, whenever we hear that a certain sushi shop has delicious sushi we will go out of our way just for a taste. This shows just how much we really cherish eating. I feel that being unable to eat was surely a trying experience for him. In December of last year he was finally able to eat normally. Unable to eat for ten months, when he was finally told it was okay for him to eat again he must have felt elated and realized how thankful he was just to be able to eat.

During the time I prayed for this person, I began to wonder about the workings of the throat and decided to read a medical book and do some research. By coincidence, at the time, a program called “Tameshite Gatten” or “Try it and learn” was being aired on television and showed a segment concerning the throat. I learned that the nose, mouth, lungs, esophagus, and windpipe are all connected and when we eat and drink, or in other words swallow, the windpipe of the lungs quickly close and food passes through the esophagus and enters the stomach. After the food is swallowed, the pipes quickly open allowing us to breathe. We receive God’s wonderful providences throughout our entire body. As we begin to understand each and every marvelous working within our bodies, we cannot help but feel

gratitude for the numerous blessings we receive from God that enable us to live.

In the past I spoke of one of my members who suffered from a brain tumor. No matter what he did, this child had a habit of saying “thank you, thank you,” to everyone before returning home. I thought it was just a habit of his and did not think too deeply about it until one day when I suddenly remembered a story in the past which I heard about Oyasama.

This is the story. Oyasama, who was settled as the Shrine of God, obediently followed God the Parent’s instructions and one by one gave away the Nakayama family’s property to those in need, until one day they fell so deeply into poverty that there was no rice to eat. The disciples at that time set out with a donation book to collect contributions and at the same time purchased a mosquito net which they presented to Oyasama with the thought that when night fell at least She could rest without being attacked by mosquitoes. Oyasama was very pleased and as She glanced through the donation ledger, bowed Her head once in appreciation for the contributions. The disciples thought it was strange when She bowed Her head a second time and, with utmost care, looked at the ledger and saw that people, who had difficulty in making ends meet, also contributed. The second bow was intended for the disciples who had the trying and difficult task of requesting contributions

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from such poor people.

As I remembered this story, I felt that the boy with the brain tumor was thanking God for allowing him to live longer. He even thanked members for giving him the opportunity to straighten out slippers left at the entrance. I felt that this was exactly what is meant by the proverb, we learn from the child we nurture or we learn by putting ourselves in a different position or perspective.

This boy lived for twenty-six productive years after suffering the brain tumor at the age of seventeen. During this twenty-six year period, he received the grant of Sazuke, walked with me and participated in Nioigake, and of course as a service performer, performed at our monthly services.

Oyasama enlightened us with these words concerning the service. "Hands that are limp in the performance of the Service betray a mind that is undisciplined. Also, it will not do to make a single mistake in the manner of moving your hands. Through this Service, one's life can be renewed. So important is this Service."

I feel that since the age of seventeen, he was blessed with twenty-six additional years of life and for him every day was one filled with gratitude.

Among us who have faith in this path, everyone understands the truth of "a thing lent a thing borrowed". Nevertheless, I feel that there are only a few who are

truly grateful each day and the reason for this is that we are overly prosperous and take our daily abundance for granted. By experiencing hardship and inconvenience ourselves, only then can we truly understand the suffering of others for the first time.

By chance I was present and witnessed his passing away for rebirth and like the setting of the sun it was a truly calm and tranquil passing. It is said that if you look at the setting sun a person can predict the weather for the next day. I firmly believe that he will be blessed in his next life.

Recently, whenever I hear of a person close to me or near my age passing away, I ask myself if it will be my turn soon. Among you who have come to worship here today, if you desire a calm and tranquil passing away for rebirth, it is not too late. A wonderful passing is guaranteed if you perform the service earnestly, engage spiritedly in nioigake and otasuke and sincerely give thanks for the use of our borrowed bodies.

When we recover from a difficult illness we rejoice claiming that we have received God's blessing, however it is nothing to be really excited about, our bodies are merely returning to its average temperature of 98 degrees. Even when we recover from a complicated surgery, it is only the body returning to its original state. When we are healthy we take it for granted and do not feel overly thankful or happy. When

I think about this, the greatest blessing of all may be while we are in a state of mind where we do not worry about anything.

We as members of this path have experienced the blessings that bring tears to those who recover from difficult illnesses. To inform others of the existence of these miraculous blessings is the mind that saves others. Nioigake and Otasuke is the action of returning our obligations for being saved.

Oyasama instructed us through these words. "It is neither money nor material things. If you are happy because you have been saved, then with that joy go out and

save people who are praying to be saved. That is the best way to repay the favor. Strive courageously for the salvation of others."

Together, as we perform our duties daily on the forefront of world salvation. Let us all perform assigned duties in the highest of spirits.

Thank you for your kind attention.

I would like to thank Setsuo Kakitani for his translation today and hope that I did not cause any inconvenience by submitting my sermon so late.

## ***April Monthly Service***

***April 14, 2007 (Saturday, 9:00 a.m.)***

***Sermon in English by Reverend Faith Ito***

***Japanese Interpretation by Reverend Motoko Iwata***

***2007 SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE (SHUYOKAI)***

***AT MISSION HQ (DENDOCHO)***

***JUNE 17 - JULY 14, 2007***

This course is conducted in both English and Japanese, and is open to anyone 17 years of age and older.

*Please contact Mission HQ (Dendocho) for further information*

**\*\*FYI: (Hawaii) Dendocho will now be referred to as (Hawaii) Mission HQ\*\***

## *Young Faith Expressions*



**Eric Miyauchi, age 10,  
Asakusa Wave Mission Station**

### *What is Hinokishin to you?*

To me, hinokishin means that if you do hinokishin, not only will the people you helped going to thank you, God the Parent and Oyasama will also thank you for your hard work. Hinokishin also means that if you do hinokishin, it's a way to show God the Parent, "thank you for allowing me to have a healthy body and keeping me alive to do something fun everyday."

The kinds of hinokishin I do at home are wiping windows and jalousies, wiping the X-box (game console), and vacuuming our room. Sometimes I take down the offerings of our mission station too.

At Manoa Church (my grandmother's church), my dad, my brothers and I clean the altar, set up the instruments, and the offerings for the monthly service there. It makes our grandma very happy.

At Dendocho, my brother, Kenny, and I, baby-sit Hiro and Misako-chan. We also wipe the pews in the sanctuary. In the morning, my mom, my brother and I also clean the bathrooms downstairs if we have time so that the people that use the downstairs bathrooms will be able to use a clean toilet.

At school, we keep the school clean by picking up rubbish.

Hinokishin is important to me because it is one way of telling God the Parent "thank you for allowing me to be healthy."



**Weekly Sunday School**  
Every Sunday at Dendocho  
10:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

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

# CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO JIBA 2007

## BGA HAWAII GROUP

**July 18 (Wed) ~ July 30 (Mon)**

We encourage you to invite your family and friends on this yearly event. This year, we are planning to have an optional tour. Details will be in coming issues. Mark your calendars and start your vacation savings!

## ALL TENRIKYO HINOKISHIN DAY

**Kauai**    April 29 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.    Japanese Cemetary

**Oahu**    May 5 (Sat) 8:30 a.m.    Honolulu Zoo

**Maui**    May 12 (Sat) 8:30 a.m.    Makawao Veterans Cemetary

### Hawai'i Island

*Kohala*    May 19 (Sat) 10:00 a.m.    Hapuna Beach

*Kona*    May 26 (Sat) 11:00 a.m.    Kona Memorial Park

*Hilo*    May 27 (Sun) 8:30 a.m.    Homelani Veterans Cemetary

## Women's Association Hui O Wahine Ohana

### CANNED FOOD DRIVE

We are now collecting non-perishable food to be donated to the Institute of Human Services for the homeless.

We will welcome any canned food, rice, candy, etc.

The donation box is placed in front of the pidgeon boxes.

Please bring your contributions by ***April 14, Sunday***, Dendocho Monthly Service day. We kindly ask for your support!

# ISLAND LIFE

## BGA Spring Camp and 32nd General Meeting



The Tenrikyo Hawaii Boys and Girls Association 32<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting and Spring Camp was held on March 24 – 26, 2007 at Hawaii Mission HQ with the General Meeting being held on the first day in the presence of Bishop and Mrs. Michihito Hamada. Over 115 people attended the General Meeting in which BGA members performed the service from the Seated Service through Yorozuyo. BGA Chairman Owen Nakao read the Shinbashira's message in which the Shinbashira expressed that "Oyasama is looking forward to seeing all of you return to Jiba" for the "Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba for the 170<sup>th</sup> Year of Tenrikyo" under the theme "Words of thanks! Minds of joy! Helping hands!"

Next Bishop Hamada gave his greeting, followed by a short speech by Chairman Nakao.

The following members were recognized for graduating from the Boys and Girls Association: Roy Hamada, Rui Yap, David Iwata, Lindsey Nelson, and Chelsea Mikuni, having reached or will be attaining the age of 15 this year.

Rui Yap gave his faith experience speech. After the General Meeting, attendees enjoyed a scrumptious lunch in the social hall.

After lunch, the 70 camp participants, proceeded to the camp site at Tenri Cultural Center. There, they attended an orientation program and participated in a Mini Olympics activity, in which groups competed against each other in fun relay games.

After dinner, the counselors put on a skit based on the camp theme: "Words of thanks, Minds of joy, Helping hands." The respective groups then went to work creating their own skit based on the same theme and practiced it for the campfire program.

The next morning, they did facility and ground cleaning hinokishin and then departed for Bishop Museum where they explored the volcano and archaeology exhibits and experienced the planetarium show. Next, they proceeded to Kakaako Waterfront Park for a picnic and the

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*BGA kids at Bishop Museum*

thrilling cardboard sliding down the grassy slopes. Camp participant Lauren Nakagawa, 9, said, "That was the best part of the camp!"

That night the traditional campfire program commenced with the "lighting of the campfire" ceremony by the Young Men's Association with Bishop and Mrs. Hamada in attendance. Next, camp participants sang campfire songs and enjoyed crowd pleaser games such as "Going on a Buta Hunt." Jason Medeiros got the kids into the "mood" with several Hawaiian songs, singing and playing on the ukulele. The campfire program had to be moved indoors due to rain. In the judo hall, the program continued with skits by each group based on the camp theme: "Words of thanks! Minds of joy! Helping hands!" The skits were then rated by a panel of judges, based on originality,



*Enjoying lunch together*

humor, effort, teamwork and theme." The campfire ended with marshmallow roasting on barbecue grills which the YMA members had prepared in case of rain.

On the last day of the camp, participants got into the Tenrikyo Path Adventures game created by BGA staff member Kyle Kawasaki. The game was designed for the wide open spaces of the cultural center but had to be moved indoors due to rain.

After the Tenrikyo Path Adventures game, the camp "Special Program" started with videos of last year's camp and the "Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba." Camp participants Edwin Li, 12, gave a piano recital and Sara Saltman, 13, gave a hula



*Having fun at Mini Olympics*

performance. Camp counselors Jason Medeiros (singing) and Shoyo Kume (ukulele) played the popular "Surf" song. The program concluded with a tap dance by counselor Cynthia Hisao.

The camp ended after lunch with the closing prayer and recognition and thanks to all who contributed to the camp. Bishop and Mrs. Hamada helped in passing out "goodie" bags to all the camp participants! Chairman Nakao said that the camp, which included fourteen members from Kauai and four from Maui, was a good opportunity for neighbor island members and the congregation as a whole to experience the joy of faith as "one family" at the Mission HQ and the Tenri Cultural Center. He expressed his thanks to all who helped to make the camp a success.

# What Do You Think?

*Q: What is the most important thing in your life?*



**Reverend Yoshinobu Nakao (78)**

"My Life. I am living because I have been given life. Because I have my life I am able to receive the blessings of God the Parent. I can be happy. These things, my life & the blessings I receive daily, are all from God, so they are the most important things to me."



**Kiyomi Higaki (37)**

"My children and my husband. They are a part of me. I don't know where I would be without them. They are my life. When I see them smile, I am happy."



**Jennifer Ichise (26)**

"My family. That they are alive & healthy. When I have problems, they are the one's that I can really count on and trust. They won't judge me. I know that every time we get something hard we can get through it together."



**Tori Kawasaki (12)**

"My Play Station 2. I have games that I really like. I enjoy when we get the opportunity to play on the weekends. It helps me to look forward to the weekends and to do my school work on the weekdays."

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### **YMA Cherry Blossom Festival Mochi Pounding**

On March 10, Saturday, the 55th Cherry Blossom Festival was held at the Japanese Cultural Center, with Hawaii Mission HQ providing the mochi pounding demonstration. With the help of the Women's Association and Young Men's Association, six pounds of mochi were pounded in three increments and the prepared mochi was distributed to the audience. Mahalo for your support and hinokishin!



*YMA with the lovely Contestants*

### **English Spiritual Development Course in Jiba**

Rev. Lynn So, head minister of Taitan Church, was appointed to be the English Course Instructor for this year's three-month English Spiritual Development Course (Shuyoka) in Jiba. Also, Moses Nakao (Pearl Church, Tengen Branch Church), Ryan MacPherson (Taiheyo Church, Shuto Grand Church [G.C.]), and John Stephen Hartman (Kapaa Church, Shuto G.C.) will be students in the English Course this year. The course is held from April till the end of June.

### **New Young Men's Association Chairperson**

We would like to say a warm aloha to the new Hawaii Young Men's Association Chairperson, Mr. Daniel Suzuki. He will be replacing Mr. Tad Iwata, who will be moving to Maui in June. We thank Tad for all of his efforts through the years.

### **New Young Women's Club Officers**

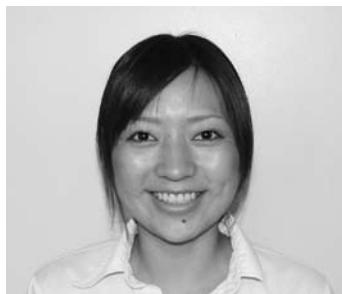
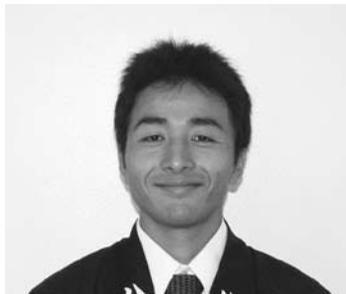
We would like to recognize the new officers for the Hawaii Young Women's Club:

Terri Miyamoto, chairperson  
Cheryl Horikawa, secretary  
Louise Inafuku, treasurer

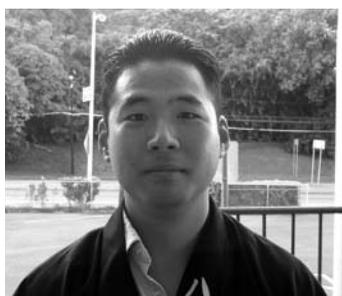
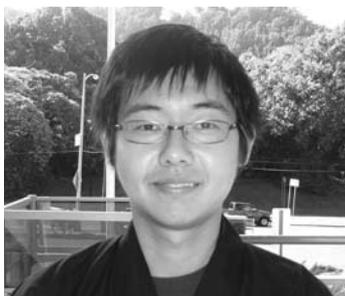
We would also like to send a big aloha and mahalo to former officers:

Former chairperson, Kristl Ito  
Former secretary, Jennifer Kakitani  
Former treasurer, Sherri Sakamoto  
Thank you for your dedication!

## MISSION HQ (DENDOCHO) ANNOUNCEMENTS



We would like to say mahalo and a hui hou to former Mission HQ seinen, Hiroyoshi (Norio) Nishikawa, to former Hawaii Tenri Bunko staff, Megumi Hashida and to former kitchen staff, Hitomi Fukuda. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and wish them well in their bright futures.



We would like to welcome a new seinen to Hawaii Mission HQ: Mr. Hiroshi Mori (1st photo), who will be serving as librarian at Hawaii Tenri Bunko for two years. Returning seinen are Motoyuki Gonai and local boy, Jason Kawasaki. We thank them for their hard work and great smiles!

**Rev. Tad Iwata**, received divine sanction as a head minister of a church on March 26 in Jiba, to become the next head minister of Haleakala Church (Hofu G.C.) on Maui. The installation service will be held on June 30 of this year.

**Tate Kakitani**, of Kochi-Makoto Church/Kochi G.C., will be entering Tenrikyo Language Institute as a student from April of this year.

**Michelle Inouye**, of Hawaii Kai Mission Station/Hawaii Central Church/Higashi-chuo G.C., will be entering Tenri Seminary School in April of this year.

# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports



### **BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION**

#### **GENERAL MEETING & SPRING CAMP**

The 32nd Annual General Meeting and Spring Camp were held on March 24-26, 2007 (Sat-Mon). The General Meeting was held on the first day at 10am at Dendocho.

The General Meeting and Spring Camp provided opportunities for the children to participate in stimulating educational and physical activities, and practice the teachings in a fun and safe environment.

Tears of gratitude flow for all who volunteered their time and skills for the Camp and General Meeting. Thank you very much!

#### **OYASAMA BIRTHDAY ACTIVITY!**

The annual Oyasama birthday activity will be held on the third Sunday, April 15th at 9:00am. Come one and all to wish Oyasama a Happy 209th Birthday! The program includes: a picture card storytelling of Oyasama's life, fun games, and a birthday snack.



### **YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

#### **MONTHLY MEETING**

This month's monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11th from 7:30 pm at Rainbow Hale.

#### **ANNUAL YOUNG MENS ASSOCIA- TION GENERAL MEETING**

This year's YMA General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 19th from 9:30 am at Dendocho. Please keep this date open and make plans to join us for this important event.



### **YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB**

#### **BGA SPRING CAMP**

Thank you to everyone that volunteered at the BGA Spring Camp. Your sincere efforts helped to make it another successful event.

#### **GENERAL MEETING**

Please make plans to join us at the joint Women's Association and Young Men's Association general meeting on May 19th at Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. Besides having the opportunity to perform the service, there will be some fun and exciting activities planned in the afternoon.



# WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Thank you for your sincere efforts of hinokishin for the Boys & Girls Association General Meeting and Spring Camp's meal making, cleaning and various activities. Our most important role as women of the path is to nurture and guide our children in this path. Thank you again for your sincere efforts.

Canned goods drive for the Institute of Human Services is slated for April. Please bring your food items by April 14th. A box is placed in front of the pigeon boxes.

Mahalo!

## MONTHLY MEETING

April 9 (Mon)

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| Meeting              | 9:00 a.m.  |
| Anecdotes of Oyasama | 10:15 a.m. |
| Lecture from Bishop  | 11:15 a.m. |

## TCC Hinokishin

April 13 (Fri) 9:00 a.m.

## HUI O WAHINE OHANA

April 21 (Sat) 7:00 p.m.

## WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK

April 28 (Sat) 7:00 p.m.

## BAZAAR HINOKISHIN

Please join the Bazaar Hinokishin every Wednesday at the West House from 9 am to 12 noon.

## OYASAMA'S BIRTHDAY OFFERTORY PERFORMANCE

April 10 (Tue) 7:00 p.m

Please wear your happi and white socks. A \$3 donation is requested.

April 3 (Tue) 9:00a.m., 7:00p.m.

Offertory performance practice

We kindly ask and encourage your assistance with baking cookies as a gift for Oyasama. The cookies will be brought to Jiba as an offering to Oyasama. Please bring your homemade cookies to Dendocho by April 14th (Sat), the day of the monthly service.

**\*\*Please note that the Nuuanu Hale Visitation and the Women's Instruments practice have been cancelled for April.\*\***

## 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

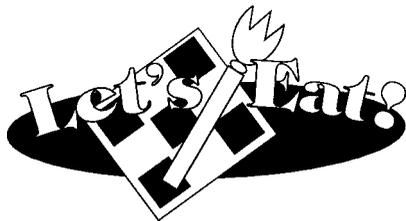
We just completed the BGA Spring camp and we were blessed to have Reverend Inafuku of Kariyushi Mission Station come to cook his delicious yakitori for lunch on Sunday. The sauce he used for the yakitori was such a hit, and so many were asking for the recipe that I decided to ask his permission to feature it this month. Not a difficult recipe to follow and besides being simple, it can be used to enhance all kinds of recipes. Reverend Inafuku shared

that he uses this for stir fried vegetables as well. This one is a sure pleaser for your family and guests alike.

## Rev Inafuku's Yakitori Sauce

### Ingredients

One part Shoyu (Yamasa Brand)  
One part Sugar  
One part Water  
One bulb Garlic (crushed)  
One 4 inch Ginger Root (crushed)  
Sesame Seeds & Green Onions to taste



\*The amount of shoyu, sugar and water depends on the amount of meat you are marinading. The amount of garlic and ginger depends on the amount of sauce you are making. Adjust to suit your taste.

### Directions

Mix sauce ingredients and stir well. Marinade meat. (Chicken 1~2 hours, BBQ meat 2~3 hours, Shortribs 5 hours). After marinading, remove and set aside meat for grilling. Slow boil marinade, scooping out the cooked blood from the sauce. Thicken with cornstarch and water. Grill or barbeque meat. Baste with cornstarch thickened sauce as it cooks.

#### Important Tips:

\*Rev Inafuku shared that either of the following ingredients will aid in softening the meat. Add fresh crushed pineapples or papaya. If the fruit is not available, a little coca cola or 7 up will aid as meat softeners as well.

\*\*Also Rev Inafuku shared that the skin of the garlic and ginger has flavor too, so please mix it into the marinade.

## April 2007

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| <b>1st Sun</b>  | BGA - Sunday School                             | Dendocho | 10:00 a.m.                      |
| <b>3rd Tue</b>  | Oyasama Offertory Practice                      | Dendocho | 7:00 p.m.                       |
| <b>4th Wed</b>  | WA - Bazaar Hinokishin<br>(Every Wednesday)     | TCC      | 9:00 a.m.                       |
| <b>7th Sat</b>  | Missionary House Monthly Service                | TCC      | 10:00 a.m.                      |
| <b>8th Sun</b>  | BGA - Sunday School                             | Dendocho | 10:00 a.m.                      |
| <b>9th Mon</b>  | WA - Monthly Meeting                            | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m.                       |
| <b>10th Tue</b> | Oyasama Offertory Performance                   | Dendocho | 7:00 p.m.                       |
| <b>11th Wed</b> | YMA - Monthly Meeting                           | RH       | 7:30 p.m.                       |
| <b>12th Thu</b> | BGA - Staff Meeting                             | Dendocho | 7:00 p.m.                       |
| <b>13th Fri</b> | TCC Hinokishin                                  | TCC      | 9:00 a.m.                       |
| <b>14th Sat</b> | Dendocho Monthly Service<br>Aloha Band Practice | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m.<br>Dendocho 1:00 p.m. |
| <b>15th Sun</b> | BGA - Oyasama B-day Celebration                 | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m.                       |
| <b>21st Sat</b> | Hui O Wahine Ohana meeting                      | Dendocho | 7:00 p.m.                       |
| <b>22nd Sun</b> | BGA - Sunday School                             | Dendocho | 10:00 a.m.                      |
| <b>26th Thu</b> | Monthly Yohaishiki                              | Dendocho | 9:00 a.m.                       |
| <b>28th Sat</b> | WSN   | Dendocho | 7:00 p.m.                       |
| <b>29th Sun</b> | BGA - Sunday School                             | Dendocho | 10:00 a.m.                      |

## May 2007

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| <b>5th Sat</b>  | Missionary House Monthly Service | TCC      | 10:00 a.m. |
| <b>19th Sat</b> | WA & YMA General Meeting         | Dendocho | 9:30 a.m.  |

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

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GENERAL MEETING**

May 19, Saturday 9:30 a.m.

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