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ORIGINS

*Just a word: you are saying that it is a fit or madness.
It is not an illness but the urging of God..
Ofudesaki II:11*



ALL TENRIKYO HINOKISHIN DAY
HONOLULU ZOO 5/2 (SAT)

Message from the Head of the Overseas Department May 26, Tenrikyo 172

I would like to commend each of you for your daily dedication in each of your concurrent positions.

Here in Oyasato (Parental Home), we have welcomed the season of fresh green leaves growing full and verdant, and today, many devoted followers from their respective countries and regions have returned to Jiba, as the May Monthly Service was performed spiritedly with minds in unity with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira stated that as we ponder deeply about the various incidences which we are currently shown throughout our societies around world, all head ministers and Yoboku present, must be strict in reflecting upon ourselves and correct the direction of our minds. So as not to disappoint our Parent, let us exert our efforts towards the construction of our minds, and be single-hearted with God in any situation. Let us sweep the dusts of our mind and rid ourselves of the doubt of human thinking so that each and every person may diligently engage in noigake and salvation work, and resolve to devote our sincerity towards the construction of the world, in unity of mind.

Furthermore, he prayed that the truth of the sincere mind of prayer be granted the free and unlimited blessings, and that all people, one by one, may wake up to the teachings of the Parent, and replace one's mind as a means of repayment, and prayed for guidance that all human beings may be in a state of harmonious joy of the Joyous Life.

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Yoshiaki Uno.

Rev. Uno, reflecting back upon his own experiences, found that by stating to Oyasama each day that he would be utilized as "useful timber", he has since had various encounters and was granted many opportunities for salvation work. In his heart, the feeling of yearning for Oyasama became stronger step by step and through this, he was able to feel this "yearning for Oyasama" from his own heart.

He also spoke about a note written by his mother in the 10th year of Showa, regarding an incident when the police rushed into Church Headquarters for an enforced investigation. Thinking about our predecessors who walked the path with a basis of a strong faith and conviction for the Divine Model of Oyasama, our hearts naturally rise and well up with courage, confidence, and a sense of duty.

In closing, Rev. Uno stated that we must convey the "yearning for Oyasama" and the joy of faith to the world and overflow it throughout this Path. He encouraged all of us to exert our utmost efforts so that we may use it as a motivating force to further our spiritual maturity.

Let us continue our respective duties in high spirits and I ask for your continued cooperation.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Overseas Department Head

May Monthly Service Prayer

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

God the Parent, out of Your deep parental love for all Your children, you have guided us in accord with the seasonable time and there is not a moment You cease to protect us. For this we are deeply grateful, and we are striving to meet Your desire by daily engaging our effort to spiritedly follow the path which will allow us to make repayment for the blessings we receive. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the May monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. We brothers and sisters of this Path have looked forward to this day and today, we are gathered here in prayer before You to sing the Mikagura-uta. As You watch us, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

The All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day was held throughout the world, and was conducted on the 2nd with 150 participating on Oahu. Participation on Kauai, Maui and Hawaii will soon follow. Also, on the 16th the Hawaii Woman's Association and Young Men's Association general meetings were jointly held with many attending. Guest representative Mr. Motokiyo Fukaya from the headquarters of the Young Men's Association was also there to join them. In anticipation of the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Association, a Pep Rally sponsored by the Women's Association Headquarters will be held on the 30th and 31st at three locations; Honolulu, Maui and Hilo. As each member deepened their resolve as foundations of the faith, and their passion as pioneers of the path, they vowed to apply their spirited effort directly toward the realization of the joyous life world.

As we spiritedly pursue the path of the Divine Model of Oyasama, we hope to make the best of each day, and not be swayed by self-centered thinking, as we apply our utmost effort toward our duties and administer the Sazuke in hopes to meet your desire for world salvation.

Although we are far from your expectations, may You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity and as brothers and sisters of the world striving to attain harmony by helping one another, we ask that You guide us toward reconstructing the world into a world of unlimited joy. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.

Mission HQ May Monthly Service Sermon
Reverend Clyde Mikuni
(Tenrikyo Taiheiyo Church)



TENRI-O-NO-MIKOTO

Focal Point – “The Joy of Simply Being Able to”

Chapter Four of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo begins with:

We call out the name Tenri-O-No-Mikoto in praise and worship of God the Parent. God the Parent is God of Origin, God in Truth, who created humankind and the world where there was no form and who gives life, time, and place to all things throughout eternity.

God the Parent is the origin of humankind and this world. Not only was the world created by God the Parent, but there is nothing in this world whose existence does not depend on divine providence.

The true Parent of this universe is Tsukihi. It is I who protect you in everything.

Ofudesaki VI:102

Indeed, our bodies which are lent to us by God the Parent is constantly provided for with freedom of function which is explained in the ten providences of God the Parent. The free use of our bodies of course comes with a distinctive purpose, and that is, to live the joyous life.

It is quite obvious however, that many do not fully understand this truth and continue to think that they can use their bodies to meet their own willful needs.

The following verses from the Ofudesaki brings clarity to this common misunderstanding:

All human bodies are things lent by God. With what thought are you using them?

Ofudesaki III:41

All human bodies are things lent by God. Do you not know the free and unlimited workings of God?

Ofudesaki III:126

So long as you remain unknowing

**that the body is a thing borrowed,
you can understand nothing at all.**

Ofudesaki III:137

The above verses offer an opportunity to understand how our bodies should be used. Indeed, God the Parent has lent us our bodies and constantly provides them with freedom of function.

God gave a sacred name to each aspect of the complete providence and explained its workings, both in the human body and in the physical world. These are called the ten providences of God the Parent.

In the interest of time, I will not elaborate on each aspect, but rather focus on the few that we are conscious of throughout our daily life. They are Kunitokotachino-Mikoto, the providence of the eyes and fluids, Kashikone-no-Mikoto, the providence of breathing and speaking, and Kumoyomi-no-Mikoto, the providence of eating, drinking, and elimination.

A simple and yet very important way to reflect on these providences is to ask ourselves if we are truly using them in a way that brings joy to our hearts. Or, could it be the contrary?

Are we looking at people and things in a way that makes us happy? Or are we overly critical and unduly judgmental that we view things negatively and only notice people's shortcomings.

Are we speaking in a manner that encourages, inspires, and raises one's spirits? Or are we possibly insensitive to other's needs and use words that add to

their sadness and depression.

Are we thankful for the food provided and partake of it with gratitude? Or are we known to be particular about the things we eat and satisfied only when they suit our taste completely.

If we're not careful, we may be using the providences of God the Parent in a manner contrary to God's intentions. Nothing could be more sorrowful than this.

A helpful point to remember is that true joy is not about what we eat or how it tastes, but simply being able to eat.

From the Life of Oyasama we learn that at times when the family had nothing to eat but pickled vegetables and nothing to drink but water, She encouraged Her children by saying:

In this world there are those who are suffering, unable to eat or even to swallow water despite food piled high at their bedsides. If we think of them, how blessed we are, for when we drink water, it tastes of water. God the Parent has blessed us with exquisite gifts.

Truly an important focal point—"The Joy of Simply Being Able to".

One who engages in Otasuke (Salvation work) regularly can easily relate to the above. People in their sickbeds unable to make simple corporal movements, unable to pass anything down their throats, or unable to withstand severe pain without the help of morphine.

I remember administering the sazu

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daily for a gentleman suffering from acute leukemia at Kuakini Hospital. It was raining heavily one morning, and as I entered the hospital room, he was standing at the window.

As I approached him, he said, “Rev. Mikuni, you see that guy out there?” He was referring to a custodian who was working in the rain. “I wouldn’t mind doing that for the rest of my life.”

Those were words coming from a person who, only four months prior was a robust individual, active in sports, jewelry sales, and all while working fulltime at an airline company.

As I left the hospital, it was still raining, but I was overwhelmed with a feeling of gratitude for simply being able to walk out the door, and the heavy raindrops felt like a soothing massage. I silently thanked that gentleman for instilling in me something that had been kept off the burner for a while, the “joy of simply being able to.”

Doing the Service as a Means of Expressing One’s Gratitude to God the Parent, Tenri-O-No-Mikoto.

For the faithful, doing the Service (Otsutome) twice daily is a normal practice.

At the beginning of the Service, we silently invoke God the Parent ”Tenri-O-No-Mikoto” in a prayer.

As we sing the words to Section One of the Songs for the Service, “Ashiki o harote tasuke tamae, Tenri-O-No-Mikoto”, we invoke God the Parent, Tenri-O-No-

Mikoto 21 times.

In Section Two, “Chotto hanashi...”, we sing “Namu Tenri-O-No-Mikoto” at the end.

And finally in our silent prayer at the end of the Service, we invoke Tenri-O-No-Mikoto once more.

At a church or a mission station where singing and dancing 2 songs of the teodori after the Service is a common practice, each song ends with “Namu Tenri-O-No-Mikoto” twice, (once only for Yorozuyo) making it an additional 4 times.

And of course, we who are yoboku (missionaries) administer the Sazuke (Divine Grant) at least once daily, invoking “Tenri-O-No-Mikoto” in our silent prayer before and after administering. In the actual administration, “Ashiki harai tasuke tamae Tenri-O-No-Mikoto” and “Namu tasuke tamae Tenri-O-No-Mikoto” are repeated 3 times, again 3 times, and 3 times more.

We invoke God the Parent, TENRI-O-NO-MIKOTO approximately 50 times daily, and more, depending on the number of sazuke one administers, and the number of times one does the Service.

When I was assigned by Bishop Hamada to talk today on Chapter Four of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, Tenri-O-No-Mikoto, I took a moment to reflect on the reason I was assigned this particular chapter.

I asked myself, what does Tenri-O-No-Mikoto mean to me? Through my study of the doctrine over the years, I have read Chapter Four many times over.

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In calling out to God the Parent, Tenri-O-No-Mikoto fifty plus times throughout each day, with what thought and feeling am I doing so? I realized that during the service and teodori, I am for the most part singing Tenri-O-No-Mikoto primarily to accompany the hand movements. I do, however, recite the ten providences of God the Parent mentally as a counting measure during the seated service.

With the sazuke, however, the chanting is much more intense. Perhaps the difference lies in the fact that emotions run higher when praying for someone on the spot. The intensity of our prayer may also be weighed by the seriousness of the illness or injury and the urgency of the matter.

Among my most emotional experiences in administering the sazuke, one took place here in this worship hall and it involved my late father. Some of you were probably present that day of the monthly service.

In the midst of delivering the monthly service sermon, he started slurring his words and the next moment fell straight backwards hitting his head on the upper dais. I rushed up to him and noticed he was bleeding and shaking like someone having a convulsion. I immediately started to administer the sazuke, and in my prayer asked God the Parent to take ten years of my life and to save him.

By the end of the sazuke, his body had stopped shaking and he regained consciousness. As we assisted him to the men's dressing room next door, he appeared embarrassed that it happened

in front of the congregation and initially refused to go to the hospital when the ambulance arrived.

He recovered completely, and lived well beyond the ten years I had asked for, passing away for rebirth just shy of his ninety fifth birthday. Truly, I was shown the power of the sazuke.

I occasionally remind my wife to add ten years to my date of passing when that calling comes.

At the end of Chapter Four we are taught:

God the Parent is the true Parent of humankind. God's sole desire is the Joyous Life for all the children. Therefore, God appeared in this world through Oyasama as the Shrine to open the path of single-hearted salvation at the Jiba, the place of origin.

The Jiba is the place to which the divine name Tenri-O-No-Mikoto was given, and there, Oyasama remains alive forever, protecting all humankind.

Herein lies the core of our faith, which is our belief that Oyasama was indeed the Shrine of God the Parent, and that Her soul is everliving.

Of whatever salvation, you are assured, because your true Parent lives.

Ofudesaki VII:101

ISLAND LIFE

WA-YMA-YWC Joint General Meeting



50th Women's Association General Meeting

The 50th Women's Association General Meeting was successfully held jointly with the Young Men's Association and Young Women's Club on May 16, 2009. It began with the joint service and the first part of the general meeting which was held with just the ladies in the sanctuary (the Young Men's Association held the first part of the general meeting in the hall), included messages from the Women's Association headquarters, Mrs. Hamada's speech, honoring our 80-year-olds, singing of the Women's Association

and Young Women's Club songs. Then the second part of the general meeting was held jointly with the Young Men's Association in the sanctuary with two faith experience speeches. The first one was given by Mrs. Nobuyo Hirano and followed by Mr. Toan Tabal. Both speeches were inspirational.

As the Women's Association will be commemorating the 100th Anniversary in April 2010, the members were spirited in their efforts towards the service and also the food bazaar which followed right after lunch.

Thank you all for making the 50th Women's Association General Meeting a success!



WA General Meeting in the Worship Hall



Honoring this year's 80-year-olds



*Mr. Motokiyo Fukaya, Representative of YMA,
Tenrikyo Church Headquarters*



YMA General Meeting in the Social Hall

ISLAND LIFE

52nd Annual Joint General Meeting - YMA

Some might say, “Another year, another Joint General Meeting”. On the surface, that’s what it looks like and that’s the sentiment of many Tenrikyo followers. What’s the point? Is it that important to dress up in our Japanese attire* and make our parents happy by coming out once a year to participate in the service? A few performers showed up with a completely depressed look on their face and an equally depressed attitude. I can’t blame them. I honestly can’t blame them because these are the followers that don’t know why they do, what they do, every year. They don’t understand that performing in the Service is just a small part of the General Meeting. In my opinion the General Meeting serves several purposes: 1. Performing the service which is a fundamental teaching in our religion, 2. Reconnecting with Tenrikyo, 3. Strengthening relationships amongst our young Tenrikyo followers, 4. Showing gratitude/appreciation to God the Parent for being healthy enough to perform in the service, 5. Learning something new about ourselves. I’m sure there are many other reasons to participate in the General Meeting but to me these are the most important. I need to point out that 95% of the performers who showed up were enthusiastic and full of energy and that really pumps me up! I thank you. I do hope that those who initially attended



Daniel Suzuki, YMA Chairperson

the general meeting with a poor attitude, left feeling better about themselves and about our beautiful but often challenging religion. I was genuinely happy to see everyone come out to this event.

I apologize to those readers who expected me to begin the first paragraph with, “On May 16th the YMA, YWC, and Women’s Association held our 52nd annual General Meeting. It was a wonderful performance, blah..blah..blah.” That gets kind of old and I get tired of writing the same thing every year. The truth be told, it was a nice day with lots of good and not so good points. We had some great faith experience speeches (Mr. Tabbal, Mrs. Hirano), tasty food (Reverend Inafuku, YMA, Women’s Association, YWC), and nervous, but spirited performers. The emcee (Mr. Garcia) was fantastic and the YMA representative (Reverend Fukaya) from Japan was able to speak very good English. Thanks to all that supported this annual event. Please remember that this

General Meeting and all the other Tenrikyo activities are all done by volunteers “just like you” who have families, school, jobs, and other obligations so please volunteer your time. See you at the next event.

* “Japanese attire” refers to the black Japanese kimono worn by the service performers which is the official formal “service robe” for the Tenrikyo Service.

--Daniel Suzuki, YMA Chairperson



YMA Members listening to a lecture



Another scene from YMA General Meeting in the Social Hall

All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day



The annual All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day activity was held at six different locations throughout Hawaii. A big mahalo to all who participated!

The annual All Tenrikyo Hinokishin

Day is conducted by Tenrikyo followers throughout the world to celebrate the teaching of *hinokishin*, which is to express one's gratitude to God through selfless action.

4/19	Maui	8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Konaha Beach Park	24 persons
5/2	Oahu	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Honolulu Zoo	140 persons
5/9	Kauai	9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Japanese Cemetery	10 persons
Hawai'i Island (Big Island)				
5/3	<i>Kona</i>	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Kona Memorial Park	7 persons
5/10	<i>Kohala</i>	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Old Kona Airport Park	6 persons
5/23	<i>Hilo</i>	8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Homelani Memorial Park	17 persons

Total: 204 participants



Maui



Big Island, Hilo



Big Island, Kona

Reverend Masatoshi Shamoto Receives Award

Rev. Masatoshi Shamoto, head minister of Malie Mission Station (Nakano Grand Church), received the prestigious award “The Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Rays” for his dedication to preserve Japanese culture overseas with Gagaku, Japanese court music, on May 13, 2009 at an awards ceremony at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan. In addition, he was able to meet the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

Some words of thanks from Rev. Shamoto: *Gagaku is something that cannot be done alone. It is thanks to the support of numerous people that I am here today. This award is not only for myself, but I am accepting it as an award for everyone, who have supported gagaku in one way or another.*

When I think about it, it's a wonder that it (gagaku) has continued until now. I thought it almost couldn't be done, because I had to start from scratch with practically nothing (no instruments or music sheets). However, I was deeply moved by the then Bishop Inoue's strong encouragement (almost reprimand), “Shamoto-kun! Duty of faith is Oyasama saying to just do it. It's not about can or cannot do, you must do it!” In that case, Oyasama will give me strength. “Oyasama, it's your responsibility!” is the kind of thinking that kept me going thus far.

Recently, I was thinking that I should retire and let the younger people take over.



However, with this award adding more responsibility to rest on my shoulders, I have decided to continue in my position until I pass away for rebirth. Therefore, I continue to ask for your support.

Brief life history:

Born on November 29, 1934 in Aichi Prefecture, Japan. Arrived in Hawaii in 1959. Became a lecturer in 1962 and began Gagaku classes at UH-Manoa. In 1968, Hawaii Gagaku Kenkyukai was formed, with members from various backgrounds and cultures. In the year 2000, he helped to establish Cologne Gagaku Ensemble at Cologne University in Germany. Currently, he is the head of Hawaii Gagaku Kenkyukai (Hawaii Gagaku Society).



NEW BABY GIRL ON BOARD!

ZOEY MIZUKI TAYLOR

BORN: APRIL 14, 2009 AT 7:08 AM

IN NAPLES, ITALY

WEIGHT: 7 LBS. 0 OZ. 19 INCH.

PARENTS: DAVID & ANNABELLA TAYLOR

CHURCH: PEARL CHURCH/TENGEN

BRANCH CHURCH

CONGRATULATIONS!

OPEN THE DOOR TO A NEW LIFE!
2009 HAWAII SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE
(SHUYOKAI)

JUNE 21 (SUNDAY) - JULY 17 (FRIDAY)

Tenrikyo Mission HQ of Hawaii will hold its 38th Spiritual Development Course providing a place to learn the teachings of Tenrikyo and to train spiritually, in a safe and nurturing environment.

Through group life at the Mission HQ, you will learn the true purpose of life by helping one another and practicing the teachings in actual situations. You will be able to experience the joy of having the faith.

How can we live a happy and prosperous life? How can we be healed from illness and solve our problems? You will find answers to these questions and more, as you experience the true joy of life.

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

Applications are due by June 14, Sunday.

Please contact Mission HQ (Dendocho) for further information

JUDO NEWS

On March 29, 2009 at York, Pennsylvania, three of Hawaii Tenri Judo Club members took home medals at the Youth & Scholastic National Judo Championships. Cole Chandler and Mindy Chow took the gold in their respective divisions. Chrissy Chow lost in an upset match against Crystal Butts (Fontana, Calif. / West Coast Judo Training Center). They went against each other three times, first went to Butts, the second to Chow, and lastly, by decision, Butts.

Jared Kaneko: 1st Place: Boys Inter 1 38 kg
Cole Chandler: 1st Place: Boys Inter 2 38 kg
Dane P. Pestano: 1st Place: Boys Juv A 90 kg
Mindy Chow: 1st Place: Girls Juv B 52 kg
& IJF 52 kg
Chrissy Chow: 2nd Place: Girls IJF 57 kg
Cassidy Chandler: 3rd Place: Girls Juv A 48kg

Paihi Pestano also competed in an exhibition match against the Puerto Rican Team and won his match by wazari.

Mindy Chow was chosen to be on the USA Judo Cadet Female Team for the Cadet World Championships (15-16 year olds), August 2009 in Budapest, Hungary.

Members of the [Hawaii Tenri Judo Club](#) have entered the [2009 Senior National Judo Championships & 2009 World Team Trials](#) in San Diego, California on April 17-19. Once again, the Hawaii Tenri Judo Club was well represented having 4 members place in the top 5 of their respective decisions. To qualify to as a member of the Senior World Championship Team, one must win in their respective divisions and defeat the first-seeded player in a best-of-three fight-off. If the first seeded player wins, he/she will not need to take part in a fight off.

5th	Arnold	Toriumi:	Men's	60kg
3rd	Taylor	Ibera:	Women's	48kg
5th	Chrissy	Chow:	Women's	52kg
3rd	Mindy	Chow:	Women's	57kg

June Monthly Service

June 21, 2009 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

Sermon "The Divine Model"

Sermon in Japanese by Mrs. Masayo Hamada

English Translation by Lisa Okamura

MISSION HQ ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO JIBA 2009

July 16 (Thu) - July 29 (Wed) & July 30 (Thu)



BGA Hawaii Group

We encourage you to invite your family and friends on this yearly event.

**The airfare is estimated at about \$850 per person. Airfare assistance will be provided for Hinokishin Corps participants. For further details, please inquire at Mission HQ office.*



Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar

August 30, (Sun) 2009

9:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

at Tenri Cultural Center

Please invite your friends and family for this yearly event

39th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar Information Guide

That time of the year is coming around once again! We are now only a few weeks away from our 39th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar. Every year the bazaar gives us an opportunity to reach out to the community and introduce them to the fragrance of Tenrikyo. Whether it be our caring touch when preparing the delicious treats or our delightful smiles when helping others, let us take this opportunity to unite our hearts and work together as one to once again make this year's bazaar a success.

Here are a few important reminders for this year's event.

Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar

Date: August 30 (Sun) **Time:** 8:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.

Location: Tenri Cultural Center
2236 Nuuanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817

Sale Items

BBQ Chicken, Sushi, Cone Sushi, Sekihan, Andagi, Ohagi, Hot Dog, Shave Ice, Plate Lunch, Kim-Chee, Takuwan, Sanbaizuke, Cookies, Tempura, Oden, Yakisoba, Saimin, Vegetables, Plants, Flowers, Clothes, Futons, Cushions, Old Clothing, Used Items, Stamina Ramen, Mochi Pounding, and much, much more!

Pre-Sale scripts and chicken tickets are now available at Mission HQ or at your affiliated church. Please note that there are separate BBQ Chicken tickets for sale. Scripts and chicken tickets will also be available on the day of the bazaar.

Booth Set-up Hinokishin: August 28 (Fri) 9:00 a.m ~ 3:00 p.m.

Bazaar donations will be accepted from August 17 (Mon) through August 20 (Tue). Please bring your items to Tenri Cultural Center (TCC) between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The following items will not be accepted: furniture, electronics, mattresses, exercise equipment, and computers.

*If you have any questions about the bazaar please feel free to contact
Mission HQ at 595-6523.*



Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii Essay Contest 2009

Answer the essay question for a chance to win
cash prizes!

Awards

1st Prize: \$500
2nd Prize: \$300
3rd Prize: \$200

Eligibility

This essay contest
is open to all persons
over 14 years of age.

The essay must be an original manuscript written
exclusively for the Tenrikyo Mission HQ of Hawaii
Essay Contest

Go to the Mission Headquarters office for the
application and information packet or email to:

jtoy303@yahoo.com

Deadline for Submission

Entries must be postmarked by June 30, 2009.
Winners will be announced on August 16, 2009.

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Associations' Reports



BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

ALOHA BAND

Regular practices are held on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays from 1:30 – 3:30pm at Mission HQ.

FUNDRAISING FOR 2009

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO JIBA

The Pizza Hut "Buy One, Get One Free" Literacy Card at \$10 per card and coupon booklet at \$3 each is still continuing and we would like to ask for everyone's support including the neighbor island churches, missions, members and friends! The literacy card usually pays for itself within the first two purchases and you can use it for one full year after the first purchase. In addition we were fortunate to receive a large donation of Kasava chips which we are selling 2 for \$1 which normally retails for \$3.99 each!

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE PRAYER SERVICE AND ORIENTATION

Children's Pilgrimage participants and/or parents are reminded to attend the prayer service and orientation on Sunday, June 28th, 7pm at Mission HQ.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

It is already the half-way point this year. How was the Women's Association 100th Anniversary Pep Rallies on May 30th and 31st?

The Pep Rallies were not only to bring about the 100th anniversary of the Women's Association, but to receive new food for thought in order to live out our lives from now on. Let us share God the Parent's teachings and have a mind of salvation everyday so that as many people as possible can be saved.

MONTHLY MEETING

June 8th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.
Study Session (Anecdotes) 10:15 a.m.
Lecture by Bishop 11:15 a.m.

NUUANU HALE VISITATION

June 13 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PRACTICE

June 16 (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

BAZAAR HINOKISHIN

Every Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
at TCC West House

WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK

After lunch, June Monthly Service (6/21)

*June Mission HQ Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to North Honolulu Church. Mahalo!

*We also ask for everyone's hinokishin to prepare meals for the Hawaii Spiritual Development Course this month. Thank you!

**TENRIKYO WOMEN'S
ASSOCIATION
100th ANNIVERSARY**

**92nd Annual
General Meeting
Tenrikyo 173 (2010)**

April 19 (Mon) 10 a.m.
Tenrikyo Church Headquarters,
Inner Courtyard



**YOUNG MEN'S
ASSOCIATION**

MONTHLY MEETING

June 17 (Wed) 7:30 p.m.
Rainbow Hale

June will be filled with other hinokishin events. Dates will be forthcoming. Expect many phone calls and emails.



**YOUNG WOMEN'S
CLUB**

**VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS FOR THE
MINI-BAZAAR & BEVERAGE TABLE**

We need volunteers to help with our monthly mini-bazaar at the Dendocho's Monthly Service. We also need volunteers to help with the beverage table, setting up the drinks and pouring tea. If you can donate a baked good or help out during lunch time, please contact Louise at 551-3158 to sign up. We will also be collecting cans/bottles to recycle to help fundraise for the future trip to Jiba for the Women's Association 100th Anniversary in 2010.

THANK YOU!

Another year has gone by and another successful Joint General Meeting was accomplished. The service was performed joyously with all members of each association. Thank you for all your dedication.

Thank you to all who participated in the Fujinkai & YWC 50th General Meeting. It was a lot of fun and I hope you all enjoyed it!

A big, huge MAHALO to all those who helped out with the Garage Sale/Car Wash. The event was a huge success and we hope to have another in the near future. For those of you who were not able to stay and help, thank you for attending and supporting the different organizations. The proceeds went toward funding those traveling back to Jiba for various joyous events (YWC –100th Anniversary April 2010; YMA – International Hinokishin Tai July 2009). Thank you again.



The Hungry Reporter

I believe in simple recipes. Especially for those modern day housewives or people with careers to juggle. Chicken is always a great economical and healthy source of meat and is often served in multiple ways at our church lunches and dinners.

This particular recipe is so simple and the pleasing to the taste buds as well. Great for potlucks, serving your guests or as a daily tummy pleaser for the family. I hope you enjoy it.

Chicken with Green Onion & Mustard Sauce

Ingredients

Chicken Thigh 8
Dijon Mustard $\frac{1}{4}$ Cup
Oil 2 Tbsp
Green Onions Chopped

Flour 1 Tbsp
Chicken Stock 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cups
Fresh Thyme 1 Tbsp Chopped

Directions

Place chicken thighs in a medium bowl. Add mustard and toss until chicken is well coated. Heat oil in a large pan; add chicken in a single layer. Cook over high heat for 5 minutes or until golden brown, turning once. Remove chicken from pan. Add green onions to pan, stir over

medium heat for 1 minute. Add flour to pan, stir for 1 minute. Add stock and thyme. Stir until smooth; bring to boil. Return chicken to pan, reduce heat to low. Cook, uncovered, turning occasionally, for 10 minutes or until chicken is tender. Serve chicken with sauce spooned over the top. Garnish with sage or parsley leaves, if desired.

June 2009

2nd Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
8th Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
13th Sat	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 AM
14th Sun	Aloha Band/ Pompom Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 PM
16th Tue	WA Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
17th Wed	YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
18th Thu	BGA Staff Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
21st Sun	Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
	One-Month Spiritual Dev. Course		
	Opening Ceremony	Mission HQ	3:30 PM
	Aloha Band & Pompom Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 PM
22nd Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
26th Fri	Monthly Yohaishiki	Mission HQ	9:00 AM

July 2009

3rd Fri	Annual Tenrikyo Picnic	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
7th Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM

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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Time: 9:00 a.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.

Please join us!

