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*Step by step, I have taught the truth of single-heartedness with
God, but you still do not understand.*

Ofudesaki II:12



HAWAII SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE

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

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

Today, we were blessed with fine weather although we are in the midst of the rainy season, with many followers across the nation returning to Jiba, as the June Monthly Service was performed spiritedly with minds in unity with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira stated that we, Head Ministers and Yoboku alike must take to heart the Parental Heart expressed to us in the following verse,

If only your mind is truly accepted by Tsukihi,
You will be assured of any salvation whatever.

Ofudesaki VIII:45

Within our respective jobs and positions, let us apply our sincerity and fulfill it by making a determination to engage in niogake and salvation work in high spirits. In addition, he prayed that through the free and unlimited blessing which we are granted for universal salvation, may we as brothers and sisters mutually help one another and receive the guidance to realize a joyous and harmonious world, even a day sooner.

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Tadao Tosa.

Rev. Tosa cited quotes from the Shinbashira's October Grand Service sermon last year, the Doctrine and the Osashizu, reconfirming the feelings of God the Parent during the founding of the Teaching and the Divine Model of Oyasama, and stressed the importance of the service and the Sazuke.

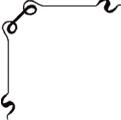
He explained that we must put into practice the teachings of God the Parent each day so that we become accustomed to the teachings of God the Parent and thus, will become a means to sprinkling the fragrance to the people around us. Accordingly, God the Parent will show us the free and unlimited blessings.

Further, Rev. Tosa reflected upon the Successors of the Path Seminars which were held from 2007 through 2008. He stressed the importance that now is the seasonable time to apply our utmost efforts toward the development of the successors of the path.

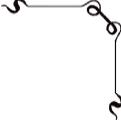
Beginning on the 10th of next month, the Oyasato Seminar will commence. The Seminar will be held until the 24th, over the course of 15 days. This year the Seminar will host, 15 students in the English course one, 11 students in course three, 14 students in the Portuguese course, 8 students in the Chinese course and 8 students in the Spanish course. From August 5th through 15th, the Korean course will be held with 19 students in attendance. A total of 76 students are expected to participate in the Oyasato Seminar this year. Throughout the program, the Overseas Department staff vow to unite our hearts in our service to ensure its safe completion. In addition, the Children's Pilgrimage will begin from July 26th, and I look forward to seeing the many children of the path from all over the world return to Jiba.

In closing, from the 29th through the 3rd of next month, the Shinbashira and his wife will be visiting Korea, to be in attendance on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Service since the establishment of Korea Dendocho on June 30th.

Overseas Department Head
Yoichiro Miyamori



June Monthly Service Prayer

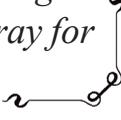


Before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, who resides in this shrine, I, (Michihito Hamada, bishop of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii) pray with reverence.

God the Parent, as we receive Your over-flowing grace from your warm parental heart, you grant us the free use of our bodies through the Ten Divine Providences, and we advance toward the construction of the joyous life world as you guide us in our spiritual development. 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 apply our efforts single-heartedly in salvation work. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the June 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, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

Beginning from today through the 17th of the following month, the 39th Hawaii Spiritual Development Course will be held over the course of twenty-seven days with three participants. On the 3rd of July, the Annual Tenrikyo Picnic will be held and we are presently planning for this event in hopes to strengthen the circle of friendship within our congregation. God the Parent, we would like to connect our efforts with Your intention to hasten world salvation, and pursue the path of the Divine Model of Oyasama, and we would like to strengthen within us, the mind of sincerity as we advance toward the realization of the Joyous Life world.

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 June Monthly Service Sermon

Mrs. Masayo Hamada

(Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii)



THE DIVINE MODEL

We have just completed the June monthly Service for Mission Headquarters of Hawaii with everyone in attendance. Thank you very much.

Today, let us study together the *Doctrine of Tenrikyo*, Chapter 5 “The Divine Model.” I humbly ask for your attention.

“Oyasama not only revealed the teachings of God the Parent by Her spoken word and by Her writing brush but demonstrated them in Her life. The life of Oyasama after She became the Shrine of God is indeed the Divine Model for all humankind to follow.” These are the opening lines of Chapter 5 of the *Doctrine of Tenrikyo*.

Oyasama taught us through the Divine

Model what kind of thinking we need to have in order to live the Joyous Life by showing us Herself and, also through the stories told about various people.

There are many times where we may lose our way when we are unable to figure out which path to take or how to accept a certain situation, when we encounter various circumstances in our lives.

As Oyasama was seeing through our minds, She showed us by example how to think in this kind of painful situation or how to overcome that kind of sad occurrence we may face in the Divine Model so that we may understand it a little easier.

It may be one of the most important things to know what we can learn through the Divine Model in order to follow the Divine Model. In addition, it is not following it when one only knows or understands it. It is like starting from the bottom of the mountain and walking little by little with your own two feet, aiming for the top of the mountain. Following the Divine Model means to rely on and follow the Divine Model and putting it into practice, as we step through the numerous knots, carefully choosing how to live or think in our daily life.

The first thing Oyasama did when

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She went through The Path of the Divine Model was to “fall to the depths of poverty.” Of course, the goal was not just to become poor. What did Oyasama try to teach through the model of falling to the depths of poverty? That is, humans tend to think that they can be happy or feel secure with having money or things. However, Oyasama taught that humans can be happy or feel joyful even without money or things.

Oyasama taught that by listening to God the Parent’s teachings, we can shift our thinking, have a joyful heart, and find happiness if we wipe away the mind that holds onto things or thinking that something has to be a certain way.

We also hear “You must fall into the depths of poverty or else you will not understand those who are suffering.” If we want to save others, we won’t understand the other person’s suffering unless we first put ourselves in the other person’s shoes.

We cannot keep experiencing the same thing as the other person every time we do salvation work. However, it is not only to say what you want to say to the other person but to really listen to their problem and to understand their pain.

As the saying goes, “Please listen carefully to the person and give them peace of mind,” it is important for us going out to do salvation work to listen to the people’s stories, have a flexible, open mind and give them the peace of mind that they need.

The basis of saving people is to have

true sincerity so that Oyasama will work and save people no matter what. Oyasama’s Divine Model will be the example for that. However, we must be careful not to interpret the Divine Model to suit our own convenience. This is called “Follow the Divine Model as shown.”

In addition, we must not forget to sow seeds of sincerity in various ways on a daily basis so that when we really need someone to be saved, Oyasama will work for us.

Oyasama had a single mind to make Her children happy and save them as She said, “I cannot send anyone who comes to this Residence home without giving them joy.”

If you hear things like, “If I go to that person’s house, I’ll feel better,” or “If I go to church, they will listen to my problems and I’ll feel lighter and cheered up,” then you are putting Oyasama’s Divine Model into practice. I think these words also teach us that churches and mission stations especially are places where people can come to visit and experience a little happiness and the Joyous Life.

On page 24 of *The Life of Oyasama* it says, “Oyasama attempted to drown Herself many times, now in a well, now in the pond of the village shrine. But each time, Her legs would grow stiff at the last moment, and She could not take a single step. “

“Be not rash! Be not rash!”

“The voice of God the Parent being audible within Her, She could never go

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through with it.”

Oyasama may look like a human being on the outside but Her mind is one with God the Parent so there should be no agonizing conflicts (in Her mind). So why did She show such behavior?

For example, we may agonize over being in conflict between attempting to move forward according to God’s teachings or within society’s standards. We may also experience painful conflicts between people. When we are in dire straits and don’t know what to do, Oyasama showed us what kind of attitude we should have by trying to throw Herself in a pond or well and at those times to not be rash or hasty. I think this example is teaching us if we lean on Oyasama and make decisions based on God the Parent’s teachings, we will surely receive blessings and we do not need to worry.

Even if it’s a no-win situation, Heaven is open. As the sun’s rays warmly and gently envelope each one of us, Oyasama will always protect us.

In the Anecdotes of Oyasama, No. 104, “Faith in God,” we are taught, “Faith in God is to believe in God just as you do in your own parent who gave you birth. Then your faith will become genuine.” Whenever my mind does not settle down or when I have a concern, I always sit in front of God. I lean on Oyasama and have Her listen to my troubles and I ask, “Please teach me how I should proceed.”

Then, before long, God lets me think of various ideas and a light bulb goes off

in my head; “I see, now I understand,” and my mind settles. Through that painful experience, I am able to feel joy before I know it. I also believe that God hopes for us to put that idea into action right away and not hesitate or be wishy-washy. If that action is not in accord with Oyasama’s will, then another path will be shown to you. Then think it over again and put the next idea into action. As you repeat this process, you will be able to gradually change the way you think.

You will be able to be kind to others and spiritually mature a little at a time. Moreover, if you are able to receive blessings, it is important to show your gratitude to God right away. Prayers of request may tend to occur more so I try to give thanks by going before God.

We can read many instances of how Oyasama nurtured people in the Anecdotes. We can also learn (from the Anecdotes) how Oyasama showed kindness and compassion to those who came to Her for salvation with many concerns and struggles. Oyasama was aware of each person’s habits and temperaments who came to visit Her, and following their individual spiritual growth, She advised them accordingly. If one did not understand the first time, She would teach them twice or even three times, with patience and persistence, nurtured people over and over again.

If we are in a position to nurture people, haven’t we experienced giving up when the other person wasn’t convinced after explaining something just once? Or wonder

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grudgingly why can't they understand this kind of thing? I've experienced this myself and I realized my own immaturity many times. There were many times when I had to reflect on myself, feeling so far from following the Divine Model. I think being more humble and continuing to make efforts to have the other person understand what you are saying, are allowing us to spiritually mature as we follow Oyasama's Divine Model.

We are able to feel the limitless Parental Love for Her children in Oyasama's Divine Model. As a mother cherishes and raises her child, giving breast milk to her baby, then from baby food gradually feeding the child the same kind of food as an adult would eat, a lot of time and means are necessary to nurture someone.

Oyasama's guidance for people is gentle at first, then gradually becomes more strict, according to their spiritually growth, carefully choosing Her words and nurturing them.

We have heard from Oyasama that "A word is essential." It is important that we choose our words carefully. Nothing can come out of hurting the person's feelings or making them sad even if something is said for their own good. On the other hand, with using just one word, a person can be cheered up and they may even be able to let go of their troubles. Therefore, we must choose our words with care and say things that will bring joy to and encourage the people around us.

We also hear, "A word is the power of

the Yoboku (Useful Timber)." Words must be used in actual salvation work or words will have no power. There are times when things that are hard to say must be said. However, we must use words of sincerity, which express that you desperately want this person to be saved. Also, I would like for all of us to be able to listen openly to advice kindly given to us from people.

Looking back to 23 years ago in 1986, it was the year of the 100th anniversary of Oyasama, and my husband received the assignment to be dispatched to Congo Brazzaville Mission Center (now Congo Brazzaville Church) and I and our four children accompanied him.

There were many things that surprised me about life in Congo, Africa, only knowing life in Japan. I went ahead of myself and worried everyday for the well-being of my children, due to not being able to have access to reliable medical care, while raising young children.

Many times I thought, if I was back in Jiba, I could not only rely on the Sazuke (Divine Grant, Healing Prayer), but Ikoino-Ie Hospital is nearby too. This is the most helpless I've ever felt.

At those times, what comes to mind is Oyasama's model of "falling to the depths of poverty." As I was making the effort to let go of relying on things to be there or dwelling on things to be a certain way, I was able to realize that it was God the Parent's huge blessing to think that everything was available and everything I had was naturally given to me. I slowly

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came out of my shell and found joy in that. Right before leaving for Congo, when we went to pay our respects to Mrs. Masa Nakayama, the former head of the Women's Association, she said the following words to me, "Masayo-chan, be sure to go through any situation with joy." She had said other things but I could only remember these words. Yet, during the three years of living there (in Congo), I cannot say how much these words have saved me each time an illness or struggle occurred within my family.

Whenever I was filled with anxiety as to how to live everyday, or whenever my children became ill and I was so worried that I was by myself and I was desperate to find even a small bit of joy in these circumstances. When I sincerely prayed to find joy in any case, Oyasama would always allow me to see it. Then, as I told Oyasama "Thank you very much," She erased my anxieties and worries in my mind and it felt like I was left only with joy. This may be what is called "Tanno (Joyous Acceptance)."

Joy is not something that is received naturally but, I realized that I must look for it and seek it myself. This joy-seeking supports me even now and Mrs. Masa Nakayama's words of encouragement, "Be sure to go through any situation with joy" is my treasure for life.

Before my husband departed to Congo, he received a signed board with "Tanno (Joyous acceptance) is the core truth of sincerity" written on it from the former

Shinbashira. I believe that my husband was able to go through his experiences with joyous acceptance. The utmost tanno he did was when he took our family and I along (to Congo) and I am forever grateful. I would like to wish everyone, not just my husband, a Happy Father's Day!

God the Parent gives us opportunities to study how to think and have kindness through various circumstances, or in other words, from knots.

Sometimes I feel as though I'm taking an exam from God the Parent, with questions such as "How much have you changed?" or "Have you been making efforts to follow the Divine Model?" Going through these "exams" countless times, over and over again, I feel that I am finally able to completely lean on God the Parent and Oyasama.

God the Parent and Oyasama allow us to experience carefree and happy times, but in contrast, also teach us important things and things that are necessary to us at certain times through struggles and painful experiences.

I believe that as we ponder deeply about what happens in our lives, reflect on them, and make efforts to find joy, we will surely receive the blessings to be able to go in a direction that will help us shift our minds to joy. From now on, let us live day to day with our minds in high spirits, rely single-heartedly on God the Parent, and follow Oyasama's Divine Model.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Faith Experience Speech



**Tenrikyo Hawaii Young Men's
Association
General Meeting
May 16, 2009**

Toan Tabbal

I would like to thank everyone for coming out this morning. Good morning, my name for those who don't know me is Toan Tabbal. Today I have been asked to share some of my experiences in life, also my religious background.

For those who don't know me, I was born and raised in a Catholic family. I am the youngest of 9. My father, Sim Tabbal, is a sheet metal worker. My mother's name is Lucia Tabbal. She, like me, was brought up in a religious household... where every Saturday (morning) my parents would load up our old station wagon for 5:30 Mass. On Sunday we would also attend catechism. It's a Sunday school for the youth. I'll be very honest when I say "I never wanted to go". I always tried to find reasons or ways

to get out of going. But, my mother was very persistent that we **MUST** go. In the 5th grade I was enrolled to be an altar boy, also my first steps to becoming a priest. I know, imagine **ME** a priest! On Saturdays I would have sessions with Father Tom. I later told my mother I have no interest in becoming a priest. From catechism you would study your way to Confirmation. Confirmation is a two year process. It's a choice you make, to either be a strong Catholic or just someone who just believes. I remember the day I was Confirmed, My mother was so overjoyed. My mother and I used to butt heads on religious views quite a lot. She said to me "the only reason I ask that you get Confirmed, is that I don't want you to walk through life without anyone."?

A year later, I had gotten a phone call from one of my dearest friends! I was asked to be a godfather to her daughter Macey. I was so excited I said "yes" without not knowing the responsibility of any mishaps. I eagerly went home and told my mother the great news. She asked me what religion was Misty? I'm not sure? The next day I asked Misty what it entails to being a godparent, also what is your religious back ground? First, she had explained why she had chosen me if any mishaps were to happen. Then she asked if I was busy tonight and took me to her Monastery. For me, it was a complete shocker. (She was "Shinto." Remember I was surrounded all my life by Catholic people. My neighbors across, above and below are all Catholic. My friends I grew up with, the girls I have

dated. All Catholic! So, for the first time I had walked though (those) doors I knew nothing about. I never really understood the method or reasoning for their way of prayer! I know it made me feel peaceful. So, I continued to go. Being a godparent I felt it was my duty and responsibility to fulfill the parents' wishes. Till this day Macey and I have a great relationship.

At the age of 23, I met this wonderful girl named Dessy. We both fell in love with each other almost overnight. One night as we were driving to meet up with our friends, she had mentioned some words. "Children, when we get... you know Married!" I freakishly slammed on my breaks, pulled over to the side and got out of the car. She opened her door and walked up to me and said, "Yes, I think about these things because I'm so happy!" So that night, we had gotten engaged. I bought the ring and everything. Again, I went home to tell my mother the great news. She looked at me and said "what is her religion"? So the next day, I picked up lunch for Des and I. Took her to Magic Island. As we were eating I asked her "what is your religious back ground"? She would answer "Christian". Not shocked but, still a little unsure of her religion. So she said, "Sunday I will be attending services at 9:00am. Will you come?" Of course I said "yes"! So from that point on I would attend services every Sunday. It was an easy transition from being a catholic to joining the Christian faith. But I knew the differences. There are really only two differences.

I think I was 27 when my crew of friends and I had decided to attend a picnic at Kapiolani Park. We were playing botchie ball, having fun as usual. The first person I met there was Aunty Lin. Love her! Always, so happy and positive! Then out of the blue I hear this voice on the PA system saying "Oh My Gosh is that Tibble Yehn"? Low and behold it was my old friend from Banana Republic, "Daniel Suzuki". Great guy by the way! I didn't know at the time I would be attending my first Tenrikyo event. Everyone I meet there was so nice. This is when I found out that Kristl Ito-Lau was a part of the Tenrikyo community. As time passed her husband and I would help out with the HUGS (Helping Understanding Group Support) dinner, Venture Club where we had a play day with the kids from HUGS. The more I got involved, the more interested I got. If I remember correctly Spencer Lau and I were helping set up for the Bazaar. This is where we first met Rev. Owen Nakao. I'll be very honest, this was a point of my life that I was lost and confused. Not of faith, but of my own personal worth. That evening I had bombarded Rev. Owen with questions of his faith. At some point I was trying to break his faith. I do apologize for my negative attitude. With all the negativity he stood firm in his belief. The one thing I remember him saying was "Look at me"! Not only did I hear this saying from him, but from many of the Tenrikyo community. It took me some time to understand what it was they meant.

Months had passed. Till one day I had

gotten a phone call from Daniel Suzuki asking “if I was busy this coming weekend”. So that weekend I had my first Hinokishin. We were painting, cutting grass and tree cutting at Rev. Tyron Inouye house. At my surprise everyone was so much fun and so excited to help. The following weekend a bunch of us went over to help out with what we could. And again, everyone was positive, happy and excited. Later in the week I would speak to Dan about his faith in Tenrikyo. Not to nit pick, but with a more open mind and heart. I had expressed to him that with meeting everyone in the Tenrikyo community I never was preached to. As we continued to talk the saying “Look at me” came up. When I took a step back and really thought about it, I was astounded to realize. Everyone I’ve met has been with smiles and a positive attitude. So the saying to me was true! No one needed to preach to me, everyone was being Tenrikyo.

About a year ago we had gotten involved with The Special Olympics group. A Bunch of us went to the University of Hawaii track and field to help out with what we could. That day was a real eye opener for me. We got to meet a lot of the athletes, coaches and the parents. Being there with everyone, all we wanted to do was help. You could ask anyone of us who was there. It was such a blast! I’m not sure what it was, but that day I wanted to do more. I’ve just recently finished my training. So, now I’m an assistant Coach for Special Olympics softball.

You know, I speak to my mother about all of the great and wonderful things we do. And I honestly thought she would be kind of disappointed with me for not following my upbringing. She told me “The only thing I wanted for you was to find something that you wanted. Because, we all believe in the same God. Its just you had to find that out for yourself.”



Faith Experience Speech



**Tenrikyo Hawaii Women's
Association 50th General Meeting
May 16, 2009**

Nobuyo Hirano

Having been asked by the Bishop's wife, I will talk about things I've experienced.

After the overseas mission policy for Oyasama's 80th Anniversary was announced, with the words of the 3rd head minister of Honjima Grand Church, and in a grand ceremony at the Grand Church, I was wed to Mr. Hirano of Honolulu. On September 3rd, driven by uneasiness and fretfulness I arrived in Honolulu. I still remember the heat at that time and the fragrance of sweet flowers. For one still young in faith, with three sayings as my motto, I spent 5 years at Honolulu Church as a live-in. The first motto was, "Whatever happens is the truth of heaven." The second: "The head is the voice of God." The third: "Obedience will save you."

Then, for two years, we lived in an

apartment. During that time, I helped with the lunch preparation at the Japanese Consulate. Then, with Bishop Yoshida's request, my husband and I did five years of hinokishin at the Tenri Cultural Center. I did the lunch for the Tenrikyo Pre-School. At that time, the Foundress' Sanctuary from Sanohara Grand Church was rebuilt and the Japanese Garden landscaped at the Cultural Center. I helped with the carpenters, the landscapers and others. There was a visit from the Shinbashira. It was a busy everyday. However, it is one of my best memories.

Then, at the time of Honolulu Church's 50th Anniversary, with words from the 3rd head minister of Honjima Grand Church, my husband served as a Shuyoka counselor at the Honjima dormitory for three months. I helped at Honolulu Church.

Then, through the request of Mrs. Takata of Taiheiyo Church, we became live-ins for the president of Foodland Market. Of course, we had the permission of the head minister of our Grand Church. With the thought of doing hinokishin, we moved in. The surroundings, the food, the living quarters were good and we were treated as family and the family treated us warmly. It was a completely different world. However, while there, my husband became ill and passed away two days after surgery.

Then, with words from the 4th head minister, I was told to go to the mainland and look after the students at the Honjima mission house. I was alone, full of sadness, without strength and no desire to do it. I

repeatedly declined. Then I was taught that this is the path to end the childlessness causation. I was between deep emotion and the truth and in mental pain. In the end, I went to the mission house and worked for ten years. It was nice and I experienced many things.

Then, at Oyasama's 110th Anniversary year, I went back to Honjima Grand Church. With the words of the 5th head minister, I went to help at the home of a company's president. Here too, vast, grand garden, superb mansion, food, clothing, shelter the highest. I stayed here for ten years. The year before Oyasama's 120th Anniversary, I went to do hinokishin at the dormitory. Then, in May, three years ago, I returned to Honolulu Church as house-sitter.

I will speak of my recent illness. The basis of my blessing received after my illness can not be said to be due to complete joy and spirit, but to leaning on the parent's words for which I am grateful.

It happened on June 28 of last year. I went to Dr. Miki at Kuakini for my usual medical exam. Everything was okay. But when I mentioned that about that time, my shoulders had suddenly gotten heavy two or three times at night, doctor gave me an electro-cardiogram. Finding something wrong, doctor immediately tried to contact Dr. Fukuyama, a cardiologist. Because it was usually difficult to get hold of Dr. Fukuyama at that hour, I was told to return to church with Rev. Saito. As we neared Kapiolani Medical Center, the cell phone rang, contact was made with Dr. Fukuyama and I was immediately

examined. The result was: "three blood vessels are 95% clogged. Immediately go to emergency. You should have surgery as soon as possible."

That was Saturday. On Monday, I was re-examined and it was decided to do bypass surgery in three hours. My words were: "Rev. Saito, I am deeply obligated to you. Please do the prayer service and tell the followers thank you and good-by for me." I thought I would leave this clear and beautiful blue sky and not knowing where the body was going, a drop of tear ran down my cheek. Then, at 5:00 pm in the operation room, the anesthesia worked quickly and feeling a slight cold in my back was the end. I felt nothing. I dreamt seeing the words "water," "truth" and "alms giving" from far away grow bigger and bigger then disappear before my eyes. I felt I was swimming in a dark place. At that time a gentle voice said, "You need not struggle so." The surrounding gradually became bright and I woke up. To my empty eyes, I saw something red and it gradually became clear. Rev. Saito in a red shirt was beside my bed perhaps administering the Sazuke I thought. On the wall of the cold, cold room was a round clock and it said 12:05 am. Even in the middle of night, the warm reality of having been administered the Sazuke, with tears I fell asleep.

At an hour's interval, doctor's exam. ICU for the next 2 days

On the 4th day, I was transferred to a regular room on the 3rd floor.

On the 5th day, I practiced walking in the hall, holding the infusion pole.

On the 6th day, I practiced walking with the walker.

On the 7th day, I practiced walking, holding the nurse's hand.

On the 8th day, I was able to walk 10 meter alone.

On the 9th day, I transferred to the Rehabilitation Hospital.

The planned stay at the rehab was a month, but I was discharged on the 9th day. On that day, I met Dr. Miki at the lobby. Laughingly, he said, "If we hadn't done the cardiogram on that day, it would have been too late now." I sincerely thanked him.

After each exam, I am asked if I have dizziness, headaches, backaches, chest pains. They're all okay. Temperature is normal, blood pressure is good, no after effects. Doctor says it is surprising and lucky to have recovered so rapidly. I however, think it was a miracle.

Beginning with Bishop Hamada, Rev. Saito and the many people, I received the sincere Sazuke, indeed only through this path are we supported and helped by many. My thankfulness is from the bottom of my heart. I am blessed.

I was told to rest for six months and not over-do things, but being overjoyed, I resolved to return to Jiba to give thanks. Knowing that Rev. Saito will be close by and thus feeling safe, the three of us including Mrs. Fujino returned to Jiba for the October Grand Service. There again was a surprising happening. Just after landing at the Kansai International Airport, from the seat in back, someone called,

"Mrs. Hirano." Looking back, Dr. Miki smilingly said, "You and I have fate." With excitement and tears, I was speechless.

Should anything have happened to me on flight--- I was deeply moved that this was a blessing for relying on Oyasama. With spirited joy, I returned to Jiba and gave thanks to Oyasama. The Grand Church minister and others were relieved.

As we add years, we tend to physically and mentally take the easy way. I reflect on this as God the Parent's letter of love saying to me, "Get a hold of yourself. Do you really intend to follow the path?" The words that appeared in my dream during surgery---water, truth and alms giving and the goodness of water, the humble mind, the reasoning of God, hinokishin—these I would like to keep in my heart, as I share these experiences and this path of sincerity with others.

Seeing all and hearing all, I would like to have a mind able to change all to joy. Not forgetting self control and gratitude, I would like to live with a smiling face.

Thank you for your attention.



What Do You Think?

Q: With the groundbreaking inauguration of President Barack Obama recently taking place, what are your thoughts of President Obama?



Reverend Inafuku (63)

"Everyone can relate to President Obama. I think him being from Hawaii has a message. Just like us, he went to school in Hawaii, but unlike us he has changed many ways things are viewed. When I first came to Hawaii 38 years ago, Tenrikyo was only a Japanese religion, but if this man can become president, then Tenrikyo can be spread to anyone regardless of their background. I think God has given us a person like Obama to show us that change is needed."



Lynn Hiromoto (57)

"It is very inspiring with his background and the fact that he is from a Hawaii school. It's history to me. It's my son's alma mater, so I feel a stronger impression. It's a good feeling to have someone like him (Obama) as president."



Kevin Hamada (39)

"He is inspiring to me because he actually made it to the top against all competition. At church we talk about him all the time. If a man of his background can lead the American country, there is no limit for anyone in this country. There is nothing that we cannot do ourselves. I hope that he does enough to change and to make things happen."



Stacey Yim (22)

"Now I think that anything is possible because of what he has done for America. It makes me want to help with his efforts and help people so that we can have a better world. It's also great that he is from Hawaii."

ISLAND LIFE

Women's Association Pep Rally

With their minds set towards the 100th Anniversary of the Women's Association, the WA went on a 2 day - 3 island Pep Rally to encourage all members of the upcoming anniversary.

The Pep Rally program featured a special video and a speech by WA Headquarters representative Kayoko Fukaya. The speech

was then followed by a speech by a local representative, a prayer service, and finally a commemorative group picture.

Members set a goal to get 300 members to attend the 100th Anniversary in April 2010. Members who would not be able to attend pledged to encourage those close to them to make a trip to participate in the celebration.



*Reverend Kayoko Fukaya
WA Headquarters representative*



Pep Rally in Oahu



Pep Rally in Maui



Pep Rally in Hilo

39th Hawaii Spiritual Development Course

The English Class of the Hawaii Spiritual Development Course is being held from June 21 to July 17 at Mission HQ. This year there are three students. Continuing from last year, Rev. Tyrone Inouye, head minister of Hawaii Central Church, is the counselor for the class. During the four week course students deepen their faith with classes on the teachings, the hand dance and instrument practices.



Lectures of the Teachings



Otefuri practice

MISSION HQ ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Net Hawaii Mission Station Head

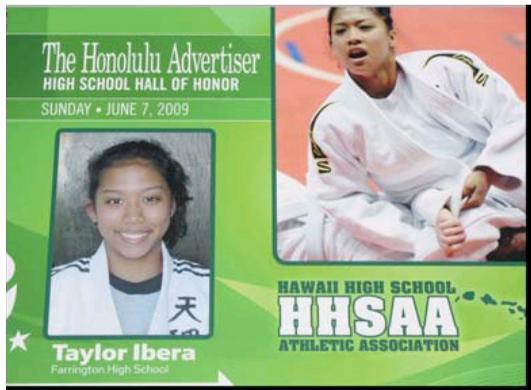
On April 19, 2009 the installation service for the new Mission Station Head of Net-Hawaii Mission Station (Amijima Branch Church) was held. New Mission Station Head Steven Nakao became the third Mission Station Head. A great big congratulations from the Origins staff to Mr. Nakao, who once served as the editor of Origins! Thank you for your hard work and best of luck!



*Installation Service of Net Hawaii
Mission Station Head*

JUDO NEWS

Ibera Chosen to Advertiser Hall of Honor



Also judoka from Hawaii Tenri Judo won big at the Hawaii State High School Championships on May 9, 2009 at the Stan Sheriff Center.

Girls:

Taylor Ibera: 1st place 98 lbs. Div.
Chrissy Chow: 1st place 115 lbs. Div.
Marissa Fukunaga: 2nd place 115 lbs. Div.
Mindy Chow: 1st place 122 lbs. Div.
Kaimana Lundquist: 1st place 172 lbs. Div.

Boys:

Cody Fernandez won 3rd place for the 108lbs division

Taylor Ibera was chosen for the 2009 HHSAA Hall of Honor. Her high school athletic accomplishments include two state championships in wrestling and four straight state championships in judo. Congratulations Taylor!

July Monthly Service

July 19, 2009 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)

Sermon "Divine Guidance"

Sermon in English by Reverend Eric Takata

Japanese Translation by Mrs. Taeko Nakao

Attention Vistors to Mission HQ!

Due to recent vehicle break ins we recommend that you refrain from leaving valuables in your vehicle or keep them out of sight.

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.*

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Associations' Reports



YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

TENRIKYO PICNIC

Mahalo for everyone's support and hinokishin!

MONTHLY MEETING

July 8th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.
Rainbow Hale

HINOKISHIN TBA

TENRIKYO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 100th ANNIVERSARY

92nd Annual
General Meeting
Tenrikyo 173 (2010)

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



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

As of last month's meeting, the study session for the Ten Providences has ended. Starting this month, we will begin a new study session of the Teachings, with Bishop Hamada as our lecturer once more. Let us become aware of God the Parent's intentions through the meetings and spiritually mature in order to save others.

MONTHLY MEETING

July 13th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.
Study Session (Anecdotes) 10:15 a.m.
Lecture by Bishop 11:15 a.m.

NUUANU HALE VISITATION

July 11th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

WOMEN'S MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
PRACTICE is cancelled.

BAZAAR HINOKISHIN

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

WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK

After lunch, July Monthly Service (7/19)

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





BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

ALOHA BAND

The 3rd Sunday practice will be canceled this month due to the band will be in the Children's Pilgrimage.

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. In addition we are still selling the Kasava chips 2 for \$1 which normally retails for \$3.99 each!

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE 2009

Children's Pilgrimage will be departing on July 16 and returning on July 29 and 30 with approximately 60 participants, including 20 in the Aloha Band and 11 in the BGA Hinokishin Corps. We would like to thank everyone for their support especially with our various fundraisers. Mahalo nui loa!



YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS FOR THE MINI-BAZAAR & BEVERAGE TABLE

We need volunteers to help with our monthly mini-bazaar at the Mission HQ's Monthly

Service. We also need volunteers to help with the beverage table, setting up the drinks, pouring tea and massages. If you can donate a baked good or help out during lunch time, please contact Louise at 551-3158 to sign up or let one of the officers know during Monthly Service.

Thank You! July 4th Picnic – It was a joyful and fun event which brought together family and friends to enjoy good food, games and company. Thank you to all who participated.

Save the Date: 39th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar, Sunday August 30, 2009

YWC will be in charge of the Imoten, Yasaiten, Andagi, Ohagi, Cookies, and Sekihan booth. We need all the volunteers we can to help man the booths and also donate some of the baked goods. If you are unable to bake the cookies/brownies etc, we ask if you could donate the mix so that someone else would be able to bake it on your behalf. Please drop off all baked donated items to Dendocho by Friday, August 28, 2009.

WA 100th Anniversary in Japan – April 2010

We are preparing to return to Jiba to celebrate the Womens' Association 100th Anniversary in April 2010. Please let Lynn So know if you will be attending or not.

Announcement: Silk Strands coming to YWC!

The YWC will be offering those eye-catching, glimmering silk strands for \$2.50/strand (retail \$4.00/strand). Stop by the Mini Bazaar during Monthly Service to get decked out in style.



The Hungry Reporter

I always love great omelets. But do any of you know what a Frittata is? Exactly that, a huge omelet!! So as I thumbed through a few of my recipe sources, I found a Frittata recipe I just could not contain myself from sharing. Not your standard egg dish. Slap it together in one frying pan and you're good to go!

Green Onion & Asparagus Frittata

Ingredients

Butter	2 Tbsp	Eggs	5
Green Onions finely chopped		Cream	$\frac{1}{2}$ Cup
Asparagus Cuts	1 Can	Salt and Pepper to taste	
Sun dried Tomatoes	2 Tbsp		

Directions

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Brush a pie plate or flan dish with melted butter or oil.

1. Melt butter in pan and add green onions. Stir over medium heat for 2 minutes or until softened. Drain on paper towels.
2. Combine green onions, asparagus and sun-dried tomatoes in a bowl. Spread evenly into prepared dish. Whisk eggs, cream, salt and pepper together and pour over vegetables. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown.

July 2009

3rd	Fri	Tenrikyo Annual Picnic	Kapiolani Park	9:00 a.m.
7th	Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
9th	Thu	BGA Staff Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
11th	Sat	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 AM
13th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
15th	Wed	YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
16th	Thu	Children's Pilgrimage Depart	JAL JO77	2:15 PM
17th	Fri	Hawaii Spiritual Dev. Course Closing Ceremony		4:00 p.m.
19th	Sun	Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
20th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
26th	Sun	Monthly Yohaishiki	Mission HQ	9:00 AM

August 2009

4th	Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
8th	Sat	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 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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August 30, (Sun) 2009

8:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.

at Tenri Cultural Center

See Page 19 for details of this year's Bazaar

Please invite your friends and family for this yearly event