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# *ORIGINS*

*When this path can be seen, even a little,  
all minds in the world will become spirited.*

*Ofudesaki II:17*



*OYASATO SEMINAR 25TH ANNIVERSARY (11/21)  
IN HAWAII AT MISSION HQ*

**Message from the Head of the Overseas Department**  
**November 26, Tenrikyo 172**

I would like to commend each of you for your daily dedication in each of your concurrent positions. In Oyasato, contrary to the expected late autumn weather, we were blessed with warm, mild autumn weather. Many followers of the path returned to Jiba as the November Monthly Service was performed spiritedly in unity with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira called upon all head ministers and Yoboku alike to understand the heart of the Parent through the various incidences we observe throughout the world, while not being influenced by the ever so changing ways of the world, and to find the joys through the daily and steady practice of the path, and to strive evermore for spiritual maturity of our minds with an appropriate time frame, and resolved to work all the more earnestly toward the realization of the Joyous World construction. Further, he prayed that may all people of the world call upon the name of God, giving thanks for the unlimited blessings, and as true brothers and sisters, mutually upholding and helping one another, prayed that we may receive guidance of joyousness and harmony in our current situation.

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Mitsuhsisa Toui.

First, as announced at the October Grand Service by the Shinbashira, "Let us attend church to pray as an entire family unit." Rev. Toui referred to this campaign sponsored by the Three Associations, and spoke about the means to convey our faith to the next generation, and the ideal ways of a family of faith.

In his talk he quoted from the Osashizu,

"From the point of view of the ordinary people of the world, gatherings of young people often mean trouble. Yet, they do not mean trouble for the path. Rather, they are of full importance from the path's point of view..." "We do not say the path is unattainable. It is called single-hearted salvation. Listen well. If for instance, out of 10, nine and a half is made important and half is left behind. To have half the sincerity towards the 10, is to say that your sincerity is stopped at nine and a half. Listen well. Saving others on the outside and saving others in the inside is all the same in truth." (first part from An Anthology of Osashizu Translations) (second part by translator)

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## *November 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 live in the bosom of Your deep parental heart, which desires to save all people of the world, the bodies we are lent, constantly receive Your blessings. This is truly more than we can expect, and we deeply express our gratitude for Your grace, as you guide us on the path toward the joyous life. As we embrace the teachings within our hearts, according to Your intention, we are applying our effort toward single-hearted salvation, and today is the day we are granted to conduct the November monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high sprits. 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 Mikagurauta. As You watch us, we hope that You can be spirited as well.*

*As Yoboku we are taught that our unconditional effort toward hinokishin will enable us to discover the light within our hearts and the path toward the joyous life will appear. We vow not to be influenced by the current of the times by further deepening our faith single-heartedly toward God as we sincerely apply our utmost effort in salvation work.*

*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 November Monthly Service Sermon*

## **Reverend Setsuo Kakitani**

*(Tenrikyo Kochi-Makoto Church)*



### **The Yoboku**

**(The person who has the grant to administer the healing prayer called “sazuke”)**

Thank you for attending the November Monthly Service. I hope the Service was performed sincerely and to the best of our abilities bringing joy to God the Parent, Oyasama (Foundress), and Chocho san (the Bishop). Today, I was assigned to speak concerning the theme Yoboku, although I am so green and not a good example and would prefer speaking about other things that have been on my mind lately, I will try my best to fulfill this obligation. Please bear with me for the next few minutes.

During our monthly services, I often think why are we all assembled here today? When it would be more fun to be at home watching football on TV or spending quality time with our children? Think about it, why are we here today? It is because we have causation to this Path and we are instruments of Oyasama.

These words and I quote: “Being an instrument of Oyasama can be considered a two fold task. The first is an inward task and involves reflection on oneself to gain a full awareness of one’s qualification to serve in that role. The other is an outward task and involves reaching out to others, sharing with them the bliss of unity of minds. For Oyasama’s instruments, who are to save the world completely, it is of supreme importance to replace the mind and cleanse the heart. Then, helping one another and receiving Oyasama’s blessings, you should undertake the important task of spreading the bliss of the Joyous Life throughout the world. We are Oyasama’s instruments. I should like you to take this to heart, first and foremost. He also said that as instruments of Oyasama there are three guiding principles we should always keep in mind: the spirit of single-heartedness with God, unity of minds and the attitude

of Hinokishin (an expression of gratitude for God's blessings) in which greed is forgotten. Further on he states, single-heartedness with God can be perceived directly through the Ofudesaki (Divine Revelations) and Osashizu (Divine Directions). The attitude of Hinokishin refers to following the Divine Model (Oyasama's 50 years as the "Shrine of Tsukihi") honestly and straightforwardly, free from greed, free from self-interest.

These words were spoken by Shozen Nakayama on October 26, 1966 at the Yoboku Association Convention during the 129<sup>th</sup> year of Tenrikyo. (Yoboku Hand Book)

In the Ofudesaki, written by Oyasama, are these words:

**People come to Me from whatever places. It is because they all are of the original causality.**

**Ofudesaki: IV: 54**

We may never realize our full responsibilities as Yoboku, however whether we like it or not if God the Parent has use for us, we will, even if unwillingly, be nurtured because of our causality. From the day we are born, if we have the causation to this path, we are drawn and nurtured by God the Parent. If God has use for us, it is useless to hide, runaway or decline.

Since I was a very little boy I remember seeing my father wearing his

white shirt, necktie, and dark blue pants, immediately, I knew he was going to do Otasuke (Salvation Work). This was his Otasuke uniform. A clean white shirt, a necktie he received from Daikyokaichos (his grand church head minister) and his navy blue pants. To me, he looked like a JPO with a necktie.

As I grew older, I dreaded when my parents returned to Ojiba (holy place of human creation) together, I knew I would be in charge of the church, responsible to do the Osonae (food offering), Osage (bring down the offerings), morning and evening services. Although it was never forced upon me, before my father left for Ojiba, he would always mention who he was doing Otasuke (salvation or missionary work) for at that time. I really hated this because many of the people were terminally ill and it was just a matter of time before they would pass away. I did not have to go, it was never forced upon me, and often I would be so scared and in my mind I cursed my father, however, for some reason, as green as I was, I went. For some reason, all the people I did Otasuke for in place of my father passed away peacefully. At that time I felt so bad and thought maybe I was not sincere enough so they passed away, but reflecting on those experiences now, at this age, I know that passing away peacefully is also one of God the Parent's many wonderful blessings.

If we have the causality for this Path, we will be nurtured by God the Parent. I truly believe that if we make an honest

effort, God will guide us and take over the rest of any difficult situation to our true satisfaction.

There was a situation when my father was away and I was asked to do Otasuke for a relative of one of our devout followers. Although I did not know the person, I agreed to go, however I hesitated, I thought should I go now? Should I go after work? Should I go at night? The more I thought, the more I hesitated. When a person is ill we should never hesitate,

To my dismay, when I arrived at the hospital room, the person had already expired. Surrounded by his family and friends, young as I was, I was completely lost, not knowing what I should do, again in my mind I cursed my father, “Why do you always put me into these difficult situations, what should I do?” This guy is already gone. With his family and friends in the room, even though I was too late, I decided that the only thing I could do was to apply the Sazuke.

I never touched a dead person before, I was so scared, and as I applied the Sazuke, I felt nothing, applying the Sazuke felt like touching a empty box, so cold, so hollow, so empty. Again, I cursed my father in my mind, “Why do you always put me in these difficult situations?”

Now I realize that it is not our birth parents that put us into such situations, but God the Parent that nurtures us step by step.

To my surprise, the family was

appreciative that I made the effort to go and although they were not Tenrikyo, I sensed that they felt comfort. This is the wonder of the Sazuke. Many times when a person is seriously ill the family stands by feeling completely helpless, I feel as young as I was at that time, watching me perform the Sazuke was a blessing only now I can appreciate.

From this experience I have learned that as a Yoboku, we are all equal and have only two things that we can truly rely on, the Service and the Sazuke. Without the Service how can we apply the Sazuke? We all make mistakes, however our efforts in trying to perfect our efforts in performing the Service, is a important phase of our spiritual growth and will surely assist us in our Otasuke efforts.

Again in the Ofudesaki:

**Just a word: the hastening in the mind of God is solely to prepare to assemble useful timber.**

**Ofudesaki III: 12**

If we have the causality for this path, whether we like it or not, if God the Parent has use for us we will be nurtured, we can not decline, hide or runaway. Looking back over my younger years, way before becoming a head minister, I have had many experiences where I had negative thoughts, however these experiences were actually guidance preparing me to be a Head Minister.

The following are words describing

Yoboku,

**Of these trees, I do not say  
whether male pine or female  
pine. Tsukihi has an intention for  
any tree.**

**Ofudesaki VII: 21**

**Though I have gathered many  
and varied trees, But there is none  
yet that is useful timber.**

**Ofudesaki III: 50**

**Step by step, the Parent, who  
began this world, Will enter all of  
these useful timbers.**

**When the Parent, who began this  
world, enters them, There is no  
knowing what I shall do.**

**Whatever I do, do not worry.  
Any and everything is assured by  
the Parent.**

**Quickly settle this matter firmly  
in your mind and hasten to begin.**

**Ofudesaki XV: 60-63**

And again in the Mikagura-Uta:

**First, In this wide world and its  
many countries; Are there no stones  
or standing trees?**

**Ninth: To cut this tree or take that**

**stone, It entirely depends on the  
heart of God.**

**Mikagura Uta VIII: 1, 9**

It is entirely God the Parent's decision who is chosen as His Yoboku or instruments. This is something that we have no say in. I have seen many people who came to my church, trying so hard to be a part of the church, however since they did not have the causation to this Path they did not remain long. If we are of such material to assist in creating a world of Joy, it is useless to run away, hide or decline. It has been so in the past; it is so today and will be so in the future. If God has use for you, wherever Yoboku are necessary, you will be called upon. God will go to the furthest corners of the world to seek useful timber.

This is the reason I feel Shuyokai (One-month Spiritual Development Course) is so important. It is their causation that makes the students try to learn more from their own free will, if it is forced upon, I feel there is something that is lacking and in many instances the student quits. It is not the student's fault it is just at that time, due to their causation, the timing was not right.

All of you assembled here each month are a good example, the reason you are here today is that God has use for you.

Behind my church's sanctuaries next to our shinsenba (food offering prep room), there is a desk where my father used to study and write, I have thought of

throwing it away many times since I never use it and prefer to use a computer. On this desk embedded under glass and faded with time by sunlight, barely legible is a resolution written by my father on New Years Day 1962, forty seven years ago.

A portion of his resolution reads: I have become a person who strives to help others. Today again, I will accompany the ever living Oyasama.

I feel these words state: listening to the Besseki lectures in order, receiving the Sazuke, ridding oneself of all self centered thoughts, and accompanying Oyasama's

Divine Model in Her quest for world salvation.

There is a sequence to our faith, first we must listen, and with time understand, once we begin to understand, we can not stop there, we must put our understanding into pure action through the Service and Otasuke, this is what our mission is really all about, whether it takes a day, a week, a month, a year, or a lifetime, we must prevail for the sake of those before us.

Again, I would like to end my sermon with these simple words; I have become a person who strives to help others. Today again, I will accompany the ever-living Oyasama.

Thank you for your kind attention.



## ***December Monthly Service***

***December 20, 2009 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)***

***Sermon in English by Rev. Tadamasa Nishimura***

***Japanese Translation by Melvin Iwata***

## **Attention Visitors 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.

## **2010 Spiritual Development Course in Jiba**

The English Spiritual Development Course is a three-month course held in the Home of the Parent, Jiba, from April thru June. Classes on the Tenrikyo teachings, the scriptures, and the musical instruments are held in the English language. Students will also engage in *hinokishin*, which is the action done to express gratitude for the blessings of God the Parent and Oyasama.

*For those who are committed to attending and may require a visa, please inform Mission HQ office by*

### **Message from Rev. Miyamori**

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Through his positions as the principal of the Tenri Junior High School, and experiences in the start up of the Oyasato Seminar, he spoke about the importance of the vertical mission and methods of nurturing adolescent children.

As previously reported, along with the appointment of the Omote-toryo (Director-in-Chief of Administrative Affairs), personnel changes were officially announced on October 28 and the Overseas Department has taken new steps forward with some changes to our staffing.

With what little remains in the 172<sup>nd</sup> Year of the Teaching, as the Shinbashira stated in the service prayer, let us mutually find the joys through the daily and steady practice of the path and strive evermore in our duties toward world salvation.

Yoichiro Miyamori  
Overseas Department Head

*Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's essay contest. We will be featuring one essay each month from the top three contestants in this year's contest. This month is \$100 third-place winner Elmer Nakao of Pearl Church.*

## **Essay Contest: Third Place**



**By Elmer Nakao**  
Pearl Church/  
Tengen Branch Church

The typical first stage in an individual's journey of faith is learning about God and how man was created. Depending on the religion and a person's background, many do not get past this critical point as they become skeptical about God's existence and become atheists or choose to lead their lives without any thought of religion. Further stages for those that progress include: 2) believing in God, 3) understanding creation and God's intentions, 4) learning (and then wanting to learn) as much as possible about faith, beliefs, and practices, 5) living and

breathing a joyous life and 6) attaining complete spiritual maturity, which one can argue is never truly attained.

I am probably in stage 4) right now, as I still have a lot to learn, such as the meanings of all the verses of the Mikagurauta, not to mention what is written in the Ofudesaki. I am happy, though, to not only finally get to Stage 4), but to have become highly motivated to learn as much as possible. I enjoy doing the Service every morning and night in front of my shrine at home, and am enthusiastic about learning by heart all 12 songs of the Teodori. I try to learn one new verse every few days or so while riding my bike to and from work. I am on Song Eight right now. I usually sing silently whenever near others because I don't want to bother them, but recently feel that if they happen to hear me, some may be inspired, similar to how I get uplifted whenever I hear followers singing in the streets of Tenri.

As I add a few new verses each week, I also make sure to remember the earlier ones, so I have repeated up to Song Seven almost on a daily basis. It may seem boring to sing the same songs over and over again, but I often discover hidden meanings and symbolism in the words and they help guide me as I make decisions and reflect

on each day.

Since the songs of the Service are God's original words written by Oyasama, I feel especially motivated to try to understand God's messages behind each verse to help me lead a fulfilling life. The songs of the Service and the words of the Ofudesaki are in effect a guidebook on how to live a joyous life. When couples have a baby they are usually at a loss as to how to raise their child, so they ask their parents, or follow them, "wing it," or buy a book on how to raise a child. God, the original parent of human beings, is not physically present to give us advice, but was able to teach us through Oyasama, as the Divine Model, similar to how some parents today teach by example. God also left us the words of the Service as an "instruction manual" on how to lead our own lives and how to raise our children

As I learn about the teachings of Tenrikyo, greed is a concept that I am only now starting to understand more clearly. It is mentioned seven times in the Teodori songs, and is the theme of many of the other verses. I use to think of greed only in terms of money, but now appreciate it to have a more profound meaning in terms of other desires, and this realization has helped me cope with life's various stresses.

The dictionary defines greed as: "An excessive desire to acquire or possess more than what one needs or deserves, especially with respect to material wealth." I personally believe the English word has

more connotations to money and material wealth than the Japanese term *yoku* does, but the definition does hit on the concept of "excessive desire to acquire *more than one needs or deserves.*"

I used to think I was not greedy because I gave money and gifts to others and was generous with my donations to church and other charities, but in reality I was greedy in other aspects of my life such as wanting only good things to happen to me and my children. Striving for success is fine, but any passion can easily turn to excess. One should not expect to have only good things to happen with endless perfection at work, school, sports, or marital relationships. We can attain greater joy in life from accepting misfortune and hardship rather than being depressed and angry when not being able to succeed in all endeavors. The root cause of hatred, jealousy, arrogance, and unhappiness can often be found in greed stemming from emotional needs rather than from material wants.

It is natural for man to want things: material possessions, land, money, success, recognition, happiness, love, attention, etc. Without them, life would not be fulfilling. I believe God created humans to have such desires based on my interpretation of Song Five, Verse 4 and Song Seven, Verses 3 to 5 of the Mikagura-uta:

**“Though there is no one who is free from greed, Before God there is no greed...”**

**There is no one in the world,  
Whose mind does not desire to  
own a field.**

**If there is a good field,  
Everyone equally will desire to own  
it.**

**It is the same with everyone  
I, too, wish to own such a field...”**

Problems come from excessive  
desire, which should be minimized, as  
conveyed in Songs 8, 9, 10, and 11:

**“Forgetting the mind of greed,  
Set out to determine your mind  
firmly!**

**Looking into all the minds of the  
world,’I find greed intermingled**

**If you have greed, cast it away!  
Because God cannot accept it.**

**Greed is fathomless like muddy  
water, When your mind is completely  
purified, Then comes paradise.. .**

**Forgetting greed we work in  
hinokishin; This becomes the first  
fertilizer...”**

As I continue on my spiritual journey, this personal interpretation of greed has in particular helped me understand my own behavior as well as those of others. Excessive desires can explain a lot in terms of the eight mental dusts and why people get angry, impatient, or engage in compulsive, addictive, or destructive behavior that lead to unhappiness. Since passion and desire are natural traits of man, finding balance and happiness in a life totally free from greed is easier said than done, if not impossible, but the actual achievement of such a goal is not as important as leading a life that attempts to get there, each at one’s own pace, on one’s own path.



# ISLAND LIFE

## Hawaii Island General Meeting



On November 29 (Sunday), the 22<sup>nd</sup> Big Island General Meeting was conducted at Tenrikyo Kilauea Church from 10am, blessed with cool and fine weather.

This general meeting began in 1962 and has continued every year (with some omissions). Members from around the island gathered and performed the twelve songs of the service.

At the formal portion of the general meeting, the chapter head Rev. Tadamasa Nishimura and Bishop Hamada delivered addresses. The bishop mentioned in his

address that the goal of our existence is to live the joyous life and that it is important to practice the joyous life in our daily lives. In order to do this we need to reflect on ourselves, what is being shown around us and the importance of having the mind of joyous acceptance.

Following the general meeting a group picture was taken and everyone enjoyed the delicious potluck buffet lunch which the members brought. Everyone enjoyed the lucky number game which concluded the event.

# Honolulu Church 80th Anniversary



On November 11, 2009, Tenrikyo Honolulu Church, located at 1902 South King Street and headed by Rev. Colin Saito, celebrated its 80th Anniversary since its founding on 1929 which was the first Tenrikyo church to be established in Hawaii. In the presence of their Honjima Grand Church head minister Rev. and Mrs. Kanta Katayama and Hawaii Bishop and Mrs. Michihito Hamada, members of Honolulu Church performed the Service with joy and resolve. Rev. Saito, in his thank you speech, recognized the efforts of the previous head ministers and followers who have passed on and who have laid down the foundation of faith for

the present generation. Although he was initially worried about so many passing on due to old age, the young members have stepped up to form a church board of directors which organized and helped to unify the church members. A storm was predicted on this day; however, the church was blessed with sunny and clear weather.

An estimated 110 persons attended the service. A lunch reception which was held at nearby Gyotaku Japanese Restaurant, included a slide show video of Honolulu Church history and live entertainment put on by the church members.

# Asakusa Church Installation Service



On November 14, Saturday, the Installation Service for the church name and the new head minister of Asakusa Hawaii Church, formerly Manoa Church, was held. Manoa Church was supervised under Ushigome Grand Church, with Rev. Chiyo Izumi as 4th head minister. However, due to her ailing health she was not able to fulfill her duties as head minister. Moreover, there was no successor within Manoa Church who could take over as head minister. Therefore, after receiving divine sanction from Church Headquarters to maintain the truth of the original church, the name was officially changed to Asakusa Hawaii Church, now directly

supervised under Asakusa Grand Church, and Rev. Yasutsugu Miyauchi became the 5th head minister, taking over the duties from his mother-in-law. (On a side note, both Ushigome and Asakusa branched off from Azuma Grand Church so there is still a connection with them being former sister churches.) In addition, the head minister of Asakusa Grand Church, Rev. Yasuo Miyauchi and his wife, Ariko, as well as four board of directors were in attendance from Japan. The Service was performed spiritedly and in harmony with Bishop and Mrs. Michihito Hamada presiding, including many family and friends coming to support and assist the celebration.

# Oyasato Seminar 25th Anniversary



On November 21, Saturday, the Oyasato Seminar 25th Anniversary was held at Hawaii Mission HQ. Previously, the OS 20th Anniversary was held in Las Vegas. The OS 25th anniversary was held regionally in Jiba, Honolulu, Los Angeles, and New York.

In Hawaii, the guest speaker this time was Mr. Fred Hasegawa from N.C. (North California) Church/Honjima G. C., who spoke about his faith experience doing hinokishin in Jiba, being a missionary in Osaka, Japan, and also being a missionary in Los Angeles, CA. In addition, representatives from the Overseas Department, Mr. Hinao Nagao and Mr. Mitsuo Kajimoto, were present at this event.

The Hawaii Convention 2011 was also discussed as to how best to promote,

execute, and assist with this significant event coming up during Memorial Day weekend in less than two years.

A commemorative video was also shown, highlighting the past 25 years of each Oyasato Seminar since 1985.

Thank you to all who participated which numbered about fifty.



# Boys & Girls Association UNICEF Donation



Congratulations! Our total collections for 2009 Trick or Treat for UNICEF is \$1,220.33! Thank you to you all not only for your generous donations, but your efforts in educating your children and others of the need that is out there and giving them the opportunity to contribute to the betterment of the world!

Last year seven groups in Hawaii were in the \$1,000-2,999 (Ambassador level). All of you can be proud to know that we are in this "elite" group! Thanks to you all!



# Boy's & Girl's Association Leaders' Fun Camp Held

The Boy's and Girl's Association Leaders Fun Camp was successfully held on Saturday and Sunday, November 27 & 28 at Mission HQ. Four girls, seven boys, and eleven adult leaders participated with three adult leaders staying overnight. The fun camp is a gesture of thanks to the junior leaders who have taken on leadership responsibilities during the annual Spring Camp and other activities throughout the year. Camp participants enjoyed ice skating at Ice Palace, faith discussion, a DVD movie on the first day, and bowling

at Fort Shafter and BBQ picnic on the second day!

Although the camp doesn't seem to have any value except to have fun, BGA chair Rev. Owen Nakao, stressed that, "The camp provides opportunities for spiritual development through attending the evening and morning services, faith discussions, and interaction with peers and adult leaders. This year especially, the camp participants had good camaraderie, enjoying each others' company and fellowship."

## *JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER:*

Hinokishin Day is every first tuesday of every month. Meet at Mission HQ at 9:00am or meet at Ala Moana Beach Park (keyhole area) next to tennis courts.

Nioigake Day is every month on the third monday following Mission HQ monthly service. Meet at Mission HQ at 9:00am.

**A single word can be Hinokishin.  
I simply sprinkle My fragrance around.**

Mikagura-uta VII: I

# Mr. Yutaka Yoneda Remembrance



The late Mr. Yutaka Yoneda was born on 1914 as the third son of Kichitaro Yoneda and Mitsu Mikami Yoneda.

He married Chisato Genishi and bore three sons: Dennis, Glenn and Harvey and has eight grandchildren. He was a devout and active member of Tenrikyo

Taiheiyo Church and work tirelessly as chief translator/interpreter at the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii and for church headquarters

He was an amazing interpreter and translator between English and Japanese. He was very quick and accurate in interpreting sermons and translated or helped to translate many Tenrikyo books and writings. He knew exactly what was written in Japanese and he knew exactly how to say it in English. He also served as instructor for the Three Month Spiritual Development Course and the Minister Qualification Course at Church Headquarters.

He passed away on such significant day, on October 26, 2009, the day which commemorates the founding of Tenrikyo. He was 95 years old.



# Young Women's Club Garage Sale



November 29th Sunday from 9:00am- 2:00pm the Young Womens Club held a garage sale while the Young Mens Association was holding a car wash. Despite the weather many people came early to check out the garage sale and to have their cars washed. The Young Womens Club received many donations from churches and

local followers. The YWA also sold their famous hand made spam musubi which everybody enjoyed. We would like to give a big Mahalo to all the people that came to donate their time and items towards this succesful event. All the proceeds will be used for the Tenrikyo Womens Association 100th Anniversary in Jiba

# Flash Back 2009



# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports



### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Daily donations are one of the activities that you can do towards the Tenrikyo Women's Association 100th Anniversary. Your sincerity to do daily offerings God the Parent will accept. So let's all practice having the mind of gratitude that we are blessed to be able to celebrate this joyous occasion. The daily offerings will be delivered to the Womens Association Headquarters in Jiba thru local churches or Mission HQ. Lets all do our best from now on forward.

#### NUUANU HALE VISITATION

December 12 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

#### MONTHLY MEETING

December 14 (Mon) Meeting  
Anecdotes  
Lecture by Bishop

#### WOMEN'S MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PRACTICE

December 15 (Tue) 9 a.m.

December Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to North Honolulu Group. Thank you very much!



### BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

#### TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Thank you very much for your sincere contributions and efforts in this year's fund drive. Due to everyone's support and God's blessings, we have collected and sent to U.S. Fund for UNICEF a total of \$1,220.33!

#### LEADERS FUN CAMP!

The leaders' fun camp was held on November 27 – 28 at Rainbow Hale with 4 girls, 7 boys and 5 adult leaders to thank the junior leaders for their hinokishin efforts at the Spring Camp and events held throughout the year. They enjoyed ice skating at Ice Palace, DVD movie at night, bowling and a BBQ picnic! Thank you to mission headquarters and adult leaders who helped to put this together.

#### 2010 SPRING CAMP

Normally held in during the Spring break in March, the 2010 BGA Camp will be held on May 29-31 (Sat-Mon) during the Memorial Day weekend. Please mark your respective calendars.

#### KOTEKI / POM POM PRACTICE

Practice will be held on the 3rd Sunday at 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.



## **YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB**

Much mahalo to the ladies who helped with the hinokishin event after November's Monthly Service. Now we can all enjoy cleaner restrooms and wastebaskets.

### **GARAGE SALE!!**

Thank you to everyone who donated their time, and effort in having another tremendously successful Garage Sale. The proceeds will go towards helping the YWC members in returning back to Jiba in April 2010 to celebrate the Womens' Association 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and other YWC events. Please let either myself of Auntie Lynn So know if you will be attending the celebration or not.

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

We need volunteers to help with our monthly mini-bazaar at the Mission HQ 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.



## **YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Thank you to everyone who came out to help at the Car Wash at Mission HQ on November 29<sup>th</sup>, Saturday.

**H.U.G.S. ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
December 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat) at T.C.C.

Volunteers will be needed for various shifts from morning until nighttime. Emails will be sent out and phone calls will be made.

### **MONTHLY MEETING**

December 17 (Thu)                      7:15pm  
Rainbow Hale

## **TENRIKYO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

92nd Annual  
General Meeting  
Tenrikyo 173 (2010)

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

## MISSION HQ'S 2010 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

### JANUARY

1/26 Tue Spring Grand Service Pilgrimage to Jiba  
1/30-31 Sat/Sun BGA Leaders Camp & New Year Party

### FEBRUARY

2/15 Mon Tenri Cultural Center Cleanup Hinokishin Day  
TBA YWC Follow Miss Kokan Seminar  
TBA WA Hawai'i Island Oyasama Congratulatory Instrument Performance

### APRIL

4/6 Tue Oyasama Birthday Celebration Service Pilgrimage to Jiba  
4/18 Sun BGA Oyasama's Birthday Activity  
TBA Oyasama's Birthday Celebration Service Pilgrimage to Jiba

### MAY

5/1 Sat All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day  
5/15 Sat WA, YMA, YWC Joint General Meeting  
5/29-31 Sat-Mon 35th Annual BGA Spring Camp & General Meeting

### JUNE

TBA Lecture for Mothers  
6/20-7/16 Sun-Fri Hawaii Spiritual Development Course (Shuyokai)

### JULY

7/5 Mon 55th Annual Tenrikyo Picnic  
7/19-30 Mon-Fri BGA Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba

### AUGUST

8/29 Sun 40th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar

**SEPTEMBER**

9/6 Mon All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day

**OCTOBER**

10/26 Tue October Pilgrimage to Jiba

**NOVEMBER**

11/26-27 Fri-Sat BGA Aloha Band Camp  
TBA Hawai'i Island District General Meeting

**DECEMBER**

12/26-29 Sun-Wed Oyasato Seminar Course II

## MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- Yohaishiki
- Monthly Service
- Board of Directors Meeting
- Head Ministers Meeting
- Otefuri, Narimono Practice
- Committee Meetings
- Monthly Nioigake Day
- Monthly Community Hinokishin Day
- WA Monthly Meeting
- WA Narimono Practice
- Voluntary Visit to Institutions by WA
- YMA & YWC Meetings
- Sunday School
- Aloha Band Practice
- Publications of Newsletter
- YWC Mini Bazaar

*\* Tenri Bunko is open from Wednesday through Sunday (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.)*

*\*Tenri Judo practice (Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. / Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.)*

# **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

Do you like to use the computer to do salvation work? Join the Origins newsletter team in bringing faith and hope to believers and non-believers alike. This is our mission statement:

To provide for the Tenrikyo community in Hawaii, and the people in the State of Hawaii information related to the services, activities, and events, of Tenrikyo in Hawaii.

To inspire and initiate interest in having faith in religion; namely Tenrikyo, by conveying the Truth of the Jiba in words, in the manner and heart of the God the Parent and Oyasama.

If this is what you want to do, please call Rev. Owen Nakao, ph: 734-1449, email [onakao@tenrikyopearl.org](mailto:onakao@tenrikyopearl.org).

# **HELP WANTED**

## December 2009

<b>1st Tue</b>	Community Hinokishin	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
<b>12th Sat</b>	Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 AM
<b>14th Mon</b>	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
<b>15th Tues</b>	WA Musical Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
<b>16th Wed</b>	YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
<b>17th Thu</b>	BGA Staff Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 PM
<b>19th Sat</b>	H.U.G.S.	TCC	
<b>20th Sun</b>	Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
<b>21st Mon</b>	Monthly Nioigake Day	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
<b>26th Sat</b>	Monthly Yohaishiki	Mission HQ	9:00 AM
	Mission HQ Year-end clean-up (following Yohaishiki)		
<b>28th Mon</b>	Kuakini Mochi pounding	Kuakini Hospital	9:30 AM
<b>30th Wed</b>	Mission HQ Mochi Pounding	Mission HQ	9:30 AM

## January 2010

<b>1st Fri</b>	New Year's Service	Mission HQ	10:00 AM
<b>5th Tue</b>	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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## **Return Service Requested**

### **2009 - 2010 Mission HQ Year-End Schedule**

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**December 26 (Saturday)**

Mission HQ Year-end Clean-up      After Yohaishiki

**December 30 (Wednesday)**

Mission HQ Mochi Pounding      7:00 a.m.

**January 1, 2009 (Friday)**

Mision HQ New Year's Service      10:00 a.m.

**January 10, 2009 (Sunday)**

JCCH Mochi Pounding      10:30am, noon, 1:30pm