

# Origins

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*It will soon be seen. Without a moment to look aside  
the dust will disappear as if you were dreaming.  
Ofudesaki II: 19*



**Mochi Pounding at Japanese Cultural Center  
Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hanneman with our mochi pounding volunteers.**

*Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii*

## Message from the head of the Overseas Department

In the 173<sup>rd</sup> Year of the Teaching, January 26

The weather here in Oyasato continues to be severely cold every day. However, today we are blessed with clear winter skies and fine weather, as many followers of the path, who have yearned for the Jiba, have returned and while remembering the hardships of Oyasama, the January Grand Service of the 173<sup>rd</sup> year of the teaching was performed joyously in unity with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira expressed his desire that all head ministers and Yoboku alike, to once again engage their thoughts toward the deep parental heart of hastening the of performance the service and the widely administered truth of the Sazuke, and to convey the desire of the Parent without hesitation to those people who are troubled and suffering with various problems of the world and to guide them to the path of salvation, resolving to exert one's utmost sincerity to exhaustion. Further, he prayed that the path to world salvation may be spread wider open and the world may call upon the name of the Parent in unison, and the current situation of the world may transform into a spirited Joyous Life aligned with the truth of heaven, even a day sooner.

Following the Service, we received words from the Shinbashira:

First the Shinbashira, while recalling the day that Oyasama hid her physical being, stated that the significance of the January Grand Service was not just to be delighted in our happiness for the fact that we are able to perform the Service as we were instructed to do without hesitation, but stated that we must focus our thoughts on the day of origin, grasping the intention of the parental heart, etching it into our hearts and advance forward with renewed hearts toward God's desire.

He continued to speak about the importance of the service, one's spirit toward single-heartedness with God, and characteristics of moving together in unity. Therein, he elaborated that one's spirit toward single-heartedness with God is the spirit of aligning one's mind with the desire of God the Parent. The Shinbashira explained that through the three scriptures, the Life of Oyasama, the Anecdotes, and the Doctrine, by living one's life based on the teachings, one is able to align their way of life with that of God's intention.

In closing, the Shinbashira referred to the campaign, "Praying together at

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## *January Grand Service Prayer*

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

*God the Parent, You have nurtured and guided us over many long years since You created humankind out of Your desire to see human beings live the Joyous Life. Coinciding with the arrival of the Promised Time, You accepted Oyasama as Your living shrine and revealed the truth of the creation in detail, taught the service, showed us free and unlimited blessings, and guided us toward the path of the Joyous Life. Your affection and boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. We are forever grateful for these blessings and we express our gratitude day and night as we spiritedly apply our effort toward the path of single-heartedness with God. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the January Grand Service at this mission headquarters. The 26<sup>th</sup> of this month signifies the original day when Oyasama, out of Her desire to save all people of the world even a day sooner, shortened Her 115 years of life by 25 years to step out and level the ground. We express our deep appreciation, as the service performers unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. Today, as you view the brothers and sisters of the path who have looked forward to this day, singing the Songs for the service in unison, toward the realization of the Joyous World, we vow to strive evermore toward spiritual maturity and wish that by seeing this, You can be spirited as well.*

*We Yoboku are presently embarking on our next goal and applying our effort toward the service and missionary work and convey to those lost within the darkness of their own minds, the true desire of the Parent, so that they may feel the magnificence of the Parent's blessings and awaken to the truth of this world. Together, we wish to walk the path toward spiritual maturity, where we can pray for the happiness of all people of the world.*

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



*Mission HQ January Grand Service Sermon*

**Bishop Michihito Hamada**



I would like to express my appreciation for having completed the January Grand Service together with all of you. I would also like to commend each and every one of you for your daily effort toward world salvation in your respective positions. Today, I would like to talk about Oyasama (the Foundress), at which I would like to request for a moment of your kind attention.

Oyasama was the one who possessed the casualty that was the model of woman at the time God the Parent created humankind and the world. And according to that casualty, on October 26, 1838, She was received and became the Shrine of Tsukihi

(Moon-sun or God), which began Her quest toward single-hearted salvation.

**These thoughts of Tsukihi are spoken through Her: the mouth is human, the mind is that of Tsukihi.**

**Ofudesaki XII: 67**

As written in this Ofudesaki (Divine Revelations) verse, even if the words coming through the lips of Oyasama were human, they were words relayed directly from the mind of God the Parent. Oyasama was God the Parent who appeared in this world in human form.

However, the words and actions of Oyasama was far apart from what was considered common sense in society and those who were constantly in contact with Her were quite accustomed to her constantly friendly ways and chose to either not listen, ridicule Her by laughing and saying that She was possessed by a fox or a badger or abuse Her for being insane. For that reason, no one could believe that Her words.

In order to open up those doubtful minds, all kinds of miraculous blessings were given. It began with the Grant of Safe

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Childbirth, and in this way the fact that although the form was that of a human being, it was God that was doing the guidance was taught over and over again. No matter how those in society chose to view Oyasama, She constantly possessed the mind to save all children who were experiencing difficulty.

To God the Parent who created this world, human beings are all children who are dear, and human beings were created out of God's desire to see them live a joyous life.

“At this time I have descended here to save all humankind.”

As stated here, it is the path of single-hearted salvation that was relayed through Oyasama, out of the desire to save those who are troubled by illnesses, and suffering with problems.

When medicine was still not advanced, if someone became ill the masses of people relied on incantations and prayers. However,

**This salvation is not brought about by formulas of worship, or by exorcism, or by calling on oracles.**

**Ofudesaki III: 45**

As stated in this verse, although it was taught up until then to cure illnesses by either worship or exorcism and by doing exactly what was inquired when consulting an oracle. That from now, the true path to sal-

vation was to not rely on that low level source.

The path of single-hearted salvation that Oyasama applied was to bring about salvation by teaching the origin of this world.

**Now that I shall work salvation unknown until now, it is necessary to make the origin known.**

**Ofudesaki IX: 29**

In this verse it teaches that true salvation cannot be brought about by way of remedies and that the way to bring about salvation is to teach what the origin of this world is. Therefore,

**Desiring to teach this origin to the world by all means, Tsukihi has become revealed.**

**Ofudesaki XIII: 31**

As stated in this verse, God desires to reveal to us the sincerity in the creation of this world. For that purpose, the intent is for us to understand fully the reason why God appeared in this world.

Teaching the origin is to teach the reason of the creation of this world. And that is to know who created this world. When it was created, where, how, why it was created and how that goal was accomplished.

Why do you think we should know the truth of the creation of this world? To know the origin is to understand the path and the

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reason for arriving at our destination.

We human beings all desire to have happiness and dislike having hardship. We all do not want to experience hardships. However, why is it that we are troubled by illnesses and problems? Why do we become ill? What can we do to avoid suffering and avoid being troubled? For that reason, we must understand what a human being is and what the reason why we are living is. The one important thing is,

**So long as you remain unknowing  
that the body is a thing borrowed,  
you can understand nothing at all.**

**Ofudesaki III: 137**

As stated in this verse, to begin with, we feel as though the body is ours. However, in reality, it is a thing borrowed from God and does not belong to us. If we don't understand this, no matter how superb our words are we are told that it is like we don't understand a thing.

Perhaps, alot of people think that their bodies belong to them. However, there is nothing in our bodies that is moved by our own power. Even when we are asleep at night, we are breathing. Our bodies digest the food we eat without us knowing when. Even when a child is conceived, we do not know the exact time of conception. If we go to the doctor when feeling ill, and we are suffering from a serious illness, and we are asked why we did not come sooner, if it

were our own bodies one would think we would know the condition of our own bodies. Yet almost always it is true that we do not know much. Even if we desire to be healthy and live a long life, no one can control the duration of life. Isn't this proof that our bodies do not belong to us?

It seems as though we have the freedom, yet it is not easy to move our bodies exactly as we want it to. Actually it is important that we understand that our bodies are lent to us by God the Parent.

On the other hand, there may be those who think that if the body is a thing lent, there would be no freedom and it would be difficult to use. However, if the bodies were our own, we might worry that our hearts and lungs would stop if we don't stay awake to make sure they were functioning properly. We would have to worry about every aspect of our bodies and make sure we are managing it. If this were so, we would not have time to sleep and we would collapse because of lack of sleep. However, God the Parent takes responsibility for the maintenance and management for us and assures us that we don't have to worry about those things and that we should utilize our bodies joyously with care. Because our bodies are things borrowed, we can utilize it with ease. Isn't it a comforting relief and a thing of gratitude to know this?

It is said,

**If you have borrowed something**

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**from another, you will need to pay interest. Return it quickly with a word of thanks.**

**Ofudesaki III: 28**

In our society, if we borrow something from others, we must pay it back with interest applied and it is common sense to return it quickly. However, while knowing this, hardly is it ever put to action and aren't we able to witness all sorts of troubled conditions as a result. Also,

**This universe is the body of God.  
Ponder this in all matters.**

**Ofudesaki III: 135**

It is said that the entire universe is the body of God. Not only is the human body a small portion of it, the things necessary for humans to live life are all blessings given to us by God the Parent. We must also be grateful for this blessing and utilize our bodies accordingly.

If we do not understand the obligation we have for being able to utilize our bodies freely while receiving this huge blessing,

**If you let your debts pile up, a path of oxen and horses will finally appear.**

**Ofudesaki VIII: 54**

In this verse, it cautions (us) that it is possible that one can take on the form of an oxen

and horse, and that it would be pitiful for that to happen to someone so it urges (us) to have a mind that can acknowledge its obligations.

Does it mean that to look like an ox or horse is to be reborn as an ox or horse, or whether it is saying that there is a world where one can be degraded to a level of hell during one's lifetime, and live in suffering, is not something we are certain of.

When this idea was first introduced, it is said there was an example of it during that time. It was near where Oyasama lived; there was a woman who possessed a "dangerous nature." As she accumulated all kinds of obligations from Oyasama, she was never once grateful. Even if she passed in front of the Residence, she did not even take the opportunity to stop and visit. Not only toward Oyasama, it was said that she was often cruel to others in the village. Regarding this woman, Oyasama said, "Those who do not acknowledge the path of obligation, will fall to an ox or horse. They will become like oxen." As expected, that woman later became afflicted with an illness and was unable to move. She lived for 20 years in that condition and was quite a burden to her family. (From the Ofudesaki explanation)

The joyous life that is desired by God the Parent will be realized on this Earth. In order for this to happen, it is important that one has a body and mind. The joyous life will be experienced through the use of the

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mind and body. I touched on the fact that the body is borrowed a little earlier, and on the other hand, the mind belongs to each person individually, and we are told that each person must utilize it responsibly. When something belongs to us, it is a convenient thing and easy to utilize it freely and exactly as we want to. We can use the mind with absolute freedom, so we can think as we choose, and do as we please. However, we must understand why we were given the free use of our minds.

If you express the joyous life using other words, it means to live in harmony. All human beings in the world are brothers and sisters and were born from the same parents. It means to have a mind that can be in harmony as brothers and sisters. However, all sorts of misunderstandings can occur when one has the free use of mind.

Originally, in order for human beings to live their lives, they are provided the necessary desires. It is acceptable if they live life utilizing them in the proper way, however it is possible for them to go out of bounds. That would be considered dust called greed and can come in many forms; which would be to vie with each other to get possession of things, which becomes a competition that turns into a fight.

At this,

**Indicating no one in the world in particular, I say to you: dust in the mind causes disorders of the body.**

**Ofudesaki V: 9**

It says that even if one has faith or not, if one uses a mind of dust, illnesses will appear, and if it becomes apparent, an apology and reflection for this use of mind is being urged.

If one can reflect, it can result in a small matter, yet if there is no reflection, and a mind of dust is accumulated, it says

**If you indulge in extreme greed, the anger of God will begin to appear.**

**Ofudesaki II: 43**

And one will receive harsh reprimanding with an urging to stop immediately.

There is a specialist who said that the cause of the bad economy in the world is due to the strong desire of greed of those who are in control of the money circulation. For that reason I wonder how many are suffering for that reason.

However, everyone has a mind of greed, so by no means is it the sole cause of those who are controlling the financial world.

**If this truth is know all over the world, no one will remain selfish or greedy.**

**Ofudesaki VI: 121**

Therefore, if human beings in the entire world were aware of the truth that God the Parent brought about blessings and created all things in the world, it is said that no one would have strong feelings of selfishness

and greed. Those who desire to live life selfishly would cease to exist.

In the first place, why does dust accumulate? I think it is because good and bad, the sense of value and standard of judgement are mistaken. There are many people in this world and there are many religions and beliefs that can guide them. They all have differences in the reason for human creation, discipline, beliefs of good and bad and ways to attain their destination. When they clash with each other, great confusion can occur. If the traffic rules in Hawaii were mixed with rules of America, Japan, Europe and Asia at the same time, there would be cars driving in all kinds of directions, and I can easily imagine the big confusion this would create. If this were contained within the same group, there would be no problem. However, when coming into contact with other groups, the difference in rules would immediately become a problem. However, mutual discussion would create common rules, however, the stronger party would be apt to push their own rules on others and of course friction would occur. And if they cannot come to an agreement, then struggle upon struggle would occur and a chain reaction would continue over and over again. On a large scale this would apply to a country or race, and on a smaller scale this would apply to companies or families. Also, I would assume that this happens on amongst individuals as well. Moreover, conflicts amongst individuals who think they are right are very troublesome and a

difficult problem.

There are many people who are in grief due to problems and illnesses, and God the Parent appeared in this world because of a strong desire to save them. And taught the truth of this world which was not clearly revealed before. If this truth is understood, the root of conflict would be severed, and the root of illnesses can be severed, in this way the path to salvation was put into place. In this world the only thing that exists is the truth of heaven; that this world was created by God the Parent; that God the Parent is the true parent of humankind. That humankind is striving toward one goal, which is the joyous life. That when striving toward that goal, God the Parent can bring about blessings, and that Oyasama is guiding us. These are the rules, which are called the truth of heaven. The content of these rules contain the desire of the Parent to save all people of the world even a day sooner, and the desire for human beings to live amongst each other in harmony. From the time of human creation until its destination, which is the joyous life, that path must be followed according to the truth of heaven, or that it cannot be reached. The truth of heaven is the only way to realize true world salvation for the people of the world. In order to teach this to us, it took Oyasama 50 long years to do this. he joyous life world still has not been realized. I'm sure it will take a long time. However, the ever-living Oyasama assures us that this world will surely be realized and even now continues

to protect and guides us. If we live our lives according to the truth of heaven, we can surely attain true happiness and arrive at the destination of true world peace. The way to live in accordance with the truth of heaven is to have a mind of gratitude, humility and the desire to help one another while living in harmony with one another.

This year in April, the Woman's Association will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It

can be said that this path has progressed due to the great achievements of the women of this path. Not limiting this to only woman, I hope that as many of you as possible can return to Jiba and bring joy to God the Parent and Oyasama. Let us spiritedly walk the path with cheerful minds and receive further vitality in order to strive toward the realization of the joyous life world. I thank you for your kind attention.

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church as a Family unit" which began from the January Grand Service of last year, and spoke about the "Family Circle" activity used in families with faith. For further information about this topic, please read about it in the Tenri Jiho and Michi-no-Tomo publications.

Returning from overseas for the January Grand Service today, we are represented by 160 followers from Korea and followers from Taiwan, America, Hawaii, and Brazil, totaling over 230 followers returning to Jiba. This required the simultaneous translations for the service prayer and sermon in English, Chinese, Korean, and Portuguese, a total of four languages.

Finally, I would like to mention that due to construction in the adjacent building of the Nepal Mission Post, the Mission Post building has suffered some damages, resulting in a sudden relocation of the Mission Post this past December. In observance of the move, the Relocation Dedication Service is scheduled to be held on January 30<sup>th</sup>. This report concludes my greetings.

Overseas Department Head  
Yoichiro Miyamori

# ISLAND LIFE

## *Women's Association New Year Party*



The Women's Association New Year's Party for Tenrikyo 173 (2010) was joyfully held and enjoyed by 26 members on Monday, January 11. Bishop Hamada first gave a few words, where he reminded us about the importance of being grateful for the use of our borrowed bodies that we practically use as our own. After that, we played musical chairs, balloon relay, and bingo, among others, and members went home with many prizes. We had a bento lunch with *zenzai* (sweet red bean soup with rice cakes), as well as sushi and other tasty foods. Finally, everyone sang Oyasama's Birthday Song and went home in high spirits.



## *New Baby Birth!*

Congratulations to Jennifer (Ichise) & Aaron Takeda of Joyous Mission Station/Ikeda Grand Church on the birth of their new born daughter, Sarah Mayumi Takeda on December 19, 2009 at 7:10 p.m., weighing 5 lbs, 12 oz. and 19 ½ inches long.

## *Oyasato Seminar Course II Reflections*

### **My Experience in LA**

By Rui Yap (Kapaa/Shuto)



While I was in the seminar, I learned that there were steps that I had to take to become a Yoboku (a person who has the Grant to administer the healing prayer of sazuke). One of the steps that I had to take was learning about the Sazuke (the Grant to administer the healing prayer). We can receive the Sazuke of Ashiki-harai (sweep away evils). As we chant, “Ashiki-harai tasuke-tamae Tenri-O-no-Mikoto,” or “sweeping away evils, please save us, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto.” we do the hand movements called Otefuri, and then stroke the diseased part

three times, chanting, “Namu tasuke tamae Tenri-O-no-Mikoto.” We repeat this three times. I’ve also learned that there are currently over 17,000 Tenrikyo churches worldwide (over 60 churches in United States), but it is no exaggeration to say that this is due to the endeavors

of the predecessors who strived for the salvation of others and received miraculous blessings by performing the Service and administering the Sazuke. If you are suffering from an illness, and desire the Sazuke, please don’t hesitate to contact your local Tenrikyo Church, or the Mission Headquarters. Someone will be glad to assist you.

Another step that needed to be taken was attending the service. When Oyasama, our Foundress, was still alive physically, there was a great drought in the entire Kinki (Kansai) region. The rice field showed cracks, the leaves and stalks of the rice plants had turned brown and were on the verge of dying. The villagers came to Oyasama’s Residence and requested to perform the Service for Rain. Upon the request, Oyasama said: Whether it rains, is God. Whether it does not rain, is God. It is all God’s free working. I shall bestow rain if your minds so deserve. Soon after the Service performers performed the Service for Rain, in one accord and with all their souls. A dark spot of a cloud appeared in the eastern sky gradually, and a piercing downpour accompanied by thunder began, developing into a storm. It is told that it rained so hard that they collected the rain water in their sleeves. The joy of the Service performers who performed the Service for Rain seriously in the storm was beyond description. As you can see, through the Service, miraculous blessing of God the Parent who created this world and the human beings will be bestowed on the people who perform the Service, upon the acceptance of their sincerity.

This is what I have learned throughout the seminar. It was an excellent experience for me to attend it in LA. I would recommend that the upcoming generations should feel the same experience that I felt.

## New Year Mochi Pounding at JCCH

January 10, 2010 was the annual mochi pounding event held at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii (JCCH). The actual mochi pounding took place across the street from JCCH at Moiliili Park. There were literally thousands of people and many booths and other attractions. Dendocho (Mission HQ) is asked every year to participate by way of mochi pounding demonstrations. It's a wonderful opportunity for spreading the Tenrikyo faith. Before each mochi pounding demonstration the emcee for the event gave a brief ex-



planation of the Tenrikyo faith. Reverend Tyron Inouye led the mochi pounding with help from the Dendocho staff & the Young Men's Association. The Young Women's Club and the Women's Association helped make the mochi with sweet bean paste to pass out to the hundreds of spectators standing in line for a taste. Doug Inouye was our official mochi pounding announcer as we pounded the mochi. The Tenrikyo mochi pounding crew took a picture with our wonderful Honolulu Mayor Mufi Hannemann. One of the

ladies gave Mayor Mufi Hannemann a piece of mochi that he ate on the spot. When the Mayor addressed the crowd he recognized our mochi pounding tent by pointing and saying, "the mochi was delicious!" For those that are a little timid for door-to-door Nioigake, events like these are a great alternative! Come on out and join us! It's fun!

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

The three-month Spiritual Development Course English Class will be held at the Parental Home, Jiba from March 28 - June 27. Course participants will attend classes on the Teachings, scriptures and practice the service and musical instruments used in the service. Students will also engage in *hinokishin*, which is the action done to express gratitude for the blessings of God the Parent. Many graduates of the course express gratitude and reminisce about their experience as a “life changing” event.

*Those who wish to enroll in this course and may require a visa, should inform Mission HQ as soon as possible.*

## **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.

# ALL TCC HINOKISHIN DAY

We will be having a joint association clean-up Hinokishin at Tenri Cultural Center. We are asking members of the Women's Association, Young Men's Association, Young Women's Club, Boy's & Girl's Association, Hawaii Tenri Library, Hawaii Tenri Judo and Saturday School to take stewardship and join together in unity to keep the Cultural Center a beautiful place for all to enjoy!

## **Job Assignment:**

Women's Association: Japanese Garden and Lunch preparation

Young Men's Association: Weedwacking, lawn mowing, hedge trimming, light tree trimming as necessary.

Boy's & Girl's Association and Young Women's Club: Cleaning front screens, glass window and doors

Hawaii Tenri Library & Saturday School: General Cleaning in the Library.

Hawaii Tenri Judo: General Cleaning in the judo hall

**Date: Monday, February 15, 2010,  
President's Day**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch will be served at 11am**

**Place: Tenri Cultural Center**

# Mission HQ Announcements

## **Otefuri Study Session for Mission HQ Service**

### **Performers**

An Otefuri (Hand dance) Study Session for Mission HQ service performers will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 9am to 11:30am. The instructor will be Rev. Yoichiro Miyamori, the Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department. All service performers should attend this session.

### **New Service Performers**

Ms. Yoko Kawasaki, spouse of the successor to Aloha church and Mr. Gerry Imoto, head of Hoolokahi mission station were honorably assigned to be Mission HQ service performers on January 17th.

### **\$5K Donated for Haiti Relief Effort**

\$5,000 from the Mission HQ's Emergency Relief Fund was donated for the Haiti Relief effort, which was hit by huge earthquake on January 12th. The funds will help the afflicted area through UNICEF. Mission HQ is accepting donations to replenish the Relief Fund.



**Masayuki Suzuki**



**Eisuke Imanaka**



**Jordan Takahashi**

## **New Personnel**

Mr. Masayuki Suzuki (Church HQ) arrived on January 15th. He will be devoting two years at Mission HQ.

On January 16th, Mr. Eisuke Imanaka (Sugiharadani Branch Church/Uni Grand Church) arrived and will serve as the 16th class Missionary. The entrance ceremony was held on Jan,17th at Mission HQ.

Mr. Hiroaki Jordan Takahashi (Itakano Branch Church/Takayasu Grand Church) has finished his seinen (live-in) work on Jan 31st. After returning to Japan, he will take an exam to enter the Tenri Seminary.

# ***FEBRUARY MONTHLY SERVICE***

*Sunday, February 21, 2010*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Sermon (in Japanese) by Rev. Yoichiro Miyamori*

*English Translation by Mrs. Rumi Miyauchi*

## **NOTICE!**

The annual Boy's and Girl's Association General  
Meeting and Spring Camp

Normally held in March, will be held

**May 29-31 (Sat-Mon), 2010**

**Memorial Day weekend**

due to a schedule conflict with Mission HQ

# *YWC ~ Ms. Kōkan Seminar*



Date: February 27 (Sat.) – February 28 (Sun.)

Time: 9:15 a.m.

Place: Taitan Church    Participation Fee: \$5.00

## Activities:

2/27: Speech, Tuning of Women's Instruments, Otefuri practice, discussion regarding Young Women's Club Convention in Jiba in 2010.

2/28: Taitan Church Monthly Service participation

# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports

### BOY'S & GIRL'S ASSOCIATION

#### ALL TCC CLEANUP HINOKISHIN DAY

The all Tenri Cultural Center Cleanup Hinokishin Day will be held on President's Day February 15<sup>th</sup>, 9am-11am, with lunch provided at 11am. Normally it falls on the day after Mission HQ's monthly service, but this year it will be after the second Sunday. Let us convey the teachings to the children through our actions, by assuming stewardship of the Tenri Cultural Center.

#### OYASAMA BIRTHDAY ACTIVITY

The Women's Association 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is going to be commemorated in Jiba with a goal of 300 people returning to Jiba during the birthday celebration, however, we will continue to conduct the BGA Oyasama Birthday Activity on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday which happens to fall of Oyasama's actual Birthday, April 18.

We will start at 9:30 a.m.

#### 2010 SPRING CAMP

Normally held in March, the 2010 BGA Camp will be held on during the Spring break in May 29-31 (Sat-Mon) during the Memorial Day weekend. This is due to a schedule conflict with Mission HQ activities. Please mark your respective calendars.

### YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### February 15th Monday

Cleanup at T.C.C.-9am  
All associations

#### February 18th Thursday

YMA February Meeting-7:15  
Rainbow Hale

#### February 28th Sunday

Hinokishin-Yard work/cleanup  
Kahala area  
Further details TBA at latter date

\*As usual, we will always have additional hinokishin activities that are brought to our attention, please be prepared.

## WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time flies, especially in February. Whether there are days so fun that they pass by so quickly or whether there are days so miserable that you feel like you are unable to take even one step forward, if a day passes, it is still the same 24 hours. If that is the case, why don't we enjoy ourselves all the time? Good things come to those who wait.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

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

Women's Musical Instruments Practice

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

Monthly Meeting is CANCELLED for this month.

Bazaar Hinokishin will start again on Feb. 3 (Wed). We look forward to seeing you there.

We ask the churches who have Tenri Kyo-ko Gakuen High School Meal Preparation Hinokishin for their cooperation and support. Mahalo!

February Mission HQ Monthly Service Luncheon Hinokishin is Honjima Group. Thank you!

## 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.

### **Card Making for 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

We will be putting the finishing touches onto the cards that we will be selling at the Bazaar in Ojiba in April. Please come out if you have the time. Date and time will be announced shortly.

## TENRIKYO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

### 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting

Tenrikyo 173 (2010)  
Monday, April 19, 10 a.m.

Tenrikyo Church Headquarters  
Inner Courtyard



# The Hungry Reporter

I always am on the lookout for great chicken recipes and I found this recipe on the Food Channel. It is a recipe by Rachael Ray. I love her 30 minute meals. They are easy and perfect for all those who do not have much time to put into cooking, yet delightful to the palette. I hope you enjoy this one!

## Ranch Pretzels



### Ingredients

36 oz Honey Wheat Pretzels (from Sam's Club) 1

12 oz popcorn oil

Dry Ranch Dressing Mix 1, Garlic Powder 1 tsp.

Dill Weed 2 tsp.

### Directions

Turn oven on to 250 degrees F. Pour pretzels into a large foil pan. Pour popcorn oil over and mix to coat pretzels thoroughly. Mix in ranch dressing mix, garlic powder and dill weed in a small bowl and sprinkle over pretzels. Mix well. Bake about 30 minutes, mixing every 10 minutes.

Cool and store.

# February Calendar 2010

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	Tenri Kyoko Gakuen students Arrive	Mission HQ	
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Meet @Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Tenri Kyoko Gakuen students depart		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	WA Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:15 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	BGA Staff Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Otefuri Study Session (MHQ Service Performers only)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
21 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	February Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mon	Nioigake Day	Meet @Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
27-28	Sa-Su	YWC Miss Kokan Seminar	Taitan Church	9:15 a.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	YMA Yard work Kahala area	TBA	TBA

# March Calendar 2010

1 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Meet @Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.

## Abbreviation key:

**BGA = Boy's & Girl's Assn.**      **WA = Women's Association**      **TCC = Tenri Cultural Center**  
**RH = Rainbow Hale**      **YMA = Young Men's Association**      **YWC = Young Women's Club**  
**TSA = Tenrikyo Students Association**      **WSN = Women's Support Network**

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# ALL TCC HINOKISHIN DAY

Friends and members of the Women's Association, Young Men's Association, Young Women's Club, Boy's & Girl's Association, Hawaii Tenri Library, Hawaii Tenri Judo and Saturday School

**Date: Monday, February 15, 2010, President's Day**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lunch will be served at 11am**

**Place: Tenri Cultural Center**