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*When this dust is completely swept away,
Nothing will remain but universal salvation.*

Ofudesaki II: 20

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Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

Message from the head of the Overseas Department

In the 173rd Year of the Teaching, February 26

For the past few days, we have been experiencing warm, out-of-season weather here in Oyasato. However, the skies show that there is a chance for rain today, and although it was not ideal weather for walking, many, many followers of the path returned to Jiba as the February Monthly Service was performed joyously in unity with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira stated, “All church head ministers, Yoboku and staff members of Church Headquarters alike must focus on the source of insecurities and distress which are caused by the current situation of the world. We must widely convey the desire of God the Parent to people who are not yet familiar with the teachings, so that we may take a step closer to all people of the world by mutually helping one another as brothers and sisters. We must resolve to press forward the path of single-hearted salvation through the Service and the Sazuke.” Further, He stated, “Sanctioned as a branch of the Jiba, the Tenrikyo church shall be a place where each person connected with the church can join their minds of sincerity together, and advance their duties toward the Joyous Life in a training ground at their respective locations. So that we may be useful in the construction of a peaceful and harmonious world, on behalf of everyone present, I humbly pray for God’s guidance.”

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Takanori Nagao.

Rev. Nagao spoke about the first head minister of Kawaramachi Grand Church, Rev. Genjiro Fukaya, who is always quoted as saying, “I am so thankful to God, this is a splendid path.” With this quote as a basis, He spoke about why he was so thankful to God and how this path is splendid.

While quoting from the Ofudesaki, Mikagura-uta, Doctrine of Tenrikyo and the Life of Oyasama, Rev. Nagao explained that we are thankful for God the Parent because God is the original and true Parent and as the fundamental teachings of this

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February 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:

As we live in this world taught to us as the bosom of God the Parent, we constantly receive Your over-flowing grace and blessings, which grants us the free use of our bodies as we advance toward the realization of the Joyous Life world. These boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. We deeply express our gratitude for Your grace, as we proceed in high spirits toward the path of sincerity, which we are shown through the Divine Model of Oyasama. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the February monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits.

On this day we are blessed with the presence of Reverend Yoichiro Miyamori, head of the Overseas Department. As You view the brothers and sisters of the path who have looked forward to this day, singing the songs of the service in union, with hearts filled with gratitude for Your parental love, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

Furthermore, from February 1st till February 12th, 19 students and 3 instructors from Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School came to Hawaii to study and experience the English language and culture while under the care of various churches and mission stations. The sincere care received by the church home stay families enabled them to advance in spiritual maturity and return to Jiba.

Yesterday, Rev. Miyamori conducted an otefuri study session for service performers. As the service is the foundation for world salvation, we will unite our hearts as one and perform the service with firm resolve.

We vow to exert our effort for those who are troubled and worried that they have nowhere to turn to, and we vow to imbed in our hearts, the joy of following unwaveringly, the path of sincerity for generations to come. We further resolve to devote ourselves in the effort for single-hearted salvation by planting seeds that will enable the realization of the Joyous Life. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and ask that all people of the world may find the joy of living and 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 February Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Yoichiro Miyamori



My congratulations on your lively February monthly service today at the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. I very much appreciate this opportunity to join you today. Having been asked by the bishop to deliver this sermon, I have come to the podium. May I ask for your attention for a while.

Now everyone, please try to imagine. You are now eating an ice cream with the Shinbashira alone, sitting face to face. Are you picturing this scene now? You shouldn't be too confident that such a thing would never happen to you. We never know what will happen in our life, or as the saying goes, "We don't know what's around the corner."

In front of the Shinbashira is a chocolate ice cream, and in front of you is a vanilla ice cream. You actually want a spoonful of the chocolate ice cream that is in front of him. Try to imagine that you want the chocolate one even if it is not your favorite. But it is the Shinbashira eating the chocolate one, so it is not easy for you to ask for a spoonful. You are thinking it would be rude to ask him for such a thing.

Then, what would be the best way to have the Shinbashira say, "Would you like some of this chocolate ice cream?"

Think about it for a second. What would you do?

For you to enjoy the Shinbashira's ice cream, wouldn't it be best to offer your ice cream first, saying, "Would you like some of this vanilla ice cream?" Then, I am sure he would say, "Please let me offer you some of this in return."

If you desire something from others but don't offer them anything, your wish will never be met.

If you get caught up in your desire, you end up not getting what you want. When you release your desire, your desire will be met.

If you offer your effort first, it will be returned to you as merit. Such is the truth

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of heaven. To come into accord with the truth of heaven, you only need to follow the path of natural spontaneity; so it may be easier than you might think.

We all want to receive the blessings of God. We all want God's protection. How can we make it possible for God to exert divine providence for us?

The service performed today is the February monthly service. What exactly do we do on these monthly occasions? The answer is to play the nine musical instruments, sing the songs for the service, and perform the Dance with the Hand Movements. Such is the "service" we perform. It would not be good enough, however, to play the instruments well, sing the songs with a good voice, and dance without mistakes. If the tangible form were the only important thing, we could hire experts in music and dance and ask them to perform, but the service we are taught is not like that. The important thing is what frame of mind we are in when we perform the "service." That is, God the Parent is looking into the state of our mind.

Then, what kind of frame of mind should we be in to perform the "Service"?

I think there are three aspects to this.

The first aspect is a "completely purified mind."

This means to come to the "service" with an unclouded mind free of unnecessary thoughts. What if someone comes up to you and asks for a favor with a half-

hearted attitude while thinking about something else? You may not feel good and may not want to listen to the person. On the other hand, if the person asks for a favor in a single-hearted and earnest manner, we would like to respond to the person's request.

God says, "Because of My love for you, My children, the Parent shortened Her life by twenty-five years to step out and save the world from now."

The "service" we performed today is what Oyasama pleaded with us to conduct by whatever means necessary. She spent fifty years going through hardships and difficulties to have us perform it, and She even shortened Her term of life by twenty-five years to persuade us to perform it. She is begging us to do it.

For those of you in Hawaii, it may be difficult to perform the service while wearing the service kimono, singing in Japanese, and playing the instruments that have an oriental feel. But the main thing is to have a positive attitude like "Let's give it a try"; it is not really a matter of whether one can dance and play music well or not.

Above all, what is essential is to perform the service with a clear mind free of unnecessary thoughts and with our whole heart. Such is the "completely purified mind".

The second aspect is "unity of mind."

The "service" uses instruments that are different from one another not only in shape but also in the sound they make and the

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way they are played. The nine instruments need to harmonize with one another as well as with the lead singer. The six dancers need a rhythm comfortable to dance to. Again, if the six dancers do not pay attention to the lead singer or the instruments, or do not move in unison, there will be an unpleasant feeling. It is important for each performer to be caring and considerate to the others; such is the “unity of mind”.

The third aspect is a “spirited mind.”

Since God’s marvelous blessing of “salvation” appears through this service, there is nothing else that is so splendid. If we become spirited, God will work for us spiritedly.

If a friend of yours tells you about something depressing with a sinking heart, your heart may also start feeling gloomy. If your friend talks to you in bright and high spirits, your heart will also become spirited. The Service is the time for communication with God the Parent.

Let us show God our high-spiritedness. This is the same principle as in the ice cream story.

I would like to earnestly ask you to put into practice the “completely purified mind,” “unity of mind,” and “spirited mind,” the three aspects of the appropriate frame of mind for performing the service in your daily lives at your church, fellowship, and home.

We are taught in the Ofudesaki’s (Divine Revelations) Part III, verse 143, and I

quote:

If the minds of the world are spirited day after day, the growth of all crops will be spirited, too.

Ofudesaki III: 143

It is no good if we are spirited only for a brief moment or only sometimes. “Day after day” means “always.”

Incidentally, there is a school called Tenrikyo Language Institute in Jiba. This school seeks to provide education, guidance, and support for young Tenrikyo followers from overseas who wish to learn Japanese and Oyasama’s teachings. Every year many students come from South Korea and other places. At the end of the first year of study, all students have an occasion to gather and perform a “practice service.” On one such occasion, I asked the students a question: “What is the important frame of mind to be in when we perform the service?”

A student offered an answer. What do you think it was?

“A mind of sincerity,” was the student’s answer. Since I had not expected such an answer, I staggered for a moment; yet I could not afford to be seen losing my cool there.

What came to mind then was the words of God in the “Kakisage”— the words that we received when we were granted the “truth of the Sazuke.” The Kakisage teach-

es, and I quote:

Daily and always, I say daily and always: sincerity alone. At first glance, people may think that the mind of sincerity is weak, but there is nothing firmer and more enduring than sincerity. Sincerity alone is the truth of heaven. Because it is the truth of heaven, I accept it at once and give a return at once.

Kakisage

From the point of view of human thinking, “the mind of sincerity” may seem rather unreliable and fragile, but from God’s point of view, there is nothing more assuring than this, God says. Then, what kind of mind is “the mind of sincerity” exactly?

I asked the student who had answered my question earlier. I said, “What exactly is the mind of sincerity?” Then the student said, “The mind of helping and saving others.”

If a person prays to God disregarding his or her own benefit, time, and convenience in order to help save others, we normally think that such a person is taking a loss. In the eyes of God the Parent, however, it is exactly that use of the mind that reaches God, and once it reaches God, God will quickly respond by working for us, God says. So such is the way we should use our mind.

If we pray for ourselves to be saved, we

won’t be saved. If we pray for others to be saved, then both they and we will be saved in the end.

In Ofudesaki verse 38 in Part 3, we read,

If you are truly of a mind to save others single-heartedly, I shall firmly accept you, even if you say nothing.

Ofudesaki III: 38

This means that if we just have the mind that sincerely wishes to help save others, God the Parent will accept our sincerity; we don’t need to try to say anything good or clever.

Moving on to another subject, no one can decide when he or she will be born. Nor can anyone choose a place to be born, the sex to belong to, or even the face or height to have. However much you shout that you want to decide what life you have, you cannot change what you cannot change. This is because your body is a thing borrowed from God. Take me, for example. God lent me this body, so however much I complain, I cannot change a thing about it.

When we are young, we cannot survive unless we accept what our parents provide for us and follow what they decide. As we grow older, we can broaden the area in which we make decisions by ourselves. We begin to decide which school we go to, what sport we do, whom we go out with, what job we have, and so forth; we are able

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to choose and decide more and more as we grow.

As adults, we make constant choices every day as we grow. We sometimes make big choices but, even with small choices, the results could make large differences in the end.

Today, you all made a decision to come to the mission headquarters for the service. If you had decided not to come, you would not have met me. We are constantly changing according to whom we meet. We are, as it were, going through constant rebirths.

Whether we meet those who exert a positive influence or a negative influence may all be up to “luck.” In this path, however, we call it “causality.”

In our life, meeting people is important. And how we feel about those people is important.

Ofudesaki verse 43 in Part 13 teaches us:

All of you throughout the world are brothers and sisters. There should be no one called an outsider.

Ofudesaki XIII: 43

Everyone we meet is due to our own causality. Whether we can believe in this causality or not is a critical point. If we can think of everyone we meet as a precious person, our causality will move in a good direction. Good luck will come our way.

One of the current buzzwords is “eco”—which comes from “ecology,” referring to taking good care of resources and other

things. I hope that we take good care of the people we meet, as well.

Two years ago, it looked as though my church would fail to reach the amount of monetary offerings we had resolved to make to Church Headquarters. As the head minister, that is, the representative of the church, I had myself made that “resolution.” Such a “resolution” is to be achieved by collecting the true sincerity of the followers of my church in the hope that they will be able to receive the free and unlimited workings of God. In this regard, therefore, I cannot take failure lightly. I tried everything I could to fulfill the resolution, but the amount was still not enough.

My church is located in the midst of the mountains, and the building is getting pretty old; therefore, we had saved a little money in the bank in case we needed to repair a leaking roof, for example. If we used that money for our offering, we could manage to achieve the amount we had resolved to offer. It was a hard decision. What if we offered this money and needed to repair some part of the church building later?

I went to the bank and walked in and out of the entrance many times. I finally had the bank prepare a check for the money with a determination to offer it to God and went out of the bank. At that moment, a car passed by in front of me. To tell you the truth, the car at my church was very old, and it was barely running. We wanted a new one, and the car that sped away in front of the bank happened to be the car I

wanted. My eyes turned to the check naturally.

A couple of days later, we had heavy rain. Funny how these things happen. Water leaked from the roof.

But it was too late. We had no money in our bank account. Nevertheless, once you think, “We can do nothing, so just let things be,” then you actually feel much better. Whatever happens, it happens because of God. I just laid back. Then, a wonder occurred. We had a phone call from a family I had visited fairly long ago during my “door-to-door” missionary work. The family said: “Our grandfather has passed away. Since you took care of him, we want to make a donation.” I had only made a few visits to him, and he did not even accept my invitation to the Besseki lecture (special lectures to receive the Truth of Sazuke healing grant). Yet the call was from that old man’s family. In fact, I had forgotten about that old man. But I gratefully accepted this offering, and I took a portion of it to the Headquarters first and used the rest to repair the roof. In addition, although this is just between you and me, we were able to purchase a second-hand car to replace the old one. Please remember this is our secret.

God never abandons us. Rather, God always works a step ahead of us. We have nothing to worry about; yet we need to maintain our commitment to work for God. This is important.

A mystery novel is fascinating because we don’t know who the bad guy is. Totally

unexpected endings fascinate us. Human relationships are also full of unexpected twists and turns. That is why they are interesting. I often think about how I can make a frowning person smile and how I can make a complaining person say a word of thanks. If you try to change people, life can be more fun than you think. It is, of course, difficult to change others. But perhaps it is interesting because it is difficult. We would not watch a TV quiz show if it were too easy.

To help save a person, we need to change the person’s mind. How can we do that? To change others, it is best to try and change ourselves. This is, again, the same principle as in the ice cream story. Instead of asking for something, we can try offering something. To change ourselves is to change our behavior. What exactly can we do?

We can, for example, say caring words, be kind, offer material support, and help people in need. In essence, what all this boils down to is: to do “hinokishin,” perform the “service,” and administer the “Sazuke.”

What is important is to start by offering “a spoonful” to God the Parent; it is to proactively contribute to God’s work.

God says in the Divine Direction of December 19th, 1891, and I quote:

You can take delight in contributing each day. If you sow seeds without contributing, it is like

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**messing up the account book. . . .
Each seed of delight sown day after
day will multiply ten thousand fold
and bring a settling each day.**

Divine Directions: December 19, 1891

Anything you contribute to God will be returned to you ten thousand fold.

I very much hope that you will make every effort of contribution and dedication

and receive ten thousand fold returns from God. Unless you offer your effort first, there won't be anything to be returned. Please do your best to perform the service and administer the Sazuke so that you can reap the harvest of salvation work. With this request, I would like to close my talk today.

Thank you for your kind attention

Message from the Head of the Overseas Dept.

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path, by mutually helping one another, we are on the path of being pious to our Parent. God the Parent promises to show us a splendid path. He explained in this way, what a wonderful path this is.

In closing, Rev. Nagao stated that this splendid faith should be conveyed to our children, grandchildren and generations to come in our vertical mission and conveying the teachings to our relatives, friends and to the people around us in our horizontal mission should be the duty of a Yoboku.

As you may have already heard, it is time for personnel changes at the Overseas Department. This month the rearrangement of personnel throughout the department was made on a large scale. However, the official movement of personnel is scheduled to occur on the 15th of March. I understand that this may cause a bit of an inconvenience for you. Let us work together and cooperate ever more closely in this time of a new beginning.

Overseas Department Head
Yoichiro Miyamori

Hawaii Spiritual Development Course

Dates: June 20 (Sun) to July 16 (Fri) 2010

Course information: Participants will gain knowledge about the Tenrikyo teachings as well as gain spiritual awareness by reading the scriptures (*The Doctrine of Tenrikyo, The Life of Oyasama*), engaging in hinokishin (gratitude towards God the Parent shown in daily actions), faith experiences speeches, and practicing the Service.

Course graduates have experienced both physical and spiritual healing; a renewal of “self” and gained a strong sense of meaning and purpose in life!

Age requirement: 17 or older

Participation fee: \$200

(includes: meals, dorm accommodations and textbooks)

Please apply at the Mission HQ office by: **June 13 (Sun)**

ISLAND LIFE

BGA Leadership Camp and New Year Park Cleanup & BBQ Picnic Held



The annual Boys and Girls Association Leadership camp and New Year Park Cleanup & BBQ Picnic was held on January 30th and 31st with the Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic being held on January 31st.

Four girls, eight boys and five adult leaders participated in the leadership camp which provided valuable life experiences and lessons through which the participants can build their leadership skills. Their schedule was literally "packed" with activities from leadership workshops, to hands on learning about taro pounding, to hinokishin

at TCC, preparing goody bags (to pass out at the BBQ picnic) during their shower time, KP (kitchen patrol), and conducting the games during the BBQ Picnic. There was hardly a minute wasted in their time spent at MHQ. Participants first attended a workshop on teamwork & communication conducted by the Young Men's Association and another workshop on interpersonal skills instructed by the camp adult leaders.

However, the highlight of the camp was the taro pounding demonstration held by Kumu (instructor) Daniel Anthony of Mana Ai a non-profit organization dedicated to the perpetuation of the Hawaiian culture of making poi by hand-pounding taro. Leaders got "hands on" experience by cleaning the taro, doing the actual "pounding and mashing" using the hand held stone pounder, and consumed the poi dumplings for dinner in their stew and enjoyed deep fried poi for snack. Kumu Anthony emphasized connecting with the taro, through



the six senses of seeing, hearing, smelling, touching, tasting and spirituality.

The New Year Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic draws big numbers (over 100 people) annually and rightfully so. One parent said, "This is really a good activity for the kids!" Rev. Owen Nakao agreed, "We're able to impart the value of community service to the kids from a young age; that they too can and need to take stewardship of the parks that they enjoy. But for me personally, it's not just 'good activity'. Since it is a BGA activity sanctioned under the Mission HQ of Hawaii, it has the truth of Jiba and therefore it is the ultimate in conveying the joy of faith, not only to the next generation, but also to the community at large." Rev. Nakao continued, "The truth was shown to us on this rainy day when there was a big downpour during the canopy setup and another big downpour as people arrived and then took shelter under the canopy. However, after a short prayer in which everyone thanked God for the rain as it provides the blessing of water, the rain suddenly stopped as we started to clean the park and not a drop fell after that! It was such a dramatic and thankful blessing. As followers of this faith, this is our work, our sincerity, our salvation work in building the joyous life world which will ultimately bring peace and happiness to the world! I hope more people can recognize the importance of attending and encouraging people to attend this type of church activity as a way of conveying faith to other people. We don't need to preach to people, we just show them!"

Women's Association Conduct Commemorative Event



In commemoration of the actual day of the Women's Association 100th Anniversary, thirty-nine members of the Hawaii chapter performed the Twelve Songs of the Mikagura-uta in the Mission Headquarters Social Hall on January 28, 2010. In the spirit of the event members who were not able to participate, were asked to engage in an alternate activity such as doing hinokishin, spreading the teachings or administering the sazuke.

All TCC Cleanup Hinokishin Conducted by Five Affiliated Organizations



Organized by Sankai (The Three Associations: Women's Association, Young Men's Association and the Boys and Girls Association) the annual All Tenri Cultural Center Cleanup Hinokishin was held on Presidents Day, February 15, with about 90 volunteers. The Women's Association members did weeding in the Japanese garden and prepared the lunch for everyone; the Young Men's Association weed whacked and raked the grounds, the Boys and Girls Association cleaned the front screen and glass doors and outside bathrooms; Saturday (Japanese) School students and parents cleaned the indoor amphitheater area in the library and the Hawaii Tenri Judo members and parents cleaned the fans, lights, window screens, judo mats and bathrooms in the dojo (judo training hall). The hungry workers enjoyed a delicious curry lunch and fellowship after the hinokishin. Much mahalo (thanks) to all who came!



Tenri Kyoko Gakuen Conduct Study Abroad Program in Hawaii

by Mr. Hiroshi Matsumura, head of English Course, Tenri Kyoko Gakuen



**Tenri Kyoko Gakuen students at top of Diamond Head
Mr. Matsumura is in rear with black shirt.**

Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School's Division II English Course held this year's Study Abroad Program in Hawaii from February 1 to 12, with the nineteen students and three teachers being accommodated by Hawaii Dendocho and ten churches on Oahu.

Hawaii..., just hearing the word makes us feel so happy! It is a place which is well-known and longed to be visited by most Japanese; it is one of the most popular travel destinations in the world.

Kyoko Gakuen High School was born in 2005, planning to offer students a choice of three divisions (including the English Course) in the following year. We, Division II staff, thought that it would be great if we could provide our students with a chance to study abroad for a few weeks. Getting some information about the study abroad program at TLI (Tenrikyo Language Institute), we were seeking to establish our own program, but had a hard time finding a suitable place, when we came up with Hawaii. At first thought, Hawaii seemed to be inappropriate for the program since most people think of it as a place

to visit for pleasure, not for study. However, our second thought gave us the conviction that Hawaii would be the best place for our program. Thanks to Hawaii Dendocho (mission HQ) and many churches being there, our students would be able to learn about the overseas mission as well as English and American life. We asked Bishop (Michihito) Hamada for advice, and he kindly showed his willingness to welcome us and then got consent from prospective host churches. Rev. Motoo Matsuda, the principal, also supported our plan. With help from Dendocho and people in Hawaii and in Tenri, we finally managed to put together the study abroad program, which has become a great success.

On February 1, Hawaii, the islands of eternal summer, welcomed our group of 22, who had left sleety Japan. We stayed at Dendocho very comfortably under the warm and generous care of Bishop Hamada, Mrs. Hamada, Mr. and Mrs. Takemura, and the staff. Especially, we were all impressed by the meals at Dendocho, which were made by some churches in rotation. Some dishes were typical American or Hawaiian, but very new and attractive to most students, and all tasted exquisite. As a result, I noticed more and more round faces among the students day by day. I, myself, got a round belly rather than a round face.

The students were given four lectures and six English lessons while staying in Hawaii. Bishop Hamada and other directors kindly spared time to lecture them intelligibly about Hawaii and Tenrikyo in Hawaii. Some ten local followers came over to Dendocho to teach English. The students enjoyed the active and informative lessons very much. They say they want to take lessons from the instructors again. Through many kinds of activities and visits to many places, the students absorbed a lot of information and were exposed to American and Hawaiian cultures. With respect to the improvement of the students' English skills, I regret to say that they couldn't make the best of the opportunity of being in Hawaii; they used too much Japanese among themselves. We, teachers, surely have to do something about it next year.

It was another cold day when we returned to Japan after the days we had dreamily spent in Hawaii. I had forgotten how to deal with the cold; we all seemed to have. It appeared that Hawaiian ways of living really suited most of the students; they all say they will visit Hawaii again, hopefully in the near future. The people and the climate of Hawaii were very warm to me, too. Recalling the few days I spent in Hawaii in 1986 and the three years (1990-93) of my stay in Michigan, I strongly desire to live in America again.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the people who helped us make this program a success. We will never forget Hawaii--the place, its people, and their kindness during this trip.

Mahalo.

Otefuri Workshop Conducted



On February 20, 2010, an Otefuri (Service Hand Dance) Workshop was held at Mission HQ for service performers and conducted by Rev. Yoichiro Miyamori. Forty-three persons attended this special practice which covered finer points in the rituals and the movements to the Twelve Songs of the Teodori.



Japanese Building Tent Fumigation. See article on bottom of next page.

Mission HQ Announcements

Rev. Yoichiro Miyamori, head of Overseas Dept. visits Hawaii

Rev. Miyamori arrived on Feb. 18 (Thu) and visited many churches as well as led a hand dance practice session for the performers in Mission HQ monthly services. He also gave the sermon at the February Monthly Service. Rev. Miyamori returned to Jiba on Feb. 23 (Mon).

Spring Memorial Service

On March 27 (Sat), the Spring Memorial Service will be conducted at 10 a.m. at Mission HQ. The following anniversaries will be observed:

- 5 years: Rev. Robert Mikuni: 2nd head minister of Taiheyo Church (Shuto G.C.)
5 years: Rev. Gordon Inouye: 1st head minister of Hawaii Central Church
(Higashichuo G.C.)
30 years: Rev. Chiyo Ueda: 2nd head minister of North Honolulu 2 Mission Station
(North Honolulu Church)
30 years: Rev. Mineko Uchida: 1st head minister of Hawaii Kona Mission Station
(Shuto G.C.)
30 years: Rev. Hajime Izumi: 3rd head minister of Manoa Church (Ushigome G.C.)

Hawaii Mission HQ April Monthly Service date change

The monthly service in April will be held on **April 10**, the second Saturday of the month, not the third Sunday, April 18 (Oyasama's Birthday). Please mark your calendars.

Mission HQ Personnel Changes

On Feb. 23 (Tue), Mr. Hiroshi Mori (Ashitsu G.C.) returned to Jiba after finishing his duty as the Tenri Bunko librarian for three years. We thank him for his dedication and efforts. Good luck in your future endeavors!

TCC Japanese Building Termite Fumigation

The Japanese building at Tenri Cultural Center has been damaged by termites for many years and was finally fumigated for two consecutive days on Feb. 10 and 11. The last fumigation was in 1989.

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MARCH MONTHLY SERVICE

Sunday, March 21, 2010

9:00 a.m.

Sermon (in English) by Rev. Sparky Shiiba

Head of Kailua Kona Church

Japanese Translation by Taeko Nakao

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

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Associations' Reports

BOY'S & GIRL'S ASSOCIATION

ALL TCC CLEANUP HINOKISHIN DAY

Thank you to all who came out to help at the Tenri Cultural Center Hinokishin Day!

OYASAMA BIRTHDAY ACTIVITY

To those remaining behind during the Women's Association 100th Anniversary commemoration in Jiba, we will be conducting the BGA Oyasama Birthday Activity on the 3rd Sunday April 18, at 9:30 a.m. which happens to fall of Oyasama's actual birthday.

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. This is due to a schedule conflict with Mission HQ activities. Please mark your respective calendars. We will be scheduling service practices at various churches, to be announced later.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

March 13th Saturday

Hinokishin at Toan Tabal's house in Makaki
From 8am-1pm

March 18th Thursday

YMA February Meeting-7:15
Rainbow Hale

March 28 Sunday

Mochi Pounding Demonstration at Moana
Surfrider

Set up at 8am, First Demonstration at 10am

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.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

WA Meeting March 8 (2nd Monday) 9:00 a.m.

We will also be wrapping merchandise to sell and wrapping commemorative gifts for the Joyous Festival.

*Next month's meeting will be on April 5 (1st Monday).

Nuuanu Hale Visitation
March 13 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

Women's Musical Instruments Practice
March 16 (Tue) 9:00 a.m.
*Practice in April is cancelled.

Bazaar Hinokishin
Every Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
At the West House

50th Annual Oyasama's Birth Offertory
Performance
April 6 (Tue) 7:00 p.m.
Donation: \$3 Please wear happi coat and white socks.
A general practice session will be held on April 5th, after the monthly meeting.

* March Monthly Service Luncheon hino-kishin is assigned to Godo B. Mahalo!

WA 100th Anniversary
92nd Annual Convention
April 19th (Mon) 10:00 a.m.

Inner Court Yard
Commemorative Lectures 1:00 p.m.
Young Women's Gathering
April 18th (Sun) 3:00 p.m.
Tenri University Gymnasium 1
Tenri High School Multipurpose Gym
Joyous Festival
April 18th (Sun) after evening service to 9:00 p.m. in the areas on both sides of the South Gate and Shinan St.
Party for followers from abroad Dining Hall 3
April 20 (Tue) 5:00 p.m.
April 21 (Wed) 12:00 p.m.

Besseki Months March 20 to May 10
October 20 to November 30

Commemorative Exhibition March 20 to May 10

TENRIKYO WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

92nd Annual
General Meeting

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

Tenrikyo Church Headquarters
Inner Courtyard



The Hungry Reporter

I had intended on getting this recipe in last month. However, Mrs. Jean Matsunobu generously contributed her outstanding pretzel recipe so sharing this dessert bar got delayed. My cousin's husband Larry Kaneshiro actually baked it and served it at their annual New Year's Eve party. It was so good I just had to share this with you! Hope you experience the same mouth-watering pleasure. I did!

Tsubushi-an Bars

Ingredients

Bottom Layer

2 cups flour
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped nuts
1 cup softened butter (two sticks)

Top Layer

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
3 eggs slightly beaten
1 can (16.5 oz) tsubushi-an (red azuki bean paste)

Directions

Bottom Layer

Combine flour, sugar and nuts. Cut in butter. Press evenly into 9" x 13" pan lightly greased. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes.

Top Layer

Sift flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Mix in eggs and tsubushi-an. Pour over baked crust and bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes. Cut into bars while still warm.

March Calendar 2010

1 st	Mon	WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
2 nd	Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Meet @Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
13 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
16 th	Tue	WA Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
18 th	Thu	YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:15 p.m.
		BGA Staff Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
20 th	Sat	Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
21 th	Sun	March Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
22 nd	Mon	Nioigake Day	Meet @Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
26 th	Fri	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
27 th	Sat	Spring Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
Every Wed		WA Bazaar Hinokishin	TCC West House	9:00 a.m.

April Calendar 2010

5 th	Mon	WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
6 th	Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Meet @Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
10 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @Mission HQ	9:30 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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April Monthly Service date change

The monthly service in April will be held on

April 10, 2010

the second Saturday of the month, not the third Sunday,
April 18 due to Oyasama's Birthday. Please mark your
calendars.