

# Origins

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*There is nothing in this world that should be called illness.  
Whenever there is a disorder of the body, ponder deeply.*

*Ofudesaki II: 23*



**Honoring the Women's Association senior members at the  
Joint WA-YMA-YWC General Meeting, May 15, 2010**

*Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii*

## Message from the head of the Overseas Department

In the 173rd Year of the Teaching, May 26

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

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

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

Furthermore, he prayed that all people wake up to the teachings of the Parent, and replace one's mind as a means of repayment, and he prayed for guidance that all human beings may attain a state of harmonious joy.

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in Rev. Seishi Kajimoto. Rev. Kajimoto spoke referring to the establishment of the Tenrikyo Church Headquarters and the meaning and process of establishing churches throughout the world.

He also said that the church is a place to realize the will of God the Parent, and the important attitude of the minister of the church is to be single-hearted with God. In addition, quoting from the Ofudesaki and the Osashizu, he spoke about the fact that the truth of the establishment of the church is for all eternity.

In closing, Tenrikyo UK (United Kingdom) Center in London will be holding the commemorative monthly service on June 6, for its 10th anniversary.

Today, there was a church headquarters personnel change. The former secretary of

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## *May Monthly Service Prayer*

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

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

*The All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day was held throughout the world, and on Oahu, was conducted on the 1st with one hundred seventy participating.. Kauai, Hawaii and Maui have conducted, or will be conducting their Hinokishin Day activity. From the 29th through the 31st, the Boys & Girls Association will be holding the annual Spring Camp, and the General Meeting will be held on the 30th. Yesterday, on the 15th, the Hawaii Women's Association, Young Men's Association and Young Women's Club held the Joint General Meeting with many members attending. We were also grateful to have Mr. Masanao Nakayama, guest representative from the headquarters of the Young Men's Association attend this event. As each member deepened their resolve as foundations of the faith, and their passion as pioneers of the path, they vowed to apply their spirited effort directly toward the realization of the joyous life world. As we spiritedly pursue the path of the Divine Model of Oyasama, we hope to make the best of each day, and not be swayed by self-centered thinking, as we apply our utmost effort toward our duties and administer the Sazuke in hopes to meet your desire for world salvation.*

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



*Mission HQ May Monthly Service Sermon*

**Rev. Masatoshi Shamoto**

**Head Minister of Malie Mission Station**



**“Tenri-O-no-Mikoto”**

Good afternoon everyone. Congratulations on the successful completion of our May Monthly Service.

It is now fifty-one years and three months since I came to Hawaii from Japan. At that time, I was a handsome young man, but now I have lost all my good looks, and have joined the group of old men of advanced age.

I was rather confident that I would not be assigned to give the monthly sermon anymore, nonetheless, I was given this as-

signment. Moreover, the title of my sermon is from Chapter Four of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, “Tenri-O-no-Mikoto. Given this important assignment, I am rather concerned, but I will try my best, so please, may I have your attention for a little while.

Now, in the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, the first half, Chapter One to Chapter Five covers the teaching of Tenrikyo, and Chapter Six to Chapter Ten covers the spiritual application of this teaching. Therefore, the first half is more reserved and rigid. This is something very difficult for me to do, but since this a monthly service sermon, and not a class at the Spiritual Development Course, I will try to keep it on the lighter side.

If you were asked, “Where can you find Tenri-O-no-Mikoto?” How would you answer? In the Ofudesaki:

**This universe is the body of God.**

**Ponder this in all matters.**

**Ofudesaki III: 40,135**

Of the 1,711 verses of the Ofudesaki, this important verse appears two times. Therefore, we are all living in the body of Tenri-O-no-Mikoto. So, to the question,

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“Where is Tenri-O-no-Mikoto?” The answer could be, “That is an odd question to ask.” However, that would not be a proper answer.

At the end of Chapter One of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, it is written: “Upon deep consideration, She gave the divine name of God the Parent, ‘Tenri-O-no-Mikoto’ to the eternally unchanging Jiba.”

Upon deep consideration, the reason why She (Oyasama) gave the divine name of God the Parent to the Jiba of origin was so that we could do the service repeating “Namu Tenri-O-no-Mikoto”. Through the service and our prayers, the world will be changed where all humankind will be able to receive salvation and live a truly spiritual joyous life.

Each church was established receiving the Truth of the Jiba. In the opening prayers, the Bishop or the minister will read, “Before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, who resides in this shrine”. The service is performed after receiving the Truth of the Jiba; therefore, it should be done earnestly and without any mistakes.

When performing the service, it should not be done like a practice, where you tell yourself that you will get better as you are doing it. You should set aside time to practice on a regular basis. I am sorry this was not what I was assigned to talk about, but it was from Chapter Two of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo. I will now return to Chapter Four:

Now, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto is the general name for God the Parent, and a sacred name was given to each aspect of the ten complete providences and its workings.

*Kunitokotachi-no-Mikoto*: in the human body, the providence of the eyes and fluids; in the world, the providence of water.

*Omotari-no-Mikoto*: in the human body, the providence of warmth; in the world, the providence of fire.

*Kunisazuchi-no-Mikoto*: in the human body, the providence of the female organ, of skin and joining; in the world, the providence of joining in general.

*Tsukiyomi-no-Mikoto*: in the human body, the providence of the male organ, of bones and support; in the world, the providence of support in general.

*Kumoyomi-no-Mikoto*: in the human body, the providence of eating, drinking, and elimination; in the world, the providence of the rise and fall of moisture.

*Kashikone-no-Mikoto*: in the human body, the providence of breathing and speaking; in the world, the providence of wind.

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*Taishokuten-no-Mikoto*: the providence of cutting off the ties of the child to its mother at birth, and also in cutting off the breath of life when one passes away for rebirth; in the world, the providence of cutting in general.

*Otonobe-no-Mikoto*: the providence of pulling out the child from its mother during birth; in the world, the providence of pulling forth in general.

*Izanagi-no-Mikoto*: the model of man, the seed.

*Izanami-no-Mikoto*: the model of woman, the seed plot.

At this time, I would like to refer to a few passages from Chapter Three of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo.

**The true and real God of this universe is Tsukihi. The others are all instruments.**

**Drawing them forth one after another, I used them to begin human beings and gave to each a sacred name.**

**Ofudesaki VI: 50-51**

**Listen! This origin is the venerable Kunitokotachi and Omotari.**

**Ofudesaki XVI: 12**

**Only through the exhaustive efforts of Tsukihi, made step by step, have you become the humans you are.**

**Ofudesaki VI: 88**

At this time, I would like to refer to the Bishop's message given after last month's Monthly Service sermon. He said, "When the most devout disciples went listen in front of Oyasama, Oyasama always talked about the origin of human beings. Each time She would have tears in Her eyes as She spoke."

In this world, there are so many different religions, and each one has their own unique story of creation. Almost all religions talk about an almighty, great God who created human beings without much effort. On the other hand, there are those who believe that their God is the only God and thus, their religion is far superior to other religions.

Now, I would like to talk about one of my personal experiences. One day, I was having a beer with a professor. This rather well-known college professor also had an important position in a religious organization. He asked me, "What kind of teaching is Tenrikyo?" Instead of answering him, I asked, "The God that you believe in is called Heavenly Father, right?" He said, "Yes."

I then asked, "Where is the Mother?" He answered, "Mother?", and with a blank look, he was speechless. I then told him,

“Our teaching is about our Heavenly Mother, and we are taught about living the Joyous Life.” He asked, “Joyous?”, and I answered, “Yes, joyous.”

I then asked, “When you leave your church after the service, instead of a bright, cheerful face, you must leave with a serious, gloomy face?” He answered, “Yes.” I then said, “When we leave our church it is with a cheerful, happy face.” He said, “Cheerful?”

I continued, “Isn’t God our Parent who created us human beings?” He answered, “Yes.” I then said, “Which would you prefer of your own children, ones with gloomy faces or ones with cheerful faces? Isn’t it much more enjoyable to see your children living cheerfully and spiritedly?” He answered, “Yes, I agree.”

Before it gets too long, I would like to return to my original topic. Whenever Oyasama talked about the Truth of Origin She had tears, so, why did God the Parent exert so much effort? When it comes to the Truth of Origin I was told, “The more we mature spiritually as human beings, the better we will be able to understand this truth.”

In Chapter Two of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, the following Ofudesaki:

**As proof of My beginning of human beings, I shall put the Kanrodai in-to place.**

**Ofudesaki XVII: 9**

It is written, “The Kanrodai is a stand to be set up at the Jiba of Origin to give proof that it is the place where humankind was conceived. It is shaped so as to represent the truth of human creation and growth – to symbolize the origin and perpetual development of humankind and the world.

The Kanrodai is in the shape of a hexagon, as is the molecular formation of a human cell. When you observe the Kanrodai service from above, the movement of the performers is similar to the movement of the chromosomes in our body. This fact has become known recently.

The first publication pertaining to the Truth of Origin was written by Ryojiro Yamazawa in 1881 titled, “The Story of the Creation of this World.” Thirty-two years later, the famous Dr. Einstein published the Theory of Relativity, and since that time, the application of physics has grown rapidly. Since then, the research of physics throughout the world has expanded, and in recent years, many principles pertaining to the universe have been discovered and proven.

Despite the many theories present then, one big mystery still remained. All existing things are made up an equal number of positive and negative molecules, like Yin and Yang. Why they didn’t cancel out and disappear was a question many tried to answer. It was later discovered by the Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Yukawa, that the neutron was the elementary particle that had no

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electric charge. Although it was accepted that it was made up of only three quarks, it has recently been discovered by Dr. Masukawa and Dr. Kobayashi that there are in reality six. They actually had announced their discovery in 1972, but weren't paid attention to until just last year after their many additional experiments. This achievement won them the Nobel Prize. The title of their discovery is "There are six not three Quarks," which is considered to be the theory that was not in the Theory of Relativity. If it is true, and it is what is keeping the phenomena of the world from becoming zero, it makes me wonder if it is related to how God the Parent began this world with six instruments, calling them forth, consuming them to test the flavor of their minds before creating human beings. I cannot help but wonder if the story of Creation told by Oyasama can be understood even further if looked at it from a scientific standpoint.

I feel that we are nearing a day when The Truth of Origin, which can be understood with greater spiritual maturity, will be understood more clearly through the view of physics. You do not have to take this too seriously as it is my own personal view. Once again, I've gone into Chapter Three, Truth of Origin.

Lastly, I would like to talk about the Parental love of God the Parent. As stated in Song 9, verse 9 and 10.

**Ninth, Though people are performing the Service here, No one understands My heart.**

**Now that you are calling the name of God, Come forth quickly to the original home!**

These verses were written about 120 years ago when the Place for the Service was already built and numerous predecessors were coming with the heart of true sincerity. Yet, it states that there is no one who understands God's heart. It says for us to come and call out the name of God, and quickly come to the original home.

Whether you are one with a strong faith or not, or whether you feel you still do not understand the mind of God the Parent does not matter. If you have the desire and are truly of a mind to save others, then believe that God will spring forth to you when you call. Then, settle the names of the ten providences in your heart and let's go out to do salvation work with confidence.

I would like to conclude, by expressing my deep appreciation to Rev. (Melvin) Iwata for translating my sermon.

## Message from the Head of the Overseas Dept.

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Mission Headquarters of Hawaii, Kikunobu Takemura, is assigned to be in general section of the overseas mission department.

Let us continue our respective duties spiritedly and I ask for your continued cooperation.

Yoichiro Miyamori  
Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department

# Hawaii Boy's & Girl's Association Children's Pilgrimage 2010

Dates: July 24 (Sat) to July 30 (Fri), 2010

Meet at 38<sup>th</sup> Moya on July 24, 4:00 p.m.

Shohi (BGA Hinokishin Corps) participants may qualify for  
airfare assistance.

Shohi age requirement: (10-15 years old)

Meals, dorm accommodations paid by Mission HQ of Hawaii  
and Church HQ (must participate in all activities).

Pink T-shirt Uniform required: \$10 per shirt x  
2(recommended)

Please apply at the Mission HQ office by: **June 26 (Sat)**

**Prayer Service and Orientation: June 27 (Sun)**

**Call Rev. Owen Nakao at 734-1449 for more information.**

# ISLAND LIFE

## ***All Ages, From Infants to Seniors Participated in the All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day***



The All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day for Oahu was held on Saturday, May 1, 2010, in bright and sunny weather at Honolulu Zoo with about 180 participants ranging in ages from infant to their nineties! Volunteers helped rake the leaves and sticky pods which drop annually from the monkey pod trees. Families took advantage of this time to share quality time with their children and at the same time impart the value of Hinokishin! This year bento (Japanese boxed lunch) was provided for the participants who enjoyed the zoo after the cleanup.

Neighbor Island Report:

May 1: Kauai, 9 participants at Japanese Cemetery

May 2: Big Island, Kona, 7 participants at Kona Memorial Park

May 9: Big Island, Kohala, 4 participants at Old Kona Airport Park

May 22: Maui, 29 participants at Makawao Veterans Cemetery

May 29: Big Island, Hilo, 22 participants at Homelani Veterans Cemetery



**Maui members gather for their All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day at Makawao Veterans Cemetery, 5/22/10**



**Hilo members at Homelani Veterans Cemetery for their All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day, 5/29/10**

## ***WA-YMA-YWC Conduct Joint General Meeting***

The Tenrikyo Hawaii Women's Association, the Hawaii Young Men's Association and the Hawaii Young Women's Club held their annual joint general meeting on Saturday, May 15, 2010, with 168 people attending. The YMA representative from church headquarters, Rev. Masanao Nakayama gave President Zenji Nakayama's address, Bishop Michihito Hamada gave his message and Mrs. Masayo Hamada read the Women's Association President Harue Nakayama's address. Senior members of the Women's Association were recognized for attaining the age 80 this year (shown on front page). Mr. Kyle Kikuchi and Ms. Jennifer Kakitani gave faith experience speeches (published in this issue).

Outgoing YMA Chairman completed his three-year term and introduced Burt Iwata as the new Hawaii chapter chairman. Participants later enjoyed, a chili plate luncheon with BBQ beef and chicken and *yakisoba* (Japanese fried noodles).



**Outgoing YMA chairman Dan Suzuki**



**New YMA chairman Burt Iwata**

## **Faith Experience Speeches Given at the Joint General Meeting by Kyle Kikuchi and Jennifer Kakitani**



**Kyle Kikuchi**

When my good friend Dan Suzuki, the Hawaii YMA Chairman, asked me to compose this, I thought it would be a proverbial piece of cake. But what came out of these many rewrites and “brainstorms”, in my case “mind drizzles” or “scattered brain-showers”, was the recognition that my path to Tenrikyo, though long, arduous and unexpected, exemplifies the truth of causality and God the Parent’s divine guidance. I have been an active member in the faith for only about two years but as many of my close friends and family can attest these past two years have been the most satisfying and liberating of my life. My name is Kyle Kikuchi, I am a fourth generation Japanese American born and raised in Hawaii. I am also an Air Nation-

al Guardsmen and Religion Major at the University of Hawaii. While growing up in Hawaii my family practiced a pseudo blend of Christian and Jodo Shinshu religious beliefs. From this liberal mixture I gravitated toward Christianity during the formative, teen years of my life, culminating in my Baptism. As time went on I witnessed the hypocrisy of my peers and the archaic dogma of the Protestant Church which left me disillusioned and in the end drove me from the Christian faith.

It was this first negative experience with faith that fueled my impetus to study religion at the University of Hawaii. In hindsight it seems that I was searching for something. I wanted to be inspired. But instead, as the depth of my knowledge grew so did my hubris. At the end of my studies I foolishly thought I knew everything there was to know about religion, while never having experienced spirituality for myself.

Back then, the depth of my spiritual piety was relegated to irreverent jokes and the occasional prayer for the University of Hawaii football team to win by 7 points or more! It was a misuse of my mind and a greater misuse of my scholarship money. Although I thought I was a good person who tried to do the right thing, I know now I was selfish and ignorant of the Divine Guidance of God the Parent.

Which brings me to circa 2005; it was

the beginning of the end of my ignorance. I had just finished a prestigious Fellowship at the Smithsonian and landed a great full time job that took me all over the world. But as Chapter 6 of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo tells us, God the Parent took pity on me for I had strayed onto a dangerous path of self-importance and God the Parent provided me with trouble to break my ego and stop the misuse of my human mind.

Later that year I was deployed with the National Guard and myself and my girlfriend at the time were expecting a child. During my deployment overseas my girlfriend miscarried and found comfort in the arms of another man. I returned from the mission broken and trapped in a pit of misery. I was intent on hurting myself and everyone who cared for me. I was full of hate and anger and I dealt with the pain by digging a dark hole with hedonistic self-destruction, filling the emptiness in my life with substance abuse and hollow sexual encounters. I lost myself and didn't know who I was anymore. I was arrested twice and that still wasn't enough for God the Parent to get my attention. Back then, I put myself in so many dangerous situations and hurt so many people. The terrible misuse of my mind made my life wretched and only God's deep parental love could salvage me.

When times were the darkest, my friend Bert Kawasaki invited me to a Hinokishin during Christmastime; helping terminally ill children celebrate the holidays with

their families. I was amazed to see a Japanese Church practicing a Christian custom so openly and without prejudice. It was the first time I saw people who sincerely cared about one another regardless of religious affiliation. I know that the Christian Church that I had belonged to would not have done the same. It was also profound that everyone was so grateful for my small contribution that evening. I don't think I heard less than a hundred "thank you's" that night. All the heartache and guilt I endured was a part of God the Parent's plan for me. God the Parent prepared me for that night to drastically change my perspective, to inspire me.

I started attending YMA meetings and Hinokishin's and met some tremendous Yoboku and the best part was no one tried to convert me by threatening me with eternal damnation. I was gradually led to the path and was able to come to my own conclusions. It was amazing! The more I attended service and read the texts, the more the pieces of my life came together. It was like I started to figure out an incredible puzzle, that the things I studied in college confirmed the truth of Tenrikyo.

It was only until my mind was replaced that I saw my life with fresh eyes. All of the principles I learned reading national bestseller self-help books I found in the text of Tenrikyo. The notions of passing away for rebirth and causality align with the Buddhist sutras I've read. The teaching of "a thing lent, a thing borrowed" is

similar to new age Metaphysics advocating the power of the mind and body. It was as if, over the course of my life, my spiritual foundation was laid and all I needed was tools to build on it. The first time I sincerely did evening service I wept and I had no idea why. I felt like I belonged, like my life had purpose again because God the Parent led me to the truth of Tenrikyo and the Joyous Life.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm not claiming to have been fully cured over-

night. I still have my share of personal demons and daily struggles with mountains of mental dust to overcome but I am comforted in knowing that I can lean on God the Parent and my friends in the YMA. I no longer grieve that my life is wretched, instead I rejoice because I have the divine guidance of God the Parent. This is the way life should be. One world, one family... it all fits. It all makes sense. It inspires me.



**Jennifer Kakitani**

Good morning everyone. Today I will be speaking about this past April's Women's Convention that was held in Jiba. I ask for your kind attention while I go over the events of the Women's Convention and also speak about my spiritual experience

concerning this pilgrimage to Jiba.

This year's Women's Convention commemorated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Women's Association in the Tenrikyo faith. The slogan for the 100th anniversary of the Women's Association is, "Let's follow the Divine Model and become the foundation for the Joyous Life." Under the slogan of "Let's keep the original intention in mind and grow spiritually to be true Yoboku" the guidelines for the Association activities are 1. Let's nurture our own faith based on the teachings, 2. Let's put our hearts into performing the service, 3. Let's sprinkle the fragrance and strive to save others, starting with the ones close to us. Many of the lecture's central themes dealt with women being the foundation of the family in order to support family togetherness in efforts to achieve the Joyous Life.

Prior to going to take the pilgrimage to Jiba, I was a little annoyed with the timing of the trip because it interfered with my chances of getting a job. Even though I had specifically planned everything, including my graduation around this trip, I was becoming discouraged because I had been applying for an average of ten jobs every week since January and had only gone to a handful of interviews. I knew the reason why I was not getting any call backs was because I was going to be gone in April. I was quickly running out of money and running out of patience and blamed the pilgrimage for my troubles.

Nevertheless, I went and on April 18th 2010 Oyasama's Birthday Celebration Service was held and it was estimated that well over 100,000 people had attended the celebration.

After the service performance the Young Women's Club Convention was held at the Tenri University Somanouchi Daiichi Taikukan (Gymnasium #1) where the president of the Women's Association, the Shimbashira's (Patriarch's) wife, Mrs. Harue Nakayama gave her lecture. At this lecture Mrs. Nakayama touched on a wide range of subjects, she spoke about the struggles that Oyasama went through as well as the teachings that She spread, emphasizing the importance for the young women to not place so much importance on their outer appearance and instead focus on being a beautiful person on the inside.

Mrs. Nakayama reminded everyone the reason for the establishment of the Wom-

en's Association was through the urging of God to advance the spiritual growth of the women of Tenrikyo. God the Parent does not differentiate between the sexes. In a time of gender oppression, the creation of the Women's Association was vital for women's spiritual growth because it allowed women to become literate, thus allowing them to make progress in their salvation. This also allowed partners to have conversations with each other that would thus enable both partners' salvation to be advanced.

Following the lecture, two members of the YWC gave speeches about their spiritual development. Then the Tenri High School Band and a dance troupe gave two great performances.

In the evening of the same day, Yorokobi Hiroba (Joyous Festival) was held. All the different Women's Association chapters were selling various goods, the Women's Association chapter in Hawai'i sold Hawaiian style necklaces and cell phone straps as well as macadamia nuts, chocolates, and handmade greeting cards. The Hawai'i booth as well as the majority of the other booths sold out of all of the items they were selling. The event was very crowded and it was through the blessings of God the Parent that no one was seriously injured.

On the following day April 19, 2010, the Women's Association's General Meeting was held. The president of the Women's Association again gave a lecture. For this lecture, Mrs. Nakayama gave a recap

of the events that led up to the 100th anniversary. She congratulated (everyone) for a job well done for the various prep rallies and activities that were held in order to bring the 202 million yen that was raised.

She went on to talk about the same points that she went over in the speech she gave at the Women's Association General Meeting was similar to the one given at the Young Women's Convention.

Right after the president of the Women's Association, the Shinbashira gave a speech. The Shinbashira thanked everyone for their efforts to raise funds in anticipation for this Women's Convention.

The Shinbashira said that this 100th anniversary would be a perfect time for the rebirth of everyone's spiritual growth. When people understand why the Women's Association was established, he hopes that people would be compelled to advance their spiritual growth. Like the president of the WA, the Shinbashira stressed that the conception of the Women's Association was not out of human obligation, but from the urging of God the Parent for women to be able to follow the divine model at the same level as men.

The Shinbashira made it clear however, that because God the Parent makes no distinction between males and females in terms of Yoboku, it does not mean that they are equal in the sense that they are the same. It is these natural differences between the sexes, the Shinbashira says, that the different gender roles are assigned. In the ten providences, Izanami no Mikoto is

the model of women. The model of women displays characteristics of the turtle which is patient, and hold weighty responsibilities. Using the model of woman as a cue, the role of the woman is to be the foundation of the family. He encouraged everyone to respect the different gender roles and to work together in a harmonious whole towards spiritual growth and the Joyous Life.

After the Women's Association General Meeting, we attended a lecture by Yoshitaro Fukaya entitled, "On the Way to the Foundation for the Joyous Life." Mr. Fukaya's lecture was about the necessity of families to stay together in order to achieve the Joyous Life. With the rising divorce rates in the world, the bond between husband and wife need to be strengthened. Mr. Fukaya encourages followers to see this social problem as an opportunity for Tenrikyo followers to spread the teachings and the idea of family joyousness and togetherness.

Going off of the themes of the Women's Convention, he went on to say that women are born with a boundless capacity for love. They embrace others, showing others compassion. It is this same unconditional love that Oyasama displayed during her years as the temple of God. It is thus the duty of Yoboku's everywhere to show others compassion and unconditional love. And from that the Joyous Life can thus be achieved.

Later on that night, the Hawai'i YWC and the mainland YWC's assembled at

38th Moya (dormitory) for a get-together to have a chance to get to know one another through fun games. I personally did not get to attend this event because I had previous obligations, however, I did hear that everyone had a lot of fun because they were getting to interact and get to know people that they would not have necessarily have met and hopefully there will be more events like this to bridge the gap between the Hawaii and America YWC. The get-together with the America YWC concluded the Women's Convention.

Coming back to my story, one day after I came home from Jiba, I got a phone call

from one of the companies that I went on an interview for right before I left for Tenri, they called me to extend a job offer to me. This particular company offered the best pay and the best benefits out of all of the other jobs that I applied for. It was then that I realized that this was a true blessing from God the Parent and that I was able to get this job because I made the pilgrimage and as long as you are doing God's work, you will be taken care of.

This concludes my speech, thank you for your kind prolonged attention.

## YWC Help at Special Olympics

Eight members and friends of the Hawaii Young Women's Club volunteered at the annual Special Olympics held on May 29 at the University of Hawaii Manoa field. Everyone had a great time and it was very rewarding to see the athletes accomplish their goals.



## ***Women's Association 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Report***

***by Mrs. Masayo Hamada***

The 100th Anniversary and related activities were performed safely and without incident. I wish to express my appreciation. The inspiration I felt still remains in my heart. At this time I would like to restart our mission with new goals towards spiritual maturity. Looking back on the 100th Anniversary, in retrospect, I want the WA members to express their thoughts about the commemorative events.

## ***Reflections on the Women's Association 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

The former head minister of Honolulu-ko Church, Rev. Kane Iwata, always told me that whenever there is a big event, please return to Jiba. If I'm still in good health, I had wanted to go back for this general meeting. I am now 95 years old. At Jiba, I was able to participate in many activities and also, I could meet many people who had connections with Hawaii in our busy schedule. I could also meet the Hofu Grand Church head minister who has been in the hospital for about six months due to illness. I moved and impressed with his relatively good health.

After the activities in Tenri, I left for Hofu Grand Church (in Yamaguchi Prefecture) for worship and enjoyed the onsen at Takayama City in Hida Prefecture where I could recover from my fatigue.

During my stay in Japan, I feel appreciative that I was in good health.

by Mrs. Yoshiko Hirasa

Representing members of the Kailua Kona Church, who really wanted to go back to Jiba but couldn't, I was able to worship and attend the commemorative anniversary in their place. I was very happy and appreciative to be able to receive all kinds of blessings during this seasonal time.

At Chuwa Tsumesho (followers dormitory), I stayed with thirty members from Brazil in the same room. However, we could not communicate in English (due to Brazil national language is Portuguese). So through interpreting by those who spoke Japanese, I could talk to the Brazilians during those five days. Belonging to the same grand church and because we're all from overseas churches, I could have good conversation with them which was a very precious time for me.

by Mrs. Nanae Shiiba

## *ISLAND LIFE*

In April, the Women's Association commemorated its 100th Anniversary and many followers returned to Jiba from Hawaii. I was one of those who were not able to return for this significant event. I knew I wouldn't be able to attend so I decided I should do whatever I can to help with its preparation for the pilgrimage. I assisted with the flight preparations with Panda Travel. I also helped to make the guidebook and the luggage tags for the Hawaii group. Young moms like Kiyomi Higaki, Yoshie Hirose, Yumiko Yamamoto and Lee Ann Inouye also came to Mission HQ to help with making the handmade cards that were sold at the Joyous Festival. I brought my sons to Mission HQ on furlough Fridays and they helped with packing the macadamia nuts and chocolates, and attaching the cell straps to the card stocks that was also sold at the Joyous Festival. Although I was not able to participate in the commemorative events at Jiba, I felt happy and grateful to be able to help in a small way for this important event.

by Mrs. Rumi Miyauchi

At the end of the Young Women's Convention, this past spring, we had a mixer. It was a great way to catch up with old friends and an opportunity to meet new ones. Members included were from Hawaii, Canada and different parts of mainland America. This was the first of its kind where all regions of the Young Women's Clubs got together and it was a great way to meet new people and make connections. You easily realize that you have "family" in different parts of America/Canada and will have a new face to greet the next time you return "home" to Jiba. I'm glad that I had the opportunity to meet the young women of my "family" and look forward to seeing them again at "home".

by Mrs. Kathyne Lam



**"Mixer"**



# Mission HQ Announcements

## **HAWAII CONVENTION 2010**

Tenrikyo Hawaii Convention 2011 will be held on the 28th thru 30th of May next year. The bishop appointed the steering committee members and advisors as follows.

Steering Committee:

Kyle Kawasaki	Daphne Suga	Satoko Sasaki
Tad Iwata	Hironori Yamamoto	Moses Nakao
Daniel Higaki	David Inouye	Louise Inafuku

Advisors:

Melvin Iwata	Lena Okada
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## **Kakaako Church Address Change**

Same Location but different address.

Old address:	New address:
150 Iiwipolena Road	135 Iiwipolena Road
Hilo, HI 96720-1778	Hilo, HI 96720-1779

## **Minister Qualification Course (at Jiba)**

Course I

August 27 through September 14, 2010

Accepting applications: August 25.

Course II

From September 27 through October 19, 2010

Accepting application: September 25.

Head Minister Qualification Exam

October 20, 2010

## **Reception for Newly Appointed Head Ministers**

The 70th Reception for newly appointed church head ministers was held on May 27th and 28th. During this time, the Shinbashira gave a message for the first time. There were 183 attendees to the reception, including twelve ministers and spouses from eight churches from overseas. Rev. Yasutsugu Miyauchi of Asakusa Hawaii Church (Asakusa Grand Church) and Rev. Lynn Nagata of Waikiki Church (Shuto Grand Church) attended from Hawaii.

## MHQ Announcements continued

### MHQ Personnel Affairs

On May 21st, former MHQ secretary Kikunobu Takemura, completed his duties at Mission HQ of Hawaii after four years and nine months, and reported to his next assignment in Jiba.

In addition on May 27th (Thursday), Mr. Norio Okada and wife Lena (Shimagahara), arrived to begin their assignment to work at Hawaii Tenri Bunko (Japanese Library) at Tenri Cultural Center.



## BABY BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!

Congratulations to Hironori & Yumiko Yamamoto (Nan-a Grand Church/Himiya) on the birth of their second child, LINO HARUKA on May 15, 2010. 6 pounds 6.9 ounce and 20 inches long!

# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports

### YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

June 20th-Sunday  
Monthly Meeting  
Mission HQ, Social Hall-1pm

July 5th-Monday  
Annual 4th of July Picnic  
Kapiolani Park-7am Prep

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

At the 100th Anniversary General Meeting the president of the Women's Association said that our duty is to sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings and do salvation work daily. Even though we are not able to do it daily, we can do our everyday routine with an attitude of sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings and doing salvation work. When we wash the

dishes or clean the yard, let's do it as if cleansing our minds, sweeping away our mental dusts and pray for other people.

Let's do meal preparation hinokishin for the One-Month Spiritual Development Course and let's do our part with a mind of sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings and salvation work with all our heart.

- Monthly Meeting: June 14 (2nd Monday) 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.  
Anecdotes of Oyasama: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
Lecture by Bishop Hamada: 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Nuuanu Hale Visitation: June 12 (2nd Saturday)
- Women's Instruments Practice: June 15, Tuesday
- Bazaar Hinokishin: Every Wednesday, 9:00 – 12:00 noon at West House, TCC.

June Monthly Service Meal Duty is Hofu group.

Please kokua (help) for the Spiritual Development Course meal preparation.

Mahalo!

## **BOY'S & GIRL'S ASSOCIATION**

### **2010 SPRING CAMP**

The 2010 BGA Camp and 35th General Meeting were held on May 29-31 (Sat-Mon) during the Memorial Day weekend. I would like to thank everyone for their sincere hinokishin in making it possible in spite of your busy schedules.

### **CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE**

This year's Pilgrimage is scheduled to depart on Monday, July 19 and return on Friday, July 30, 2010. Key days are 7/24 (check in at 4pm) – 7/30 stay at 38th Moya. Airfare assistance is available to those participating in the BGA Hinokishin Corps. Please contact Rev. Owen Nakao Ph: 734-1449 or email: onakao@tenrikyopearl.org. Air seating is limited so please apply as soon as possible.

## **YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB**

### **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Special Olympics and BGA Camp this year. It was great to have everyone show such enthusiasm to give back to our community and next generation. If you have any other volunteer opportunities that you would like YWC to be involved with, please contact Louise Inafuku at lou-bell333@yahoo.com.

### **Volunteers/Donations for the Mini-Bazaar & Beverage Table**

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

## ***JUNE MONTHLY SERVICE***

*Sunday, June 20, 2010*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Sermon (in English) by Mrs. Charlotte Hamada*

*Minister of Kapaa Church*

*Japanese translation by Mrs. Shigemi Nakao*



# The Hungry Reporter

I'm sure many of you spent a well earned Memorial Day holiday with loved ones. I had the same pleasure and got to cook dinner for my BFF Glenn. I miss cooking! Our range at home is out of commission so although I got to do the work, it was a rare pleasure! I whipped up a simple stew by adding a few ingredients to a recipe I shared a few years back. Turned out great!

## Beef Bacon & Cream Stew

### Ingredients

Steak 2 lb

Bacon enough to wrap steak

Onion 1 large

Red Potatoes 6

Mushrooms 1 tray

Carrots 6

Green Beans for color

Cream of Mushroom (Garlic & Mushroom Flavor) 4

Flat toothpicks

Salt & Pepper to taste

### Directions

Slice steak into strips (about thumb size). Cut bacon slices in thirds. Wrap bacon around steak strip and secure with toothpick. Cut potatoes and carrots into chunks. Boil in enough water to cover until semi soft. Fry bacon & steak until brown then add onions. Cook until translucent. Drain oil and add water from boiled vegetables. Simmer for 15 minutes. Skim the top until broth is somewhat clear. Add boiled vegetables and mushrooms whole. Simmer for 10 minutes. Add cream of mushroom. Simmer until well blended. Thicken with water and flour if needed. Add sliced green beans for color, then salt and pepper to taste. Serve on its own or over rice!

## June Calendar 2010

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Meet @Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Thu	Bazaar Booth Head Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00am & 7:00pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	BGA Staff Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
		YMA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
		One-Month Spiritual Development Course Starts	Mission HQ	3:00 p.m.
21 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Nioigake Day	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bazaar Booth Head Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00am & 7:00pm
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Children's Pilgrimage Prayer Service & Orientation @MHQ		7:00 p.m.
Every Wed		WA Bazaar Hinokishin	TCC West House	9:00 a.m.

## July Calendar 2010

5 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Annual Picnic	Kapiolani Park	9:30 a.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Monthly Hinokishin Day	Meet @Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	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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# **Annual Tenrikyo Picnic**

**Monday, July 5, 2010**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Kapiolani Park**

**(across Diamond Head Tennis Courts)**