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TENRIKYO NEWSLETTER – ORIGINS AND MAKOTO MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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Message from the head of the Overseas Department

Tenrikyo 174, February 26, 2011

The footsteps of spring has come upon us in the last few days, even though today feels a little chilly. Under beautiful clear skies, many followers gathered from all over the world to return to and worship at the February Monthly Service in Jiba. The Service was performed in unison and in high spirits, with the Shinbashira as the core. In the Service Prayer, the Shinbashira states that everyone, including himself, church head ministers and Yoboku alike, must not neglect to sweep the dust from our own minds on a daily basis. As we strive to follow the Divine Model of Oyasama and have our minds in high spirits, we are faced with numerous illnesses and troubles occurring in the world today. This may stem from the weakened connections between people.

We must readily accept this reality and share the teachings of God the Parent, now more than ever. People's minds must be swept clean as the world will be rebuilt, overflowing with happiness and love. The Shinbashira promised that we will give our sincerity as much as possible and each person will grow ever more spiritually. He prayed that all churches, which were allowed to be branches of the Jiba, may receive blessings for world salvation. He asked for guidance for churches to be able to fulfill their duties as a place for single-hearted salvation.

The sermon was given by Honbu-in Yoshikazu Yamamoto. The reverend spoke about the often used greeting, "Welcome Home!" regarding the meaning of the Jiba.

The origin does not change. Even if it is in a world which is difficult to change, we must go through knot by knot, and upon each occurrences, ponder the origin. We must also confirm the origin, be on our toes, and we must not forget to reflect on our goal.

After that, Honbu-in Yamamoto mentioned the Shinbashira's words, as well as told a story about a girl from India who had an incurable disease. He also spoke about this girl and her parents who entered the Spiritual Development Course at the Jiba. With these topics being the basis of his talk, he expressed the truth and the importance of the Jiba. For reference, please see the Michi-no-Tomo magazine which will

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Monthly Service Prayer

Before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, who resides in his 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 Mantaro Yoshikawa from Church Headquarters. 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. Futhermore, from February 5th till February 16th, 23 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. The day before yesterday, Rev. Yoshikawa conducted a flute workshop and yesterday he conducted a lead singer's workshop 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 reconstruction the world where we can spend our days living in harmony by helping one another. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessing.

Mission HQ March Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Mantaro Yoshikawa

From Tenrikyo Church Headquarters



Allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations to you for joyously completing the February monthly service. This is my first time attending the monthly service at the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii and I was greatly inspired. It filled me with joy to see everyone together here in Hawaii performing the service far from Jiba with the musical instruments playing in harmony. I cannot imagine anything more precious or more pleasing to see. I am sure that God the Parent and Oyasama were very pleased and uplifted by your service performance. I believe your late predecessors who went through many hardships because of their commitment to the Tenrikyo mission in Hawaii must be equally pleased as well.

A service performed with spiritedness, joy, and in unity of mind by many Yoboku and followers such as yours today is supposed to be performed at all 17,141 Tenrikyo churches every month to pray for the Joyous Life of all humankind. It is our mission to do this. It is my sincere hope to have this joyous service performed every month in every country and region on earth as soon as possible. Those of us who have already been drawn to the path should sincerely pray together and perform our monthly services so that this goal can be achieved.

After becoming the Shrine of Tsukihi on October 26, 1838, Oyasama not only conveyed to us God the Parent's intention by Her spoken word and Her writing brush, but She also provided us with the Divine Model to teach us how we can live in accordance with the divine intention. She did this and taught us how to replace the mind so we may undergo a spiritual rebirth while still alive out of Her warm parental love that desires to save all human beings and quickly bring the Joyous Life into reality.

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She then taught and gave us the Service, the Sazuke (the Divine Grant), the Proof Amulet, the Grant for Safe Childbirth, and the sacred rice as tangible ways through which we could witness the wondrous workings of God the Parent firsthand.

The Service is the very foundation of the path of single-hearted salvation that Oyasama advanced. She taught us the Service as the means to universal salvation. The world cannot settle in peace as it is today, for there are too many people who believe that they must do whatever it takes to bring peace to their own countries or ethnic groups, even to the point of using self-serving means such as military force or pushing their ideologies onto others.

We are told that in the beginning, the world was a muddy ocean. Tsukihi, God the Parent, finding this chaos unbearably tasteless, thought of creating human beings in order to see the Joyous Life and thus share in that joy. We read in the Ofudesaki:

The reason Tsukihi began human beings was the desire to see you lead a joyous life.

Ofudesaki XIV 25

As indicated by this verse, God the Parent's intention is to see us live the Joyous Life. God the Parent created us human beings, lent us our bodies, and granted us the free use of our mind. However, unaware of God the Parent's parental love,

human beings misused the mind in self-centered ways. This caused dust to accumulate in the mind layer upon layer. Because people did not live in accord with God the Parent's intention, the human condition was full of misery and suffering.

God the Parent pitied us in this sad plight. Taking Oyasama as the Shrine, God appeared in this world at the advent of the promised time, revealed the truth of the creation, explained the truth of "a thing lent, a thing borrowed," and taught the Service as the way to purify the minds of all humankind and thus lead us to the Joyous Life.

The Ofudesaki says:

What do you think this Service is? It is none other than the means to universal salvation.

Ofudesaki II: 9

Concerning the Service: never think that I have any other intention. I have only the single desire to save all of you.

Ofudesaki XVI: 65

As implied by these verses, the Service was taught because of God the Parent's single-hearted desire to save all humankind.

Therefore, our goal in the performance of the Service is to settle God the Parent's profound intention and parental love in our hearts, sweep away the dust from our minds, come together to perform the Service exactly as Oyasama taught us, and

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pray for the Joyous Life of all humankind. With regard to the Service, we read in *The Life of Oyasama, Foundress of Tenrikyo* as follows:

Since the Service is performed with *kagura* masks, it is called the Kagura Service, and since it leads to the realization of universal salvation, it is called the Salvation Service. Since it is performed with the Kanrodai as center, it is called the Service of the Kanrodai. Also, since it is performed in praise of the Joyous Life, it is called the Joyous Service. By teaching the meaning of the Service through the use of these names, Oyasama taught the profound truths inherent in the Service in a way that was easy to understand and to learn.

pp. 57, *The Life of Oyasama, Foundress of Tenrikyo*

Also, we read in the Ofudesaki:

If only the Service is done without error, the Gift of Heaven, also, will be given without fail.

Ofudesaki X: 34

Thus, from the onset, Oyasama urged for the completion and the performance of the Service as the path to the Joyous Life. The Ofudesaki not only tells us how we are

to complete the Service but also reveals to us how eagerly God the Parent awaits its completion. Time constraints do not allow me to go over these Ofudesaki verses one by one. So I will just give a short summary now, for there are many verses that reveal to us the reasons why we perform the Service and the kinds of blessings God the Parent grants us when it is performed.

Now let me give you just an outline of all the forms of salvation we can receive. We are taught that the performance of the Service can help cure illnesses of all kinds. We can receive blessings that grant us freedom from illness, death, and weakening. It is God's intention to fix our natural term of life at one hundred fifteen years.

Furthermore, we will be provided with safe childbirth and freedom from smallpox. We will receive protection against disasters and be blessed with rich harvests of food that help nourish the body. The Gift of Heaven will be given without fail. Finally, the world will truly settle in peace. Such are the splendid blessings that God the Parent will grant us through the performance of the Service.

We should already know this information by heart since it has been taught to us so often. Nevertheless, we tend to forget the

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importance of the Service. Regarding this, the Ofudesaki says:

In whatever things, do just as Tsukihi says. There is never a mistake in what I say.

Any salvation whatever is all through the Service. If only you do just as Tsukihi says...

If your mind is sincere, Tsukihi will assuredly save you.

Ofudesaki VII: 82–84

These Ofudesaki verses clearly instruct and remind us that there are conditions that must be fulfilled. The phrases “If only you do just as Tsukihi says...” and “If your mind is sincere” both emphasize how Service performers should be oriented in mind and action. I believe we all should fully be aware of this.

In addition to performing the Service exactly as it was taught in terms of appearance, form, and manner, we will be granted the blessings that allow for all forms of salvation if our minds are sincere. Here, God the Parent lays out the essential conditions that we must fulfill and indicates where our minds should be directed while we are carrying out our tasks. We should always bear this in mind. The way we implement this is

crucial.

The Kagura Service is to be joyously performed in unity of mind by ten Service performers with the Kanrodai, the Stand for the Heavenly Dew, at the center. The ten Service performers wear masks and enact hand movements that are specific to each aspect of the providence that God the Parent provided at creation. Through the performance of the Kagura Service, God the Parent purifies the minds of all humankind, cuts off the root of illness and rebellion, and grants us the blessings to reconstruct the world into the world of the Joyous Life. In other words, this Service is the fundamental means to pray to God the Parent for these blessings.

Each Tenrikyo church serves as a model and as a training center for the Joyous Life in the local community. At these churches, services are performed by receiving the truth of the Jiba and of the Kagura Service. The performance of these services thus allow us to pray for and receive the same blessings God the Parent provided at creation on behalf of the local community. Let us consider how these services are performed at each church. This is a question of asking whether or not they are being performed exactly as Oyasama taught. Everyone desires to receive God’s blessings in full. But if we were to raise the question whether or not these services are performed “just as Tsukihi says,” I cannot be so sure because of how human beings tend to prioritize things that happen to suit us best at

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any given moment.

Oyasama directly taught us the Service that can bring satisfaction and joy to God the Parent in addition to making God spirited. Thus, it is not a human mind that gave us the Service.

God the Parent, who created and protects everything that exists, tells us that we will be saved if we perform the Service. In other words, God is asking us to believe in Oyasama. Because She is the Shrine of Tsukihi, Her mind is one with Tsukihi. Therefore, there is not even a single mistake in what Oyasama said.

It is important to believe in and rely wholeheartedly on Oyasama. We should follow Her teachings, implement them exactly as She taught us, and forsake all self-centered human thoughts and concerns regarding the inconveniences we may cause to our families. This is what we can do to live up to Oyasama's expectations

I would like to talk more about the services performed at each church. At church services, we need three men and three women for the Dance with Hand Movements, six people for the men's musical instruments, three women for the women's musical instruments, and at least one person as a singer. Therefore, a total of sixteen people are required to perform the service. Furthermore, if we desire to exactly follow the manner in which the Service is performed in three shifts at Jiba, forty-eight people are needed for the performance of the ser-

vices. This is a big goal for local churches to accomplish.

Regarding this, we read in the Ofudesaki:

**Of these timbers, it is not to be just a few.
I desire fifty or sixty in numbers of
people.**

**I desire this number never to decrease
but to continue without break through
all generations.**

**So sincere are the thoughts of Tsukihi,
but what are the thoughts in the minds of
you all?**

Ofudesaki VII: 23–25

As indicated by these verses, it is desirable to have fifty or sixty Yoboku at each church. We also become acutely aware of the importance of the vertical mission considering that “this number (is) never to decrease but to continue without break through all generations.” So sincere are the thoughts of God the Parent, yet God the Parent still has to question us, “What are the thoughts in your minds?” Therefore, it is important for us to exert our continuous efforts to nurture performers for the services while receiving the truth of the Service.

No matter how exceptional some performers may be, we cannot fulfill our role at the performance of the services if we lack harmony. The services are incomplete if we lack even one performer. No matter how skilled each performer may be, the

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same is true if we make mistakes or there is overall discord.

For instance, even if we beat the drum with the correct timing, it might cancel out the sound of other musical instruments if it was hit with too much strength. However, if the sound of the drum is too weak, it cannot make the services sound spirited. Also, if the singer and the wooden clappers are not in harmony, the whole service itself will be thrown off rhythm even if the wooden clappers are being played correctly. We should make efforts to listen to one another and play in harmony with the other service performers.

From start to finish, we can see in the Ofudesaki how Oyasama hastened to assemble the Service performers and that Her ultimate desire was for everyone to unite our minds as one. Furthermore, She not only requested everyone to truly and genuinely purify the mind but also to immerse ourselves in the truth of the Parent and unite our minds.

At the performance of “*Ashiki o ha-roote, tasuke-tamae, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto*” during the Kagura Service, the ten Service performers each enact hand movements that are specific to one of the ten aspects of the complete providence. Each Service performer enacts hand movements specific to their role at the singing of “*Mikoto.*” This represents the state of everyone immersing themselves with the truth of the Parent and the truth of the origin. This is also when the principle of a unity of mind is most evident. I believe that this allows us to receive God the Parent’s free and unlimited blessings in

addition to helping us fulfill our mission to achieve single-hearted salvation.

Therefore, it is most important for us who perform the service to consider God the Parent’s wish for single-hearted salvation as a matter of our own concern. Let us thus devote ourselves to the performance of the service not only for the happiness of ourselves or our own families, but for the happiness of all humankind as well.

There is another thing I often observe while playing the musical instruments. The way we play the musical instruments can reveal our habits and temperaments. Even when we associate with people over a long time, it can be difficult to have a full grasp of their personalities. However,

I think that people’s personalities become obvious when we hear how they play the musical instruments. This is not so apparent when someone plays one instrument by themselves. But we always play nine musical instruments for our services. If we do not make an effort to play in harmony with everyone and happen to bare our personalities instead when the nine instruments are played together, our habits and temperaments will hinder the service performance.

When all the nine musical instruments are in unison, played in harmony with the singer, and everyone immerses as one with the heart of the Parent, this naturally gives rise to an inexpressible atmosphere of joy and makes us spirited. Such joy, however, will be lost in a moment if there is even one performer who dares to bare their habits

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and temperaments.

I cannot help but feel that when we bare our habits and temperaments in our daily lives without realizing it, we often cause trouble and make others unhappy. Oyasama once taught us: “Become a person with a gentle heart. Save other people. Change your habits and temperament.” We can be sure it is essential and fundamental that we take this to heart and implement it in our daily lives so that we may bring the joyous world into realization.

When the services are in disharmony, it is often because we have not devoted enough practice and effort on a daily basis. Although we may be aware of this, sometimes it may be an issue of not the skills that are required.

This is a matter that we should be dealing with on a daily basis. It even can be said that any disharmony in the services occurs because we lack sufficient awareness that we have been entrusted to represent everyone when we are assigned a role at our services, the same service which happens to be the means to universal salvation.

Learning the musical instruments not only requires us to obtain the skills to play them. We must also deepen our understanding of God the Parent’s intention and bring ourselves closer to the heart of the Parent who created human beings.

Practicing the musical instruments single-heartedly allows us to receive

great blessings, grants us with virtue, and provides us with a way to cultivate ourselves. It is just one concrete way we Yoboku can hasten the construction of the mind and advance our spiritual growth.

Your efforts to nurture service performers and convey the intention of the Parent to others will help this mission headquarters become a place where many people can grow spiritually, strengthen their ties, and practice mutual help. In closing, I wish to ask you to create more opportunities to deepen your understanding of the service so that one can always hear the joyous sounds of the service wherever Yoboku and followers gather.

May you perform the service and hand dance in high spirits and create an atmosphere that allows you to learn from one another in a harmonious manner, thereby cheerfully and joyously expanding the circle of mutual help. I hope you will firmly advance the construction of the mind in this way.

Thank you for your kind attention.

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2011 Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School Division II: English Course Study Abroad Program in Hawaii



Aloha from the Home of the Parent, Jiba! The fourth annual Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School, Division II: English Course, Study Abroad Program was held once again in beautiful Hawaii. From February 5th to the 17th, 23 students and 2 other teachers (Mr. Jiro Mihama and Ms. Jaelyn Kokuryo) took part in the 12-day program where the student's main objectives were to improve their English skills, be exposed to the Tenrikyo mission in Hawaii, experience living in an American home, and learn about the history and culture of the people of Hawaii.

A week before we left Japan, one of our

students was involved in a car accident. While crossing the street, he saw out of the corner of his eye, a car speeding straight toward him. He reacted just in time, but not before being struck on the back of his left foot. He ended up breaking a bone in his heel which put him in a cast for 2 months. A split second later, and he may have been seriously injured. We all took this unfortunate incident as a blessing out of God the Parent's parental love for us, "reducing a great misfortune to a small misfortune." The daily prayers we made for him leading up to the trip, seemed to have brought the members of Class 4 closer together. Moreover,

this timely Divine Guidance we received gave each and every one of us the opportunity to self-reflect and replace our state of minds before we left for Hawaii. Thankfully, he was well enough to take part in the trip and enjoyed the two weeks in paradise.

The first two days of the program were spent at Dendocho. The students arrived with mixed feelings of excitement and trepidation. However, the warm hospitality of Bishop Hamada, Mrs. Hamada and the rest of the Dendocho staff immediately made them feel at home, and eased their tension. The meals, prepared by the Dendocho staff and members of local churches, were also something the students could not stop talking about. Needless to say, the 12 days in Hawaii made all of them look a little... healthier.

Just when the students were starting to feel comfortable within the confines of Dendocho, homestays awaited them for the next week. This year, six churches, one mission station, and four families kindly allowed two or three of our students into their homes. For every student, while the homestay is probably the most anticipated part of the trip, it is also their greatest anxiety.

Looking at their concerned faces when their host families picked them up at Dendocho, it reminded me of the first day I dropped my daughter off at pre-school. However, the following day, a sense of relief swept over me when I saw them return to Dendocho, excited, laughing, and anxious to talk about their first night spent with their host families. I am certain each and every one of them truly feels as though they now have a second family in Hawaii. Mahalo to all the host families!

The schedule this year, as it is every year, was packed with activities all day, every day. Aside from the five English lessons and three lectures, the students had two high school exchanges with Kalani and Leilehua High School, visited Pearl Harbor, Bishop Museum, and Plantation Village, hiked up Diamond Head, went swimming at Hanauma Bay, did hinokishin at Kakaako Beach Park, went sightseeing at Dole Plantation, Pali Lookout, and Tantalus, received a hula lesson, visited the elderly at Maluhia Hospital, and experienced door to door missionary work in the Kaimuki district.

Despite the hectic schedule and the unexpected torrential rain from time to time, thanks to the Dendocho staff and the local Tenrikyo community, the program was successfully completed with all the students relatively healthy and in high spirits throughout the trip.

The only matter of regret was the day we went to the Pali Lookout and there wasn't the slightest breeze. Living in Hawaii the first 24 years of my life, and returning at least once a year since, it was only the second time in my life (The other time being on last year's trip) that I had been to the Pali Lookout and could actually see mosquitoes flying around. I guess you can't ask for everything...

Upon returning to Japan the students filled out a questionnaire. I was extremely delighted to find that when ranking the activities that are necessary for a successful program, 20 of the 23 students ranked *nioigake* first. Many commented that the people of

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Hawaii were very kind and friendly. Some even voiced their desire to return to Hawaii someday as a missionary. Hopefully one day you will see them again at Dendocho with their collared shirt, necktie, and some Tenrikyo pamphlets in hand. I look forward to that day. On behalf of Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School, I would like to once again sincerely thank all the people who were involved in contributing to this year's program.

I could not have asked for a more gratifying and successful trip. I am certain the experiences the students have had on this trip will serve as motivation to them to further their studies in English, and



The Kyoko Gakuen students interacting with Moses Nakao during the English lecture.



Kyoko Gakuen students Learning how to dance Hula at MHQ.

the memories that they have made in Hawaii will forever be cherished in their hearts.

Thanks to you for conveying the true meaning of the “Aloha Spirit” and enabling each student to take home with them a big part of Hawaii and the greatest gift of all.

Mahalo nui loa!
Scot Mikuni
Class 2-4 HR Teacher

All TCC Hinokishin Day Conducted

The semi-annual Tenri Cultural Center Hinokishin Day was held on President's Day, February 21, 2011, from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. in sunny skies as members of the Hawaii Tenri Judo, Saturday (Japanese) School, Hawaii Tenri Bunko (Library), Hawaii Young Men's Association, Hawaii Women's Association, the Hawaii Boy's and Girl's Association and general congregation cleaned and beautified the center.



The children wiped the glass doors, the women weeded the Japanese garden and prepared the lunch for everyone, the young men whacked the grass, trimmed a tree and cleaned the rain gutters, the Judo club cleaned the dojo, and the Saturday School moms and Bunko members cleaned the library. It was a good day to meet the people, church members and non-members who used the center and work together in unity so that the cultural center would continue to bring joy to the community. Approximately 100 people participated. Mahalo for all your sincere Hinokishin!

Message from the head of the Overseas Department

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have his sermon in Japanese.

On Feb. 1st, Church Headquarters Overseas Dept. staff transfers were announced. Before welcoming the new staff, everyone else will move to their new positions and offices on March 15th.

On March 8th, TLI will conduct their graduation ceremony. Japanese Course: 40 students; Oyasato Fusekomi Dept.: 21 students. (Oyasato Fusekomi means sowing the seeds of sincerity in the Home of the Parent.)

This is quite a hectic time as the staff are either finishing their duties or moving around quite a bit. However, we hope to continue our close ties with our cohorts in various locations and make a fresh start for the new fiscal year. We humbly ask for your support.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department

Kapaa Church 3rd Head Minister Installation Service



On February 12th, Saturday, Kapaa Church spiritedly held its Head Minister Installation Service with the presence of Rev. and Mrs. Hironaga, the Head Minister of Shuto Grand Church and over 30 followers. Rev. Charlotte Hamada became the 3rd Head Minister of Kapaa Church. Kapaa Church was established on November 25th 1935 by its 1st head minister, the late Rev. Hikoju Takemoto. In June 1968, Rev. Nobunao Hamada was installed as its 2nd head minister and served for 43 years along with his wife Charlotte.



Tenrikyo Taiheiyo Church celebrates 80th Anniversary

Taiheiyo Church was established in February 1931 by its 1st head minister, the late Rev. Matagoro Mikuni and his wife Itsu. In May 1956, the year of the church's 25th anniversary, the late Rev. Robert Mikuni was installed as its 2nd head minister and served for 25 years along with his wife Jane. In March 1981 the present head minister, Rev. Clyde Mikuni was installed as its 3rd head minister and continues to lead the congregation with his wife Ann.

On February 13, 2011 Taiheiyo Church, together with its branch churches, celebrated Taiheiyo's 80th anniversary with 230 people in attendance, including 11 from Japan, 2 from the mainland USA, and 1 follower from Bali, Indonesia.

During the luncheon, guests were entertained by a host of local talents, beginning with Hawaii Shonenkai's Pom Pom Dancers, Jayson Medeiros and Riley McGivern's musical number, Hula dancers Chieko Nakao, Satoko Sasaki, Keiko Mikuni, Ella Tagawa and Ann Mikuni, Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School's drummers, Enka Karaoke singers, and more.

The slogan for this significant event was "A Church with a Dream", and Rev. and Mrs. Mikuni have vowed to continue working in unity with the congregation and keep on building that dream.

Convention Facilitators-in-Training on HARP

By Audrey Suga-Nakagawa

With the Hawaii Convention just a few months away, eighteen facilitators for the convention workshops recently attended a two day HARP seminar at the Tenrikyo Hawaii Mission headquarters in preparation for the upcoming May event. The Heart Awakening Recreational Program (HARP) has been a very successful module used for over 20 years in Tenri for group bonding and discussions. HARP provides team building and communication activities which create an open and warm environment for interactive discussion about people's lives and the relevance of the Tenrikyo teachings. As part of the two day HARP training, the participants engaged in stimulating communication games, and learned more about group dynamics and team work. The training was led by Rev. Masahiro Sasakura from Japan and David Inouye. Other oversea guests and participants included Rev. Robert Kokuryo from Canada and Jon Nomachi from Los Angeles who assisted as a group facilitator.





Thank you to all those who could make it to the seminar! We continued our lecture on the 10 Providences, specifically the Kagura service by Rev. Colin Saito. As we do every year we practiced women's instruments with the help of Oku-san & the Fujinkai, thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules. We ended the day delicious lasagna and garlic bread, yum.

Mission HQ Announcements

Spring Memorial Service

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

10th anniversary: Mrs. Shizue Saito, wife of the 3rd head minister of Honolulu Church

20th anniversary: Rev. Isao Ideta, 1st head minister of Hauiki Mission Station

20th anniversary: Ms. Tomi Koyanagi, follower of Shikinori G.C.

30th anniversary: Mr. Kazuto Fujiwara, husband of the 1st head minister of Pukalani Mission

50th anniversary: Rev. Hideo Ueda, head minister of North #2 Mission Station

Mission HQ April Monthly Service date change

The monthly service in April will be held on April 9th, the second Saturday of the month, not the third Sunday, April 17th. Please mark your calendars.



One World, One Family

Tenrikyo Hawaii Convention 2011

Memorial Day Weekend
May 28th - 30th

for more info:
www.tenrikyohawaii.convention2011.com



Hawaii Convention 2011!

Information

When: Saturday-Monday, May 28, 29 30

Where: Hilton Hawaiian Village

2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, Hawaii

Participation Fee:

**\$120 per person, if registering between February 1 through
March 31, 2011.**

Includes: Lunch on Saturday and Lunch and Lu`au dinner on Sunday.

Registration deadline is March 31, 2011

Program Overview

Day 1: May 28

09:00-9:45 Part 1: Regional Updates

10:00-12:30 Part 2: Joy of Life Workshop

14:00-17:30 Part 3: The Study of the Service

Day 2: May 29

09:00-11:00 Part 4: Guest Lecturers

12:00-16:00 Part 5: Elective Courses

16:30-17:00 Part 6: Motivational Address

17:30-21:00 Lu'au Dinner

Day 3: May 30

09:00-10:20 Part 7: Nioigake & Hinokishin

10:40-11:15 Closing Ceremony

Check out official website: <http://tenrikyohawaiiconvention2011.com>

Download your application, watch cool videos, One World One Family
theme song.

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Associations' Reports

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

BGA SPRING CAMP AND GENERAL MEETING

Our annual Spring Camp and General Meeting will be held on Friday, March 25 through Sunday, March 27 during the Prince Kuhio Day weekend. See ad for details. As usual we need a lot of hinokishin help and we would like to call upon everyone's assistance. We need counselors, adult leaders, set up and break down of canopies and camping tents, van drivers, kitchen staff, etc.

CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TO JIBA

The current trend is for participants to book their own flights. The suggested days are July 18 – 30. The actual Children's Pilgrimage dates are 7/24 (check-in at 38th Moya at 4pm) – 30 (check out at 9am). Airfare assistance is available for those participating in the Boy's and Girl's Hinokishin Corps.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mochi Pounding at
Sheraton Waikiki Hotel
March 5th-Saturday
10am-11am

Mochi Pounding at
Princess Kaiulani Hotel
March 12th-Saturday
10am-11am

March 20th-Sunday
Monthly Meeting/Canopy Setup
Mission HQ Social Hall-1pm

March 26th-Saturday
BGA Campfire Setup
TCC-4pm

March 27th-Sunday
BGA Camp Breakdown
Canopy/Tents/Etc.
TCC-8am

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

“Connections” is the theme for the Hawaii Convention. Oyasama has said that all the people in the world are connected as brother and sisters. For those of us connected to Hawaii Mission HQ, we are genuine brothers and sisters. Let us put our efforts together as we help one another, have faith, and encourage each other.

MONTHLY MEETING March 14 (Mon)
Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Sermon by Bishop 10:15 a.m.
Wrapping Hinokishin 11:15 a.m.
(April monthly meeting will be on April 4th, the first Monday of the month.)

Women's Musical Instruments Practice
March 15 (Tue) 9:00 a.m.
(April's practice will be cancelled.)

Bazaar Hinokishin
Every Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Hinokishin is held at TCC West House.

51st Annual Oyasama's Birthday Celebration Concert
April 5 (Tue) 7:00 p.m.
(\$3 donation, Happi coat, white socks)

*March Mission HQ monthly service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Hofu Group. Mahalo!

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

The YWC is asking for volunteers for the upcoming Boys and Girls spring camp mini Olympics on March 25th from 12:30 P.M. to 3:00P.M. Please contact Rev. Lynn So or Cheryl Horikawa.

Hawaii Convention 2011

If you haven't already signed up for the Convention held May 28-30 please sign up! Registration ends March 31!

Also YWC will provide rooms @ Hilton to stay during the convention, if you would like to sign-up or find out more info please let Louise know.

YWC will also be giving \$50 subsidies to their members. More info will be provided soon.



The Hungry Reporter

Sweet Potato Salad

I went to a picnic potluck earlier this year and was blown away by the most delicious potato salad I've had in a while. There was enough sweetness from the sweet potatoes. But what gave it its kick was the mixture of mayo, onions and wasabi. You will not be disappointed with this one!



Sweet Potato Salad

Sweet Potato 2 large

Purple Sweet Potato 2 large

Red Potato 4 Med

Bacon 4 Strips (fried crispy)

Sunflower Seeds 6 Tbsp

Sweet Onion 1/2

Green Onions Enough for color

Mayonnaise 6 Heaping Tbsp

Wasabi 1-2 Tbsp (to your flavor liking)

Salt & Pepper to taste

Boil potatoes until fork can easily be poked through. Peel sweet potatoes. Leave on skin of red potatoes. Cut all potatoes into bite sized pieces. Dice sweet onions and finely slice green onions. Fry bacon until crisp and crumble. Mix all ingredients above. Add mayonnaise and wasabi. Add sunflower seeds. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix and serve chilled.

March Calendar 2011

7th	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	Tenri Cultural Center	10:00 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
8th	Tue	Translation Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
		Missionary & Nurturing Committee Meeting	MHQ	7:30 p.m.
9th	Wed	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
12th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation		9:30 a.m.
		Mochi Pounding	Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel	10:00 a.m.
14th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC Committee Meeting	Tenri Cultural Center	7:30 p.m.
15th	Tue	WA Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
		Board of Directors Prep. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
17th	Thu	Rev. Morio Inouye & Mr. Chikara Iburi Arrive		1:40 p.m.
18th	Fri	Workshop for the Lecturer of Minister Qualification		
		Course (through 19th)	Mission HQ	8:00 a.m.

March Calendar 2011

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19th	Sat	Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
20th	Sun	March Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
21th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
22th	Tue	Ritual Committee Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
25th	Thu	BGA Spring Camp (through 27th)	TCC	12:30 p.m.
26th	Sat	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		BGA General Meeting	Mission HQ	10:30 a.m.
27th	Sun	Spring Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.

April Calendar 2011

5th Tue WA Oyasama Birthday Performance Mission HQ 7:00 a.m.
17th Sun BGA Oyasama Birthday Activity Mission HQ 9:30 a.m.

*In memory of the late Reverend Kimiko Miura of
Sunshine Mission Station*

Rev. Kimiko Miura, a first generation Tenrikyo follower, who tended to the care of Sunshine Mission Station (Taiheiyo Church/Shuto G.C.) for thirty years passed away on Dec. 19, 2010. She became more devout after her daughter was saved and received marvelous blessings. She was able to disregard her own illness, and from early on, make sure that her daughter was able to take a vacation in order for both of them to return to Jiba for the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Women's Association. They were able to joyfully return to Jiba. I am so disappointed that that was her last time to return to Jiba. She is perhaps with her husband now, under the care of God the Parent, peacefully watching over her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Ann Mikuni, wife of the head minister of Taiheiyo Church

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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Tenrikyo Hawaii Boy's & Girl's Association 36th GENERAL MEETING & SPRING CAMP

March 25 (Fri) - 27 (Sun), 2011

At Tenri Cultural Center 2236 Nuuanu Avenue

Open to kids ages 7-15 yrs old

Camp Fee: \$20 per child, \$15 for 3rd child from same family

Early registration (by March 13): \$15 per child, \$10 for 3rd child

SCHEDULE

March 20 Sun Camp Application deadline. (Mar 13 deadline for early registration discount)

March 26 Sat 10:30am General Meeting at Mission HQ (open to everyone: kids, parents, friends, relatives and ministers!)

For more information please call Rev. Owen at Ph: 734-1449 or email him at:
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