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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, March 26

It is now the season when flowers begin to bloom. However, these past few days of cold weather in the Home of the Parent seem as if the middle of winter has returned again. Today also feels very chilly.

There are many young people participating in the Fife and Drum Corps Workshops as well as the members of the Spring Tenrikyo Student Association returning to Jiba. We may also see many families with their children here. In the midst of all of this, the March Monthly Service was spiritedly performed in unison with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the Shinbashira's prayer, he vowed that all of us will convey the truth to people suffering in the aftermath of all of the occurrences rattling the earth. We must tell them that we are all God the Parent's children and are brothers and sisters alike. We must reveal our true selves, to be as someone who helps others. He prayed that we will resolve our minds ever more strongly toward the realization of and to become one step closer to the Joyous Life.

The Shinbashira also touched upon the earthquake and tsunami disaster which occurred in the northern and Kanto regions. He said that we must take to heart the Parental Love that comes from this knot. We must deeply understand and repeatedly reflect upon these things while devoting oneself to the teachings. We must not lose concentration in the belief that we are brothers & sisters. Let us devote ourselves and our minds to the reconstruction. The victims received kind words from him and prayed that they will be able to live every day in a peaceful life.

The sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Ikuhiro Masui. First, he expressed his condolences to the victims of the earthquake and tsunami. He spoke about how church headquarters is supporting the disaster victims.

Next, he spoke about returning to the Jiba and conveying the truth of the Jiba by referring to the Life of Oyasama, Anecdotes, the trials of our ancestors, and how Rin Masui came into the faith. He talked with the Divine Model being the core. He especially said that it is the duty of yoboku to spread the teachings to all corners of the world.

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March Monthly Service Prayer



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

God the Parent, as we receive Your overflowing grace and blessings, which grants us the free use of our bodies, we advance toward spiritual maturity on the path toward the joyous life world, receiving the guidance of the Ever-living Oyasama. These boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. As we direct our constant focus toward the teachings, we proceed on the path of sincerity toward the realization of a Joyous world, applying our efforts with a mind focused on salvation. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the March monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. Today, as you view the brothers and sisters of the path who have looked forward to this day, singing the songs of the service in unison with hearts filled with gratitude for Your parental love, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

For the past two days, Rev. Morio Inoue and Rev. Chikara Iburi from Jiba conducted a training session for the instructors of the Lay Minister Preparatory Course. Furthermore, the Boy's and Girl's Association will be holding the Spring Camp this month from March 25th through March 27th, and will be conducting the General Meeting on the 26th.

Lately, we have been shown very severe conditions in the world and for all of us, Yoboku, this is the time to deeply ponder the intention of God the Parent. With the mind of the gratitude, humility, and mutual help, we will strive diligently to follow the divine will, by administering the sazuke, and with our aim of further spiritual growth, we will advance forward on this precious mission. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and may we ask that you guide us toward reconstructing the world where we can spend our days living in harmony by helping one another, and to realize the Joyous Life even a day sooner. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.

Mission HQ March Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Lynn So

Head Minister of Taitan Church



**“The Path of Single-hearted
Salvation”**

Good morning everyone:

Today’s monthly service was performed Joyously so I am sure God the Parent and Oyasama are very pleased. Before I begin, I would like to thank Rev. Tsunenori Ichise for his gifted talent of translation. Thank you very much!

Today my assignment is to touch upon The Doctrine of Tenrikyo, Chapter Two

“The Path of Single-hearted Salvation.”
What is the meaning of “The Path of Single-hearted Salvation”?

Chapter Two begins with an Ofudesaki verse:

To Tsukihi, all of you throughout the world are My children. My only desire is to save you.

Ofudesaki VIII: 4

Because of God the Parent’s parental love to have all humankind lead a Joyous Life, God the Parent used Oyasama as the Shrine of God, teaching us the Truth of how to live a marvelous path of single-hearted salvation. Another Ofudesaki verse states:

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

Through God the Parent’s parental love we were taught the single-hearted performance of the Service as the path to universal salvation.

The Service was taught by God the

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Parent to manifest the marvelous working of creation to bring salvation to humankind. Through this Service, the whole world will be rebuilt into that of the Joyous Life World. Thus, the Service is our prayer to realize the intent of God the Parent. With the Service, our hearts are able to be connected to God the Parent, Oyasama and the Jiba. In other words:

1) We express deep gratitude for being blessed by God the Parent.

2) Through self-reflection, we resolve to change our minds by cleansing our hearts of dust and pledge to God, our determination for the future.

3) With awareness of our Origin and purpose of creation, we do the Service to once again, manifest the marvelous workings of God and strive to reconstruct the world into one of joyousness.

Therefore, the Service is the center and foundation for our life of faith. The single-hearted performance of this Service is the path to universal salvation for humankind.

There are four names to this Service: the Kanrodai Service, the Kagura Service, the Joyous Service, and the Salvation Service. First, the Kanrodai Service is performed with the sincere minds of ten Service Performers around the Kanrodai, the Stand for the Heavenly Dew, as the center. The Kanrodai is a stand set up at the Jiba of Origin, marking the place where human-

kind was first conceived.

God the Parent also called the Service, the Kagura Service, in which the Ten Service Performers wear masks (Kagura masks) and symbolize by hand gestures the reenactment in principle of God's workings during the creation. They move in unison to the song and in harmony with the nine musical instruments. When the Service performers perform the Service in harmony, they will become joyous and their minds will become one with the mind of God. The Ofudesaki verse:

Again, I impatiently await the coming Joyous Service. What it is, is the Kagura Service.

Ofudesaki IV: 29

God also called the Kagura Service the Joyous Service. It must be performed with an attitude and feeling of joy. With the realization of our purpose of creation, we express our joy and gratitude to God. As this Service is performed in joyous unison, we become one in mind and spirit with God the Parent, who will bring us salvation from illness and troubles.

Lastly, the Service is also called the Salvation Service because it is a prayer for universal salvation. Many Ofudesaki verses state that the Salvation Service will save us from illness and disasters but also freedom from disease, death and weakness.

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Regarding the miraculous Salvation Service, about five years ago in 2006 at about 10 PM, I received a call from an old friend. She said that about 7 PM her younger sister gave birth to a healthy baby boy, but her sister had been bleeding continuously and the Doctor was unable to find where the bleeding was taking place. My friend, who is always calm, sounded so frantic on the phone, so I offered to go to the hospital, but instead she asked me to pray from home. So I immediately got ready to perform the Special Prayer Service. I asked my husband to join me, but he yelled out, "No I have to make do-do!".....that's the truth. After completing the Special Prayer Service, I called my friend and noticing the tremor in her voice, I decided to go to the hospital. I asked my husband to go with me, but he said that he was going to sleep. Arriving there, my friend was hugging her brother in law and they were both crying. She said that her sister needed to fight for her life. Right in the waiting area I began doing the Seated Service and she joined in with me. After that, we went to the operation room area and right outside, all her family, relatives and friends were standing solemnly with their heads bent down. The vibes I received were that "she can't be saved." It was a most awful feeling and I could not remain in such a negative atmosphere. I asked if there were somewhere I could pray. My friend works at

the hospital, and the nurses on duty said that the room right next to the operation room was vacant. I thanked Oyasama because you know it was Her doing for allowing me to remain close. In the vacant room, I repeatedly performed the Seated Service about six to eight times. Then I danced the Yorozuyo and the twelve Hand Dance Songs. Towards the end, knowing that I was making mistakes, I probably repeated several hand movements. I wished that I brought the Mikagura-Uta book. My friend entered the room many times while I was dancing and told me that her sister's blood had been all drained and replaced by so many pints of new blood. She had been bleeding for about 6 hours. It was after 1 a.m., as I was completing Song Twelve, my friend entered the room and said that the Doctor stopped the bleeding and did a hysterectomy. We were able to greet her sister as she left for the ICU. She was white as a ghost. I asked if I would be able to perform the Divine Grant of Osazuke, but my friend said that they will probably not let me in. I returned home, took a shower, did the Hand Dance once more and went to bed after 2 a.m.

The next day at work, I was exhausted and my co-workers asked what happened. By the afternoon, I was mumbling the wrong information to the customers, so my co-workers ordered me to take a nap for about 15 minutes. The next day I was still exhausted and when asked by my co-

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workers, I explained that it was like all my blood had been drained out. Suddenly, the light bulb went on. Did Oyasama give me some of her burden so she could heal faster? It took me three days to recover. The third day I went to see my friend, and her sister was breast feeding her son. Her thighs were a little swollen, but she looked as though nothing had happened. I asked to perform the Divine Grant, but my friend said that her sister really didn't believe.

A year later at her nephew's one year birthday party, she made a speech saying that her nephew is celebrating his first birthday with his mother because she was saved by me. I corrected her and said that it was Oyasama, not me, and she said, "I know, but you were the go between angel who helped." I said that I was no angel. But I think God's plan was for my friend to return to Jiba with many of her old acquaintances last year April to celebrate the Women's Association 100th Anniversary. After returning, she said that she will continue to return to the Jiba with us. God's Plan. I truly believe that her sister was saved by the Salvation Service alone with Oyasama at her side.

Oyasama taught us the Salvation Service and also bestowed on us the Divine Grant. I believe that many of us in this congregation have received this Divine Grant. Are we using it? If you may feel hesitant or may have questions, please register to at-

tend the Hawaii Convention, May 28, 29, 30th. There will be sessions on the Salvation Service. We need to teach our children, grandchildren, and members how to pray.

Let's get someone in the congregation. Oh, Kyko Kawasaki, please stand. May I ask, "Did you receive your Divine Grant?" "No, I have not."

I see, let's pretend, for example, and that your classmate's father was ill. Since you don't have your Divine Grant, what can you do instead to pray for your classmate's father? "I could do extra Seated Service." Thank you Kyko, you may be seated. Like Kyko said, you can do extra Seated Service for the prayer. Right on! We are able to tell a one-year-old, two-year-old child to pray for someone or let us do Hinokishin together. Kyko also mentioned doing extra Seated Services. It doesn't matter if you do one extra, three, or even six extra Seated Services. You must put effort in your special prayers and we need to teach our youth to pray for others when they are young. Since they did not receive the Divine Grant, they instead can do Hinokishin and extra Seated Services. Thank you, Kyko.

On October 26, 1838, Oyasama became the Shrine of God the Parent. Our original Mother gave birth to every one of us, making us all brothers and sisters. Oyasama, out of Her love for Her children, taught us the Service and the Divine Grant of Osazuke

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for the sake of single-hearted salvation. Oyasama showed us the path where we would be able to experience the joyous life in any difficult situation as long as we maintain the right frame of mind, which I think is having gratitude and joy in our daily lives.

In Oyasama's Divine Model of 50 Years, She began the path of single-hearted salvation by first initiating salvation work through the Grant of Safe Childbirth. By saving women during their pregnancy and childbirth, She showed them how to rely on the blessings of God the Parent rather than follow the old traditions and beliefs.

During the first 20 years, Oyasama sat in the storeroom for many hours, disregarding her children and household responsibilities, receiving God's instructions on how to teach humankind about the Creation, Salvation Service, and the teachings of Tenrikyo. She endured twenty years of painstaking instructions from God and twenty years of ridicule from relatives and villagers who were once saved or benefited by her kindness.

I would like to share part of the Head of the Overseas Department, Rev. Yoichiro Miyamori's speech given at the Honjima Grand Church Spring

Grand Service of 2008. There is an article in the February 1920 issue of *the Michino-tomo* magazine. This is a story told by one of Oyasama's disciples who used to stay by her side about what it was like when Oyasama was still physically present. This is a part of the story: (I quote)

When I used to play by Her side, I noticed that one of Her thumbs, the left or the right, I cannot quite remember, was a bit bent. When I asked about it, She told me that it had been broken when She was hung, for suspicion that she might be possessed, with Her thumbs bound together.

Oyasama endured the hardships of imprisonment 17 to 18 times. We have heard in the Besseki lectures that She spent cold winter days on the wooden floors and hot summer days without even a fan in the prisons, but our predecessors have also witnessed Her being tortured . (Unquote)

That is why the disciple felt that they could not perform the Service although She had said, "Perform the Service." I always wondered why and after reading this article, I finally realized why the first Shinbashira, Shuji-sama, and the disciples were so hesitant to perform the Service then. To see Oyasama bound with her hands hung up for hours was too hard for them.

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According to the Shinbashira in his speech at the 2007 Women's Association General Meeting, he said and I quote: "What, then, can we do to cultivate the spirit of single-heartedness with God? One thing we can do, I believe, is to engage in self-reflection each day and try to see whatever is shown on our body at a given time as representing Oyasama's guidance." (Unquote)

To illustrate an example of this self-reflection and guidance shown by God the Parent, let me talk a little about my husband's experience. My husband is Jimmy So and he is originally from Taipei, Taiwan. His family religious background just follows cultural ceremonies. They offer incense and foods for the occasion. I sensed no deep belief in any God or Gods.

On August 15, 2004, after participating in the Hawaii Mission Headquarters Monthly service, I returned home with a stomachache. I knew my husband was somewhere in the house, but I ran straight to bed to lie down. Our home phone rang, but I was too tired to get up. A few seconds later it rang again. I kept wondering who is calling. The third time it rang, I finally forced myself to pick it up, but it cut off again. When it rang for the 4th time, I picked up and discovered that it was Jimmy. He told me that he was injured and lying on the ground. He had lost his balance from the roof while cutting the mango

tree in the backyard. When I did not answer the phone immediately, he crawled about 60 feet around the back of the house to the side yard. I panicked and frantically ran outside, to find him sitting, posing like a "Geisha-girl" with a big happy grin on his face. I started to get upset, saying, "Are you pulling a joke on me?" Then I immediately saw the gravel rocks stuck on his knees and knew he had crawled from the backyard. I immediately administered the Divine Grant and was crying while administering it. At the end, my husband asked, "Why are you was crying so much" and "What would you do if I die?" I replied, "I would cry harder." We both had a good laugh.

Though he was in great pain, he managed to crawl into the house to the living room. After soaking his feet in ice water, he decided to go to the emergency room (ER). I brought the car as close to the front door as possible and he crawled into the car. We were in the hospital ER for six hours, almost to midnight. Many X-rays were taken and we were told that both heels were shattered and that he should not bear any weight on them. Two giant casts were put on both legs. Despite being in unbearable pain, Jimmy still managed to call Sushi King Restaurant and order a platter of sushi for our late dinner. Returning home after midnight, I had to convert a space in our living room for his current

condition. This meant laying out the beddings and getting a portable toilet for his use.

A few days later we had to see an orthopedic specialist who ordered my husband not to work and walk for a month and that he must keep his feet elevated higher than his heart at all times in order for them to heal completely. Now, you must remember that the doctor was talking to a workaholic who worked seven days a week. This was nearly an impossible order for Jimmy to follow but he reluctantly complied. I continued to administer the Divine Grant daily during his recuperation.

After a month, Jimmy was able to take short walks. During one of our walks, he suddenly stopped and faced me and said, “I will try my best to attend Honolulu Church’s monthly service.” Honolulu Church is our upper church. I was shocked and started crying. For over twenty years in our marriage, my mother and I had been asking Jimmy to take off work on second Sunday to attend Honolulu Church’s monthly service. Hearing Jimmy’s promise, I was completely overwhelmed of his sincere resolution to God. He also promised to return to Jiba every year with me but I said, “Oh, please don’t make too big of a resolution, every other year is fine.” While he was bedridden, I did not mention any Tenrikyo teachings nor lecture him, but concentrated on taking care of him. But I was overjoyed and could not believe that he took this initiative to change his way of thinking. As a re-

sult of his serious injury resulting in this one month confinement from work, Jimmy finally had the time to stop and rest his body and truly appreciate the divine workings of God as he recovered from his injury. This also led him to make some positive changes in life and express his gratitude to God by accompanying me to Honolulu Church’s monthly service. To this day, he has kept his promises to God the Parent. True to the teaching of “From knots, buds will sprout,” this misfortune that we were experiencing actually resulted in the blessing of newfound faith and deeper understanding of the teaching of “A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed,” through which my husband was given the opportunity to replace his mind and use his healed heels to spiritedly carry himself to church.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate on two points that I mentioned earlier. The first point is that we need to teach our youth to pray for others and do the service and when we receive the Gift from Oyasama, the Divine Grant of Osazuke, we should use it. The second and final point is what the Shinbashira stated in his 2007 speech: **“What can we do to cultivate the spirit of single-heartedness with God? One thing we can do, I believe, is to engage in self-reflection each day and try to see whatever is shown on our body at a given time as representing Oyasama’s guidance.**

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I apologize for the long speech, but as you know and hear about the continuing devastation about the earthquake and tsunami that turned Sendai Japan into turmoil, this can not be ignored. The disaster in Sendai is the reflection of our use of mind. What happened in Sendai is not just their problem, but it is connected by the way we think individually. We are all connected spiritually and I am asking from today, if we are able to do extra

Seated Services or go to your churches to perform the Special Prayer Service. Please self reflect and pray for the victims and people suffering. Thank you very much for your deep sincerity.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Message from the Head of the Overseas Dept.

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In the coming month of April, Oyasama's birthday will be celebrated. We will be anxiously waiting for the many of you who will be returning to Jiba at that time.

I would like to emphasize the Shinbashira's words in the prayer, that for the knot of the disasters that have happened, let's make it our business. Let each one of us reflect on ourselves and ponder what would be the best way to proceed which is nearest to the intention of the Parent.

Finally, I would like to inform you of a personnel change. On March 26, Mr. Yoshifuku Naruhito, Honbu seinen, is to become a staff member at America Dendocho.

Thank you,
Yoichiro Miyamori
Head of Overseas Dept.

ISLAND LIFE



*March 2011 Workshop
activity at MHQ*



Lay Minister Preparatory/ Instructors Seminar Course (KYOTO)

On March 18, 19, 2011 at the mission headquarters, Rev.Morio Inoue and Rev.Chikara Iburi conducted the first training session for “English Instructors” of the *Lay Minister Preparatory Course*. There were 5 head ministers and 2 mission station head ministers participating.

The course intent is to nurture and train those who will play a core role in the church activities and to train *Lay Ministers (KYOTO)* who aspire to work for single-hearted salvation with an acute awareness of being Yoboku and a strong sense of mission- those who bear in mind and put into practice the teachings in the course of daily life as well as convey the teachings to others around them. The course is designed to nurture its participants in such a way that they will play a proactive part in church activities such as the monthly services while taking it upon themselves to serve as instruments of their head ministers. The Lay Minister Preparatory Course is 15 days and is held at Church Head Quarters in Tenri. Those who complete this course will be qualified to be registered as Lay Ministers (*KYOTO*).



OYASAMA'S Big Island Birthday Celebration!



On February 27th, WA Big Island Oyasama's Birthday Gathering was held at Kakaako Church with 36 people in attendance, including five from Oahu. There were some new activities this year, which included playing some enjoyable games lead by Mrs. Taeko Nakao, drawing a picture of a big cherry tree and singing the birthday song for Oyasama. As a new step for celebrating Oyasama's birthday, the picture of the big cherry tree was popular among the participants. We attached the cherry blossoms with messages for Oyasama, which were made of colored paper on the picture. There were a lot of delightful words and radiant faces coming out of every participant. Oyasama must have been pleased to see that we really enjoyed ourselves.

Mrs. Nanae Shiiba (Kailua Kona Church)



Mahalo Nui Loa!

Mission HQ Personnel Change:

On March 3rd, Mr. Masayuki Suzuki transferred to Tenrikyo New York Center after serving for one year as Mission HQ staff. We thank you for your sincere efforts and tireless support and wish you well in your new endeavors.



Our Congratulations to:

Tenrikyo Language Institute (TLI) Graduates
Lucas Nakao (Pearl Church) graduated from Oyasato-fusekomi course and, Lewis Nakao (Pearl Church) also graduated from Japanese course in TLI on March 8th. Congratulations!



On Saturday March 5th, the Young Men's Association and Mission Headquarters staff participated in a mochi pounding demonstration at Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. We were able to successfully complete 3 batches of mochi which were immediately consumed by the large number of onlookers. As always, we invited audience members to participate and for many of them, this was their first experience pounding mochi. One of the highlights was a 90 year old Japanese citizen who grabbed the largest wooden mallet (kine) and vigorously pounded away at the mochi! Upon completing the demonstration, we were treated to a wonderful buffet lunch by the Sheraton Waikiki.



Fue and Jikata(Bamboo Flute/Lead Singers)Workshop

Rev. Mantaro Yoshikawa from Church Headquarters arrived in Hawaii to conduct Fue and Jikata Workshops at Mission HQ. On Feb. 18, Friday, after evening service, eighteen people participated in the Fue Workshop. He covered the basics of how to play the fue in an hour and a half session.

On Feb. 19, Saturday, from 9 am to 2 pm, a Jikata (Singing) Workshop was held. A previous workshop was held 11 years ago. This time, sixty people participated in the workshop, all of whom perform in the Services at various churches in Hawaii.

First, Rev. Yoshikawa explained how the Service was established, from how to sing the songs, the Hand Dance, and the musical instruments were all taught by Oyasama Herself. Further, even though the Hand Dance and the musical instruments had set patterns, it was passed down by word of

mouth and many changes occurred over the years. In order to show this, Rev. Yoshikawa played a few short historical singing excerpts of how the *Mikagura-uta* was previously sung until now. In order to prevent any more changes from happening, the Tenrikyo *Ongaku-kenkyukai* (music research group) was established and the third Shinbashira's recorded voice was designated as the official method of singing the *Mikagura-uta*.

Rev. Yoshikawa instructed us to listen very carefully to this recording. He emphasized that before actually beginning to sing, we should tune our voices with the Number 2 sound of the fue. He also showed us very specifically the musical characteristics that should be heard while singing and we all sang together repeatedly to practice what he taught us. Everyone was moved when we were able to sing in the correct melodic way, in tune and in unison. At the end of the workshop, Rev. Yoshikawa told us that when we perform the Service exactly as Oyasama taught us, we will all become joyous and spirited.

*In memory of the late Reverend Mike Kiyoshi Inouye of
Kaimuki Church*



Rev. Mike Kiyoshi Inouye, head minister of Kaimuki Church, passed away for rebirth on March 5th at the age of 95. Services were held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary on March 13th and on March 27th, respectively, with Rev. Colin Saito, head minister of Honolulu Church, serving as chief officiant.

Donation for the Earthquake Disaster Relief

We would like to express our deepest condolences to those who have lost their lives as well as to their relatives affected by the Great East Japan Earthquake and tsunami.

Tenrikyo Church Headquarters established the Tenrikyo Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster Relief Headquarters right after the quake. In response to the widespread destruction, the Disaster Relief Headquarters is now accepting donations to "Tenrikyo Disaster Relief Fund." Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii is also accepting donations, and these donations will be sent to the "Tenrikyo Disaster Relief Fund."

For those who will be making a donation, please clearly write "Disaster Relief" on the front of the envelope. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to "Tenrikyo Hawaii Dendocho" and clearly write "Disaster Relief Donation" on your check. Mahalo for your cooperation!

Message from the Head of the Overseas Department

March 19, 2011

I imagine that, through newspaper and TV reports, you have been hearing about the Tohoku-Kanto Earthquake, which took place on March 11. In response to this quake, Church Headquarters conducted prayer services with the Shinbashira as the core here in Jiba between March 12 and 14. It has also created the Disaster Relief Headquarters, which has been conducting its work in many different ways. Members of the Disaster Relief Hinokishin Corps have been dispatched to quake-hit areas not only from Jiba but also from many dioceses.

The earthquake has caused serious damages to the Tohoku region, but areas surrounding Jiba have not been affected by the quake or by the crippled nuclear power plants. We are thus able to focus our energy on relief work. I heard that many followers overseas are worried whether it would be safe to return to Jiba as planned. But I can tell you that people in Jiba are safe and sound and are engaging in their work every day in high spirits. Jiba is not affected by the earthquake or by the nuclear plant crisis, and we have thus been able to lead normal lives.

I would like to ask you, therefore, to let followers in your diocese know that it is safe to return to Jiba at this time.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Tenrikyo Overseas Department

Head
Yoichiro Miyamori

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Associations' Reports

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

BGA SPRING CAMP & GENERAL MEETING

Our annual Spring Camp and General Meeting were held on Friday, March 25 through Sunday, March 27. We would like to thank the many volunteers who came out to help with the preparation, and cleanup. Mahalo!

OYASAMA BIRTHDAY ACTIVITY

The annual BGA Oyasama birthday activity will be held on the 3rd Sunday, April 17th, from 9:30am at MHQ. The whole family and extended family are welcomed as we celebrate Oyasama's birthday with a power point presentation of Oyasama story, fun and games!

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 WOMEN'S CLUB

Thank you to those who came out & did Hinokishin at Spring Camp last month. The Mini Olympics was a great success and it seemed like the children really enjoyed themselves. It was raining right before we started but were soon blessed with sunny weather just in time for the games.

Hopefully you have all signed up for the convention. If you haven't paid yet please pay the FULL price and we will reimburse you later.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

April 9th-Saturday
Monthly Meeting
Mission HQ Social Hall-1pm

April 17th-Sunday
Oyasama Birthday Celebration
Mission HQ-9am
April 17th-Sunday

Rainbow Hale Storage Clean-up
& BBQ
Rainbow Hale-1pm

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We have constantly given an onslaught of our pain and suffering to the earth every year. We have hurt our beautiful earth too much. However, the human consciousness is able to change nature. We must resolve to change our minds from anger to kindness, worry to relief, grudge-bearing to forgiveness. Anyone can do this right away. Let us perform the Service, release our dusts of the mind, and continue to pray for those suffering and to Mother Nature for the goodness of the earth.

Monthly Meeting April 4th (Mon)
Musical Instrument Practice for Oyasama
Birthday Gathering 9:00 a.m.

51st Annual Oyasama's Birthday Gathering
April 5 (Tue) 7:00 p.m.

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

Tenrikyo Women's Association 93rd Annual General Meeting April 19, Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. @ Inner Courtyard

*April Mission HQ monthly service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Honjima Group. Mahalo!

*Canned Food Drive

Please bring in canned food, rice, soy sauce, cereal, and any non-perishable items by Mission HQ monthly service day on April 9, Saturday.



WA member joined the Prayer Service for the quake disaster after March Monthly Meeting

Editorial corrections...

Corrections on the March Origins:
Page: 5 "Rev. Mantaro Yoshikawa" Vice "Rev. *Montaro* Yoshikawa"

The Hungry Reporter

I have no clue what a school lunch looks like nowadays. All I know is that we had great hot lunches in my days and the cost was only 25 cents! With 35 cents you could even buy a mid-morning snack of cinnamon melba toast and juice. As for the lunches, I loved the meatloaf, green beans and the shortbread cookie was a winner. But I never quite forgot the taste of the Spanish rice! While thumbing through a local cookbook I was thrilled to have found a recipe from a gal named Garylynn Kalama who is somehow affiliated with Aikahi Elementary School. It was exactly as I remembered it! It was a great complement to spaghetti or meatloaf!! I'm sure those who know this nostalgic lunch time favorite will love this recipe. And for you first time tasters? Be careful, it just may hit the spot really hard!

Spanish Rice

Ingredients

Lean Ground Beef 1lb
Minced Garlic 1-2 cloves
Small Onion 1 chopped
Oil 1 Tbs
Green Pepper 1 chopped
Chili Powder 2 Tbs
Salt 1/2 tsp
Pepper 1/4 tsp
Oregano 1/2 tsp
Stewed Tomatoes 1 can (14-1/2 oz)
Pitted Olives 1 can undrained (6 oz)
Uncooked Rice 1 1/2 cups (rinse & drain)

Directions

In a large skillet, heat oil and sauté garlic and onions. Add ground beef, green pepper, chili powder, salt, pepper and oregano. Cook until ground beef is done. Add rice and cook for 3 minutes. Add stewed tomatoes, breaking up tomatoes into smaller pieces. Mix in olives with liquid. Add just enough water to cover. Simmer with lid on until rice is cooked, taking care not to burn rice (about 40 minutes until done.) Stir occasionally while cooking.

Yields: 6-8 servings!

April Calendar 2011

4th	Mon	WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
5th	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	Tenri Cultural Center	10:00 a.m.
		WA Oyasama's Birthday Gathering	Mission HQ	7:00 a.m.
6th	Wed	Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
7th	Thu	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
8th	Fri	Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
9th	Sat	April 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.
		YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	1:00 p.m.
10th	Sun	Bishop and Mrs. Hamada Leave to Tenri (Through May 3rd)		
11th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
12th	Tue	Translation Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
		Ritual Committee Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17th	Sun	BGA Oyasama Birthday Activity	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
18th	Mon	TCC Committee Meeting	Tenri Cultural Center	7:30 p.m.
26th	Tue	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
30th	Sat	All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day (Oahu Island)	Meet @ Honolulu Zoo	8:30 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**

May Calendar 2011

3rd	Tue	Bishop & Mrs. Hamada Arrive		
		Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4th	Wed	Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
5th	Thu	1 st Bazaar Booth Head Meeting	Mission HQ	9 a.m. & 7 p.m.
9th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC Committee Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
10th	Tue	WA Women's Instrument Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Board of Directors Prep. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
		Missionary & Nurturing Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
11th	Wed	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 a.m.
12th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
14th	Sat	Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
15th	Sun	May Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
		YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	1:00 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
16th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
17th	Tue	Ritual Committee Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
26th	Thu	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
28th, 29th, 30th		Tenrikyo Hawaii Convention	Hilton Hawaiian Village	

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MHQ Announcement

***The 60th Anniversary Service for Tenrikyo
Mission Headquarters of Hawaii
The 60th Anniversary Service has been decided to
be held on Saturday,
May 17th, 2014.***