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TENRIKYO NEWSLETTER – ORIGINS AND MAKOTO MISSION STATEMENT

To provide information related to Tenrikyo Hawaii services, activities, and events for the Tenrikyo community of Hawaii and for the people in the State of 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 November 26

Thank you for your sincere efforts on a daily basis in your various positions.

Here at the home of the Parent, as the winter cold continues, today's weather was especially warm. Many followers from all over Japan have returned to Jiba. With the Shinbashira as the core the November Monthly Service was performed joyously.

The Shinbashira's service prayer wishes for us to deeply study the teachings, carry out the truth of the teachings by sprinkling the fragrance and saving others, continue the path of single hearted salvation with certainty, put our utmost efforts to make this World into the Joyous Life World, for every church to have a marvelous salvation and for us humans to share in that joy with God the Parent, sweep the dusts of our minds, and lastly the Shinbashira prays for us to realize that we are all brothers and sisters and that we should all help one another.

Following the service Rev. Masakazu Iburi gave his sermon.

In the beginning of his sermon, he talked about the activities done in Ojiba and respective diocese for the efforts for the Great East Japan Earthquake. He quoted from the "Anecdotes of Oyasama" story #8 and #166. With the idea that illness is a guidance of God the Parent, we should do whatever we can while we still can and find new joy in doing so. He stated that this Earthquake is a world matter and for those of us who understand its meaning should begin putting in our utmost efforts for the sake of the Joyous Construction of our minds. In conclusion, Rev. Iburi encourages us to, in our respective positions, to let us use our merit and take people to our respective churches and the Ojiba.

Starting from September the Over Seas Spiritual Development Course (French speaking: 5 students, Indonesia speaking: 5 students) will begin its closing ceremony tomorrow. Due to the differences in their country's customs and usual climate, living in Japan for 3 months must have been difficult. But due to God the Parent's blessings and the Parental warmth of Oyasama was felt by the students.

This year will soon come to an end. Looking back this year, just as the Shinbashira said in his service prayer, without forgetting the day we began our faith, deepen our faith, to let us strive for world salvation.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department



November Monthly Service Prayer

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

As we live in the bosom of Your deep parental heart which desires to save all people of the world, we are constantly receiving Your continuous blessings of the fire, water & wind providences. We are deeply grateful for Your parental love as You guide us toward the path of the joyous life. As we embrace the teachings within our hearts according to Your intention, we are applying our effort toward single-hearted salvation, and today is the day we are granted to conduct the November 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 perform, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

As Yoboku, we understand Your parental heart concerning the worry over the dreadful and dangerous path that has been shown to us in this world in various forms and we vow to not be influenced by these currents of the world. We will rid our mind of greed and sincerely and single-heartedly work towards deepening our faith even further as we help one another strive towards the realization of the joyous life.

May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we pray that the world will advance to a world filled with joy, where everyone is living in harmony helping one another, creating a brotherhood of peace. Today with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.



Mission HQ November Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Aileen Ayakawa

Head Minister of Castle Church



“The Yoboku”

Aloha and thank you everyone for attending November’s monthly service here at the Tenrikyo Hawaii Mission Headquarters. Thank you Bishop and Mrs. Hamada for your daily support. Also a special thank you to Reverend Colin Saito for the use of your Instructor’s notes and Mrs. Motoko Iwata for translating my sermon today. If it seems like I’m nervous, I’m not, I always talk like this. Today my sermon will be on “The Yoboku” Chapter 9 of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo. May I humbly ask for a few moments of your time.

Similar to what Reverend Owen Nakao mentioned in his sermon a few years ago, as a child growing up in a Tenrikyo family,

I first heard the term “Yoboku” while attending the boys and girls association activities. At the end of the Pledge we would recite: Devote myself to Hinokishin, Help others at all times, And strive to become a good “Yoboku.” At that time, good “Yoboku” meant being an obedient child. I later learned God the Parent called “Yoboku,” “Timbers.” Timber is defined by the Webster dictionary as wood of growing trees, cut and prepared for use as building materials. Just as a tree farmer plants and nurtures his trees to one day have it used as good building materials, God the Parent and Oyasama nurtures Tenrikyo followers to one day become a good “Yoboku” or “Timber” or Materials for the construction of the Joyous Life World.

Before receiving the truth of the Sazuke, the Divine Grant, I thought I was already a “Yoboku.”

One becomes a “Yoboku” after completing the nine Besseki lectures and receiving the Truth of the Sazuke, the Divine Grant. The purpose of attending the nine Besseki lectures is to attain spiritual rebirth. This rebirth refers to; from a point of view that desires one’s own salvation and

the joy of being saved, to a point of view that desires to saving others. According to the “Yoboku” handbook and Words of the Path book, as we listen to the Besseki lectures, we are to reflect on our own life and correct errors in our thinking and the way we act by applying the teachings to replace and settle our minds in accordance with God the Parent’s intentions. His intentions are to rebuild this world into a world filled with Joy.

While growing up, there were two people who influenced my life. My father the late Reverend Isao Jyo was one of them. Some of you may know that my father was guided to Tenrikyo from a major illness he had at a young age. Back then Doctors told him there was nothing more they could do for him. Through the Sazuke administered by the late Reverend Yoshie Suga of Lanai Church, my father was saved. From that time on, he became a very devoted Tenrikyo follower. My father was a true example of “Yoboku.” In his daily life until he passed away for rebirth, he followed the 3 principles of a Yoboku:

1. The spirit of being single-hearted with God
2. A positive attitude of Hinokishin
3. The harmony of a Unity of Mind

My father would always do daily, the morning and evening service. As children, my siblings and I were excused from doing the morning service, but had to be there

for the evening service. Practically every weekend we would be at Honolulu Church or Dendocho. We participated in the many children’s activities, while our parents carried on with their activities. As young adults our participation also continued. My father always spoke of how important it was for us to do God’s work. After my father retired from his job, every week he would go out and do the Sazuke.

Hinokishin was my father’s number one trait. Some may remember him doing Hinokishin at church or Dendocho. He was always doing Hinokishin for family and church members, friends and neighbors. He wasn’t one to go out to fancy restaurants, play golf and play card games or go on trips. He found enjoyment in helping others, returning to Ojiba and drinking beer and sake with the late Hiroyoshi Maeda.

My father portrayed a unity of mind by not making waves. He was one to “go with the flow.” I remember he always reminded me to have a “Sunao Kokoro.” To be sunao was to be obedient. Tenrikyo refers to sunao as having a mind that allows one to be single-hearted and straightforward in one’s response to God the Parents intention and the truth of the teachings. To have an honest and straightforward mind is to willingly accept and comply with God the Parent’s intention with absolute honesty. I also admire and give my mother, Fusae “Pansy” Jyo, a lot of credit for accepting Tenrikyo when she married my father. My mother was brought up in a Buddhist

family. I know it wasn't easy to understand the Tenrikyo ways back then, but she followed along. To me this is "Sunao." My parents tried earnestly to follow the teachings of Tenrikyo. With both parents as models of "Yoboku," my siblings and I eventually all became "Yoboku" too. Just as my parents dedicated their life to Tenrikyo, I am also trying to build a solid foundation. I am not perfect and still very green. I have a long ways to go, but I am trying. I feel that everyone who became a "Yoboku" are trying in their own way of life to carry out the efforts of a "Yoboku." I feel we are all different and should not be expected to be the same as someone else. But, most of us share something in common. We are Yoboku!

I thank my parents for being the first generation of "Yoboku" in the Jyo family. They have gone through many hardships and sufferings so we the next generation would not have to. I wonder if I would have been able to perservere as they did. As second and third generations of "Yoboku" in my family, I pray we continue from where my parents had left off. They sacrificed a lot to come this far.

Before I close, may I share this with you. As "Yoboku," we pledged to become materials and instruments of God the Parent and Oyasama to help build this world into a Joyous Life World. As I hear of situations among others, I wonder why we sometimes have conflicts, disagreements and arguments that may

result in not getting along or unhappiness among friends, family and church members, acquaintances and strangers. Is it that we are not aware of these situations that could be caused by what we do or say?

Only when our joy brings joy to others, can it be called true joy. If you enjoy yourselves while causing others to suffer, this cannot be called true joy.

(Osashizu, December 11, 1897)

In the Doctrine it states, only when we unite our minds with the One Truth of the Path, with each of us respecting and helping one another, shall we be able to live joyously.

I feel that, we "Yoboku," must try to constantly reflect on the day we vowed to God the Parent and Oyasama to become their materials and instruments to help build a Joyous Life World, by bringing Joy to our families, friends, church members and even strangers of any level. I believe happiness starts at home and from there we can help bring joy to others. With this assignment, it lead me to read the different resources that are available in English. I have much much more to learn and understand about this wonderful religion.

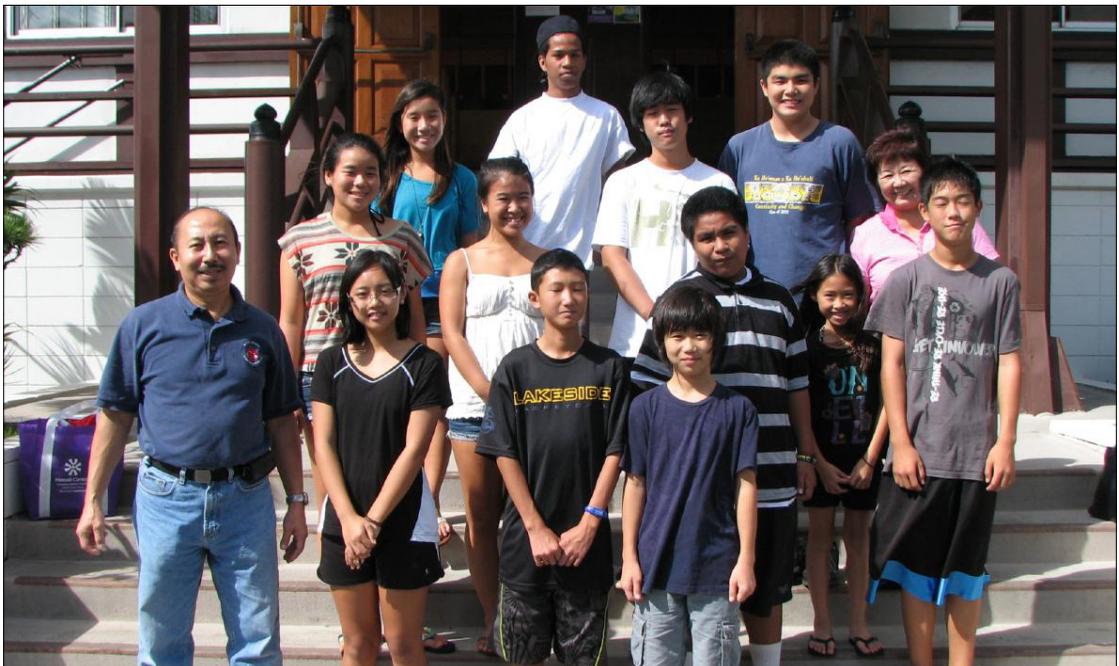
May you all have a safe and Joyous Happy Thanksgiving!

Thank you all for your kind attention!

ISLAND LIFE

BGA LEADERS FUN CAMP AND BGA STAFF & FAMILY LUNCHEON HELD!

In appreciation for their hard work during this past Spring Camp, the BGA conducted a fun camp for the junior leaders on Friday, November 25 and Saturday, the 26th with eleven participants. First on the agenda was narimono (musical instruments) practice followed by basketball and swimming at Salt Lake Recreation Center. At night the leaders enjoyed DVD movie night watching “Harry Potter.” The next day was supposed to be bowling at Fort Shafter, but was canceled due to a power outage. Leaders instead enjoyed the open field at Tenri Cultural Center (TCC) playing football and where they joined the BGA staff and family luncheon where parents and children of Aloha Band, the Tenri Cultural Center Saturday School and the MHQ staff enjoy a hearty buffet lunch. Approximately 70 people attended the luncheon. Thank you to all who volunteered with their hinokishin spirit!



Big Island Kyoyukai General Meeting Held!

The 24th Big Island Kyoyukai General Meeting was held on Sunday, November 27, 2011, 10 a.m. at the Kilauea Church on the Big Island.

This event is sponsored annually by the Big Island Kyoyukai founded in 1962. Bishop and Mrs. Hamada and 44 followers islandwide gathered to perform the service and receive the spiritual guidance from Bishop and Mrs. Hamada. There were many new people who came for the first time and enjoyed themselves at this special event.

The program included welcome and spiritual message from District Head, Rev. Tadamasa Nishimura and the by Bishop Hamada. The remainder of the program consisted of picture taking, lunch prepared by each representing church. The day came to the end with everyone enjoying “Lucky Number Prizes.”

**A participant received a prize in
Lucky Number Prizes (right).**



DECEMBER MONTHLY SERVICE

Sunday, December 18, 2011

9:00 a.m.

Sermon (in Japanese)

Rev. Michioki Inafuku

Head Minister of Kariyushi Mission Station

English translation by Rev. Tad Iwata

Tid Bits

Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This year was a year that people around the world couldn't help to change their mind. Being able to live our daily life is not a matter of course, but we should realize how thankful we are. Therefore, we can appreciate the truth that we are kept alive by God the Parent's grace. Let us finish this year with a mind of gratitude.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

December 10 (Sat) 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Meeting

December 12 (Mon) 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Study Anecdotes of Oyasama

Lecture by Bishop Hamada

Women's Musical Instruments Practice

December 13 (Tue) 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

***WA New Year's Party**

The monthly meeting on Jan. 9 (Mon) will also be the day of the party. There will be a lot of games and prizes. We invite all of you to join in the fun! Participation fee is \$10. Please pay by Dec. 26 (Mon) to Satoe Kakitani or Shigemi Nakao. Thank you.

*December Mission HQ monthly service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo-B Group. Mahalo!

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Annual HUGS Party

December 17 (Sat)

Tenri Cultural Center All Day

*Contact Kyle Kikuchi if available to help that day.

Monthly Meeting

December 18 (Sun)

Raibow Hale 1:00 p.m.

*If you are planning on attending the 2012 International Hinokishin Tai, please let Burt Iwata know to place your name on the list of attendees.



On Nov. 27th, YMA had a tree cutting Hinokishin at Taitan Church with 10 participants. Thank you to all who dedicated yourselves to do Hinokishin with Unity of Mind!

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

BGA LEADERS FUN CAMP 2011

The annual Leaders Fun Camp will be held during the Thanksgiving Day weekend from November 25 – 26 (Fri-Sat).

BGA LEADERSHIP CAMP & NEW YEAR'S PARK CLEANUP & BBQ PICNIC

Our annual Leadership Camp will be held on Saturday January 28 through Sunday, the 29th, 2012. The New Year's Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 10am.

SPRING CAMP AND GENERAL MEETING 2012

For those who need to plan ahead the 2012 (37th) Spring Camp and General Meeting will be held on March 24 – 26 Sat-Mon, 2012. March 26 is Prince Kuhio Holiday. Please mark your calendars!

Mission HQ Announcements

English Spiritual Development Course in Jiba

This course will again be held from April through June next year in Jiba (Tenri City, Nara Prefecture, Japan). Participants must apply for a visa so please apply as soon as possible. For inquiries, please contact Mission HQ office (595-6523) or your nearest church or mission station.





The Hungry Reporter

I remembered I had shared a gingerbread cookie recipe for the holidays last year. So as I was setting up for the Christmas Promo this year at Starbucks, I found and sampled our gingerbread biscotti. It was simply delicious. Perfect thing to share I thought to continue the holiday gingerbread theme, so I searched and discovered a friend who had a great recipe. I hope you enjoy this!

Gingerbread Biscotti

Ingredients

1 cup almonds, blanched
1/2 cup dark molasses
1/4 cup fresh ginger, minced
1 tablespoon cinnamon, ground
1/2 teaspoon cloves, ground

3/4 cup sugar
3 eggs
1/2 tablespoons baking powder
1 teaspoon nutmeg, ground
1/2 teaspoon allspice, ground
1/4 lb butter
3 cups flours

Directions

1. Place almonds in a 8 to 9 inch square pan. Bake in a 350 F. oven until golden, 10 to 15 minutes. Let cool, coarsely chop, and set aside.
2. In large bowl of an electric mixer, beat sugar, butter, molasses, and ginger until smooth. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating after each addition. In a bowl, stir flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, allspice and almonds. Add to egg mixture; stir to blend.
3. On two greased 12x15 inch baking sheets, use well-floured hands to pat dough into 4 flat loaves, spacing them evenly on sheets; each loaf should be about 1/2 inch thick, 2 inches wide and the length of the baking sheet.
4. Bake in a 350 F. oven until browned at edges and springy to touch, about 25 minutes; switch

positions of pans halfway through baking.

5. Let loaves stand on baking sheets until cool to touch, then cut into long, 1/2-inch thick diagonal slices. On baking sheets, arrange slices close together with a cut side down. Return to oven and bake at 350 F. until cookies are brown, 15 to 18 minutes longer; switch positions of pans halfway through baking.

6. Transfer biscotti to racks and let cool completely. Serve, or store airtight up to 1 month; freeze for longer storage.



Mission Headquarters of Hawaii 2012 Schedule of Activities

- Spring Grand Service Pilgrimage to Jiba January 26
- Boys & Girls Association Leaders Camp & New Year Party January 28 & 29
- All TCC Cleanup Hinokishin February 20
- Follow Miss Kokan Seminar February
- Women's Association Oyasama's Birthday Gathering (Big Island) February
- Boys & Girls Association Spring Camp (General Meeting on 26) March 24, 25, 26
- Essay Contest March
- Women's Association Oyasama's Birthday Gathering April 10
- Boys & Girls Association Oyasama Birthday Activity April 15
- Oyasama's Birthday Celebration Service Pilgrimage to Jiba April 18
- All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day April 28
- WA, YMA, YWC Joint General Meeting May 19
- Hawaii Spiritual Development Course (Shuyokai) June 17 to July 12
- Tenrikyo Picnic July 4
- Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba July 24 to 30
- Tenrikyo Bazaar August 26
- All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day September 3
- October Pilgrimage to Jiba October 26
- Hawaiiishima Kyoyukai General Meeting November 25
- Boys & Girls Association, Aloha Band Camp/Leadership Camp November 24 & 25
- Oyasato Seminar Course II December 16 to 19

* Tenri Bunko opens on Wednesday through Sunday (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) every week.

* Tenri Judo practice (Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. / Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.)

December Calendar 2011

5 th	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00a.m.
6 th	Tue	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
7 th	Wed	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
		Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
10 th	Sat	Adopt A Highway Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
12 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC Committee Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
13 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		BOD Prep. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
		Missionary & Nurturing Comm. Mtg	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Sat	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
18 th	Sun	December Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45p.m.
		YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	1:00 p.m.
		Oyasato Seminar English Course II	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
19 th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Ritual Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
21 st		Oyasato Seminar English Course II Disband		2:00 p.m.
26 th	Sat	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Year-end General Cleanup	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki

Abbreviation key:

BGA = Boy's & Girl's Assn. WA = Women's Association

TCC = Tenri Cultural Center

YMA = Young Men's Association YWC = Young Women's Club

BOD = Board of Directors

January Calendar 2012

1 st	Sun	New Year's Service	Mission HQ	10:00a.m.
2 nd	Mon	TCC January Grand Service	TCC	10:00a.m.
3 rd	Tue	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4 th	Wed	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
		Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
7 th	Sat	Adopt A Highway Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
8 th	Sun	Mochi Pounding	JCCH	9:30 a.m.
9 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC Committee Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
10 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
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14 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
		BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
15 th	Sun	January Grand Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45p.m.
		YMA Monthly Meeting	Rainbow Hale	1:00 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
16 th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Bishop & Mrs. Hamada Leave for Japan		1:00 p.m.
		Ritual Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
26 th	Thu	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Otefuri & Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
28 th -29 th		BGA Leaders Camp	Mission HQ	

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2011 - 2012 Mission HQ Year-End Schedule

Mission HQ Year-end Clean-up

December 26 (Mon) After Yohaishiki

Mission HQ Mochi Pounding

December 30 (Fri) 7:00 a.m.

Mission HQ New Year's Service

January 1, 2012 (Sun) 10:00 a.m.

JCCH Mochi Pounding

January 8, 2012 (Sun)
10:30am, noon, 1:30pm

