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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 December 26, Tenrikyo 174

Since two days ago, the Home of the Parent has been experiencing the coldest winter weather of this year. Today, in spite of the cold winds, many followers returned to the Jiba and the final monthly service of this year was joyously performed, in a unity of mind, with the Shinbashira as the core.

In his prayers, looking back over the past year, the Shinbashira talked about the Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11th, and the severity of its knot. He said, “We have been making sincere efforts to receive God’s blessing from this disaster, while considering deeply the meaning of this disaster, and asking ourselves whether or not we have been living according to God’s intention. Even in this situation, through the parental heart of God the Parent, God has led us onto the path of spiritual growth and for this I am very grateful.” Furthermore, the Shinbashira in his resolution said, “With the reflection of this past year as the foundation, we resolve to promote the salvation of people who are suffering from problems and hardships through the service and the sazukey, and in a unity of mind, sincerely advancing the path of world salvation.”

Following the service, Honbuin Yoshihiko Yasuno delivered his sermon.

In the beginning of his sermon, he spoke about the Great East Japan Earthquake and other natural disasters which occurred throughout this past year. He said that, those who were not directly affected by this disaster must take this as a severe message from God the Parent, and reflecting on ourselves and correct the use of our minds. Further, in a unity of mind, we must seriously follow the path by seeking Oyasama’s intention for world salvation.

Next, he mentioned that the basis of our faith must be a mind of unconditional belief. By quoting from the Anecdotes of Oyasama and from the Divine Directions, he said that by obediently putting the teachings into practice, we can deepen the joy of our faith. Further, he talked about the importance of the “unity of minds,” using the example of the outstanding success of the Tenri University Rugby Club.

This year we received many severe knots and within a few days the year will come to an end. I would like to thank all of you for your tremendous sincere efforts towards world salvation.

Next year, we will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary since the establishment of the Columbia Mission Center and the Singapore Mission Center. Also, there will be changes

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New Year's Greetings from Bishop Michihito Hamada

Happy New Year!

Thank you very much for all your efforts in all of Mission Headquarters' activities last year. With your support, everything was done successfully. Going into a new year, I believe that we are able to take a step forward closer to God the Parent and Oyasama's intentions in saving one another. Going towards the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii's 60th Anniversary in 2014, we set forth "Mutual Help" and "Hinokishin" in our slogan. In an uncertain world, in order for us to be able to have a future we can be sure of, I feel we must realize that there is nothing else but to follow and strengthen the teachings of this path in our lives.



Let us show others a world of true peace, where everyone is brightly living the Joyous Life each and every day. I hope for the best for you all this year.

Greetings from Mrs. Masayo Hamada, Women's Association Chair



Happy New Year!

Thank you very much for your sincere efforts and assistance in the Women's Association activities and Hinokishin of the previous year. Thanks to all of you, we were able to run our events and functions smoothly. The "Tenrikyo Hawaii Convention 2011" held in May last year, was very successful with many people who participated. This event gave me a strong feeling that we, as Women's Association members, should make opportunities to encourage more young people to participate in future events and to learn more about the teachings. Furthermore, going towards the 60th Anniversary of Mission Headquarters of Hawaii, the Women's Association will be making new cushions for the Sanctuary's seats as an offering. I hope for all of your cooperation. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Slogan for Spiritual Maturity:

Let's follow the Divine Model and become the foundation for the Joyous Life

Guidelines for Association Activities:

Let's keep the original intention in mind and grow spiritually to be true Yoboku.

- 1) Let's nurture our own faith based on the teachings.
- 2) Let's put our hearts into performing the service.
- 3) Let's nurture those close to us by using our strengths in showing warmth and in connecting and joining.
- 4) Let's sprinkle the fragrance and strive to save others so that we may be blessed with having people attend the Besseki lectures.

Greetings from Rev. Owen Nakao, Boy's & Girl's Association Chair

I would like to thank the BGA staff and all of you who have supported the Boy's and Girl's Association with time and material donations during this past year. As another year passes, it gives us time to pause and reflect on the accomplishments and setbacks and reaffirm our goals and resolve for the coming year. And as every year passes the children are getting older. It's our reminder that we cannot let our guards down and become complacent.



I am happy and thankful to announce that Sunday School (every 3rd Sunday) which had a long recess, will return on January 15th, under the leadership of Hiro Yamamoto. Our core activities: the two leadership camps, the New Year park cleanup, Spring Camp, General Meeting, Oyasama's Birthday Activity, Children's Pilgrimage, Boy's & Girl's Hinokishin Corps and Trick or Treat for UNICEF would not be possible without your sincere efforts and we ask for your continued relentless support.

We will be commemorating the mission headquarters 60th Anniversary in 2014. In preparation for that event the Aloha Band has pledged to return to Jiba in 2013 and perform at the anniversary dedication service in 2014. We would like to call on everyone to put extra effort in recruiting new band members! As BGA chair, I have made it a personal goal to attain 60 band members!

This year again, your continued contributions to BGA will ensure a yet stronger and vibrant future congregation! Happy New 2012! Mahalo and Aloha!

Greetings from Cheryl Horikawa, Young Women's Club Chair

I can't believe it's 2012 already! 2011 was a busy one for many of us because we hosted the Tenrikyo Convention in May, due to many hours of Hinokishin & also held our annual Bazaar. I want to thank everyone for their continued kindness to the YWC through monetary & other donations that have contributed to successful Garage Sales & Mini Bazaars. I would like to thank Monika & Nicole for their great efforts as officers of YWC & Aunty Lynn for her guidance & enthusiasm. I ask for your support in the future as Jennifer Kakitani will become the next Chairperson of YWC in 2012.



Greetings from Burt Iwata, Young Men's Association Chair

Happy New Year 2012!

Thank you very much for all of your efforts and participation during 2011. Of course, the Tenrikyo Hawaii Convention stands out as last year's marquee event which was attended by a majority of our YMA members here in Hawaii. A close second would have to be my wedding in June, ok, maybe I'm a little biased but related to that topic, if anyone is thinking about or planning a wedding this year, December 12th seems like a popular date.



Turning to a more serious topic, our marquee event of 2012 which many of you are already aware of is the International Hinokishin Tai in Ojiba from July 18th-24th. This event happens once every three years or so which is why I would like to urge as many of our members to try and join us this summer. I have already heard from at least 20 members that are interested in going and would love to have more of our members return to Ojiba. I realize that higher fuel costs and the Yen exchange rate do not make it any easier financially to go to Japan which is why we've already begun our fundraising efforts, stay tuned as we have more coming up.

To close my New Year's message, I would like to urge all of our members that even with our busy lives, it is still possible to engage in faith activities whether it be at your home, Church, Mission Headquarters, or with the YMA. All it takes is a little planning and resolve. Whether you commit to always keeping a particular Sunday open for Monthly Service or waking up 10 minutes earlier to do the morning Service, it is ultimately a resolution between you and God the Parent. So maybe this year, instead of the usual "I'll quit smoking" or "I'll lose 10 pounds", why not resolve to do something that may actually be more beneficial for your health since we are kept alive and in good health due to God the Parent's daily blessings. And yes, like all resolutions, it's ok to start small and work your way up!





December 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, although inadequate to your expectations, we are applying our daily effort toward world salvation, and as we go through each day receiving your boundless parental love and over-flowing grace and blessings, we have come to this day which we are granted to conduct the December monthly service, the final monthly service of the year. This year, so that we may comply with Your intentions, we aim towards further spiritual maturity, and have come before You endeavoring through engaging in single-hearted salvation. Thankfully, You have allowed for the monthly activities, and the activities of each association to commence smoothly without mishap, which is more than we can ever expect to receive. As we express our gratitude for the many blessings we have received throughout the year, the service performers unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. We brothers and sisters of this Path have looked forward to this day and today, we are gathered here in prayer before You to sing the Mikagura-uta. As You watch us, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

The Oyasato Seminar Course II will be held from today, and as this year is coming to an end, we would like to safely conduct the year-end activities and greet the New Year in high spirits.

As Yoboku we are constantly shown the intense condition of the times, and we cannot help but think of the parental heart that hastens the reformed minds of all people in the world. We would like to begin with reforming our own minds and from here on as well, we would like to further apply our vigorous effort in widening the path of this sincere teaching.

We again express our gratitude for this year and ask for Your continued blessings for the coming year. Together with everyone present, I humbly ask that You will lead us to the joyous world even a day sooner where everyone is living in harmony and helping one another.



Mission HQ December Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Michioki Inafuku

Head Minister of Kariyushi Mission Station



“The Joyous Life”

We have just completed the December final monthly service of this year joyously and spiritedly, and I am sure this has brought great joy to God the Parent and Oyasama. I have been appointed to give the sermon today and so I would like to speak about “The Joyous Life” from Chapter 10 of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo. May I ask for your kind attention for a short while. Tad Iwata will be giving the simultaneous translation today.

Tenrikyo is also known as the teaching of the Joyous Life. In this way, the teachings of Tenrikyo and the Joyous Life have a deep connection and are inseparable.

In the Ofudesaki,

The reason Tsukihi began human beings was the desire to see you lead a joyous life. XIV: 25

As stated, the purpose of human existence is the attainment of the Joyous Life. In Chapter 10 of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo,

When we are making diligent efforts on the path of salvation, our days are bright and cheerful and our lives are filled with happiness. This is because we lead our lives in the warm embrace of God the Parent and our minds are at peace with the assurance that if we save others, we shall ourselves be saved. This is the state of the Joyous Life.

In this way we are taught, when we resolve our minds to saving others, we are then able to experience the Joyous Life.

In the Mikagura-uta, Songs for the Service, we sing,

**As I am always in haste to save you,
Quickly become joyful and come to Me! Song 4, Verse 5**

In this verse, we are taught to live joyously to hasten world salvation because the Joyous Life is the 1st step to salvation.

In the Osashizu, the Divine Directions, it states,

Only when your 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. December 11, 1897

Therefore, as explained in this verse, the Joyous Life is not realized when we are pursuing the well-being for ourselves, our families, our communities, and our countries, but rather the true Joyous Life is achieved when our actions help all people of the world become spirited, while at the same time not causing anyone to suffer.

At this time, let us look back upon the path of the Joyous Life that Oyasama has left for us during Her 50-year Divine Model. When looking at this nearly 50-year period in terms of worldly and family matters, we cannot say that Oyasama lived a life filled with good fortune. 16 years after becoming the Shrine of Tsukihi, Oyasama's husband Zenbe passed away before her. Thereafter, her children passed away for rebirth, one after another. When Oyasama was 84, her eldest son Shuji, who had gone through long hardships with her, also passed away before her, and for the 6 years before she hid her physical being, she lived with her 2 grandchildren.

Moreover, at the ripe age of 78 until the year before she turned 89 when she hid her physical being, for approximately 10 years, Oyasama was detained 17 or 18 times and experienced the hardships of prison. In this way, Oyasama's 50 years as the Divine Model was more of a circumstance of misery rather than of blessings. Even then, Oyasama said despite the conditions, "Whoever comes to this house shall never leave without being filled with joy." "World salvation cannot be stopped even if we want it to." For the sake of the Joyous Life of all humankind, Oyasama taught that saving others regardless of the situation is true sincerity. Furthermore, Oyasama was the leader of the Yoboku and followers, and left behind an example of the Joyous Life attained through saving others.

From here, I would like to talk about a joyous experience our family shared in saving someone a few years ago. This event occurred on the morning of the 2008 Honolulu Marathon. My eldest daughter's husband, 2nd daughter, and 3rd daughter were participating in the Honolulu Marathon, while my wife, eldest daughter, grandchild and I waited for them near the entrance of the zoo. My eldest daughter's husband finished in a little over four hours and my 3rd daughter returned in a little over six hours. I received word that my 2nd daughter would finish after eight hours, so we waited at the finish area. Then, while waiting for my 2nd daughter to finish, a 75 year-old man suddenly collapsed. My

eldest daughter was the first to notice and ran toward the man. My 3rd daughter followed behind her toward the man. My eldest daughter is a nurse and my 3rd daughter is a licensed athletic trainer, so they held the man by his arms, tended to him, and immediately called for an ambulance. All of a sudden, my wife who was sitting on the chair next to me yelled, "Daddy, Osazuke, Osazuke!" I thought, that's right, so I stood up with my strained back, which was not fully healed yet, and went over to the 75 year-old man. However, I was wearing very casual attire at the time, so I wondered how I should approach this person. Then I remembered in my wallet having my minister's card, which was distributed by Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. I quickly took out my card to show it to this person. After a while, I obtained his consent, asked for his name and age, and I was able to administer the Sazuke to pray for his recovery. After administering the Sazuke, the man and his wife said "Thank you, thank you!" expressing their appreciation, while shaking my hand. Soon after, an ambulance arrived and the man was able to go to the hospital safely.

At my mission station's monthly service the following month, I was able to deliver a sermon on the joyous experience we had in saving others. I said, "Last month on the morning of the Honolulu Marathon, we were able to engage in salvation work for a 75 year-old man utilizing our various roles. This was the joyous experience

attained through saving others." That is to say, it was due to my 2nd daughter's slow pace finishing two hours later, my 1st and 3rd daughters having licenses to take care of others, and my wife yelling, "Daddy, Osazuke, Osazuke!" I was able to convey the important point of our family's united efforts to pray for this one man.

God the Parent created this world and us human beings for the purpose of the Joyous Life as explained in the following verse of the Ofudesaki.

Hereafter, I shall set out to make the whole world brim with joy. X: 103

Moreover, in Part 17 of the Ofudesaki,

Because I wished to see this path quickly, I have hastened. From this time forward, there will be joyousness in everything. XVII:23

In order for all people of the world to live the Joyous Life, God the Parent hastened the performance of the Service through Oyasama. By doing so, God the Parent predicted the world would move toward that of the Joyous Life. I cannot help but think God's prediction is moving toward this realization. We are taught by Oyasama that the history of humankind prior to the founding of Tenrikyo was the preparation period for the Joyous Life. We are taught, "God the Parent became openly revealed at this time to give the final Teaching

directly to us, for God had already given us nine-tenths of the complete Teachings.”

It is as if Oyasama, waited for the right season, to swing the baton, to lead the great musical performance of the “Joyous Life”. In other words, looking back at the history of human beings, the preparation and practice for the “Joyous Life” musical performance was being held at each time and place with a different instrument. The violin was used during a certain period; the flute and piano were used at certain places, and so on. When all of the instruments were able to master their individual assignments and after waiting for the arrival of the seasonal time, Oyasama took the baton and began the great concert of the “Joyous Life”. I believe this is what is meant by the truth of the seasonable time.

Further, it is the rapid acceleration of the development of civilization during this period, which validates the seasonal arrival of the Joyous Life. Especially striking were the developments in transportation and communication. In the Edo period, when Tenrikyo was established, the only mode of transportation available was the use of either a litter or a horse. Also, the only method of communication was the use of an express messenger on foot or postal horse. However, today it is possible to take a trip to the moon and back by rockets and instantly communicate with the world on mobile phones and computers. What marvelous advancements in civilization! It took only 174 years.

In fact, there was one young man who noticed this mysterious rapid development in civilization. This is what I heard just about 40 years ago in 1972, when I was here at the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii as one of three missionaries dispatched by the Young Men’s Association. While the students of Farrington High School were learning world history, they encountered a strange phenomenon. Until 1838, which is the year Tenrikyo was founded, the progress and development of world civilization exhibited a gentle curve. However, the curve began to surge after the founding of Tenrikyo. Since these students did not know God the Parent’s intention, it was natural that it seemed to them to be a mystery. Human thought has evolved and changed significantly after the founding of Tenrikyo. Prior to the founding of Tenrikyo, it was commonly told that this world is a place of suffering and the heaven of the world is attained in the afterlife, after death. However, when Oyasama became the Shrine of Tsukihi, she declared, “this is the paradise of the world and this is the stage of the Joyous Life.” I think we have grown spiritually so our minds are able to understand this teaching of Oyasama.

It may be easier to understand the spiritual growth, that is, the evolution of the mind, when we use the story about “frogs and tadpoles” as an example. Tadpoles are born and raised in water, utilize their gills to breathe, and swing their tails to swim around. However, as it develops, a time

will come when all of a sudden it will start to breathe with its lungs instead of gills, it will get hands and feet, its tail will cut off, and it will turn into a frog, and live on the land instead of in the water. In this manner, just as the mind of human beings move to a joyous world, the frogs progress from a tadpole's world of survival to a world where they can now only help one another. The frogs can no longer return to the tadpole's world, but must realize the world they live in is the Joyous Life, and must help one another. If the frogs go back to living in water, their lungs will not be able to breathe, and the frogs will not survive. In the same way, when we do not live in accord with the Joyous Life, we receive divine guidance in the form of illness, personal problems, or natural disasters to steer us in the right direction toward the Joyous Life. Can we think of the time since October 26th, 1838, as if we have been loaded onto a very large escalator headed toward the world of the Joyous Life?

Even if you don't care for the Joyous Life or enjoy fighting amongst each other, you will be injured if you go against the movement toward the Joyous Life. If things go wrong, it can even result in death. No one will be able to go against this trend.

We, humankind, must realize the importance of sincerely working towards God the Parent's intent, the Joyous Life.

This is explained in the following verse of the Ofudesaki,

Tsukihi desires to bring joyousness to all. If anyone dares to stop this, the regret will grow enormous. XIV: 27

This stern message is warning of the consequence that would result if this important Service, which God the Parent taught to lead human beings to the Joyous Life, is stopped. Such a warning as "the regret will grow enormous" was, in fact, so severe because it referred to the coming of the 2nd World War.

Actually, the State Shinto Ideology was responsible for not only stopping the Service for world salvation, but also ordered the imprisonment or detention of Oyasama some 17 or 18 times. This ideology, which was followed since the Meiji Government, believed as long as your country is fine, it does not matter what happens to others. The end of the war came with great sacrifice and sorrow, yet this was necessary in order to eliminate actions not in accord with the Joyous Life as intended by God the Parent. World War II caused much suffering and oppression both to the people of Japan and Tenrikyo Church Headquarters.

The person most pleased with the end of Japan's World War II was the Second Shinbashira. I believe that he, as the person most responsible for the Church organization, which was being pressed since Oyasama's Era, expressed his joy saying "the true Path of Tenrikyo will now begin." I am sure words could not express the joy he felt. I am sure you are well aware

of the history of the Second Shimbashira and his efforts to restore Tenrikyo and lead us Yoboku and followers with great joy.

Today, God the Parent and Oyasama earnestly expects the entire human population of 7 billion people to practice the Joyous Life by helping each other in this Joyous World. However, the number of Yoboku and followers who know of God the Parent's intention is small. Therefore, it is very important for us to convey this truth to our brothers and sisters who are yet unaware; and our friends around the world are waiting for this truth. The reason for this is the underlying cause of all human suffering are due to ignorance; that is, they do not understand the intention of God the Parent, who created this world. Because people do not know God the Parent's intention, they move along in their selfish way of life, become ill, cause problems, and experience natural disasters over and over. Now is the seasonable time to spread the truth to our brothers and sisters who are

yet unaware.

In 2014, Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii will celebrate its 60th Anniversary. The slogan for this occasion is:

Now is the Time for Mutual Help.
Hinokishin with a Smile!

Following this slogan, I too will smile and,

**A single word can be *hinokishin*.
I simply sprinkle My fragrance
around. Song 7: Verse 1**

With this verse of the Mikagura-Uta, Song for the Service, close to my heart, I will convey the intent of the Parent to even one more person who does not yet know this intent. And, I will work joyously and spiritedly so that the "Joyous Life through Saving Others" can be experienced by these people even a day sooner.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

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made of the Heads of the Mission Centers of Europe, Indonesia, Philippine, Oceania and New York. Further, we will be observing the 80th Anniversary of the Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day and the Tenrikyo Nioigake Day.

In this season, let us welcome the New Year by promising to take a large step forward in responding to the Shimbashira's intention as mentioned in his service prayer.

I sincerely thank you for this past year.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department

ISLAND LIFE

Oyasato Seminar Course II Held at Mission HQ Counselor Reflection by Nicole Saito



As an alumni of the Oyasato Seminar course program I really enjoy being able to be a counselor and to give back. One of the main reasons of course 2 is to bring the students closer to their Dendocho. I believe this is really important because it is one of the things that keep you connected to the path. The people that you meet through this Oyasato Seminar program become your Tenrikyo family. This year there were two “kids” from Hawaii; Ron Horikawa and Tori Kawasaki. The rest of our family attended the course in Los Angeles and New York. Ron and Tori seemed to enjoy

the lectures, and the service practices. I’m sure they may not have paid attention the whole time, because I know that when I was a student I didn’t! But the important part is that they are at least grazing the surface of what they will come to learn in time. There’s so much detail that you have to learn it little by little, and that’s why I think it’s so important to start even at such a young age. The missionary work in Hawaii was also very different for them. They said that it was easier in Japan because they were considered foreign and were treated more nicely. But they had

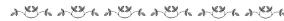
some good conversations with the people they came across here, so I'm glad. Oyasato Seminar Course 3 will be held in Japan and both the students and I know that it will be much more difficult, but I think that they are ready and capable. I cannot wait for everyone to be reunited and to see what course 3 has in store for all of us! Last but not least, I would like to thank all of the staff at Dendocho and the Overseas Department that helped make this course possible!



NEW ARRIVALS!



Congratulations to:
Michael and Emily Sizemore (Joyous M.S.)
Sophie Miyuki was born on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, 6 pounds and 19 inches.



Congratulations to:
Lincoln and Keiko Okada (Shimagahara Hawaii M.S.)
Mylo Hiroto was born on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, 7 lbs 3oz and 19 3/4 inches.



Congratulations to:
Kory and Janell Kitagawa (Pukalani M.S.)
Caden Hiroshi was born on Saturday, December 3, 2011, 5 lbs 15oz and 19 1/2 inches.

🌺 2011 Year in Pictures 🌺



May - Tenrikyo Hawaii Convention 2011



January - WA Osashizu Workshop



January - HARP Seminar



September - WA YMA YWC Joint General Meeting



*February - Fue and Jikata Workshop
Honbu-in, Rev. Mantaro Yoshikawa came
as the instructor (above).*



April - BGA Oyasama Birthday Activity



August - Tenrikyo Bazaar



September - All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day in Oahu



July - Tenri Judo Club had wonderful results in USA JUDO Junior Olympic National Championships (the most for one club from Hawaii).



June and July - Hawaii Spiritual Development Course

DENDOCHO SUNDAY SCHOOL is STARTING



Sunday school is fun!



Date : every Dendocho Monthly Service

every 3rd Sunday (April is 2nd Sat)

Time : 9:00am - 9:30am (Sanpai/Seated Service-Yorozuyo)

: 9:30am - 11:15am (Rainbow Hale)

Location : Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

2920 Pali Hwy. Honolulu HI 96817

Hinokishin



Song



Game



Story



Craft



Tenrikyo Hawaii Boys and Girls Association

Please bring your donations of arts and crafts material (scissors, glue, color paper, etc) to the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii office!

Tid Bits

Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Women's Association is requesting donations towards making new cushions for the Sanctuary's seats. I'd like to express my gratitude for the cushions having been used a long time. Let us pray for all brothers and sisters all over the world.

Monthly Meeting and New Year's Party

January 9 (Mon) 10:00 a.m.

Lecture by Bishop Hamada

Fun Activity and lunch

*February Monthly Meeting is canceled.

Women's Musical Instruments Practice

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

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

January 14 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

*January Mission HQ Grand service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo-A Group. Mahalo!

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mochi Pounding in JCCH Ohana Fes.

January 8 (Sun)

Moiliili Park

We will be pounding three batches at 10:30am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm.

Monthly Meeting

January 15 (Sun)

Raibow Hale 1:00 p.m.

BGA New Year's Picnic Setup

January 29 (Sun) 8:00 a.m.

Moiliili Stadium Park



YMA members joined the Year-end Cleanup at MHQ.

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

UNICEF

Sorry for this late announcement but the total collections amounted to \$1,002.00. Thank you to all of you for your sincere contributions and bringing increased awareness to the community.

BGA LEADERSHIP CAMP AND NEW YEAR PARK CLEANUP & BBQ PICNIC

Our annual leadership camp and New Year park cleanup and BBQ picnic is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 through Sunday, January 29, 2012 with the park cleanup & BBQ picnic on Sunday. Please mark your calendars!

SPRING CAMP AND GENERAL MEETING

March 24 (Sat) – 26 (Mon)

3/26 is Prince Kuhio Day

Mission HQ Announcements

Report for the Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund

In response to the Great East Japan Earthquake, the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii has collected a total of \$42,636 in donation for the relief fund. We sent all the donations to “Tenrikyo Fund to Support Affected Dioceses and Disaster Relief Hinokishin Corps.” Thank you for all your great cooperation.

Year-end Cleanup at Mission Headquarters

The annual general cleaning conducted on Dec. 26th after the Yohaishiki (Service from afar). After the evening service, the insides of the shrines were cleaned. Thank you for joining the cleaning Hinokishin.



The Hungry Reporter

I studied in Tenri right after I graduated from high school. Although I grew up with my grandmother who was an Issei (a first generation Japanese) I was surprised to find out how much I had been unaware of the Japanese culture until I actually lived in Japan. One thing I recall was during New Years. I didn't know that the women of the household would spend days prior to New Years Day to prepare the Osechi Ryori (New Year's delicacies) and for 3 days after that, no cooking was done. Well not knowing

this, I ate my entire 3 days worth of Osechi Ryori in one sitting. I was supposed to pick at it I was told. Being a hungry 18 year old who was conditioned to not waste a morsel of what I was served, you can imagine the predicament I put myself in! I can laugh at this now but it was my very first experience with culture shock. This month I would like to share a shockingly delicious Namasu recipe. Brings back memories for me. I hope you enjoy it!

New Year's Namasu

Ingredients

1 lb Daikon Radish, cut into about 2 inch long thin strips

1/4 lb Carrot, cut into about 2 inch long thin strips

3/4 Cup Dashi Soup Stock 1/3 Cup Vinegar 3 Tbsp Sugar 1 Tbsp Sake

Directions

1. Put a pinch of salt over the carrot and daikon and leave for about 20 minutes.
2. Rinse them and squeeze to remove excess water. Put daikon and carrot strips in a large bowl.
3. Put dashi, vinegar, sugar, and sake in a sauce pan and bring to a boil.
4. Pour the vinegar mixture over carrot and daikon strips and mix well.
5. Marinate overnight.



January Calendar 2012

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.
		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 (Through Feb. 3)		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	

February Calendar 2012

6 th	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00a.m.
		WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
7 th	Tue	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
8 th	Wed	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
		Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
11 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
13 th	Mon	TCC Committee Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
14 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Missionary & Nurturing Comm. Mtg	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Wed	BOD Prep. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
16 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
18 th	Sat	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
19 th	Sun	February Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.

Abbreviation key:

BGA = Boy's & Girl's Association

WA = Women's Association

TCC = Tenri Cultural Center

YMA = Young Men's Association

YWC = Young Women's Club

BOD = Board of Directors

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JANUARY GRAND SERVICE

Sunday, January 15, 2012

9:00 a.m.

Sermon by Bishop Michihito Hamada

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