

# Origins

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## **Sunday School**

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawai`i

## 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 January 26, Tenrikyo 175**

The Home of the Parent, in its cold state from the beginning of this week, just got colder today. Many followers, bearing the cold, yearned for and returned to the Jiba. Along with those followers, recalling the hardships of Oyasama, we all prayed single-heartedly and spiritedly at the Spring Grand Service of the 175th year of Tenrikyo, with the Shinbashira as the core.

The Shinbashira promised in his prayer to pursue the Truth of the origin, to realize the origin of the founding of the Teaching, and to strive to understand the meaning of the service at all times. In addition he promised to put the ever living Oyasama's heart at ease by saving others with the service and sazuke, pressing forward on the path of single hearted salvation. The Shinbashira prayed for us to sweep away the wrong human thinking and to spread the Everlasting Truth to the suffering people in this unstable world and to lead us toward the Joyous World.

Following the Service, the Shinbashira gave his sermon.

The Shinbashira first recalled the days before Oyasama hid her physical presence in order for us to rethink and understand the intention of God the Parent. In addition, the Shinbashira would like for us, from the beginning of tomorrow, to put the intention of God into our lives. He further explained the process of how the Songs of the service were completed, while reciting parts of the Ofudesaki.

In preparation for the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, the Shinbashira talked about the 10th chapter of "The Life of Oyasama the Foundress of Tenrikyo" titled, "The Portals Opened." In order for us to prepare for the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, we should take hints of what the followers did before Oyasama hid her physical presence, which was realizing the importance in leaning on God and having a Single Heartedness with God while doing the service. Lastly the Shinbashira asks of us followers to think deeply about last year's catastrophic disasters and to accept the will of God the Parent in regards to the deep regret and anger. And we should always focus our minds in saving others towards world salvation.

(For the complete sermon, please refer to "TENRIKYO" published by Tenrikyo Overseas Department.)

In addition, for today's Spring Grand Service, there were 70 people returning from Korea, 30 people from Taiwan as well as the 150 total people returning from the U.S., Brazil

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## *January Grand 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, You have nurtured and guided us over many long years since You created humankind out of Your desire to see human beings live the Joyous Life. Coinciding with the arrival of the Promised Time, You accepted Oyasama as Your living shrine and revealed the truth of the creation in detail, taught the service, showed us free and unlimited blessings, and guided us toward the path of the Joyous Life. Your affection and boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. We are forever grateful for these blessings and we express our gratitude day and night as we spiritedly apply our effort toward the path of single-heartedness with God. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the January Grand Service at this mission headquarters. The 26th of this month signifies the original day when Oyasama, out of Her desire to save all people of the world even a day sooner, shortened Her 115 years of life by 25 years to step out and level the ground. We express our deep appreciation, as the service performers 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, toward the realization of the Joyous World, we vow to strive evermore toward spiritual maturity and wish that by seeing this, You can be spirited as well.*

*We Yoboku are striving to follow the path of the Divine Model and advance on the path of single-hearted salvation by diligently doing the Service and Sazuke. We humbly ask You, God the Parent, to accept our sincere request with Your unchanging parental heart to use us as instruments in world salvation. As we are all brothers and sisters who help one another, we will earnestly aim towards the realization of mutual help amongst everyone throughout the world. Please foster our minds and hearts with gratitude, modesty and the spirit for mutual help, and please guide us in eventually constructing a world of a harmonious union of God and humankind, the desire of God the Parent. Together with the congregation, I pray for these blessings.*



## *Mission HQ January Grand Service Sermon*

**Rev. Michihito Hamada**

**Bishop of Mission Headquarters of Hawaii**



### **Sweep Away Our Dust and Live the Joyous Life**

At this time, I would like to acknowledge your daily dedication toward single-hearted salvation in your perspective roles. I am sure both God the Parent and Oyasama are feeling much joy that we just completed the January Spring grand service, which was spiritedly performed. Thank you very much. The grand service that was performed today is the result of God the Parent's change in plan for the advancement toward world salvation. As this will be the topic of my talk today, I would like to ask for a moment of your attention.

As it is written in the Ofudesaki,

**Whatever Tsukihi has once said will  
never become false through all time.  
VIII: 70**

There will absolutely never be changes in words from God the Parent. However, coinciding with the advancement toward world salvation, changes occurred two times. One change was, that although it was stated that the natural term of life of Oyasama would be 115 years, She withdrew from physical life at the age of 90. And the other was, that a portion of the Songs for the Service, which, was previously taught, was changed. As human beings, even though we voice our decisions as final, it is not uncommon for us to implement changes frequently. However, there surely must be a tremendous significance in any change of plans made by God the Parent.

The shortening of Oyasama's term of life by 25 years and the revision of the Songs for the Service derived from the same incident. Which were the circumstances surrounding the confiscation of the Kanrodai. The Songs for the Service was completed prior to that incident, and I would like to share the sequent of events that led up to the confiscation.

The Songs for the Service was taught from the time Oyasama was 69 years old. The first part that was taught was,

**Ashiki o harote tasuke tamae  
Tenri-O-no-Mikoto**

However, the original song was,

**Ashiki harai tasuke tamae  
Tenri-O-no-Mikoto**

This song is still used today when administering the Sazuke.

The next to be composed was the twelve songs for the service dance. Following that was the second part of the seated service, ‘Choto Hanashi’, the 8 verses of ‘Yorozuyo’ and finally the third part of the seated service,

**Ashiki o harote tasuke sekikomu  
Ichiretsu sumashite Kanrodai**

However, originally this song was written as,

**Ashiki harai tasuke tamae  
Ichiretsu sumasu Kanrodai**

When this part was written, it had been 10 years since the Songs for the Service was first taught. When the third part of the seated service was taught, the identification of the Jiba was conducted and the place of origin for the creation of humankind was revealed. Thereafter, the stone construction that would mark the Jiba began, and after the second level was placed, the

stonemason suddenly disappeared leaving the construction at a standstill. The situation that proceeded in the following year was the confiscation of the stones by the authorities. God the Parent relayed the deep regret felt for this situation in following the Ofudesaki.

**Despite this, it was taken away by My  
children who knew nothing. Behold  
My regret! XVII: 38**

As a result, the Songs for the Service were revised. The first part,

**Ashiki harai tasuke tamae  
Tenri-O-no-Mikoto**

Was changed to,

**Ashiki o harote tasuke tamae  
Tenri-O-no-Mikoto**

And the third part,

**Ashiki harai tasuke tamae  
Ichiretsu sumasu Kanrodai**

Was changed to,

**Ashiki o harote tasuke sekikomu  
Ichiretsu sumashite Kanrodai**

The sacred songs changed because God the Parent’s objective had changed. Prior to the confiscation of the Kanrodai, God’s desire

was to first build the Kanrodai, then by the blessing received based on the minds of the people, the hearts of all humankind would then be purified. The songs were revised to say that, the stone Kanrodai would be constructed upon the purification of the hearts of all humankind.

Although the direct decision for this rearrangement was due to the persecution received by the authorities through the confiscation of the Kanrodai, the basic reason was because the people could not completely purify their minds. Because of this, the revision of the original part of the songs from ‘Ashiki harai’ to ‘Ashiki harote’, from ‘Tasuke tamae’ to ‘Tasuke sekikomu’, and from ‘Ichiretsu sumasu’ to ‘Ichiretsu sumashite’ was an urgent demand for not only the people around Oyasama, but for all people of the world to purify their minds. The regret due to the confiscation of the Kanrodai was further expressed in the Ofudesaki.

**Listen carefully! There is no knowing what kinds of returns will be given hereafter. XVII: 39**

In this way, prior notice of ‘returns’ was given. The term, ‘return’ is commonly viewed by humankind as a form of ‘retaliation. However, they were words given out of the parental love for humankind by God the Parent, so its meaning is not one derived from self-centered human thoughts. Also, the timing of when the ‘return’ would

happen was revealed in the following verse.

**When do you think this day will come? When the twenty-sixth day has come. XVII: 46**

The ‘return’ that would appear at the arrival of the 26th day was, January 26, 1887. In other words, the day that Oyasama hid Her physical presence to travel the world in spirit form to bring to the fore, the good and bad within the hearts of all people and work toward the cleansing of the minds throughout the world. It was the dust within our minds that caused God the Parent to make changes in the plan for world salvation.

**This path does not discriminate between those within and the others. It is to sweep the heart of everyone in the world. XV: 47**

As written in this verse, because much dust has accumulated, it is difficult to understand the desire of God the Parent. If one does not understand the heart, it is difficult to receive blessings without aligning oneself with God’s desire. This is something we all are mutually aware of.

However, how is a mind full of dust being used? Although it seems that we should know how a mind of dust is being used, unexpectedly we may not know. Presently, in the effort to educate us in the basic principles of the teachings, the

entire religion is applying effort toward learning God the Parent's ten aspects of the complete providence and about the eight kinds of dust. At this mission headquarters, we are conducting the reading of it during the evening services. God the Parent created humankind out of the desire to see us live the joyous life, so everyone has the capability to live it. However, people tend to waver and allow themselves to worry, and due to illnesses and troubles I am sure there are many who are unable to free themselves from what binds them to suffering. I am certain that it is due to the fact that they are caught up in their own personal thinking. If your mind is in alignment with that of God the Parent, I am certain there would be no suffering from illnesses or troubles. Also, some may have the intention to align themselves with God and actually be very far from it.

There is a story in the Anecdotes of Oyasama #31 called The Measure of Heaven.

One day Oyasama said to Izo Iburi: "Izo, will you cut down a tree in the mountains and make a straight post from it?" Izo did so. Afterward, Oyasama said: "Izo, try to place a ruler against the post," and She continued: "Isn't there a gap between the two?" When Izo placed the ruler against the post there was in fact a gap. So he replied, "There is a little gap." Oyasama taught through this anecdote that even the things that are considered to be straight by all the people of the world, it is actually warped

when placed against the measure of heaven.

The measure of heaven is considered the truth of heaven, namely, the heart and desire of God the Parent. Even if we feel we are not mistaken in our thinking, when we compare it to the heart of God the Parent, everyone can be made aware of the deviation. The mind of God the Parent will never change, so it is considered the measure for eternity.

The joyous life is a daily way of living, and it is through the teaching of the eight mental dust that we are specifically taught in detail the way to use our minds, which urges us to live the joyous life daily. If we take special care to not accumulate this dust, we can live our lives joyously. However, when reading these eight specific usages of mind, we can become astonished at how much we are utilizing the mind of dust daily. Whenever I read the eight mental dust, I always remember the bitter memories of my experiences in Congo, Africa. I shared this talk with you previously, however I would like to share them again as a reflection of the severe lesson I learned.

The 100th Anniversary of Oyasama had ended, and I left for Congo together with my family. The head minister of the church there was a native Congolese named Nsonga Alphonse. I was sent to be in charge of the mission center, which was built within the same premises of the church. The function of the mission center was to communicate the objectives of Church

Headquarters, along with supporting the advancement of missionary activities. However, with each occurrence, Nsonga always voiced that there was no need for two people to be in charge. He always forced and questioned, “Who is on top, you or me?” For Nsonga who wanted things done his way, it seemed that my existence was a hindrance to him. Not only with the activities of the church, we even clashed entirely with matters regarding our daily living circumstances. We were faced with having a head minister who was unable to suppress his anger; I even experienced being at gunpoint by members of the head minister’s family.

When I returned home upon having served for 3 years, an incident regarding my passport occurred. Because Nsonga was considered the responsible party for the church in Congo, I was required to have an active visa when I left the country. Nsonga was responsible for the acquisition of my visa. The person responsible for the mission center before me had his passport go missing and was forced into being stranded from travel. Just as I was wondering if that would happen to me, as expected, I was faced with the same situation. Finally after all the confusion, everyone’s passport was returned and somehow we were able to return home.

Upon my return to Jiba, I soon began to experience a pain I had never experienced before on the lower part of my buttocks. The pain was so intense that I couldn’t

even sit or stand. I felt that perhaps this was a message regarding Nsonga, so I expressed my heartfelt apologies to God the Parent and Oyasama for my anger and conflict with Nsonga. After doing this, the pain subsided that very day. I understood immediately that it evidently was a message from God the Parent.

Furthermore, two weeks after this, as I was reading the newspaper, I noticed there was an article about an airplane accident. The plane that had crashed was the same flight from Congo to France that we were scheduled to fly on and the cause of the crash was due to a bomb attack by terrorists. We were scheduled to return home during a peak vacation season and experienced difficulties in securing reservations. We were finally able to book reservations on the flight that crashed. However, we were blessed that a special flight was made available, and we were able to escape the disaster by transferring on to that special flight. If not for that special flight, we would have boarded the flight we originally had reservations with, and myself, my family and the other seinen that boarded with us would have been reduced to mere ashes in Africa.

I was allowed the realization that I am indeed, not in alignment with the heart of God when harboring anger. We are taught through the explanation of ‘Anger’, that ‘Short temper and irritability reduces one’s virtue, and it is possible that we can harm our lives’. This sinks deeply within my

mind, and I realize that indeed this is true. In regards to 'Anger', it is important to not only prevent oneself from becoming angry, but it is equally important that we not be the cause of anger as well.

This is about another unpleasant experience I had. I was having dinner at a restaurant after returning from Africa, and I had run into an elder graduate who had supported me during college. I asked what department he was working at, he promptly replied. I inadvertently commented, "Are you still there?" and he replied, "What do you mean by, still?" His mood changed and I ended up receiving a lecture. That one word, "still" became the cause of his agitation, and I admit to my negligence in the usage of words. We are taught, that we must not belch out spiteful words, speak in a rigid manner, or make sharp remarks. We must be extremely careful with our usage of words.

There is an experiment that was conducted by Dr. Elmer Gates PhD of Harvard University. Samples of breath taken from a person feeling joy, a person feeling sadness and a person feeling anger, respectively were refrigerated. The experiment was to look at the color of the sediments that were produced from those samples. What was found was that the sediment produced when pain or sorrow is felt was gray, and when extreme anger was felt, it produced chestnut brown sediment. When they took that chestnut brown sediment and injected it into a mouse, within a few minutes the mouse

died. Furthermore, they realized that one second of continued anger could produce enough poison within the body to kill 80 people. I'm sure everyone has experienced that becoming angry makes us feel bad. That is because toxin is produced within the blood. The term "a sickening knotting of the stomach" is an expression of an intense experience of anger. When an x-ray of the intestines of a person experiencing violent anger is taken, they say you can see the stomach moving intensely and the intestines squirms about like a snake. However, it's a wonder that when one can admit they are wrong, anger cannot be felt. Anger is experienced when one is feeling, "I am not wrong. It's the other person that is mistaken." When you really think about it, when in a state of denial of being wrong, there is a willful feeling anger present and poison is produced within the bloodstream.

It is said that when there is an increase in good people, society becomes bad, and when there is an increase in bad people, society becomes better. It's supposed to be that when there is an increase in good people, society becomes good, but why is it that it becomes bad instead? That is because of the tendency to feel, "I am right, and the other person is wrong." The more people feel this way; there can be an increased amount of quarrels and conflict. However, when there are more of saying, "I am wrong," there will be an increase of the other side saying, "Oh not at all, I am at fault," thus quarrels and conflict have no

room to thrive. It is said that a mind of dust are the result of two minds that are unable to keep the peace with each other. Leaving dust as it is will allow it to cling and become further ingrained. That is what links to bad causation (innen).

We are taught that all human beings have the ability to live the joyous life, which is called the casualty of origin. In regards to what is accumulated due to the use of the mind of an individual, is considered the causation of that individual. Where there is good causation there is also bad causation. When good causation appears, anyone can naturally feel joy. However, when bad causation appears, the tendency is to consider it their destiny and while questioning why they are being cursed, the result is a desire to resent God. However, as causation is considered the path of the mind, it is after all, the result of how we have used our minds. Causation appears over a long period of time. If we can understand this, we can finally begin to rid ourselves entirely of causation. However, this is not possible for those who do not believe in previous lives. Our human souls have a long historical past of 900 thousand years. It is not easy to understand what kinds of things are etched in the record of time.

I have no recollection of what my parent's faces looked like between the time I was born until I became 10 years old. My father was the head minister of Shigeto Grand Church, which was located in the

mountains of the Kochi prefecture. My parents believed that serving at Jiba was most important so they resided mostly in Jiba. That is why, there were many other live-in families and members, however because we lived only with our brothers and sisters. I felt extremely lonely. It has been 10 years since I was instructed to take this position in Hawaii. I left my children in Jiba, and just as it was 60 years ago when my parents left us to go to Jiba, I am experiencing this from the opposite perspective and we as husband and wife left our children to come Hawaii. We in turn have caused our children to feel lonely. We often hear that, 'If it is causality, one must go through it and work out one's causality.' If there is causality, it will not do to avoid it. If one tries to free themselves from causality, even though it may appear as though they have freed themselves from the affects of causality, it will surely continue to follow. There surely will come a time when they will have to go through it. If that is the fact, then rather than going through it reluctantly, why not embrace it with joy? If that is the way to rid oneself of causality, why shouldn't we? While we were away, one of our daughters got married and a second daughter is soon to be married as well. As long as we are dedicating ourselves to serving God the Parent, there is nothing to worry about.

**Second, Against any hardship I will protect you; So lean closely on the mind of God!**  
**Songs for the Service, Song Nine**

And again,

**Day after day, the concern of the Parent is only about the means to save you. XIV: 35**

God the Parent and Oyasama are always protecting us and thinking about us even more than we worry about our own selves. What a grateful thing this is. It is said that every seed sown here will sprout, the only way is for us to take care of it. As we are taught, 'joyous acceptance is the repentance for the causality from one's previous life', we must not turn our backs to what has appeared as the result of our causality. It is important that we assume an attitude that will allow us to face our causality.

Beginning with illnesses, the difficulties of human relations, war, natural disasters, and the evil or crime that appear within society, all begins from the smallest form of dust. Even if we say we don't care, it will not do to overlook them. We must apply effort from within ourselves to not allow dust to accumulate. However, we alone cannot do away with dust that has already accumulated. It is God the Parent that will sweep it away for us, and the only means is

for us to apply effort in aligning our minds with the intentions of God the Parent. No matter how you look at it, the only way is to do the service. It will not do to just visit our church, we must do the service and the hand movements. Also, it is God the Parent's wish that we all get along and live in harmony. So, if any family members or nearby acquaintances are ill, it is important that we not hesitate and perform the Sazuke on them. We are given the grant to perform the Sazuke for the sake of saving each other, we must make effort to utilize it more and more. If there are those who are troubled with problems, let's pray that they will be able to manage them.

From the time Oyasama shortened Her natural term of life, Her hope has always been for us to help one another. If we, human beings can purify our minds and become cheerfully spirited, God the Parent will become spirited as well. The Joyous Life will be realized if we can sweep the dust from our minds and become spirited. Even if they are small advancements, let us together strive to take firm and strong steps one by one, in a unified effort toward the joyous life for all people of the world.

I thank you for your kind attention.

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and Nepal. The Service Prayer as well as the sermon was translated into five respective languages: English, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, Portuguese and Nepalese.

Yoichiro Miyamori  
Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department

# ISLAND LIFE

## ***New Year's Mochi Pounding in Ohana Festival!***

On January 8, 2012, the Tenrikyo Mochi Pounding Team participated in the annual Japanese Cultural Center's Ohana Day New Year's celebration held at the Japanese Cultural Center and Moiliili Field. The day's festivities included three mochi pounding sessions with each session consisting of two batches of mochi. As is the case every year, crowds gathered to observe and participate in the mochi pounding. Kids and adults alike tried their hand at pounding, and of course, smiles of satisfaction spread across their faces when they received their pieces of good luck mochi for the year. A special mahalo and aloha to all those who helped out that day!



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## ***Women's Association New Year's Party***



On January 9, the Women's Association held the new year's party in social hall of Mission HQ with 31 members participated. After Bishop Hamada gave a short speech, participants spent a joyful time to play fun games and have a bento lunch.

# ***The Sunday School is Back!***

## ***Reflection by Hironori Yamamoto, Sunday School Coordinator***

Boy's and Girl's Association restarted Sunday School on the day of the January Grand Service of Mission HQ, January 15th. Every month's Sunday School activity is, "making crafts," which will be an opportunity to speak to the children about the teachings while they have fun.

There were 18 children and 15 young adults who attended. After the seated service and Yorozuyo, they went to Rainbow Hale to start their program. This month's theme is, "Boy's and Girl's Association Pledge and Three Promises." The members were also taught the meanings and examples of "Hinokishin" and "Mutual Help." There were also questions asked by the members. For their crafts, the BGA members made a wreath with the "Three Promises" and "New Year's resolution." The late Yoshi Inouye, the wife of the first head minister of Hawaii Central Church, gave to the BGA, paper cranes, paper butterflies, and small boxes which were put on to the member's wreaths.

The four purposes of the Sunday School is to nurture children, to construct a human resources system, to have the YMA and YWC become a strong part of Sunday School for the 60th Anniversary of Mission Headquarters, and to create good relations within the Sunday School staff. I would like to create fun and exciting Tenrikyo themed activities with the staff including each month's theme. Through the Sunday School, I would like for the children to touch on the teachings and to have more BGA members attend more activities. I then wish for the BGA members to move on to Tenrikyo Student Association, Oyasato Seminar, and then to Young Men's Association or Young Women's Club.

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

**Kids and adults were working together on making New Year's wreath.**



# ***Hawaii Boy's and Girl's Association Leadership Camp and Annual New Year Park Cleanup and Barbecue Picnic Held at Stadium Park!***

The leadership camp and park cleanup was blessed with eight participants including five girls and three boys of which two were first timers. The mixture of experienced and beginner participants enhanced the camp for all involved. The experienced campers practiced their skills by helping out the first timers and newer leaders.

We would like to thank leadership workshop conductors Ms. Jennifer Kakitani (communication skills) and Mr. David Inouye (teamwork & general leadership skills) for conducting their respective workshops. The workshops provided opportunities for leaders to develop their skills as well as fine tune some skills. With different workshop conductors from previous camps, the leaders were exposed to different styles and different outlooks. Thank you Jennifer and David!

Also special thanks to Lt. Matthew Matsuoka for inviting us for a tour of the Barbers Point Coast Guard station in which camp participants got to see actual rescue equipment such as helicopters and planes first hand and up close. They also saw a video of rescue operations. Lt. Matsuoka, a helicopter pilot, said that Tenrikyo played a big role in his life especially in joining the Coast Guard, where he could literally “save people”.

The Moiliili Stadium Park Cleanup and BBQ picnic went without a hitch with an estimated 70 participants. There were some new faces among the participants and as always, it's so encouraging to see small toddlers working so hard to clean the park. A lot of trash littered the park and you could tell what a big difference we made in beautifying the park. It was also a good time to reconnect with members of other affiliations.



# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The New Year's message from Bishop for the Women's Association was, "Let us be the bad person." He didn't talk about people having an evil mind or to do bad things, but meant that we should be a person who can take responsibility without blaming others when something bad happens. Nowadays more and more people are blaming and putting the responsibility on others, however let us become a person having a sense of responsibility and grow spiritually.

#### **Nuuanu Hale Visitation**

February 11 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

\*February Monthly Meeting and Women's Musical Instruments Practice are canceled.

\*We ask the churches who have Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School Meal Preparation Hinokishin for their cooperation and support.

\*February Mission HQ Monthly service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Shuto Group. Mahalo!

### YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

#### **Monthly Meeting**

February 19 (Sun)

Raibow Hale 1:00 p.m.

#### **Tree Cutting Hinokishin**

February 25 (Sat) 9:00 a.m.

Hawaii Kai Mission Station

Ad: 7152 Niumalu Loop

### YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Hello Everyone! I'm Jennifer Kakitani, and I will be taking over Cheryl Horikawa's position as the president of the YWC. I ask everyone for their support in the various YWC activities in 2012.

#### **Kokan Seminar at Mission HQ**

February 18 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

Participation Fee: \$5

#### **TCC Cleanup Hinokishin**

February 20 (Mon) 9:00am - 11:00am

For more information please feel free to contact me at [jenkakitani@gmail.com](mailto:jenkakitani@gmail.com) or 808-230-5562

# BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

## **BGA LEADERSHIP CAMP AND NEW YEAR PARK CLEANUP & BBQ PICNIC**

Thank you to you all for your support at our annual leadership camp and New Year park cleanup and BBQ picnic held on Saturday, January 28 through Sunday, January 29, 2012 with the park cleanup & BBQ picnic on Sunday.

## **TCC CLEANUP HINOKISHIN**

The semi-annual Tenri Cultural Center cleanup will be held on Monday, President's Day, February 20, 2012 from 9am – 11am. Please join us in keeping TCC beautiful and prepare for the Spring Camp!

## **SPRING CAMP AND GENERAL MEETING**

March 24 (Sat) – 26 (Mon) 3/26 is Prince Kuhio Day

Applications available at MHQ office or email Rev. Owen Nakao at: onakao@tenrikyopearl.org.

## *In memory of Yoshi Inouye the wife of the late head minister of Hawaii Central Church*

Mrs. Yoshi Inouye, the wife of the late Rev. Gordon Kakuji Inouye head minister of Hawaii Central Church, passed away for rebirth on December 22, 2011 at the age of 91 years old. The funeral services were held on Jan. 14th at Hosoi Mortuary. Rev. Hiroaki Kashiwagi of Higashi Chuo Grand Church served as the chief officiant.

Yoshi Inouye was born and raised in Japan. After giving birth to the fourth child (Lisa Miyoko Inouye) Yoshi and Rev. Gordon Kakuji Inouye were given the opportunity to do missionary work here in Hawaii. In 1957 Hawaii Central Tenrikyo Church was established. Between raising 9 children and working 2-3 jobs a week she unselfishly and diligently devoted her spare time to Hawaii Central Church and Dendocho. She was very active with the Tenrikyo Women's Association and supported many other Association activities. She is survived by 9 children, 18 grandchildren, and 9 great grand children.





# The Hungry Reporter

When you think of the color red, what's the first thing that comes to mind? Fire, spark, passion? I wouldn't say no to any of those. It encompasses everything that relates to that emotion we know as love. No wonder it is the chosen color for Valentine's day. The focus is red and so is the recipe I am sharing this month. My first encounter was a huge slice of it at 12th Avenue Grill some years ago, and I haven't forgotten the details of those first bites yet. It passes the taste test with flying colors and yes, it definitely is red. I

hope this red velvet cake recipe provokes enough fire in you to spark some passion. I know, you will enjoy...

## Red Velvet Cake & Butter Cream Frosting

### Ingredients-Velvet Cake

1 Cup Butter (2 blocks) 1 1/2 Cups Sugar 3 Eggs 1 tsp Vanilla 2 Tbsp Cocoa 1 Cup Buttermilk  
2 1/2 Cups Cake Flour 1 1/2 tsp Baking Soda 1 1/2 tsp Vinegar 2 tsp Red Food Coloring

### Directions

Beat butter & sugar until light & fluffy. Add eggs, one at a time and beat well after each egg. Add vanilla & beat. Sift dry ingredients together. Mix buttermilk, vinegar & coloring. Add dry ingredients & buttermilk mixture alternately to butter mixture, beginning & ending with flour. Bake in greased 9X13 inch pan at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Cool. Frost with butter-cream frosting.

### Ingredients-Butter Cream Frosting

1/3 Cup Butter 3 Cups Powdered Sugar, divided 1 Egg Yolk  
1 1/2 tsp Vanilla 2 Tbsp Evaporated Milk

### Directions

Beat butter & half of sugar, blending well. Add egg yolk & vanilla. Gradually blend in remaining sugar. Add enough milk to make it of spreading consistency.

Hint: Garnish with toasted coconuts, chopped nuts or cinnamon candy bits.



## February Calendar 2012

8 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
		Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	TCC & Library Joint Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Missionary & Nurturing Comm. Mtg	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Rev. Hinao Nagao Arrives in Hawaii (through Feb. 22)		
		BOD Prep. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	February 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.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	TCC Cleanup	TCC	
		Ritual Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	Mr. Motoki Miyake Returns to Japan		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Otefuri & Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
		Big Island Oyasama Birthday Event	Hilo Church	

## March Calendar 2012

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sat	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
		Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Library Joint Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.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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## ***FEBRUARY MONTHLY SERVICE***

*Sunday, February 19, 2012*

*9:00 a.m.*

*Sermon by Rev. Hinao Nagao*

*Chief of North America and Oceania Section*

*of Overseas Department*

*Japanese translation by Tsunenori Ichise*