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**The 80th Anniversary of the Launch of
All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day**
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

April 26, Tenrikyo 175

Thank you for sowing the seeds of sincerity in your various positions around the world. These past few days of warm weather in the Home of the Parent seem as if the early summer has begun, but today from early morning, the weather was cloudy with a few drizzles and the April Monthly Service was performed joyously.

In the Shinbashira's prayer, he prays for us to walk on the path of the "Divine Model" with determination and the understanding of "From knots, buds sprout," we realize that the things that are happening currently in our lives is God the Parent's "hastening" of us to become spiritually awoken. Further, the Shinbashira mentioned that this year is the 80th Anniversary of the All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day and encouraged all Tenrikyo members to engage in hinokishin spiritedly with gratitude for being kept alive by the Ten Providences of God the Parent. Lastly, the Shinbashira prays that the Joyous Life World will become a reality even a day sooner, where the dust of everyone's hearts be swept away as we may enjoy and help one another.

The sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Yoshiharu Nakayama.

Rev. Nakayama talked about the gratitude of having a church and what the church ought to be. He talked about the gratitude of the bond that is created within the church and that the bond is connected to the everlasting truth of the Church. Further, by quoting the former Shinbashira's words, he talked about everlasting things. The everlasting thing that we should protect is the spirit of determined hearts to serve God that our predecessors had who built the very first churches. He concluded his sermon by talking about what we should be doing people who live in a church.

This month, many followers returned to the Home of the Parent. Today's service prayer and sermon were interpreted into 5 languages respectfully, English, Mandarin, Korean, Portuguese, and Thai. Currently, the Spiritual Development Course is being held with an English class (11 participants), Chinese class (20 participants), and the Spanish class (19 participants). They are able to experience spiritual guidance and growth within the bosom of Oyasama. In addition, a Thai class (9 participants) will begin in May. Furthermore, Head Ministers Qualification Course will be held with the Korean class (9 participants), Chinese class (11 participants), and the Portuguese class (8 participants), which will all begin tomorrow on the 27th.

As it was mentioned in the service prayer, the All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day will be held on April 29th. Although overseas countries have certain exceptions pertaining to different dates and times, let us keep the intention of the Shinbashira in mind, and let each one of us engage fully in hinokishin on our designated days. In closing, the Monthly Service to officially install the 7th head minister of New York Center Rev. Michael Yuge will be held on May 6th.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department



April Monthly Service Prayer

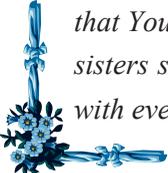


Before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, residing in this shrine, I, (Michihito Hamada, bishop of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii) pray with reverence.

God the Parent, out of Your deep parental love for all Your children, You revealed Yourself to the world with Oyasama as Your living shrine. As You taught us the truth of all things, You revealed to us the miraculous, free and unlimited workings, as You advance to allow us the blessing of world salvation. For this we are deeply grateful, and these boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. As we focus our effort in repayment for the blessings we receive, we are striving diligently toward single-hearted salvation. This is the month that Oyasama was born into this world 214 years ago so it is with joy and celebration in our hearts, that we will perform the April 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, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

On the 10th, in celebration of the birthday of the ever-living Oyasama, the Women's Association united their hearts and conducted the Women's Instruments Offertory Performance. From the 28th of April through the end of May, the All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day will be held at various locations in Hawaii. This year marks the 80th year since the launching of this event so it is my hope that many people will attend, enthusiastically engaging in hinokishin, as we show our gratitude for the daily blessings which we receive for our healthy bodies. When we consider the spirited attitude demonstrated by Oyasama, despite the 50 long years of hardship endured, we cannot help but desire to strive head-on in our quest toward the Divine Model as instruments of Oyasama, in hope to align our effort with the boundless blessings we receive.

May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity and may all people of the world let go of their self-centered thinking that all is well if the present is well for oneself alone, and be embraced by the bosom of God the Parent, so that they may be awoken to the truth that they are kept alive by the workings of the Ten Divine Providences. We ask that You guide us toward the Joyous Life, even a day sooner, where we as brothers and sisters strive to attain harmony by helping one another, even a day sooner. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.



Mission HQ April Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Eric Takata

Head Minister of McCully Church



Guidepost

Good morning, I would like to thank everyone for your presence here today, and in performing this month's service very joyously. I know that God the Parent and Oyasama, have seen our sincere hearts united in performing this month's service, and are very pleased. Today, I was asked by Bishop Hamada to give this month's sermon.

My name is Eric Takata, reverend of Tenrikyo McCully Church. Before I start, I would like to thank Reverend Mokoto Iwata, for giving her time and effort in translating this sermon. Thank you very much. And now, may I have your kind attention for a while, thank you.

Presently, we are in the early stages of

the "Three years, a thousand days" of the 60th Anniversary of the establishment of Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters, of Hawaii. Today, from the book, "GUIDEPOSTS" by Zenye Nakayama, from one part, of this book entitled. It is entitled "THE PARENTAL LOVE CONTAINED IN THE WORDS 'THREE YEARS, A THOUSAND DAYS'." "God Warns Followers for Their Mental Inertia" It starts with the 3rd Shinbashira's words,

We often speak of "three years, a thousand days," or of a spirited drive for three years, a thousand days. Three years before the Fifth Anniversary of Oyasama, God taught the words, "three years, a thousand days."

In the, Timely Directions spoken on November 7, 1889, are the following words of God the Parent:

"I speak of nothing difficult. I do not tell you to do anything difficult or do something without a model to follow. There is the path of the hinagata for everything. It will not do to say that you cannot follow the path of the hinagata.

Daily, I go before you and provide for you. You worry about things thirty days ahead. You do not understand that I have already provided for you for fifty days ahead. It will not do, not to understand this. It will not do that you cannot follow the path of the hinagata. If I tell you that you must follow a path, it would be true that you would be able to comply. The paths of man are many and unknown. The paths of man are a thousand, the path of God is one. The paths of man are a thousand but with the path of God, I do not tell you to do anything in which the results are unknown. It will not do to be unable to follow the path of the hinagata. It will be disturbing to everyone if a path that is filled with worry begins to appear. You must have wondered what I meant when I told you, 'when a day or two have passed.' The path that I make for you is so clear, it is the same as seeing it. If you do not follow the path of the hinagata, there is no need for a hinagata. It will not do to change the hinagata. You must understand this well. If you conduct matters so everyone around you understands and respects you, then it will be good. In the first ten years of the path, whatever I taught, however sincerely I taught, they said, 'That is not true. What are you saying?' They were not from distant places. They were from here and there nearby, but even they did not understand. Ten years passed. Twenty years passed. I went through a

path that I cannot speak about, cannot write about. But it was not a thousand years or two thousand years. Just fifty years. You might not be able to take the path, if I tell you to follow twenty years or ten. Just three of the ten years. It will be good if you follow the path for just three days. I tell you to follow the path for one thousand days. A thousand days of the path is difficult. But there is no path but the path of the hinagata. You will not succeed, no matter how anxious you are, or how you hurry. There is no path but the hinagata."

Doesn't one feel the parental love contained in those words warming the very depths of our hearts?

It is essential that we are mindful of following the hinagata, the divine model, not only during anniversary periods of Oyasama but at all times. It seems to me that God the Parent is guiding us at anniversary periods by encouragement, out of the inertia into which we are prone to fall. Not only does God teach us with great care, but does not demand that we follow the path of the hinagata for fifty years exactly as Oyasama lived it. God the Parent tells us that our virtue will be accepted as the same if we but follow the path with firm commitment for three years, a thousand days. How gracious and warm is the love of the Parent.

Further, toward the end of that passage in the Osashizu, God instructs, "A

narrow path is followed easily. A broad path is difficult to follow.”

When we consider that period of time when Tenrikyo was just coming onto a broad path in worldly terms by virtue of its official recognition, I can again appreciate the depth of God’s parental love expressed in those words. The words are an encouragement to us. In times of trials and difficulties, we seek the Parent and the teachings, bracing ourselves to continue onward despite the problems. But when the path has been too easy by the grace of God, we tend to fall victim to the human weakness of becoming lax in our commitment, even forgetting the foundation.

Today we are blessed with a path so broad and splendid that we cannot compare it to that of the Fifth Anniversary. I stated in Instruction No. 2, “We wish to follow the hinagata of Oyasama with bright hearts for the next three years, one thousand days, seeking after Her image and revering Her intimately while reading the will of God in all situations which present themselves.” The reason I stated this was to remind us of the necessity of driving for the Ninetieth Anniversary with this wish always in mind.

Having listened to the words of the Timely Direction of God the Parent and the 3rd Shinbashira, I hope this has given us more encouragement and more focus in

our minds, that every moment throughout the day we should be conscious of the importance in practicing what Oyasama has taught us about this Tenrikyo path. By doing the morning and evening service daily, we give thanks and appreciation for that which God has blessed us. And as we go out to face the world each day, we can spread the teachings by being a model like Oyasama, giving a helping hand or some kind words with a smile, in which to lift the spirit of others. I think the most important thing of all, in following the hinagata of Oyasama is being able to learn how to participate, in doing the “Joyous Service.”

From the Ofudesaki,

When all are assembled and quickly do the Service, as those close to Me become spirited, God, also, will be spirited. I: 11

Any salvation whatever is all through the Service. If only you do just as Tsukihi says... VII: 83

If your mind is sincere, Tsukihi will assuredly save you. VII: 84

As you can see, in performing the service and following Oyasama’s path, we will have constant blessings. So by keeping on the path, this will always make God the Parent and Oyasama very happy, seeing their children mature spiritually on the path of single-hearted salvation. With this teaching held firmly in our hearts, we can

spend our days doing what can bring joy to God the Parent working toward the maturity of our mind and then, in turn toward world salvation, and in this effort we can be joined in a unity of mind with many fellow travelers on the path in each country and district. I

hope by listening to God the Parent's words and the 3rd Shinbashira words, we can understand our commitment to the path. That concludes my sermon for today. I would like to thank everyone, for your attention. Thank you very much.

ISLAND LIFE

Women's Association Oyasama's Birthday Gathering

On April 10th from 7:00 p.m., the 52nd Annual Oyasama's Birthday Gathering was held at Mission Headquarters of Hawaii to celebrate her 214th birthday with 78 participants. They played the Koto, Shamisen and Kokyu from the Eight Verses of the Yorozuyo through Chapter 12 of the Mikagura-Uta, with six performers on each instrument and in four rotations. After the performance, the participants enjoyed the offered birthday cake and snacks.



BGA Oyasama's Birthday Activity Held



The annual BGA Oyasama birthday activity was blessed with bright and sunny weather with a few sprinkles of shower and was joyously held on the 3rd Sunday, April 15th, from 9:30am at Mission HQ. A record 70 people gathered with families and friends worshipping at church together. Celebrating Oyasama's 214th Birthday the program began with the prayer service. After the service a power point presentation of Oyasama's story was narrated by Marika Higa, 15, (Pearl Church/Tengen) and Kai Hirose, 12, (Gokusho/Nakano) in the social hall. Later in the parking lot just outside the social hall the children

enjoyed fun games conducted by the Young Men's Association after which the children sang the happy birthday song to Oyasama over a candle lit cake. All children blew out the candles and enjoyed pizza lunch, cake and ice cream! Happy Birthday Oyasama!



80th Anniversary of All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day

The Annual All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day was held in Hawaii at a total of three different locations on three islands so far. On the Island of Oahu, the Honolulu Zoo happily welcomed the annual Tenrikyo clean up crew of 160 people. On the Island of Maui, the Makawao Veteran's Cemetery was the center of hinokishin activity by 17 people. Hinokishin was also done on the Island of Kauai. Next month on the Islands of Hawaii, the Hinokishin Day will be observed at three locations in Hilo, Kona, and Kohala.

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of both the All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day as well as the Nioigake Day activities and 160 people strong came out to diligently do hinokishin on April 28th. The Makiki Cemetery hinokishin activity was started in 1961 and ended in 1985 after 24 years. From 1986, the hinokishin was changed to the Honolulu Zoo and this year marks the 26th year. Besides the usually raking and general cleaning, the Zoo requested six special tasks such as weeding around the new elephant display, cleaning around the new Honolulu Zoo sign on Kalakaua Avenue, preparing special food for

some animals, counting tickets for Military Day, and cutting Children's animal masks.

The "One World One Family" hinokishin T-shirts could be seen here and there working hard for two hours. Leilehua High School Band visited Tenri in March last year and had joint practices with the Tenri High School Band and about 40 enthusiastic members participated.

April through May is the season when the Monkey Pod trees are dropping their seedpods on the ground. Our hinokishin mainly focuses on the picking up of these heavy and sticky seedpods to clear the grassy lawns to be usable again by families to enjoy with their children. Many, many heavy bags were gathered and the Honolulu Zoo Volunteer Coordinator said the Zoo Staff are very happy for our help.



A big ‘Mahalo’ to all who came out in the “Spirit of Hinokishin” on your respective Islands and I am sure that your wonderful contributions and selfless acts of expressing gratitude has been surely accepted by God the Parent and Oyasama. Our actions can speak louder than words. Let us all continue to do more hinokishin in the community.



Mission HQ Announcements

New Staff Arrive

On April 12th, Mr. Shoji Izumi (Kameoka Grand Church) arrived and will serve as a Seinen for two years. Please extend your warm aloha when you see him at mission headquarters.



Church Headquarters Personnel

On April 18th, Secretary Seita Mihama was appointed as a Honbu-Junin. (junior staff of Church Headquarters) Congratulations!

Granting of Divine Sanction for Church Affairs

On April 26th, Mission Headquarters of Hawaii received the sanction for repairing the roof of the hall restroom.

MAY MONTHLY SERVICE

Sunday, May 20, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.

Sermon by Mrs. Yumiko Nishimura

Wife of Head Minister of Kilauea Church

English translation by Daniel Akemoto

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The cherry blossoms were just blooming and falling so beautifully yesterday, then today, the blossoming has stopped and the season of cherry blossoms has come to an end. It's another long wait until next year for the cherry blossoms to bloom once again. Because we will never see the same instances twice, we should live life to our fullest. We can only do what we want while we're still alive. Without regret, worry, or fear, a new season of leaves will begin.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

May 12 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Meeting

May 14 (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

Lecture by Bishop Hamada

Service Practice for General Meeting

General Meeting Service Practice

May 16 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. @Mission HQ

General Meeting Preparation Hinokishin

May 18 (Fri) 9:00 a.m. @Mission HQ

Bazaar Hinokishin

Every Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
At the West House

Joint General Meeting

May 19 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. @Mission HQ

*Women's Musical Instruments Practice of this month is cancelled.

*May Mission HQ Monthly service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo-C Group. Mahalo!

Offering for Worship Hall Cushion toward the 60th Anniv. of Mission HQ

Due to all of your sincere offerings, we were quickly able to purchase and change the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii Worship Hall cushion covers to new ones for the 60th Anniversary. Thank you very much. During the 2 years before the 60th Anniversary, please continue your offerings for other Mission Headquarters activities and events. Offerings are still offered the same way. Thank you very much for your continued support.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

The WA, YMA, and YWC will have the General Meeting on May 19 at 9:30 am. Please come early to dress in your service *kimono*. If you do not have a service *kimono* please notify Reverend Lynn So.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

General Meeting Service Practice

May 16 (Wed) 7:00 p.m. @Mission HQ

General Meeting Preparation Hinokishin

May 18 (Fri) 9:00 a.m. @Mission HQ

Joint General Meeting

May 19 (Sat) 9:30 a.m. @Mission HQ

*Please park at TCC, shuttle service from

8:00-9:30am

*YMA/YWC BBQ and Volleyball Tournament at TCC following General Meeting

Monthly Meeting

May 20 (Sun) 1:00 p.m.

Mochi Pounding Demonstration

May 27 (Sun) 9:00 a.m.

Princess Kaiulani Hotel

*Truck will be leaving Mission HQ at 8am for those that need a ride to hotel

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Oyasama's Birthday Activity

The annual BGA Oyasama birthday activity was joyously held on the 3rd Sunday, April 15th, from 9:30am at MHQ with a record 70 people. A power point presentation of Oyasama's story was given by two members of the Boys and Girls Association Hawaii chapter. Later the Young Men's Association provided fun and games! Thank you to those you provided hinokishin for the event!

Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba

Participants are to book their own flights. The Children's Pilgrimage dates for the Hawaii Group are 7/24 (check-in at 38th Moya at 4pm) – 30 (check out at 9am). Airfare assistance is available for those participating in the Boy's and Girl's Hinokishin Corps!

The Kaigai Shohi (Overseas Boy's and Girl's Hinokishin Corps) is an excellent program for kids aged 10 – 15 years old where corps participants from Taiwan, Korea, Brazil, Australia and the U.S. join Japanese counterparts in serving cold tea to the hundreds of thousands who "return" to Jiba for the annual Children's Pilgrimage. Program includes participation in some of the attractions, night parade, welcome party, and an exchange program with children from other countries. Whereas previously, Mission HQ covered the costs of 38th Moya accommodations and meals for non-shohi participants, effective from this year, they will no longer be covered. Shohi participants meals and accommodations will continue to be covered by BGA HQ. The cost of accommodations and meals at 38th Moya will be announced in next month's issue.



The Hungry Reporter

Sorry you Meat Lovers! This month's recipe is catering to vegan, vegetarian and those meat lovers who are searching for a healthier protein option. I have been eating Down to Earth's Mock Chicken Tofu for a while now and I recently found their recipe. I've always loved eating the denser deep fried tofu in all ways they are prepared, and this is a not so Oriental, yet very flavorful version. I call them choice finger food which is so easy to pack and take when I'm on the go. Hope you enjoy it!

FYI: For those who are allergic to yeast, I've tried the recipe with the Tamari sauce, Spike and pepper only. The texture may not look like chicken, yet it still had great flavor without it.

Mock Chicken Tofu

Ingredients

2-3 Tbsp Olive Oil 1 Block Firm Tofu
2 Tbsp Soy Sauce or Bragg Liquid Aminos. Tamari Sauce works too.
1 tsp Spike Seasoning Salt 1/3 Cup Nutritional Yeast
Black pepper to taste

Directions

1. Drain tofu and press in paper towel to remove excess water. Set aside.
2. Heat the oil in a frying pan on med-high heat. Add the tofu by cutting into 1" by 1" bite-sized pieces. Fry the tofu until golden brown on each side for 2 to 3 minutes. Take out, drain oil and set aside.
3. Add the soy sauce (or Liquid Aminos) and Spike. Add tofu and turn until completely soaked.
4. Turn off the heat and add the nutritional yeast and black pepper to taste. Toss until completely coated with yeast and pepper.



May Calendar 2012

16 th	Wed	Genenal Meeting Service Practice	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
17 th	Thu	Mr. Shokichi Nakayama Arrive for General Meeting (Thru May 22)		
		BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
19 th	Sat	Joint General Meeting	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
		BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
20 th	Sun	May Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Mission HQ	After Yorozyuo
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45p.m.
		YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	1:00 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	12:30p.m.
21 st	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Ritual Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
22 nd	Tue	Sakagami Family Leave for Japan (Thru June 8)		
23 rd	Wed	Bishop Hamada Leave for Japan (Thru May 28)		
26 th	Sat	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Otefuri & Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
27 th	Sun	Mochi Pounding	Princess Kaiulani Hotel	9:00 a.m.

June Calendar 2012

4 th	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
5 th	Tue	Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
6 th	Wed	Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
8 th	Fri	Sakagami Family Arrive		
9 th	Sat	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
11 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.

Abbreviation key:

BGA = Boys & Girls 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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Hawaii Spiritual Development Course

Dates: June 17 (Sun) to July 12 (Thu) 2012

Course information: Participants will gain knowledge about the Tenrikyo teachings as well as gain spiritual awareness by reading the scriptures (The Doctrine of Tenrikyo, The Life of Oyasama), engaging in hinokishin (gratitude towards God the Parent shown in daily actions), faith experiences speeches, and practicing the Service.

Course graduates have experienced both physical and spiritual healing; a renewal of "self" and gained a strong sense of meaning and purpose in life!

Age requirement: 17 or older

Participation fee: \$200

(includes: meals, dorm accommodations and textbooks)

Please apply at the Mission HQ office by: June 10 (Sun)