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**All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day
at Makawao Veterans Cemetery of Maui
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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
May 26, Tenrikyo 175

Thank you very much for sowing seeds of sincerity everyday in your various positions.

The Home of the Parent has begun to turn into the seasons of different shades of green. Because today was Saturday many followers from all over Japan were able to return to the Jiba and the May Monthly Service was performed joyously with the Shinbashira as the core.

In his prayer, the Shinbashira prays, in the current ever changing world, we should not ignore those who are suffering with illnesses or troubles, devote ourselves to become their moral support by spreading the fragrance and saving others so that they may understand the truth of the Teachings clearly through your actions. This was the resolution which the Shinbashira talked about in his prayer. The Shinbashira prays for God the Parent accept our minds that reflect on ourselves on our delayed actions and strive to save others, sweep the ills of the world, strengthen the bonds of Universal Brotherhood, and strive for the Joyous World, one step at a time.

The sermon was given by Honbuin Rev. Toyoo Tsuji.

Quoting from the Osashizu and Okakisage, he talked about Truth of Sincerity. He explained that we should strive to show the appearance of the Joyous Life which God the Parents strives for. He then mentions that if our faith is not aligned with the Truth of the Jiba it will be the same as not having a faith. He would like us to understand that by connecting our hearts to the Jiba daily, we can become closer to God the Parent's and Oyasama's intention. He concluded his sermon by saying, looking towards the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, we should show Oyasama our efforts of growing spiritually to make her happy so that we can all walk together on this path.

In closing, the Monthly Service to officially install the 5th head minister of Indonesia Mission Center Rev. Motoyoshi Uwasu will be held on June 10th.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Head of Overseas Department



May 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 have guided us in accord with the seasonable time and there is not a moment You cease to protect us. For this we are deeply grateful, and we are striving to meet Your desire by daily engaging our effort to spiritedly follow the path which will allow us to make repayment for the blessings we receive. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the May 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.

This year marks the 80th anniversary since the launching the All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day which is held at various locations all over the world. On Oahu, approximately 160 participants gathered on April 28th for this event. Also, the islands of Kauai, Maui and the Big Island respectively have conducted or will be conducting their hinokishin activity. Yesterday, on the 19th, the Hawaii Women's Association, Young Men's Association and Young Women's Club held the Joint General Meeting and we were honored to have Representative Shokichi Nakayama from the Young Men's Association Headquarters attend this joyous event. As each member deepened their resolve as foundations of the path and strengthened their passion as pioneers of the path, they vowed to apply their spirited effort directly toward the realization of the joyous life world. Furthermore, on the 26th of this month in Jiba, we will be receiving divine sanction for the repair of the sanctuary's roof, as we advance with necessary preparations for the repair. As we spiritedly pursue the path of the Divine Model of Oyasama, we hope to make the best of each day, and not be swayed by self-centered thinking, as we apply our utmost effort toward our duties and administer the Sazuke in hopes to meet your desire for world salvation.

Although we are far from your expectations, may You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity and as brothers and sisters of the world striving to attain harmony by helping one another, we ask that You guide us toward reconstructing the world into a world of unlimited joy. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.



Mission HQ May Monthly Service Sermon

Mrs. Yumiko Nishimura

Wife of Head Minister of Kilauea Church



“Ten Aspects of God’s Complete Providence” and “Eight Dusts”

I would like to give my thanks and appreciation, as we have just completed the May Monthly service here at Mission Headquarters of Hawai`i joyously and in high spirits. I have been appointed to give the sermon this month, so I would like to ask for your kind attention. I would like to mention that my sermon has been translated by Mr. Daniel Akemoto. I will now begin.

For this sermon, the bishop requested that I use the Complete Providence of God the Parent, and the Eight Dusts of the Mind as my topic.

Four years before the 80th Anniversary of Oyasama, I was preparing to immigrate to Hawai`i in May of 1962, however, after my

physical examination, a scar was discovered in my lungs. Thus, I had to undergo further examination, and I wasn’t able to go with my husband. It was to be a three-month delay.

At that time, America was being very strict, prohibiting entry to those who had tuberculosis and trachoma. The process of this examination was that a sample of my saliva would be cultivated and tested to see if there are any traces of tubercle bacillus. For three days, I needed to travel to Sumitomo Hospital in Osaka with a sample of the morning’s first saliva, but on the morning of the third day, the train that I was on was so crowded, that the cup holding my sample was crushed. Without a sample to give on the third day, I was relieved when the hospital staff said that since they had two days worth, it should be fine. In the meantime, I did Hinokishin at the followers’ dormitory while I awaited the results. Three months later, I went to check for the results at the hospital, but they had said that the results were not reliable, since they only had two days worth of samples out of the three; therefore I needed to do the procedure all over again. If it were to take another three months to do this again, the time limit on my passport would expire, so

a representative from the Overseas Department did some negotiations that resulted in getting a saliva sample by inserting a tube from my mouth to my stomach, testing the sample that was retrieved in this manner, then making inquiries to Hong Kong about the test results. Eventually, I was given the OK.

I was told that I should hand-carry important items such as my X-Rays and the documents that would permit my passage, but since I was also bringing a nine-month old child with me, I put these items in a suitcase, and sent them to Tokyo. However, the suitcase did not arrive, so I immediately made inquiries at the Tokyo neighborhood station, and discovered that a suitcase matching mine was there, so I sent my father to pick it up just in the nick of time.

Then, on the day of departure, my parents, siblings, and parents-in-law all came to see me off as I boarded the plane. I began to reflect on the incidents, or *Fushi*, in the past four months. Just as I was thinking that I could finally go to Hawai`i, and as these incidents flashed through my mind, an announcement over the PA stated that there was engine trouble, so everybody needed to get off the plane. When I got off of the plane, all of my relatives who came to see me off were still there. They had said that they would stay until the plane had gone, because they wouldn't know when they would see me again. Since they were all there, I didn't feel so helpless.

I had received monetary gifts from church members, but I had made offerings for each

Fushi, or incident, in the past four months, but I held on to a small amount, thinking that since I was bringing a child with me, I thought that I should carry a small amount of money with me. Just when I thought I'd finally be able to go to Hawai`i, I was held in this situation which prevented my departure. So I gave the entire amount of money, that I had held onto, to my father to offer to God. At last I was able to go to Hawai`i.

I think that God was trying to tell me again and again, that when we go overseas to work as missionaries, I should lean upon God, and not rely on material things or money.

For three years we served as *Sumikomi-seinen*, or live-in youths at the church. During this period, the head-minister and his wife trained and raised me. But when I think about it now, my mind was in a state full of dust. The *Shikomi*, or instructions from the head-minister and his wife made me understand the truth, but my thinking was 80% full of the general knowledge of the world. They say the world and the path are incompatible, and I totally agree.

Recently, my mind is like the Hawaiian weather: in one day it can be clear, then, it can be rainy, and it changes back and forth every so often.

During our stay at the church, our second daughter was born. Before her first birthday bacteria had entered from her ear, causing a high fever and a reddish eczema-like condition on her shoulder area. Perhaps, due to the high fever, her skin almost seemed as though it was melting, and her face became

severely pale. Shocked by this change in her condition, I promised to follow the instructions of the head-minister and his wife joyously and in high spirits if my daughter could be saved. I apologized for my feeling of insufficiency, asked for guidance from God the Parent and Oyasama, and then proceeded to administer the Sazuke. I was surprised to see my daughter's complexion clearing up and returning to normal. After that, the head-minister's wife told me that she had a job suitable for me to do, which was to do the household chores so that she could go out and do missionary work.

During the evening service, I reflected back on the incident, and if my daughter had passed away for rebirth, I would have been in tears. From then I thought that I must perform any service with joyousness and high spirits.

I thank God that we were able to raise three daughters, and not losing any one of them, and the daughter I was speaking of, is married to a head-minister of a church in Hokkaido, and performs her duties in that position.

Incidentally, during the year that the first head-minister was to pass away for rebirth, I attended the April Monthly service, at which during the *Naorai*, or luncheon, he sat in front of me, and we ate together. At that time, he said, "I was trying to train you to say 'yes,' even if I were to say that this color is black, even though it is actually white. I was thinking of ways that I could make you lose your temper, or what I could say to make you angry. It must have been

quite difficult to deal with everyday, but up to today, you have followed very well."

When I heard these words, any ill feelings I may have held were cleared instantly. To think that we were being trained with such parental love moved me to tears. There were days, in which I wanted to return to Japan, but in those moments, my father's face would appear in my mind, and I would realize that if I returned home in such an impatient manner, my father would be full of shame when he would go to the Grand Church. So instead, I refrained myself from acting rashly, and opened the Ofudesaki, and saw these words:

Do not grieve over whatever path you are now on. Take Delight in the main path that lies ahead.
III:37

If I had never noticed the parental love, I think I would have a rather large pile of dust. Very often God has been teaching me through my children. The topic for today's sermon fits me so well, and feeling God's mercy (*Gojihi*) are the reasons why I accepted to do it.

Truthfully, last year, in the middle of October, while my husband—our church head-minister—had returned to Jiba, I became ill. I moved slowly while doing church errands and salvation work, all the while having no appetite.

On the day our church head-minister returned from Jiba, I asked my daughter to pick him up at the airport, because I was feeling listless, and my eyesight was be-

coming a little poor. That night, I contracted a fever, so our head-minister administered the *Sazuke*, which lowered my fever, but I continued to be in poor condition. On top of that I had an asthma attack, and was coughing terribly. My breathing became so difficult, it was as if I stopped breathing, and it caused my eyes to become bloodshot, making recovery very difficult.

It was then that I recalled an incident 40 years ago, at the time I was giving birth to my youngest daughter. I was in a situation where my life and my unborn daughter's life were in danger. Yet, I wanted to have my daughter live a full life, so I made an unreasonable request in a prayer to God the Parent, and then by Caesarean operation, both of our lives were saved. Since that incident, for forty years, I have been taught various lessons so many times, but during this time with my illness, I had forgotten those lessons. Instead, I felt gloomy and thought that there is no saving me. At that time, my husband—our head-minister—told me, “You normally have a sunny, cheerful disposition, why are you so gloomy now? Look on the brighter side of being saved!”

Though I know this in my mind, my thoughts still turned to a negative way of thinking. It so happened that Bishop and Mrs. Hamada came to the Big Island to attend the general meeting of Hawaii Kyoyu-kai, and cheerfully said to me, “Because God lives within joyousness and high spirits, you will surely be saved,” and then told me the story of Genjiro Fukaya, the first head minister of Kawaramachi Grand Church. His nickname

was “Kekko-Gensan.” The area in which I live always has had a lot of rainfall. We would even say, “Even if you forget your *Bento* (lunch box) don't ever forget your raincoat.” In Japan, during the rainy season, a lot of rain will fall. In one particular year, in the town that Rev. Genjiro Fukaya had lived, there was an extraordinary amount of rainfall, and it continued for a month. Everyone was getting so disgusted with all the rain; they thought that even Kekko-Gensan wouldn't say “*Kekko*”—which means, “It's fine,”—so they would try to get a response from him saying, “Everyday there is so much rain, isn't there?”

But his response would be, “it's fine, it's fine (*kekko, kekko*). A rainfall that continues like this for one month should surely carry away all our houses and our fields, but by the blessings of God the Parent, thankfully after one month, they are not being carried away! It is fine and joyous!” This was the story told to me by the Bishop. I was told that, if we can have a cheerful outlook and think positively, we can be joyous, if we think negatively, we become unbearable, and gradually become depressed. And I think that is exactly right. Fortunately, I was able to return to my original cheerfulness.

I would like to mention that on February 23rd of this year, there was a traffic accident at the intersection in front of our church. The car plunged into the church's fence, knocking it down. The mailbox is also at a 45-degree angle, and the azalea trees were also damaged. Luckily the car got stuck between the traffic light post and the crossing signal

post, and the driver did not get hurt. Whenever our head-minister is in the church, I do not retrieve the mail from the mailbox, but on this day, I did and left the gate open. I was then eating lunch in the hall, and I heard a loud bang. I dashed out and looked at the scene that I described earlier. If I had gotten the mail a little later, I think the car would have crushed me.

Our head-minister said that I should be really joyous, for the fence, mailbox, and the azalea trees were taking my place. The fence and the mailbox can be restored, but a life cannot be; God the Parent has shown me right in front of my eyes, how to be joyous. Needless to say, what this path is, when God the Parent created human beings, to see them live a joyous life, and to share in that joy, God made a great effort to give the body splendid functions, and as taught to us personally by Oyasama, is lent to us human beings. In the Mikagura-Uta, Chapter 4:

Ninth, Here is paradise on this earth I, too, wish to go quickly and worship.

Mikagura-Uta 4:9

Thus we are taught that it is not in the afterlife that we seek heaven or paradise, but rather, this path is one that God the Parent want to see us live, helping each other mutually, striving for the Joyous Life, and then share in that joy, beginning with myself.

If instead you use a self-centered or self-serving mind, against the God's Parental heart, life becomes dark and gloomy, the complete opposite of the joyous life. At that

point, God the Parent would know well that it would be impossible for a person to voluntarily obey religious instructions.

In the seventh chapter of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo it says:

Among all humankind, there is no one who is evil. It is only a bit of dust stuck on. I:53

Essentially, particles of dust are so light and minute, that it can be blown away with a puff of your breath. So, if the cleaning is done right away, dust can be removed easily. But dust accumulates quickly and if we are negligent, the dust will pile up so high that any cleaning done at that point would be very difficult no matter how much effort you put in.

From the day human beings were created until now, God controls everything in this world and nurtures us using the Ten aspects of the Complete Providence, and will not tell us to do something we are not able to.

Looking all over the world and through all ages, I find no one who is evil. I:52

Among all humankind, there is no one who is evil; it is only a bit of dust stuck on. I:53

We are originally the children of God the Parent, so there is no person who is evil. There are those with a little dust stuck on, but you just need to sweep those dusts away,

and you would surely be saved. When we receive bodily disorders or difficulties in life, it due to the dust that we have accumulated.

When this dust is completely swept away nothing will remain but universal salvation. II:20

You can save yourself from any disorder or difficulties by sweeping away dusts.

There is nothing at all which should be called illness. It is only because these are paths of the mistaken mind. III:95

These paths are miserliness, covetousness, self-love, greed, and arrogance. They are the dust. III:96

If only the dusts are completely swept away, then I shall work marvelous salvation. III:98

God the Parent shows us, through illness and hardships, our mistaken use of our minds, which are: miserliness, covetousness, self-love, greed, and arrogance. These cause our illness and hardships, but God says that if we sweep them clean, we will be saved. Even a person making very slow progress in spiritual growth, like myself, will be raised in this manner, repeatedly, persistently.

In truth, I was completely deceived when my husband told me that he would make my life easy in Hawai`i. If I think about it now, I have never been to Hawai`i, my husband

was not a head-minister yet, and we lived as missionaries, who had nothing, but a life of poverty, and yet he still recommended this. Though I may have been told this, and have been deceived, I also must have deceived myself. Yet, this path is to live in paradise, on this earth. In the Mikagura-Uta, Chapter four, it states:

Seventh, Helping each other in any and everything, Ponder over it from your innermost heart!

Eighth, All illness shall be completely rooted out, And step by step your hearts will become cheerful.

Ninth, Here is paradise on this earth, I, too, wish to go quickly to worship.

Finally, This time, my innermost heart has become completely pure. How grateful I am!

Thus, we have been taught to clear our minds by sweeping away dusts, and to help each other. God the Parent wishes to be in the Joyous Life by watching human beings living the Joyous life. I believe that this is the true paradise.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

ISLAND LIFE

WA YMA YWC Joint General Meeting Held

The Young Men's Association, Women's Association, and Young Women's Club Joint General Meeting was recently held on May 19th at Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. Representing the Young Men's Association Headquarters was Reverend Shokichi Nakayama who arrived on May 17th and returned back to Jiba on May 22nd. The General Meeting began with the Service performance, followed by each Association's ceremony, and concluded with a faith experience speech by Mrs. Patricia Nagata. The WA and YWC then held their lunch at the Mission Headquarters downstairs social hall while the YMA had an outdoor barbeque and volleyball tournament at the Tenri Cultural Center. It was indeed a day filled with much excitement and fellowship and we are already looking forward to next year's General Meeting.



All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day Neighbor Islands Report

- April 28: Maui, 17 participants at Makawao Veterans Cemetery
- April 29: Kauai, 10 participants at Japanese Cemetery
- May 6 : Big Island, Kohala, 5 participants at Old Kona Airport Park
- May 26: Big Island, Kona, 8 participants at Kona Memorial Park
- May 26: Big Island, Hilo, 17 participants at Homelani Veterans Cemetery

WA YMA YWC Joint General Meeting Faith Experience Speech by Mrs. Patricia Nagata



Hello everyone. My name is Patricia Naomi Nagata. Born and raised in the islands to Robert and Jean Tsunoda of the North Honolulu Church. May I kindly ask you for your attention.

Born into a Tenrikyo family we had morning & evening services at home. When I was 4 Mom started working, Ben, my brother was in kindergarten and I was at home with Ba-chan. She would say: Let's ride the bus and I would go with her. I remember one place in Palolo Valley where we entered the house and I sat on the couch in the living room while she went inside the bedroom. Didn't know what she was doing but then I would hear: Ashikiharai Tasuketamae... She was doing missionary work. At other times a lady would come and pick Ba-chan and me up and we'd go to Dendocho's Fujinkai Hinokishin.

Our Kamisama at home was located

above our TV at the time. Ba-chan would do Service each day and when it was time for evening service, Ben & I were there and she'd tell us to turn the TV off and say: Manmanchan. Only 10 minutes. Then I would sit and do the counter. I usually did a "no no." I would hold the counter and then after dropping a string I'd then put my hands in between my thighs and drop another then put my hands up and repeat this in hopes that Otsutome would go faster. But Ba-chan was counting. She never got angry but always said thank you each time. Ba-chan often told me, "Pat, you go Japan, go Ojiba. Japanese study." Memories, silly but when you really think about it, it was Ba-chan that started me on my path for the future.

In high school before you graduate you have consultation with the counselor to discuss the future education right. Well here I was always wanting to become a nurse and even did volunteer work at Queen's Hospital. But Mr. Taniguchi sat there, looked at my files, looked at me, then looked at the papers again and said: Tsunoda why don't you change your field. Disappointed, I kept it to myself and decided to register at KCC.

This was 1968. Ba-chan had gotten pneumonia and was hospitalized. Talk of returning to the Jiba was in her mind and she was determined to make this trip. She recovered and the doctor said that she was well enough to make the boat trip. She returned with the

Hawaii group headed by Bishop Matsuoka and they safely reached Ojiba on the 15th of March. One week later Ba-chan passed for rebirth in Ojiba and was placed to rest with Granpa at the Obochi. Aunt Helen, my father's older sister and the former Okusan of North Honolulu Church told me that when Ba-chan went up to the Sanctuary the day they reached, she threw her bag into the offering place. They did not know of this until after she passed. The people at the Keidai Office found them and returned her bag.

In the back of my mind I did have intentions of attending the Tenri University Special Language Course in Ojiba so I started KCC while working. My parents dropped me off on their way to work. On the 3rd or 4th day the traffic was terrible so I reached school about 5 minutes late. The doors were closed and I had to try to sneak in. Opened the door, crouched down a bit and tried to go to my seat. Then this voice: Tsunoda! Where do you think you're going? Stood up straight and said: to my seat. He pointed to the class and told me: You see these people? I don't know what your excuse is but they

all made it on time. I want you to get out. OH! OK. Not feeling any anger, or shame I went out. Then in my head: Wait. I'm going to Japan. So straight to the administration office I went and I signed out. I quit. The thing was the instructor at KCC was a friend of my uncle and that night and several nights later I had phone call after phone call from both of them telling me to not quit but it was my decision.

In October of 1969 I entered the Special Language Course for a year and a half. Always thinking of Ba-chan I decided to meet the people of the Religion Club, Yoboku Kai at Tenri University to learn Japanese as well as the religion. The teachers at the Japanese School were against this but I approached the University's head with the president of the Religion Club and requested that I be allowed to become a member of this club. This is how I became the first foreigner to participate in their activities.

Each year the Religion Club participated in various activities within the headquarters as well as going on Summer Missionary Work. It was this year that it was decided



to send a group of men Overseas to Taiwan and Hong Kong for the first time. The head of this group was Koichi Nagata, my future husband. I was asked to teach them English Conversation in preparation for them going overseas. We did Missionary Work in Nara City by the Daibutsu Den and talked to foreigners for practice.

That year the rest of the Religion Club was assigned to go to Kanagawa Prefecture. This too needed preparation. We attended morning & evening Service at the Shinden then danced the Yorozu Hasshu and read the Ofudesaki together. There was Koshamatsuri, or monthly Service, Hinokishin during and aside the Children's Pilgrimage, studying how to play with children if and when we encounter them, write and practicing of road side speeches. Then we were off to Kanagawa. From Tenri we rode a night train with very hard seats. Can't recall how long it took but it was at night. That was very hot and difficult to sleep.

When we reached our destination, we were split up to various Churches in groups of 5 or 6. I think there were about 13 groups.

During the few days we walked through residential areas with the Tenri O-no-Miko-to banner playing the clappers and singing the Eight Verses of Yorozuyo. Did road side speeches, passed out pamphlets, played with children and did Hinokishin at parks. Never in my wildest dream was I to know that this would be training for my future.

My husband graduated from Tenri University the following year and worked in the America Section at the Overseas Department. After I completed my one and a half years I entered Shuyoka and worked in the Overseas Department also. There was no 38 Moya, and no specific dormitory for the foreign followers. At the time we used the very top area of the Yakata building above the Besseki Lecture Hall and if the returnees had their own tsumesho they went there. Preparations for people coming from Overseas included getting sheets, pillows, pillowcases, futons, tea pots, cups, coffee cups, rubbish pails, spoons, forks, toilet paper, cleaners. Picking them up and taking them to the sleeping facilities, then after everyone goes back the cleaning up and making



parcels to send Overseas. Everything had to be counted and recounted and then returned. This is how we both got to know each other and I guess we saw something good in each other that made it a commitment for life.

We were married in 1972 at the Jiba at the Foundress's Residence and lived in Konoana Tsumesho until my son was born. We returned to our Church in Osaka but my husband continued working at the Overseas Department by commuting every day for 2 hours with the bus and train. Many a time he would come back late and sometimes he had to stay overnight because of his various responsibilities.

In 1975, in preparation for the Oyasama's 90th Anniversary in 1976, my husband and I were asked to manage the dormitory where Bishop Yoshida and the Brazil people would stay.

The following year, my husband decided to step down from his job after 5 years and return to the Church. He entered Shuyoka and then because he already had his necessary qualifications, was able to go to Kentei Koshu soon after. There was a phone call from the Overseas Department for him one day. He told me: Dendobu, Honbu wants me to fill in the secretary's position at the Hawaii Dendocho for about a year and a half.

The days went by fast. About a month prior to leaving, my son developed a fever. It went up so high that it worried me. The next day my eldest daughter, then the third day my second daughter. My mother in law and myself administered the Osazuke daily.

Then just as my son's fever went down he started this cough that you couldn't imagine. Then the next day my eldest daughter's fever went down and she started coughing. I think you know what happened next. Great grandmother also worried, gave me a pep talk. Told me that fevers are caused by Fusoku, dissatisfaction or insufficiency towards either parent or spouse. I told Great grandmother that I had no complaints about anything. Here we were about to leave for Hawaii. Then she told me: Then it must be 'Ridate' or 'Osonae'. My situation at the time is: My husband has no income of any kind. How am I going to do Osonae. Then I recalled that I had some loose change in my cosmetic case and drawers someplace. I gathered all that I could find. Counted it and put it in an envelope, wrote how much and put it on our offering box. My father in law said that he was going to our Daikyokai so he offered to take it directly to Kaicho san. About 2 hours later I got a phone call from Okusan saying: Naomi chan, just wanted to tell you that what you wrote on the envelope and the amount inside doesn't match. HUH!? I think it was about 2000 yen difference. Some of you may think, gee only 2000yen around \$6-7 at the time but I really had no connection with money after getting married. My husband's allowance from the Headquarters that he received while doing Hinokishin went as Osonae to the Church. The little savings that I had for myself when we were married was given when my son was born. I went to our room, pulled out

the drawers, searched here and there and found some loose change in dollars. There was enough in the drawers to make up for the difference. I hurried and put the money in the envelope, wrote on the envelope and put it on the offering box. No one believes it but at that moment all 3 of the coughing stopped.

October 1976, the day to leave came. Before leaving I went to Great Grandma's room where she always sat. She would always talk to me when I served her meals everyday about the 'ol days. I sat to tell her 'Ittekimasu'. She then looked at me and said: This is the last time. She said that she felt that we'd not see each other again. My Tsunoda Granma and even Church Granma had such a belief that they knew something. That was the last time we spoke for she passed away for rebirth the following year on January 10th, our Church's Monthly Service night while Daikyokaichosan was still there.

Reached Hawaii and was greeted by the Bishop Yoshida himself and was here for a memorable year and 9 months.

Time flies and we returned to Osaka with the Hawaii Children's Pilgrimage group in the summer of '78. Came with 3 kids and went home with a made in Hawaii son Michio James.

Mom was very active in helping out with Church and Dendocho. September of 1980 a phone call from Dad: Mom had an aneurism: She's in the hospital, I want you to come home right away. Was thinking that my wishing to go home, feeling homesick,

could that be the reason why Mom got sick? Left 3 older ones and took only Michio and came back. Mom went through 4 surgeries. I was here for 4 months. Operation, rehab, getting use to doing things again from the beginning. Paralyzed on the right side, she regained the ability to do her personal business, eat with her left hand, was taught how to speak again and she walked again with the help of a cane. I realized that she was able to recover more than we had expected because of her constant touch with the religion. Wasn't born in a Tenrikyo family but married into one. Participated in a lot of the activities, doing Hinokishin, caring for others and running around like a headless chicken at times. I learned from her illness. You do for others and Kamisama will bless and guide you in the correct direction. You may not know it at the time but by giving out, good does come back. The love between the 2 cannot be imitated I believe. It's hard to say in words but if you saw the way Dad patiently cared for her, you'd know that Shinkou, because of their religious faith they were one. That is why I am here away from my family, my Church, my life in Japan to care for him. I feel that he needs, no he deserves to be cared for.

1982 I had my 5th child, Mayumi my 3rd daughter, the one who is living in Hawaii with me now. Then in 1984 our Daikyokai's head minister changed. In preparation for the event I used my trusty bicycle to commute to the Daikyokai for Hinokishin. I hooked on the child seat to the handle bars of the

bicycle, sat Mayumi in the seat and we rode off to Daikyokai which took almost 1 hour one way, several times a month.

In 1988 my husband was installed as the 5th Head of our Church. Since then I had my 6th child at the age of 40.

In the early part of 1998, my brother Ben underwent his 2nd surgery for stomach cancer. Visited and before I left mentioned that when he got a little stronger that he should make a pilgrimage to Ojiba to give thanks. The family went to Ojiba and then also stayed at our Church. His family and my family was able to be together and that created such good memories. A phone call from Dad said that he had developed the tumor for the 3rd time and that it was impossible to operate again. He passed away for rebirth at the age of 49 in September.

That day my husband decided to take me to Ojiba. Just as we were about to leave, my youngest had come home from school so we took her. We parked the car and went to the Main Sanctuary from the South side. Up the steps I handed my daughter a 1000yen bill. All of a sudden she yells: Mommy I

dropped it, it's gone. The money I had given her was no where to be found. The Keidai men on duty helped look for it and found it underneath the corridor area on the cement below. As we sat and were praying I had a very cold sensation blow on me from the back and I knew that this was a sign that my brother was sending me to say that he was back in Ojiba again. Then it dawned on me that he was a professional magician by trade. If you've been to the Sanctuary and have seen the corridor wood panels, you will know that there is no possible way for even a new bill going through the cracks. This proved to me that when we pass away for rebirth, we all come home to Ojiba.

In 1999, my eldest son married and he and his wife stayed at our Daikyokai for 5 years doing Hinokishin. In 2004, with 3 children, they returned to live at our Church.

With the blessings of our Church members we were able to redo our Shinden from the prior year and then soon after redo our kitchen and bathroom. After so many years of cooking rice and making ofuro by burning wood this was all gone for good. We



were blessed with a beautiful, bright Shinden and now the kitchen and bathroom has hot water with just the push of a button. I felt like I was in a dream after the many years of going around with my husband to collect wood, then saw and ax them to size. We'd bundle them up and stack them on the side of the house and everytime I saw the stack plentiful, I felt like the richest person on earth.

Then in July of this year, Mom passed away for rebirth after her long illness. 24 years of Dad's caring was over and it was time for him to start enjoying his life at the age of 87. I came back in 2005 for Mom's 1st Year Anniversary Service and at the time Dad seemed fine going on walks and doing light work outs at the YMCA.

In March of 2006, my mother in law fell in her room and broke her hip. Surgery, rehabilitation took 4 months.

While she was in the hospital, in April of 2006, there was the Foundress's 120 year Celebration. Dad returned to Ojiba with other Church members. He seemed fine.

My mother in law was given the OK for discharge and came home. Now the process of caring for her at home. We redid the entrance so that it would be easier for her to climb up. Rented a bed and installed bars for her to hold on to. Got a bathroom chair for when she bathed. Making sure she got her right medications at the right time, bathing her, helping her when needed. Not soon after she returned, my father in law retired from the Tenrikyo Osaka District Office where he

served as secretary for many years.

Just as things were getting smooth and moving along regularly, in August I had a phone call from Dad. He told me that he didn't have appetite, was losing weight and was going to the doctor to do tests but wanted me to come. So I made arrangements and explained to my father in law how to care for my mother in law before coming. In the one month duration of my stay, Dad had an endoscopy, colonoscopy, his hands were losing it's feelings so we had gone to a neurologist and acupuncture. He even had to go to a cardiologist. The results wouldn't be ready while I was here and I had to go back home because of my commitments. Was in Japan for 3 weeks and got my things together and then returned to Hawaii.

After New Years of 2007 Dad was diagnosed with stomach cancer. He was later given the choice of surgery, radiation or doing nothing. He decided to do the surgery but after his primary physician and the surgeon had a talk they decided that because of his age and the recovery wouldn't be very good they suggested that he not have it. So he decided and went through 24 procedures of radiation. Now 90, he was fine in the beginning and so we went everywhere with the bus. Towards the 20th or 21st time he was already getting so weak that I called my sister in law or Kyokai's Okusan for a ride. On the 24th time he wasn't able to walk and I had to have him start using a walker. Wouldn't sleep well, couldn't eat things that he even liked. Sliding off his lounge chair,

wobbly and stumbling by the bed or hitting his arm somewhere that his thin skin would tear and bleed. Weak that at night I had to help him get up out of bed to go to the toilet so I had a hospital bed, wheelchair & camode delivered. The hospital bed made it easier for him to wake up at night, but still I checked him each time he got up to go. At the end of the year he had a hard time breathing and was told at emergency that he had atrial fibrillation. Soon after at the cardiologist's examination it was found that he has a swollen heart and leakage in 2 places at the tip of his heart. The performance of daily Osazuke, Onegai Otsutome and Offerings. Tears rolled down my eyes everyday hoping that he'd get better. Now it was being homesick for Japan and not Hawaii. Months passed, then years passed and I have been with him for 6 and a half yrs now. He still needs a walker to walk and his hands have no feeling at all. If you hand him a sandwich or a paper cup he'd squash it. Have to help him dress and bathe but he's fine, enjoys his



Rev. Shokichi Nakayama, the YMA representative, gave the YMA President's address.

meals and little sweets, watches TV and there is no need for disposable pants. All from the blessings and guidance of God the Parent and the Foundress. He'll be 95years old in 4 months.

I've made friends with many in the same apartment and at Don Quiote next door to where we live. Have performed the Osazuke and do Hinokishin for an elderly couple who live on the 7th floor. Also did translation at the dentist for a couple of patients. By showing people a smile, kindness, thoughtfulness, warmth and concern and most importantly faith, you are rewarded in many ways.

So many experiences, good, bad, happy, sad. But in the Mikagura Uta Chapter IV, the 1st 2 lines always stays in my mind: Whatever others may say; God is watching, so be at ease! Sometimes people judge you the way they shouldn't because they don't know or have no experience. By understanding that it's their nature and maybe can't be changed you try and realize that things will get better by changing your ways or your way of thinking.

You learn not with your head but you learn with the heart and body. Things don't just happen, they all happen for a reason and it's our job to find out the reason, understand and accept. Look at the good in others, and always look to the better or brighter side of things. My being here is possible because of the understanding of my Daikyokai family and own Church family.

Thank you very much for your attention.

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Recently, the WA, YMA, and YWA Joint General Meeting was held under clear skies. Young and old, men and women worked together in harmony in performing the service. Putting together our utmost efforts, we made the best of this activity and renewed our faith through gratitude and prayer.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

June 9 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Monthly Meeting

June 11 (Mon) 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

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 12 – 15 years old. 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 and participate in annual Children's Pilgrimage activities. The program includes participation in some of the attractions, night parade, welcome party, and an exchange program with children from other countries. Previously, Mission HQ covered the costs of 38th Moya accommodations and meals for non-shohi participants. However effective from this year, they will no longer be covered. Shohi participants meals and accommodations will continue to be covered by BGA HQ (except for two meals and one night stay). The cost of 6 nights accommodations and 17 meals at 38th Moya for non-shohi participants are as follows: Adult (12 & above): 10,250 yen, Child (5-11): 9,050 yen, Children 0 – 4 years old are free. Please call Rev. Owen Nakao at 734-1449, text him at 381-9612 or email: onakao@tenrikyopearl.org for more information. Applications forms are available at Mission HQ office or email to Rev. Owen Nakao. Deadline for applications is June 10 (2nd Sunday).

Study of Anecdotes of Oyasama

Lecture by Bishop

Women's Musical Instrument Practice

June 12 (Tue) 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Bazaar Hinokishin

Every Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

At the West House

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

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

June 17 (Sun) 1:00 p.m.

Mission HQ

Tree Cutting/Picnic Preparation

June 23 (Sat) 9:00 a.m.

Tenri Cultural Center

Mission HQ Announcements

Granting of Divine Sanction for Church Affairs

During the May 26 Ohakobi (when people receive sanctions or the sazuke), Hawaii Dendocho received sanction to change the sanctuary roof and to perform a special service. After the June Monthly Service on the 17th, at 7:30pm the Enshrinement Service will be taken place where God the Parent, Oyasama's symbol of worship, and Memorial Shrines will be transferred to the Temporary Service Hall. The Sanctuary roof retiling construction will begin on June 18th and will finished, in approximately 3 weeks. The July Dendocho Monthly Service will be conducted in the Temporary Service Hall. Then on the night of July 20th and morning of the 21st the Enshrinement Service and Dedication Service will be performed respectively.

Enshrinement Service	June 17, Sunday 7:30pm
July Monthly Service	July 15, Sunday 9:00am
Enshrinement Service	July 20, Friday 7:30pm
Dedication Service	July 21, Saturday 9:00am

In memory of Kaoru Inouye the wife of the late head minister of Kaimuki Church

Nora Kaoru Inouye, the wife of the Third Head Minister of Tenrikyo Kaimuki Church passed away for rebirth on April 18, 2012 at the age of 83. The wake service was held on the 27th of April and Her memorial service was observed on Saturday, the 19th of May at Hosoi Garden Mortuary.

Nora Kaoru was born on November 18, 1928 in Honolulu, Hawaii to parents, Minoru and Kisaye Ogasawara. She was the eldest of four siblings. Nora loved to cook and she was also an avid reader of all kinds of books. On May 11, 1953 Nora married Mike Kiyoshi Inouye and they had two sons, Michael and Kelvin.

Nora's mother, Kisaye Ogasawara, was the 2nd Head Minister of Tenrikyo Kaimuki Church and so Nora was born into a Tenrikyo family. Eventually, her husband, Rev. Mike Inouye took over the church and became the 3rd Head Minister on January 26, 1986. She is survived by a son, Michael.





The Hungry Reporter

I am not that much of a chocolate lover, yet when Starbucks decided to bring back their Chocolate Cinnamon Bread, I learned instantly why the "Hana hou" (means encore in Hawaiian) was requested. It is a loaf cake made to "Live For". The cake itself is extremely moist, and oh... That cocoa spice topping just takes it over the top. I found the recipe on their website and I'm sure you will love this one!!

Cinnamon Chocolate Bread

Ingredients for Chocolate Batter:

3 sticks unsalted butter at room temperature
3 cups granulated sugar 5 large eggs at room temperature
2 cups flour 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dutch processed cocoa
1 tbsp ground cinnamon 1 tsp salt $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking powder
 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp baking soda 1 cup buttermilk $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water 1 tsp vanilla

Ingredients for Cocoa Spice Topping:

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup granulated sugar $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp cinnamon $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp dutch processed cocoa
Pinch of ground ginger Pinch of ground cloves $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sparkle sugar (for decorating)

Directions:

- 1) Preheat oven to 350 F. Grab two 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pans and line with parchment paper.
- 2) Start with the butter and sugar. Mix with an electric mixer until light and creamy (about 5 min). Add eggs, one at a time, mixing until each is fully incorporated. You may need to scrape down the sides of the bowl a few times to get them fully mixed in.
- 3) In another bowl, sift together flour, cocoa, cinnamon, salt, baking powder and baking soda. In a separate bowl, whisk together the buttermilk, water and vanilla. With your mixer on a low speed, begin adding the contents of each bowl to the butter mixture, alternating between the two until your mixture is fully blended, but not overly whipped. Then split your batter between the two pans. If your batter is slightly uneven, you can lightly shake the pan to even out the tops.
- 4) To make the topping. Combine the sugar, cinnamon, cocoa, ginger and cloves. Then evenly layer the sparkle sugar over your batter, followed by the cocoa spice mixture.
- 5) Bake for 45-50 minutes.

*For the ultimate treat, pair a slice with a fresh cup of Tribute Blend, Guatemala Antigua, Colombia or House Blend!



June Calendar 2012

12 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Board of Directors Preparatory Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
		Missionary & Nurturing Comm. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
13 th	Wed	Makoto & Origins Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
14 th	Thu	Boys & Girls Association Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
16 th	Sat	Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
17 th	Sun	June Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
		Young Men's Association Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
		Enshrinement Service	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
18 th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
19 th	Tue	Ritual Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
26 th	Wed	Yohaishiki (service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.

July Calendar 2012

2 nd	Mon	Tenri Cultural Center Monthly Service	Tenri Cultural Center	10:00 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
3 rd	Tue	Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4 th	Wed	Tenrikyo Picnic		
		Three Associations Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
9 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
10 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Board of Directors Preparatory Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
		Missionary & Nurturing Comm. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
12 th	Thu	Boys & Girls Association Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
14 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation		
		Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
15 th	Sun	July Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.

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