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New Year's Mochi Pounding in Ohana Festival

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TENRIKYO NEWSLETTER – ORIGINS AND MAKOTO MISSION STATEMENT

To provide information related to Tenrikyo services, activities, and events in Hawaii for the congregation and the people of 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

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The Home of the Parent has been under a severe cold spell. Even today, a cold biting wind blows making it a bone-chilling day. Many followers, bearing the cold, returned to the Jiba. Along with those followers, recalling the day of origin when Oyasama stepped out and leveled the ground, we all prayed single-heartedly and spiritedly at the Spring Grand Service of the 176th year of Tenrikyo, with the Shinbashira as the core.

In the service prayer, the Shinbashira expressed his desire that all Yoboku, to enhance his or her awareness of being Oyasama's instruments, and to strive to spread the fragrance of the teachings and salvation work without straying from the path of the Divine Model, and to make a sincere effort to respond to Her parental love when we set out for the "three years, one thousand days" leading up to the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, resolving to exert one's utmost sincerity. Further, he prayed that we may receive the unlimited blessings for world salvation and true to God's words of "leveled ground," the path to world salvation may be spread wider and the current situation of the world may transform into a spirited Joyous Life, even a day sooner.

Following the Service, we received words from the Shinbashira.

First the Shinbashira mentioned, "This year is the first year of three years, one thousand days towards the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, and with a fresh mind, we should take to heart God's intention in founding the Teachings and the vow to make decisive efforts to grow spiritually and conduct our activities in unity of mind." He also shared a story from the Life of Oyasama in chapter ten, the Portals Opened and spoke about the importance of doing the service with the mind of single-heartedness with God while recalling the day that Oyasama hid her physical being. He gave us, followers of the path, a guidance to live the modern life while citing the Osashizu and the Instruction. Further he mentioned that Yoboku's duty is to convey the true intention of God the Parent to people who are suffering from illnesses or troubles, and practicing the teaching of saving others as the best way to bring joy to Oyasama which accords with the intention of God the Parent at the same time. In closing, the Shinbashira encouraged us to strive to carry out our work in order to boost and pervade the mood of salvation work throughout all Tenrikyo congregation.

In addition, for today's Spring Grand Service, there were 200 people returning from overseas. The Service Prayer as well as the sermon was translated into four respective languages: English, Mandarin Chinese, Korean, and Portuguese.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department



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 have received the official announcement for the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama and have now entered the timely season of the three years, one thousand days. We Yoboku firmly vow to carry out God the Parent's desire of hastening World Salvation, by sweeping away our own dusts and resolving our mind to save others. With sincerity in our hearts, we will strive to reach out to those who are suffering and afflicted by hardships and administer the Sazuke to them. As we approach this Anniversary, we will aim for each Yoboku to nurture a new Yoboku, exerting our spirit, courage and wisdom for the path of single-hearted salvation. Please accept our resolution and guide us so that we may fulfill our duties as Yoboku and construct a Joyous World even a day sooner, where a harmonious union of God and humankind prevails. Together with the congregation, I pray for these blessings.



Mission HQ January Grand Service Sermon

Rev. Michihito Hamada

Bishop of Mission Headquarters of Hawaii



“Let Each Yoboku Nurture One Yoboku Towards the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama”

Good morning everyone! I would like to thank the many of you present for attending the January Grand Service at this mission headquarters today. While focusing on happiness and peace for all, we have just spiritedly performed the service. I am sure that God the Parent and Oyasama are delighted. From now, in collaboration with the January Grand Service, I would like to express a few of my thoughts, so I ask for a few moments of your attention.

First, I would like to talk about the Skytree in Tokyo. Do you know about the Skytree that was built in Tokyo in May last year? I have not seen it yet, but it is a radio tower that was built utilizing the

newest technology available. It is said to be the tallest tower in the world that is capable of receiving electro-magnetic radio waves. It stands 634 meters high. The height of the tower was chosen to coincide with the ancient name of the location the tower was built on. In olden days, that area in Tokyo used to be called “Musashi”. If you separate each syllable, it sounds the numbers, 6, 3 and 4 in Japanese. Therefore, 634 meters. If you convert this into feet, it would be approximately 2000 feet. Based on the pictures I’ve seen, it is rather slim in structure and is very different in appearance from the Eiffel Tower in Paris, France.

The Eiffel Tower resembles a person standing with their feet spread wide apart, however, the Skytree resembles a person standing with their feet together and both arms stretched straight up. It looks like the obelisk shape of the Washington Monument in Washington DC. I feel there was no choice than to choose a structure like this because it was built in Tokyo that is limited by space, but I wonder if such a slim tower will be alright in Tokyo, with its frequent earthquakes.

The Skytree has a very interest provoking shape. When you consider it being a tower, you would think it stood on 4 legs, however, the Skytree stands of 3 legs. Its basic shape is considered a triangle, yet as you proceed upward it gradually takes on a hint of roundness, and the upper parts forms a circle which gives the tower a most unusual shape. The pressure from the sides makes a triangle sturdier than a square. However as you go higher, the wind factor comes into play so the round shape helps a little to alleviate the resistance from the wind.

Furthermore, one characteristic of the Skytree is that it can withstand strong earthquakes. Not many are constructed this way. The same 5 storied pagoda principle as the Horyuji Temple, which is considered a world cultural heritage and the oldest wooden building in the world was utilized. Horyuji Temple is an approximate 30 minute drive by car from Ojiba. Today, it still stands as it was when it was built 1200 years ago. From then until now, many 5 storied pagodas were built in various locations all over Japan. It is said that many faced destruction by typhoons and fires, but not one was ever destroyed by an earthquake.

The reason why a 5 storied pagoda is so strong is because there is a single center core that extends from the base of the tower until the top. It is structured so that the center core and the roof on the 5th level

can maintain the balance of the structure which makes it capable of absorbing the strong vibrations of an earthquake. A year ago, when the earthquake in eastern Japan occurred, the tower was still under construction. It was able to withstand the intense vibrations of the earthquake, and it is said to have certified the tenacity and flexibility of that method of construction. The center core utilized in the construction of the 5 storied pagoda and the Skytree is considered the core of the heart.

Within Tenrikyo, the religion we believe in, there is a central core figure we call the Shinbashira. The truth of the Shinbashira was determined by Oyasama and is the core that guides us without error toward the joyous life with certainty. Many who adore Oyasama have gathered to this core, and hearing the words of the all the Shinbashira throughout history, this path has developed.

The intention of God the Parent is contained within the Ofudesaki, the Songs for the Service and even the Divine Directions which were written personally by Oyasama. However, after She withdrew from physical life, the intention of God the Parent was revealed to us during each and every seasonable time by the Shinbashira. The matters which the Shinbashira relays to us is not even a bit different from the intention personally left to us by God the Parent. Only the points of importance which reflects each generation are relayed to us.

I feel that, the words of the Shinbashira are the Divine Direction of the times.

One word from the Shinbashira, rather than a thousand words spoken by others.

Divine Direction, May 26, 1906

As relayed in this Divine Direction, the power of speech and opinion of a single person, even if many share the same views and opinions, will not be accepted unless they are opinions which stems from a mind that harbors the spirit of single-heartedness with God. It says, instead, to align our minds with the Shinbashira. The truth of the Shinbashira is solid to that degree. Those words of the Shinbashira who desires by all means to bring joy to the ever-living Oyasama, are written in the Instruction Three which was issued in anticipation of the 130th anniversary of Oyasama.

Everyone, I urge you to keep it close at hand, and let us read it once a day. In this Instruction it urges all Yoboku to do salvation work. I would like to talk a little about what it says. First of all, there is a preface, then it goes on to explain the reason why Oyasama revealed Tenrikyo, which was to open up the path that will bring about salvation to all humankind. In this way, the founding of Tenrikyo is explained. Continuing on, it explains what we are striving for after having brought salvation to the entire world. That is, to strive toward the joyous life. What is this

joyous life that we are striving for? It says that it is a world where the hearts of all people have become completely purified, and living together in complete support of one another.

On the reverse side, it states what the world is like in reality. It is not a world where the hearts of all people are completely purified and supporting one another. It is a world where selfish desires are pursued, and a world that is lost in open conflict. Also, it is not a world where people are supporting each other. The human connection has become increasingly weakened, and it has become an indifferent society. It points out what the world condition has truly become and that it is heading in the opposite direction of the joyous life. In the midst of those kinds of conditions, what kind of action should a Yoboku take? That is certainly to relay the intention of the Parent and it is the time to rise and apply our effort toward salvation and the reconstruction of the world.

However, even if we consider the reconstruction of the world, or the realization of the joyous life world, it cannot be accomplished in one step. Therefore, what must a Yoboku bear in mind on a daily basis? First of all, applying effort in a steadfast manner toward the daily activities of a Yoboku, will allow the reconstruction of the world and the joyous life will gradually be realized. For that reason, it says that a Yoboku must

learn and practice the faith, and become an exemplary model within the community they reside. First of all, husband and wife who symbolizes the model of the truth of heaven and earth embracing each other, must first correct the family condition, and by helping each other, begin to create the joyous life from within and allow the spreading of that example.

In this way, the chance to touch upon the key toward the reconstruction of the world and salvation, by utilizing the grievances, sorrows and also the tendencies toward conflict of people within society as opportunities to transform the direction of their minds will be made possible. And inviting them toward the true path of salvation by urging the sweeping and transformation of the heart. It further mentions specific ways to implement salvation. Salvation begins with sharing our hearts with those around us. If there are people around us who are suffering let us pray for them. Then take a step further and call on them. For those who are suffering from illnesses... to administer the Sazuke, then listen intently to the heart that is distressed deep within. Another way to guide them is to tell an inspiring story that is based on the faith to encourage the change in direction of their hearts. And then it urges in a very detailed way, to apply effort toward salvation and the final result, which is to nurture them into someone who can together apply their efforts toward

salvation work.

In this way, emphasis on the focal point of salvation work is expressed, yet salvation work is not something out of the ordinary. The teachings of Tenrikyo was revealed for the sake of the single-hearted salvation of the world. So for those who believe in this faith, it is not to only pray for the salvation of ones own self and family, but a true follower is one who prays for world salvation. I feel this is nothing special, but is the natural course of the matter.

Even Yoboku who are striving toward putting salvation work into practice, have our own worries. I know there are those who feel they are unable to do salvation work because of their own issues. However, it is said that if you help others with their worries, the solutions to your own worries will be granted. It urges us to apply that effort in what ever form or way we can.

Yet, salvation work is not an easy thing to accomplish. It would be almost impossible without the firm determination and courage to do so. Since I've come to Hawaii, there have been many opportunities to administer the Sazuke. However, in the beginning I experienced hesitation. When it was someone's home, I hesitated to ask a person I was not familiar with. Also in regards to someone who was in the hospital, being unfamiliar with the hospitals in Hawaii and my lack of language skills caused me to feel uneasy and perplexed. I also felt hesitant to visit someone in the hospital because

if they shared the room with someone, I felt it would trouble the other when I administered the Sazuke. However, after experiencing it many times, things began to change, many were in private rooms and I am able to administer the Sazuke without hesitation.

There was a time when I visited someone in the hospital everyday for an entire month. I always went together with my wife wearing our happi, and a family member shared that the people at the hospital would say, “Here comes the black crows,” whenever we arrived. That person recovered and was sent home from the hospital. However, there were many who passed away for rebirth despite the many times I had administered the Sazuke. Because of my lack of sincerity, feelings of regret emerge, however although they passed away for rebirth, I believe at least their souls were saved, so whenever I hear that someone has an illness, I always administer the Sazuke.

We are taught in the Ofudesaki,

*Step by step, the Parent, who began
this world, will enter all of these useful
timbers. Ofudesaki XV:60*

It says that God the Parent does not move only through the administering of the Sazuke. Just one word can induce the workings of God the Parent.

Let me share with you about something

that happened. This was before I came to Hawaii. When I had visited a mission station in a small village in Spain, I had met a woman who lived next door. This woman had been married for 7 years and was feeling sad because she could not conceive a child. I told her the God that is enshrined in this mission station is the creator of humankind and the world, so if she wanted to receive blessings and conceive a child, she must visit the mission station and follow the instructions of the mission head. She understood and agreed to do so. About a year later, I met that woman by chance at Ojiba. She told me, “After I spoke with you, I conceived a child. I was so happy I returned to Jiba and tomorrow I will be receiving the grant for safe childbirth.” I was happy and surprised at the same time to hear the news. She had become the first follower of that mission station.

I feel that there are many, who experienced life changing things at hearing just a single word of the teachings. Even in the Anecdotes of Oyasama, there are many stories about those who went to a temple to ask for the recovery of their illness, met someone along the way and was told to go to Jiba. At doing so, they met Oyasama and received blessings for their illnesses. The person they met along the way had merely relayed the message, yet that person had facilitated the result of that salvation. So even if you do not have the power to save someone, even a mere suggestion can

be a great means for someone to receive salvation.

According to your mind of sincerity, I deny My protection to no one, whoever you may be. Ofudesaki IV:95

as stated in this Ofudesaki verse, a single word, if spoken with the mind of sincerity will be granted blessings by God the Parent and Oyasama.

A head minister of a church had traveled great distances by bicycle in attempts to visit a subordinate church. After traveling a few days, and nearly arriving at his destination, suddenly a person within a car that came from behind shouted out to him, “Sensei! I am a Yoboku of the church in Yamanashi you are about to visit. My company is about to go into bankruptcy. What should I do?” This minister was riding his bicycle with a banner draped on his back that read ‘Tenri-O-No-Mikoto’. This head minister was so tired from a day of traveling by bike that he answered in a clouded auto-responsive expression, “Go to the Spiritual Development Course.” He arrived at his subordinate church and received a message from his parent church to take on the responsibility of being an instructor at the Spiritual Development Course.

One afternoon after the Spiritual Development Course had begun, class for the day had just ended. As he pushed

his bicycle to return toward the follower’s dormitory, the #1 class monitor for the class he was teaching came up to him and asked, “Did you ever travel by bicycle to visit Yamanashi?” Neither the head minister or the class monitor had remembered each other. However, seeing the minister’s bicycle, jogged the memory of the class monitor, and realized they had come together a second time in the same class. That class monitor fervently strived to learn the teachings, applied his best effort when doing Hinokishin and did his utmost to accumulate virtue. He successfully completed the course, and although he did experience some hardship, he was able to revive the status of his company.

We often wonder how we can relay a single word of the teachings. When you are uncertain of how you can relay the word, I recommend that you seek advise without hesitation. That advise will enable you to relay the word without hesitation on your part, even the most difficult words. And it is important that you relay it as if it were being communicated directly by God the Parent. For those who are giving the advise, it is important that you not share your own opinions and experiences. You must give the advise as if it were being given directly by God the Parent.

In order to give the appropriate advise, it is important that you purify your mind. You must personally be in complete alignment with the intention of God the Parent. In

order to do this you must connect and visit your church regularly, do the service and sweep your mind of dust on a regular basis. You must sweep the dust from your mind and allow the clarity of your mind to surface. However, it is very difficult to free your mind of dust. Including myself, I'm sure there are others who hope to correct their temperaments and habits, and how about trying out this method. There is a story about a certain minister, and this is what he said, "Every morning during the service, I sweep the dust from my mind for this day and the entire day. So that I will not cause worry to God the Parent, I would like to go about my day being careful of my tendencies to resent, and to get angry. In this way, I make a pledge and go about my day. Or I often go about my day being aware of my tendencies toward greed and arrogance. I make a pledge and go about my day. If I pray daily in this way, the dust will not surface. With this service, I sweep the dust of the mind and receive blessings." I'm sure if we continued to pray in this manner on a daily basis, after years have passed, we surely can possess a calm and gentle mind that is beyond recognition.

The gun violence incident that occurred at the end of last year, began with a severed relationship between mother and child, and children with no connection to them became involved in the disastrous incident. There must have been a huge problem within the family. I wonder if the kind of

relationship that allows the joining of hearts between a mother and child was not able to connect? I wonder if they were unable to build a trust relationship? As we are told, salvation begins by extending your heart to those around you, and I feel it must begin first with those closest, such as husband and wife. From within the family, it is important to extend the concern for one another. The way a family greets each other as soon as they awaken is very important. It is not to answer after having waited for the others to say it first, but it is important to have that desire to anxiously say it first. Even if the relationship between husband and wife, or parent and child are close, whenever one of them does something for you, it is important to say, "thank you." By expressing feelings of gratitude to one another, the relationship will strengthen and trust within the family will begin to emerge.

If someone in the family begins to apply their focus on saving another, it will not do to turn your cheek indifferently. It is important for the entire family to pray together for that person. It is important to focus on the salvation of one person together with the entire family. I feel that in this way, the relationship within the family will deepen.

There are those who think that "salvation work is difficult." However, I don't feel you have to be concerned with the word, "salvation". Just think about the person, if they are in trouble, lend them a helping

hand, and if everyone can say cheerful words that allows one to feel like living healthy and happy lives, I feel it will naturally turn toward a desire to help one another. The joyous life is to have everyone living together on good terms. Living together on good terms is salvation toward one another, and the repayment to God the Parent and Oyasama for the countless blessings we receive daily.

Now is the seasonable time for the 60th commemorative anniversary of the establishment of this mission headquarters which will commence in 1 year and 4 months, and the 130th anniversary of Oyasama which will commence 3 years from now. Both coincide with tremendous seasonable opportunities. There is no difference, no matter which you decide to focus on. The purpose for the establishment of this mission headquarters, and the reason why Oyasama shortened her term of life and hid her physical presence were both for the sake of world salvation. The slogan

for the commemorative anniversary of the mission headquarters are, “Now is the time for Mutual Help” and “Hinokishin with a Smile”. I would like you to apply your effort even further, and I urge you to call out to each other and expand the circle of those in practice. Furthermore, I would like you to strive toward the 130th anniversary of Oyasama with ‘decisive spirit’, ‘decisive power’ and ‘decisive wisdom’ and apply your daily effort toward salvation work so you can receive the blessings necessary to nurture at least one Yoboku within the next 3 years. And let us all as Yoboku in Hawaii, align our hearts with each other so we can truly enjoy ourselves as we live the joyous life and bring joy to the ever-living Oyasama as we walk the path of world salvation without hesitation.

All people of the world are brothers and sisters, we are one world, one family. Let us help each other and choose daily, the joyous life.

I thank you for your kind attention.

FEBRUARY MONTHLY SERVICE

Sunday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m.

Sermon by Rev. Clyde Mikuni

Japanese Translation by Taeko Nakao

ISLAND LIFE

New Year's Mochi Pounding in JCCH Ohana Festival!

On January 13, 2013, members of the Tenrikyo Mochi Pounding team performed three mochi pounding demonstrations at the Japanese Cultural Center's 20th Annual Ohana Festival. Under sunny skies, the first demonstration started at 10:30 a.m. and a large crowd gathered as the sweet smell of the steamed mochi rice filled the air. Tenrikyo brochures were distributed to the crowd and local newscaster Steve Uyehara gave a brief description of Tenrikyo and its presence in Hawaii as the mochi was prepared for pounding. The crowd marveled at the skill and timing displayed by the mochi pounders as the individual grains of rice become one giant mass of mochi. Children's eyes drew wide as the giant mochi was transferred to the flour-covered boards, then transformed by the skilled

hands of the hinokishin staff into pieces of delicious mochi filled with sweet anko. Another successful mochi pounding event by the Tenrikyo Mochi Pounding Team. We would like to send a special thank you to all who came out to do hinokishin and support the team at this event.



Governor of Hawaii, Neil Abercrombie w/YMA Mochi Pounding Team



WA New Year's Party

On January 14, the Women's Association held the new year's party at Mission HQ with 30 members participated. After Bishop Hamada gave a short speech, participants spent a joyful time to play fun games and had a bento lunch.

1st JOY WORKSHOP HELD WITH NINE PARTICIPANTS!

“Provided an initial insight to the teachings via a medium that was structured yet flexible enough for one to feel comfortable,” was one of comments on the evaluation form filled out by the participants after the Joy Workshop held at MHQ on January 20th, after the January Grand Service. After conducting a training seminar for lecturers and facilitators in September of last year with guest instructors from the North American Mission, the Nurturing Committee conducted the first Joy Workshop with nine participants. Ms. Iris Saito served as lecturer and Mr. Wes Mikuni as facilitator. The Joy Workshop is a ninety minute program designed to introduce Tenrikyo to people new to the faith in a way that is informative and engaging. See ad for future scheduled sessions. “Launching the Joy Workshop at the start of the three years, one thousand days before the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, was such great timing and we hope people can latch on to this momentum in bringing people new to the faith,” said Joy Workshop Project Team assistant Rev. Owen Nakao. Continuing, he said, “and this will tie into the newly announced Mission HQ’s goal of each yoboku nurturing a new person to become a yoboku during this three years, one thousand days season.”



Hawaii Boys and Girls Association Leadership Camp and Annual New Year Park Cleanup and Barbecue Picnic Held at Stadium Park!

Under a “cloud” of rainy weather and a flash flood watch forecasted, the annual Leadership Camp was conducted. Five girls, four boys, three counselors and several adult volunteers plunged ahead relying on God the Parent and were blessed with cloudy but no rain weather. Tiffany Mima, chairperson of the Young Women’s Club conducted the communications workshop, while Kyle Kikuchi, Hinokishin chair of the Young Men’s Association conducted the teamwork workshop. Thank you very much.

BGA staff and secretary, Mrs. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa conducted the Spring Camp planning with the leaders, giving them an opportunity to contribute to how the camp is planned. In spite of the weather forecast calling for rain the BGA New Year Park Cleanup and BBQ

picnic was held in beautiful weather with an estimated 80 participants. BGA chair Rev. Owen Nakao, called on the children and adult participants to plant the seeds of sincerity to help bring peace to the world. A BBQ pot luck lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by the participants and several people new to the faith.



*Mutual Help & Hinokishin with a Smile
for the 60th Anniversary of Mission Headquarters of Hawaii*

Hi everybody! Here is a new column for the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii's 60th Anniversary, with the theme: "Now is the Time for Mutual Help. Hinokishin with a smile." In preparation for the 60th Anniversary, we wanted to give some followers a chance to describe how they have been practicing the theme of the anniversary in their daily lives and share it with our readers outside of Hawaii.



Hi, my name is Lewis Nakao, I am a software developer. I develop software, currently web applications, that makes people's lives easier by automating tasks, generating reports, and allow people to input, edit, and visualize their data. This kind of work requires, of course a lot of programming, but we also have to collaborate with others to build the application.

How do you implement "Now is the Time for Mutual Help. Hinokishin with a smile." in your daily life at work?

I felt that the 60th Anniversary's slogan was important to implement, especially, at work because it is somewhere we can have a bigger impact on others outside of the faith. While it is one thing to practice this slogan, it's another to be a model of it within our workplace. So for example, I was observing two co-workers at a meeting arguing throughout the meeting. I could mostly just listen because they were both superiors to me and so I just listened and tried to understand both sides. There was clearly a difference in the way they each thought and I felt that it was very difficult to come up with a solution. The good part of their relationship is that they are both aware that their arguing is a problem, but it is difficult to see where the problem lies because they are both intelligent people and very experienced in their fields.

However, when I remembered the slogan I realized that, despite their differences, they should

always remain positive and optimistic in the outlook of their relationship. And in order to relay that positivity to them, I should model the slogan by showing them, in my actions, the meaning of mutual help and Hinokishin. So instead of saying, "he should think this way" and "she should think that way," I should try to accept others' ways of thinking in a positive way and create an atmosphere of helping each other.

The situation has not yet resolved, but it made me realize how difficult it may be to implement such a goal of modeling a slogan, but more importantly, how important it was to be a model for others in communities with bigger problems.

Mission HQ Announcements

Granting of Divine Sanction for Church Affairs

On January 26th, Mission Headquarters of Hawaii received the sanction for repairing the roof of the living quarters. Construction will be starting after the February Monthly Service.

New Board of Directors Member

The following ten people were honorably assigned to be Mission HQ's new Board of Directors in January for three-year term:

Clyde Mikuni (head minister of Taiheiyo Church), Melvin Iwata (head minister of Honolulu-ko Church), Takatoshi Mima (head minister of Koshinokuni Hawaii Church), Colin Saito (head minister of Honolulu Church), Tsunenori Ichise (head minister of Joyous Mission Station), Owen Nakao (head minister of Pearl Church), Michioki Inafuku (head minister of Kariyushi Mission Station), Setsuo Kakitani (head minister of Kochimakoto Church), Yasutsugu Miyauchi (head minister of Asakusa Hawaii Church), Mark Hisao (head minister of Maui Church)

New Service Performers

Rev. Mifune Tanouye, head minister of Hilo Church and Mr. Blayne Mima, successor of Koshinokuni Hawaii Church were assigned to be Mission HQ service performers on January 20th.

New Chairperson of Young Women's Club

Tiffany Mima (Koshinokuni Hawaii Church) was assigned to be the chairperson of Young Women's Club on January 20th.

Re-establishment of Mission Station

Shimagahara Hawaii Mission Station (Rev. Norio Okada) was reestablished in Hawaii from January.

Obituary

Rev. Harry Katsuji Suga, head minister of Lanai Church, passed away for rebirth on January 11th at the age of 87. Funeral services will be held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary on February 15th. We extend our heartfelt condolence to Rev. Suga.

Tid Bits

Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Time flies and it's already February of 2013! In the first meeting for this year, the Bishop asked us to remove the three negative thoughts in our minds which are boasting, being arrogant and complaining. It is not easy to remove so let us resolve to perform the Service daily as taught to us by Oyasama and try to sweep away the three negative thoughts.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

February 9th (Sat) 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bazaar Sewing Hinokishin

February 6th (Wed) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Every Wednesday at the West House

*February Monthly Meeting and Women's Musical Instruments Practice will be cancelled.

*The February Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Honjima group.

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

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Hello everyone! I'm Tiffany Mima and I will be the next chairperson of the YWC. This year, the YWC convention will be held in Jiba in November and I ask for all members to come together and try their best to attend this convention. I hope to continue the great work that the past chairpersons have accomplished and I ask for your assistance in making this year another great year. Mahalo!

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

February 17th (Sun) 1:00 p.m.
Mission HQ Rainbow Hale

Yard Cleaning Hinokishin

February 24th (Sun) 9:00 a.m.
Kaneohe Area
Contact Kyle Kikuchi if available

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

TCC Cleanup Hinokishin

The semi-annual Tenri Cultural Center cleanup will be held on Monday, President's Day, February 18, 2013 from 9am – 11am. Please join us in keeping TCC beautiful and prepare for the Spring Camp!

Spring Camp and General Meeting

March 29 (Fri) – 31 (Sun) 3/29 is Good Friday
Applications available at MHQ office or email Rev. Owen Nakao at: onakao@tenrikyopearl.org.

Aloha Band Mini Bazaar Fundraiser

To meet the expenses of the Aloha Band participation in the Children's Pilgrimage, we are conducting a monthly mini bazaar held during the MHQ monthly service luncheon. If you have any items to donate for the bazaar, please bring them to MHQ with your name, estimated value and indicate for Aloha Band Mini Bazaar.



The Hungry Reporter

I rarely find dessert recipes that are easy and one enough to share. But when a good one comes along, I always share. I had the pleasure of tasting these pecan tarts at the year end New Years mochi pounding at Honolulu Church. Marisa Keaulani baked the dessert in her mother's place and my experience was... To Live for!!! Marisa surely has her mother's touch! I hope you enjoy this one!

Pecan Tart

Ingredients:

1 Cup Butter	8 oz. Cream Cheese, softened	2 Cups All-Purpose Flour
4 Eggs	3 Cups Brown Sugar, packed	4 Tbsp Butter, melted
1 tsp Vanilla Extract	1 Cup Chopped Pecans	

Directions:

Tart: Cream together butter and cream cheese. Add flour and mix.

Filling: Crack open eggs into bowl but try not to break the yolks. Add sugar, melted butter, vanilla extract, and pecans. Mix well with spoon.

Roll tart dough into balls and press into tart pan. Spray PAM into pan if necessary.

If pan is a really good non-stick, then don't need to but our pan is a little old so I spray the PAM and wipe it with a papertowel to make sure the entire pan is coated. Scoop about a tablespoon of the filling into each tart and then bake @ 250 degrees F for 30 mins. Let it cool for a few mins and then take out the tarts and let them cool down.



February Calendar 2013

3 rd	Sun	Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School Students Arrive for Study Trip		
4 th	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00a.m.
5 th	Tue	Bishop & Mrs. Hamada Arrive		10:15 a.m.
		Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
6 th	Wed	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
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	TCC & Library Joint Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
14 th	Thu	Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School Students Leave for Japan		
15 th	Fri	Rev. Yoshiyuki Nakano Arrive		1:10 p.m.
16 th	Sat	Lecture by a Church Headquarters Official	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
		Lead Singer & Flute Workshop	Mission HQ	12:30p.m.
17 th	Sun	February Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Mission HQ	After Yorozuyo
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:30p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
		YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	1:00 p.m.
18 th	Mon	TCC General Cleanup	TCC	9:00 a.m.
		Ritual Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
19 th	Tue	Rev. Yoshiyuki Nakano Leave for Japan		1:10 p.m.
		Bishop Hamada Leave for Japan		1:10 p.m.
23 rd	Sat	YWC Follow Miss Kokan Seminar	Taitan Church	9:30 a.m.
26 th	Tue	Yohaishiki (Service from afar)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Otefuri & Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
27 th	Wed	Bishop Hamada Arrive		10:15 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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Lecture by a Church Headquarters Official

Date: Saturday, February 16th, 2013

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Place: Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

Lecturer: Rev. Yoshiyuki Nakano

*Please attend this significant lecture for all Yoboku
as we enter the season of three years, one thousand days.*

