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TENRIKYO NEWSLETTER 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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A Brief History of 60 years of the Path in Hawaii



140 people at the Honolulu International Airport in front of Japan Airlines aircraft just before boarding the first of two flights to return to Jiba for the 80th Anniversary of Oyasama.

Seventy-eight years of the Pilgrimages to Jiba

For the 50th Anniversary of Oyasama, eleven people from Hawaii joined the pilgrimage organized by the Mission Headquarters of America, with Sakujiro Ueno and Matagoro Mikuni as the leaders. They departed from Honolulu Harbor on January 12, 1936, aboard the Chichibu-Maru and arrived at the Kobe harbor. It was the first group pilgrimage to Jiba from Hawaii.

The Centennial Anniversary of the Founding of Tenrikyo was held on November 28, 1937, and 12 people from Pearl Church (head minister: Tsugi Nagayama) returned to Jiba. The 60th Anniversary of Oyasama was held on January 26, 1946, which was only five months after the end of war. The followers gathered at their own respective churches to observe the Anniversary service because the diplomatic relationship between Japan and America had not yet been restored. The passenger liner's regular service between America and Eastern Asia during those days was monopolized by the American President Company. Bishop Inoue, who desired to send a group pilgrimage to Jiba for the 70th Anniversary of Oyasama, visited the company, suggested discounted group fares during the slow winter season, and was able to negotiate discounted lower fares. Thus, 67 people in the first group and 62 people in the second group returned to Jiba. Since then, a small group organized every year returned to Jiba for the Spring Grand Service.

In the 1960s, mass transport by airplanes took over the liners, and in 1966, for the 80th Anniversary of Oyasama, 240 people returned to Jiba by chartering all seats of Japan Airline's two regular flights. In 1970, a group of children returned to Jiba to participate in the Summer Children's Pilgrimage activities. After visiting the World Expo, they stayed at the Honshiba, Heishin, Futanajima, Kochi, Toai, and Sanohara grand churches and exchanged friendship with the children of the Boys and Girls Association of those churches.

In 1975, the year Japan Airlines brought in jumbo jets, 171 people boarded a jumbo jet and returned to Jiba to participate in the Summer Children's Pilgrimage. For the 90th Anniversary of Oyasama, 383 people returned to Jiba on one flight and 70 people on another flight. For the 100th Anniversary of Oyasama, five groups were organized, and a total of 377 people returned to Jiba. For the 110th Anniversary of Oyasama, 130 people returned to Jiba, and for the same year's Oyasama's Birth Celebration Service and the Women's Association General Meeting, 200 people returned to Jiba. During the year of the 120th Anniversary of Oyasama, a total of 960 people returned to Jiba: 70 people in January, 160 people for the Oyasama's Birth Celebration Service, 135 people for the Children's Pilgrimage, and 90 people for the Autumn Grand Service.

Due to such social situations as changes in the travel industry and severe competition among airline companies, organizing group pilgrimages has become more difficult. As we are now approaching the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, we should always keep in our minds to encourage people to join the group pilgrimages during the anniversary year.

February Monthly Service Prayer

Appearing before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, I (Shugo Yamanaka) bishop of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii speak with reverence on behalf of the Hawaii congregation.

God the Parent, You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine and taught us the truth of all things, guiding us on the path toward the Joyous Life. Being guided by this true Teaching, we are living in joy and high spirits as we feel Your blessings each and every day. At the same time, we are putting forth our efforts to grow spiritually by striving to follow the Divine Model of Oyasama as best as we can. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the February Monthly Service at this mission headquarters. We, the service performers will unite our hearts as one to perform the Seated Service and the Dance with Hand Movements joyously in high spirits. We will be joined by brothers and sisters of the path in Hawaii who have looked forward to this day and have gathered here today, in singing the Songs for the Service in unison and praying in earnest for a Joyous Life World. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

Last month, in his sermon delivered after the Church Headquarters' Grand Service, the Shinbashira instructed all Yoboku to reaffirm the importance of the Service and the Sazuke, as urged by Oyasama, and for each of us to ponder and move forward with what we should be doing based on the teachings, without being told to so, as we enter the important second year of the "three years, one thousand days" period leading to Oyasama's 130th Anniversary. Hereafter we will make further efforts to advance in spiritual growth, devoting ourselves to hinokishin, sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings, and engaging in salvation work with decisive strength and courage so that we may respond firmly to the desire of the Parent.

Together we vow to accord with the intention of God the Parent, whose desire is for all humankind to live the Joyous Life, and as instruments of Oyasama we will walk firmly on the path of single-hearted salvation and single-heartedness with God here in Hawaii. Especially, with the Mission Headquarters' 60th Anniversary only three months away and, further, Oyasama's 130th Anniversary two years from now, each and every one of us is firmly determined to make decisive efforts to grow spiritually. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that You guide us further towards the advancement of the Path in Hawaii and the reconstruction of the world into a Joyous Life World where everyone will live together in harmony helping and caring for one another even a day sooner. Together with all present, I sincerely pray that You bless us so.

Mission HQ February Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Takatoshi Mima

Head Minister of Koshinokuni Hawaii Church

Good morning. We have just completed the February monthly service of the mission headquarters together as one in high spirits. Thank you for all your hard work. I believe God the Parent and Oyasama have accepted our sincerity and are happy. As I have been appointed to, I would like to begin my sermon. I humbly ask for your kind attention for a short while.

The year before last, at the Autumn Grand Service the Shinbashira presented the “Instruction Three” in which he pointed out the guidelines of the anniversary activities in anticipation of the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama. Presently, this year is the “middle year” of the “Three Years, One Thousand Days” and as we approach this 2nd year we are making daily efforts to near God the Parent’s desires as stated in the Instructions.

At the Spring Grand Service in the 177th Year of Tenrikyo, in his sermon the Shinbashira reflected back on the lunar calendar date of January 26, 1887 when Oyasama knew things could not stay as is and She withdrew from physical life to hasten human beings’ spiritual growth. She repeatedly hastened the implementation of the Service “because the Service is the



fundamental component for the path of single-hearted salvation.”

The truth of the Sazuke which we currently receive is the same as what our predecessors received and it is emphasized that the blessings of God the Parent have not changed from past to present. “If there seems to be any difference in the blessings that are shown to us today, it must be due to whether we are sincere or not.” The following is an excerpt from the Shinbashira’s sermon after the Service.

Oyasama said,

**Sah, now, at this time, I am in haste....
Do you fear God or do you fear the
law?**

Osashizu, February 18, 1887

She sternly urged them to perform the Service. Upon seeing Oyasama's condition growing extremely critical, they finally made up their minds to implement the Service even at the risk of their own lives and boldly performed the Service with musical instruments included. The Service, which was attended by a great number of followers, was safely conducted. Miraculously there was no interference from the authorities.

Having finished performing the Service, the performers were elated, thinking that Oyasama would surely make a recovery. When they returned from the Service, however, they were shocked by the news that Oyasama had withdrawn from physical life. Upon hearing the unexpected news, they fell into a state of utter shock and despair. They only regained their senses when they received the following words from Oyasama, spoken through the mouth of Izo Ihuri.

Sah, sah, I shall level the ground. Has everyone assembled, has everyone assembled? Listen and understand well. All that I have said until now was put into a container of truth. But now God has opened the portals and stepped out. Because of My love for you, My children, the Parent shortened Her life by twenty-five years to step out and save the world from

now. Observe well. Observe well what the path has been and what the path will become. When I asked whether I should open the portals or keep them closed to level the ground, you answered, "Please open the portals and level the ground." I have done as you wished. Sah, there was a thing I had intended to give to My children but I was not able. I shall bestow this truth on you step by step hereafter. Remember this well.

Osashizu, February 18, 1887

In other words, God the Parent will level the highs and lows of the world. Because all children are so dear, God has cut short Oyasama's term of life by twenty-five years to open the portals of the Shrine, resulting in Her withdrawal from physical life. God will save the world from now. You must observe well. God will gradually bestow the truth of the Sazuke, which God wanted to give but was not able to.

(some part omitted)

In a Divine Direction, delivered on the day after Her funeral, we read:

Sah, sah, you do not understand, you do not understand. You do not understand anything at all. One hundred and fifteen years old, ninety

years old. . . . You do not understand this either. Twenty-five years short: this you do not understand either. I have taught you My will but you did not understand anything at all. Therefore in order to hasten the salvation of the world I shortened Her life by twenty-five years. I opened the portals and stepped out to level the world. Were I not God, I would not be able to do such free and unlimited workings.

Osashizu, February 24, 1887

Seeing the situation where the followers failed to fully understand God the Parent's intent and hesitated to implement the Service, thus delaying the path of world salvation, God shortened the term of Oyasama's life in order to hasten salvation.

(some part omitted)

What changed the most was that Oyasama was no longer physically present. It was rumored that this would be the end of the Tenrikyo faith. Yet, a Divine Direction tells us:

Ever since Oyasama's withdrawal up until today, Her mind has been reflected in the Seki by the truth of Her eternal life.

Osashizu, September 14, 1900

Oyasama's mind was revealed through the mouth of the Honseki in the form of the Divine Directions including Her Timely Talks given from time to time and Her responses to the inquiries made by followers. The early followers must have been grateful and felt reassured that Oyasama provided Her guidance at each important juncture.

In order to level the world, we must proactively convey and spread the teachings throughout the world. As the most dependable tool for missionary work and as the means to cover traveling expenses, Oyasama began to bestow the truth of the Sazuke on more and more people. In this regard, the establishment of the Besseki system was significant. Those who received the truth of the Sazuke and became Yoboku started to go out to spread the teachings all over Japan and some even went abroad.

(some part omitted)

We should not just go through the motions of performing the Service. Only when we perform it in the spirit of single-heartedness with God and in unity of mind can our Service performance be accepted by God. To the early followers who were caught up in the dilemma between God's intention and human thinking and were unable to bring themselves to perform the Service,

Oyasama gave strict yet warm guidance through Her own physical condition so that they would become single-hearted with God and perform the Service in unity of mind. Her instruction is meant not only for the followers in those days but also for us. We need to be mindful of this point, especially because we do not have any worries about interference while performing the Service. The implementation of the Service itself is not difficult these days. However, it is not by any means easy to perform the Service in the manner that is acceptable to God the Parent.

(some part omitted)

In the Besseki lecture, we are taught that there is no light or heavy with the truth of the Sazuke. The truth of the Sazuke that we receive today is the same as the truth that a great many predecessors received. Moreover, God the Parent's providence has not changed. If there seems to be any difference in the blessings that are shown to us today, it must be due to whether we are sincere or not.

Every time I give thought to the day of origin of the Spring Grand Service, I always think of the importance of the Service and the deep parental love embodied in the Sazuke.

Oyasama's path of the Divine Model

began with God the Parent's first words, "At this time I have descended here to save all humankind." She then showed the path that brings about the salvation of all people in the world and leads to the world of the Joyous Life, which is the purpose of human creation.

(some part omitted)

Over the subsequent fifty years, Oyasama not only revealed the whole truth of the teachings through Her spoken and written word but also left the path of Her Divine Model, which is the goal of our life of faith, thus making all arrangements for the path of single-hearted salvation, which primarily consists of the Service and the Sazuke. Since Her withdrawal from physical life, by the truth of Her eternal life She has been guiding all of us who are striving to follow the path of single-hearted salvation as She taught.

In Instruction Three the Shinbashira taught,

Now is the time for all of us followers of the path to stand up and show people a way of living based on purifying the mind and helping one another. We should thus pour our energies into reconstructing the world." Moreover, "Let those of us who are Yoboku study

and internalize the teaching and put them into practice each day to become people who effortlessly make the truth of the teachings self-apparent to the local community. Let us ensure that our own families – including husband and wife who represent the truth of the embrace of heaven and earth – are living in accord with the teachings and implementing mutual help. In this way let us expand the circle of the Joyous Life, starting right where we are.

Keeping Oyasama's Divine Model as a daily goal, we are urged to show people, starting with those nearest us, a way of living based on helping one another and ponder what Oyasama would have done in whatever situation arose.

In October of 2011, I attended the Autumn Grand Service and was able to hear the Shinbashira's announcement of the Instruction Three. At that time in October as our dormitory's counselor, I was in charge of caring for the Spiritual Development Course students for that month and thus listened earnestly to the announcement. Since then, every word from the Shinbashira has filled my heart with deep emotion and settled naturally in my mind. Thus, during this season of Three Years, One Thousand Days, I made a firm resolution to obediently and in high spirits, do my best to cheerfully fulfill my duties in hopes of making Oyasama happy

as I keep in mind the Divine Model as my goal. With this I returned home to Hawaii.

It was two days after I returned. My son called to say, "My friend Mr. S collapsed at home and was taken by ambulance and hospitalized in the ICU. Please go immediately and administer the Sazuke." Without delay my wife and I went to the hospital however Mr. S was being examined in the ICU. After about two hours of waiting, Mr. S's wife and parents together entered the exam room to hear the results. Mr. S had suffered a stroke. A blood vessel burst in his brain and would not stop bleeding and thus he suffered an intracerebral hemorrhage. His state of illness was very serious. He was in a coma, pale faced and feet swollen. I washed my hands completely and administered the Sazuke and began three days of prayer for him to regain consciousness. Upon completion of administering the Sazuke, I returned to the waiting room where many family members and friends had gathered to wait until late through the night.

As I sat waiting in the lobby, I reflected back to Mr. S's hospitalization five years ago due to cirrhosis. At that time, the doctor's exam results showed his liver had shrunk to one-third of its size (to the size of a ping pong ball) and was not functioning normally. This time too my son had called and asked me to administer the Sazuke and I went to the hospital immediately. He underwent surgery and he received

blessings as he recovered little by little. During his hospitalization as I commuted daily to administer the Sazuke, I prayed to God the Parent and Oyasama saying, "I know human beings each have their own life span however please grant divine blessings and let him live longer even if just a little." In addition, I performed a prayer service daily at our church.

In less than a week's time he was able to be discharged and recover at home and commute to the hospital. Even after his discharge I continued to administer the Sazuke and perform a prayer service. After six months he became healthy enough to be able to return to work. He received wonderful blessings due to the workings of the everliving Oyasama. Until that moment Mr. S, who had said he did not believe in God began to gradually believe and after that he was able to get married happily.

Also, Mr. S's mom Mrs. I, who had been receiving help from my son with various repairs and such from fifteen years before also did not believe in faith. But from that experience, in addition to receiving wonderful blessings from God for her son's illness, she began to believe in God little by little. Mrs. I herself for many years suffered from difficulty in walking. Due to this she became secluded in her home and even going in her yard became less frequent. Not only was I able to perform the Sazuke on Mr. S, I began to administer the Sazuke on Mrs. I as well. As I continued to

administer the Sazuke she began to regain her health little by little and started to come to our church for worship. She even recovered enough to where she could hold the railings and climb the stairs by herself to church. Mrs. I not only was grateful for the blessings her son received but also for her own blessings and began to learn gradually about the teachings and learn about the importance of savoring the joy of living each day.

Then, about five years after first learning of Mr. S's illness as I mentioned earlier, there was a change in his illness and he collapsed at his home and was rushed to the hospital. According to the doctor's prognosis, surgery was impossible. I began the three days of administering the Sazuke and performing a prayer service. Mrs. I as a mother did not want to have any regrets later so she stayed by his side and cared for him till the end. My prayers for recovery were not enough and three days later at the young age of 38 years, he passed away for rebirth. He was a kind-hearted and thoughtful young man. Family and friends, everyone cried with tears streaming down their face. My son, who thought of Mr. S like his older brother was deeply discouraged at his passing. His father, Mr. R quietly cried by himself in the shadows. For me as a father, I painfully understood his grief. Seeing him, I too shed tears. And then, I deeply apologized to God the Parent and Oyasama for my shortcomings in my

prayers and also said my appreciations for the divine blessings, in other words extending his life by five years. “Even if you try to cause something to happen, it may not happen. Even if you try not to let something happen it may happen. Understand this truth.” I repeatedly meditated this phrase in my mind.

He overcame his illness and began to believe in God and I had hoped that he would become a Yoboku in the future. His passing was indeed a very sad occurrence. This knot, which was shown to me in the beginning of November immediately following the announcement of Instruction Three, the instructions for the Three Years, One Thousand Days towards Oyasama’s 130th Anniversary, became the start of my own activities towards the anniversary. Since then I made a resolution to perform the Twelve Chapters prayer service and to administer the Sazuke and am now executing this.

We are taught that God the Parent first created the Universe and then provided every necessity on Earth for human beings to see us lead a joyous life. However, human beings not knowing God the Parent’s desires and intentions forget gratitude, lose the mind of helping each other and the bond between people fade. In the world, wars between countries and disputes in each country do not cease. Needless to say, this state is not God the Parent’s wishes. The root of these wars are caused by the

way human beings use their minds. Also we are taught that these situations and calamities are God the Parent’s guidances. Therefore, we are taught the Service through Oyasama, and not only to pray for healing of illnesses or settling of situations, but to pray for harmony among families as well as harmony and peace in the world.

Recently, there are numerous disasters occurring all over the world. The typhoon that happened last year in the Phillipines due to abnormal weather was a typhoon bigger than anyone ever experienced. And thus numerous people passed away due to severe damage from wind and rain. On March 11, 2011 in Japan, East Japan’s big disaster occurred leaving approximately 16,000 dead and 3,100 missing. Because next month will be the three year anniversary, I’ve seen repeatedly on tv, news of this earthquake disaster. This natural disaster, an earthquake which caused the tsunami which in turn caused damage to the nuclear powerplant lead to the leaking of radioactive contamination which threatened people’s lives and their livelihood. This was a disaster greater than anyone expected and even now many people are forced to lead a refuge life filled with daily hardships.

When this disaster occurred, a scientist said, “This was a disaster far worse than anyone could have imagined. It is a wake-up call from nature or in other words from God to the arrogance of people who

only believe in science. Furthermore, an elementary student who faced a disaster asked Pope Benedict, “If human beings are all God’s children, why does He cause suffering to human beings?” To which it seems the Pope replied, “Even I do not know the answer. Let us pray together to God.” How would Oyasama have answered that? If you look at the words in the Ofudesaki, there can be found many answers of guidances.

There was a man who lost his wife and 2 daughters and his home washed away by this disaster. Losing everything, he also lost the will to live. During this time, he was asked by people who, like him, also lost their family and homes and had lost hope and the energy to live towards their future, to create a song to encourage each other. Thus a town song called “Thank you. Let’s live together” was composed and a group was formed and they performed the song on a tv documentary. Filled with sadness, he cried everyday upon losing his family. He blamed himself saying this is not a time to be singing songs. However because he came to the realization that he cannot forever live in sadness, he thought if he can make the people of the town happy through a song, then his deceased wife and family would surely be happy and hence became able to face life towards the future.

I was deeply moved by this man’s will to overcome sadness so deep it cannot be expressed in words and to be able to move

on with his life. To suffer sadness and suffering so deep that it would break one’s heart. It is when one encounters this type of difficulty that there is an unmeasurable inner conflict in trying to find the joy in living. I believe a lot of time is necessary to overcome this conflict. In efforts to make these people happy even a little, the Yoboku of the faith volunteers are presently going out to various disaster areas to do hinokishin in reconstruction efforts.

In Instruction Three,

Concerned about our future, God the Parent urges us through various knots or challenging situations, to replace the mind.

Whatever I do, it is solely from Tsukihi’s single desire to save you.

Ofudesaki XII:78

This verse teaches us that everything God does is motivated solely by the parental love that desires to save all human beings.

Moreover,

Salvation work begins with paying attention to those around us. If we find people who are suffering from illness or other problems, let us first pray for a solution, speak proactively to them, and reach out to them. We can administer the Sazuke with utmost sincerity to those

who are ill and listen to what is on the minds of those who have worries. We can give support to those people, convey the voice of the Parent to them, and guide them so that they can change the orientation of their minds. Moreover, let us continue guiding and nurturing them until they join us in working for the salvation of others.

This year marks the 41st wedding anniversary for my wife and me. When I think about it, I am amazed at how much we have endured to get here. On the other hand, I am sure my wife has endured more than I have. There may be people here among you who say they have 40 years, 50, 60 years of marriage or even more. That is magnificent. You have great patience. I am sure you have supported and appreciated each other.

In an article I wrote titled “Wedding anniversary” which was published by the Yotokusha Company in a book called “Essays from People of the Path Part II,” I wrote, “Since leaving for overseas missionary work in 1973, we have reached the 37th year. Before our marriage, I was approached by my spiritual parent and my father about possibly doing overseas missionary work. It was decided that my wife who had no relation to the path would study the teachings in Jiba before we wed. I told her, “If you follow and practice the faith, you will definitely be happy in the

future.” Believing in these words, my wife jumped into the teachings.

At that time, my wife must have been pure for she believed those words truly and after completing the three month spiritual development course, we had our wedding ceremony and set out to Hawaii to do our overseas missionary work. In other words, our honeymoon became the beginning of our missionary work in Hawaii. Now, since that time we are approaching our 41st year.

In my 41 years, I have been able to participate in 4 different anniversaries ranging from the 90th to the 120th anniversaries. Looking back at each anniversary, I was shown various knots and situations and am filled with regret that I was not able to fulfill all my duties to complete satisfaction.

This time also I feel behind as the 1st year toward the anniversary comes to an end. It was at this time that I discovered words of value. These words were found in the Shinbashira’s beginning of the year’s greetings. In the greetings the Shinbashira said,

Looking back on the 1st year, we should reflect on whether we had some shortcomings to be corrected as well as good points to build on further so that we can enhance our activities in the second year of the pre-anniversary season. We ought to have such a strong mentality. There may be those of you who feel

you started off late. However, there is no such thing as too late. I believe you simply need to make up your mind and actually get to work in high spirits.

In the Ofudesaki, Chapter 17,

**For all of you children in the world,
There is only love in the thoughts of
Tsukihi. Ofudesaki XVII:49**

**Therefore, I desire to sweep clean
the heart of everyone throughout the
world. Ofudesaki XVII:50**

**Why do you think I desire this
sweeping? It is because My thoughts
are only for your salvation.**

Ofudesaki XVII:51

**The salvation is not just to cure illness.
I intend it to be a marvelous
salvation. Ofudesaki XVII:52**

Salvation through the Service and the Sazuke, in other words salvation to cure illness and bestow miracles of healing. We are taught that truly unusual salvations are dependent on the Service of the Kanrodai. Through God the Parent's desire to save

us quickly, we are urged to perform the Service.

As I mentioned in the beginning of my speech, at the Autumn Grand Service, the Shinbashira said, "The Service is the fundamental component for the path of single-hearted salvation. Moreover, he emphasized, "The truth of the Sazuke which we currently receive is the same as what our predecessors received and God the Parent's blessings have not changed from past to present."

In the season of "Three years, One Thousand Days" that happens once every 10 years, as the Shinbashira said, we need to inscribe in our minds the "Importance of the Service and the Sazuke." As we head towards the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, we need to once again personally ponder over the basis of the teachings, and to hasten the duties entrusted by Oyasama to each and every Yoboku.

In conclusion, this coming May 17th, we will perform the 60th Anniversary Service of Dendocho with the presence of the Shinbashira. I would like to end my speech by humbly asking for as many members, Yoboku, and followers to attend.

Thank you for your kind attention.

MARCH MONTHLY SERVICE

Sunday, March 16th at 9:00 a.m.

Sermon by Rev. Owen Nakao

Head Ministers Meeting will be held at 12:45 p.m.

Island News & Mission HQ Announcements

Obituary Announcement

Rev. Shigeki Hisao, the former Head Minister of Maui Church, passed away for rebirth on February 2nd, 2014 at the age of 88. The funeral service was held on Monday, February 17th at Nakamura Mortuary in Maui.

Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School Study Abroad Program

From February 3rd through 14th, the 7th study abroad program was held in Hawaii. 17 high school students studied English during the lessons in English and their stay with the local Tenrikyo families.

Tenri Cultural Center General Cleanup

On February 17th, members of the Hawaii Young Men's Association, Hawaii Women's Association and the Hawaii Boys and Girls Association cleaned and beautified the center. Not only the Tenrikyo Hawaii congregation but members of the Tenri Judo Club and the Saturday School joined the cleanup.

Lecture for Mothers

On February 18th, the Lecture for Mothers was held with 12 people participating. Mrs. Satoe Kakitani, spouse of head minister of Kochi Makoto Church, served as lecturer and spoke on "husband and wife."

Spring Memorial Service

On Thursday, March 27th, the Spring Memorial Service will be conducted at 10 a.m. The following anniversaries will be observed:

5th anniversary: Rev. Yoshinobu Shiiba, 2nd head minister of Kailua Kona Church

10th anniversary: Rev. Masami Meguro, 3rd head minister of Makiki Church

20th anniversary: Rev. Tadayoshi Nakao, 1st head minister of Net Hawaii M.S.

30th anniversary: Rev. Miyuki Kawasaki, 1st head minister of Aloha Church

50th anniversary: Rev. Ryosaku Kawasaki, 2nd head minister of Aloha Church

Hawaii Mission HQ April Monthly Service date change

The monthly service in April will be held on **April 12**, the second Saturday of the month, not the third Sunday, April 20th. Please mark your calendars.

Philippines Typhoon Disaster Relief Donation

In reponse to the massive typhoon disaster in the Philippines last November, Hawaii Dedocho sent \$5,000 in advance to the local TV company via Tenrikyo Mission Center in the Philippines, and requested for donations from the Hawaii congregation. We reached the goal at the end of February, and we would like to thank everyone for their sincere and generous donations. We would like to continue humbly requesting for donations to the Construction Fund covering the expenses for re-roofing of the Worship Hall & Office Building and various repairs.

Tid Bits

Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

I looked up the clear blue sky today. The winter season of Hawaii is almost ending. Thank you very much for helping with the meal preparations for the Kyoko Gakuen students and for taking care of them during their stay at your homes!

Bazaar Sewing Hinokishin

Every Wednesday 9:00am - 12:00pm
At the West House

WA Committee Meeting

March 3rd (Mon) 7:00 p.m.

WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation

March 8th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

WA Monthly Meeting

March 10th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

*We will practice singing after the meeting.

Women's Musical Instruments Practice

March 11th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

*The March Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo-B group.

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Leadership Camp and New Year Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic

Thank you to you all for your support at our annual leadership camp and New Year park

cleanup and BBQ picnic held on Saturday, January 25 through Sunday, January 26, 2014 with the park cleanup & BBQ picnic on Sunday.

TCC Cleanup Hinokishin

Thank you to you all for your Hinokishin at Tenri Cultural Center cleanup held on Monday, President's Day, February 17.

Spring Camp and General Meeting

March 21 (Fri) – 23 (Sun), 2014. General Meeting is on Saturday, March 22 at 9:30am at MHQ.

Please note that the camp fee has increased by \$5 to \$25. There is an early registration discounted fee of \$20 for applications with payments received by Sunday, March 9. Please indicate your child's t-shirt size on the application form if ordering a T-shirt (\$10 per shirt). Applications available at MHQ office or email Rev. Owen Nakao at: onakao@tenrikyopearl.org. Please make checks payable to Tenrikyo Hawaii BGA.

Children's Pilgrimage

The Children's Pilgrimage date is July 24-30. Check in at 38th Moya on 7/24, 4pm and check out on the 30th is at 9am for the general group and at 10:30am for Shohi (Boys & Girls Hinokishin Corps). Airfare assistance is available for those participating in Shohi.

Flight reservations are on your own or through Panda. Groups of five or more can book airport transfer with the Overseas Department. Children's Pilgrimage applications available at MHQ or contact Rev. Owen Nakao at 734-1449 or email: onakao@tenrikyopearl.org for an application by email.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Messages from Chairperson

Aloha YMA members! On Monday, February 17th President's Day, the 3 Association TCC hinokishin was successfully held without incident, and we were blessed with light showers, despite the heavy rains which preceded that day. YMA engaged in tree cutting, and hedge trimming hinokishin in and around the TCC property, of which there were some hairy situations. But with the collaborative efforts of all YMA members, we were able to unite our minds and efforts to complete the tasks safely, and without injury. Thank you to all who assisted and supported us in mind, body, and spirit. The YMA kickball tournament which followed the ono beef stew lunch, brought back childhood memories, and re-ignited the competitive spirit of all who played! On a personal note, my entire body ached the day after from the hinokishin and kickball. With every body ache, I was reminded of how blessed I am for the healthy body which we borrow from God the Parent each day, and truly felt the meaning of hinokishin, "showing our gratitude to God the Parent through our actions".

In March, YMA encourages all members to attend the Yoboku Gatherings on Saturday, March 15th at Dendocho from 9:00am, with special guest speaker, Rev. Toshiaki Yukimoto, Head Minister of Tenrikyo Central Fresno Church. YMA will hold a hinokishin after the Yoboku Gathering, more information to be announced. We are also calling out to any musicians to assist with the BGA Spring Camp Fire on Saturday, March 22nd. Please reach out to any of the YMA officers if you are available to

play an instrument to lead camp fire/sing-a-long songs. It is sure to be good times for all! More spring camp hinokishin will be announced through our channels of communication. Thank you for all of your support! Hinokishin with a smile!

Monthly Meeting

February 12th 7:30pm @ Rainbow Hale

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Leadership Camp

Sending out a big thank you to everyone who was able to help and especially attend this years Leadership Camp. Witnessing your spirit and bright minds gives us high hopes for you, our future leaders.

TCC Hinokishin

Thank you to all who were able to help and participate in the TCC Hinokishin/Kickball!

BGA Spring Camp

Hinokishin is available for you! We're in need for volunteers to help out with the BGA Spring Camp, March 21st to March 23rd. Assist with the general meeting, be a counselor/adviser, security, kitchen help and more! Even if its only for a few hours, every little bit helps.

Uganda Project

With the support of the YMA and BGA we will be raising funds to purchase school supplies for kids at a Tenrikyo mission station in Uganda. The YWC will be raising money through our Mini Bazaar during lunch at Dendocho monthly service. We need baked goods or hand made crafts to sell every month so please let us know when you can help out or donate.



The Hungry Reporter

I am always on the look out for chicken recipes that are different. I love Indian curry and this recipe resembles that great flavor that includes an array of spices. I do suggest you keep to the recipe but you can modify to fit your taste. If you don't have a food processor finely chopping the onion, ginger & garlic works too. Using a food processor just intensifies the flavor. All in all, this recipe is simple and tastes great!

Indian Tomato Chicken

Ingredients:

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| 1 large onion, chopped | 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom |
| 4 cloves garlic, chopped | 1 (1 inch) piece cinnamon stick, chopped |
| 1 slice fresh ginger root | 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves |
| 1 tablespoon olive oil | 2 bay leaves |
| 2 teaspoons ground cumin | 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg |
| 1 teaspoon ground turmeric | 6 skinless chicken thighs |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1 (14.5 ounce) can whole peeled tomatoes, crushed |
| 1 teaspoon ground black pepper | |

Directions:

1. Place onion, garlic and ginger in a food processor and process into a paste. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat, add onion paste and saute, stirring continuously, for about 10 minutes.
2. Stir in the cumin, turmeric, salt, pepper, cardamom, cinnamon, cloves, bay leaves and nutmeg. Saute, stirring, for 1 to 2 minutes. Place chicken pieces in skillet and stir them around with the spice mixture until they are well coated.
3. Sauté for another 4 minutes, then pour in the tomatoes with liquid and stir. Reduce heat to low and simmer for 1 to 2 hours, or until the oil has separated from the liquid. Stir occasionally. (Note: If you simmer uncovered, the sauce will thicken; add water, or keep covered while simmering.)



March Calendar 2014

1 st	Sat	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
3 rd	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
4 th	Tue	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC Monthly Service	TCC	1:00 p.m.
8 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
9 th	Sun	Bishop Yamanaka to return to Hawaii		
10 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
11 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
12 th	Wed	BOD Prep. Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
13 th	Thu	Rev. Toshikiyo Yukimoto to come to Hawaii as lecturer of Yoboku Gatherings		
		BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Sat	Yoboku Gatherings in Honolulu	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
16 th	Sun	March Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Mission HQ	After Yorozyuo
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
17 th	Mon	Yoboku Gatherings in Maui	Maui Church	1:00 p.m.
18 th	Tue	Yoboku Gatherings in Hilo	Kilauea Church	9:00 a.m.
19 th	Wed	Yoboku Gatherings in Kona	Kailua Kona Church	5:30 p.m.
21 st	Fri	BGA Spring Camp (until 23rd)		
22 nd	Sat	BGA General Meeting	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
23 rd	Sun	WA Big Island Oyasama's Birthday Gathering		
26 th	Wed	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Service Practice (after Yohaishiki and after Evening Service)		
27 th	Thu	Spring Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00a.m.

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2014 All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day

In this 177th year of Tenrikyo, please join together in bringing a friend and spread the fragrance of the teaching: a thing lent, a thing borrowed. Hinokishin is an expression of our joy of being kept alive by God's blessing.

Maui, Makawao	4/26 Sat	8:30am-10am	Makawao Veterans Cemetery
Oahu, Honolulu	5/3 Sat	9am-11am	Honolulu Zoo
Big Island, Hilo	5/10 Sat	8am-9am	Homelani Veterans Cemetery
Blg Island, Kohala	5/10 Sat	9am-11am	Old Kona Airport Park
Big Island, Kona	5/25 Sun	11am-1pm	Kona Memorial Park
Kauai, Kapaa	5/26 Mon	10am-11am	Japanese Cemetery