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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

Sanctuary Renovation and the 40th Anniversary of Dendocho

In June 1986, the year of Oyasama's Centennial Anniversary, Honbu-jun'in Rev. Kazuo Nagao was installed as the fifth bishop. In anticipation of the 40th Anniversary of Dendocho, Bishop Nagao, wishing to further unite the minds of the followers in Hawaii and to make the 40th Anniversary more meaningful, announced in 1991 the plans for a sanctuary renovation and the adding of a multi-purpose hall and residential quarters. The addition of the residential quarters was completed in September 1992. As for the renovation of the altars and the worshipping hall, the symbol for worship was transferred on the night of September 28, 1992, to the newly added residential quarters, and the demolition of the old shrines commenced on October 1. With the *hinokishin* efforts mainly by the followers from Kauai and Maui, the demolition of the altars and upper dais was speedily completed. The *hinoki* lumbers were shipped from Japan, and four architects of Matsunami Lumber Industry Co. and two shrine carpenters of Miyachu Shrine Construction Co. came to Hawaii for the construction. The construction of the altars and the upper dais entirely with *hinoki* lumbers was beautifully completed at the

end of November. The members of the Women's Association helped in *hinokishin* in polishing the *hinoki* lumbers and those of the Young Men's Association in the tasks of rough works. On January 15, 1993, Rev. Masahiko Iburi, then the head of the Overseas Mission Department, presided the Enshrinement Ceremony, and on the following day, the 16th, the Renovation Completion Service was conducted with Bishop Nagao as the chief officiant.

On May 14, 1994, the following year, the 40th Anniversary Commemorative Service was conducted with the presence of the Shinbashira Zenye Nakayama. The Shinbashira said in his sermon about the preparation for the Oyasama's 110th Anniversary, "It is important to unite the minds of each one of us in order for conducting Oyasama's Anniversaries. I hope that each head minister of churches, the church directors, and Yoboku, with pride and self-awareness, responsively engages in the tasks of the path in the manner that this path would not advance without his/her own efforts. I would like to ask you from the bottom of my heart that each one of you, at this opportunity of the 40th Anniversary with the refreshed minds, follow the footsteps of your predecessors and endeavor with unity of mind for the path in Hawaii. I sincerely pray for the further advancement of the path in Hawaii."



Members of the Women's Association polishing the *hinoki* column of the altars.



***Hinokishin* in the construction of the altars and the upper dais.**

August 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, since You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine, You have manifested the truth of origin of human beings and taught us how to proceed on the path towards the Joyous Life through the Divine Model. Furthermore, with Your free and unlimited workings, You have been guiding us on the path towards spiritual maturity by sweeping away the dusts of our minds and by giving us adequate trainings in each seasonable time. For this we are truly grateful. Thus we express our gratitude to You daily, as we strive in our work towards world salvation. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the August 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. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

Once again this summer, the Home of the Parent was filled with the liveliness of many children and young people. From Hawaii, participants in the Oyasato Seminar, Children's Pilgrimage group and Boys and Girls Hinokishin Corps were all able to survive the intense heat and conduct their activities without mishap. By directly experiencing the truth of the Jiba, being embraced by the parental love of the everliving Oyasama, learning about the teachings and diligently planting seeds of sincerity while wiping precious sweat from their faces, everyone was able to deepen their mind of gratitude and joy upon returning to Hawaii. For this, we sincerely thank You.

On August 24th, the Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar will be held. The congregation and all the people involved will unite as one and work together to make this big event a success, and also through the bazaar, we hope to further progress in sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings to the local community. Furthermore, as we approach the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day scheduled for the beginning of next month, let us be always mindful of sprinkling the fragrance and helping and saving others while paying attention to those around us so that we may convey the teachings to as many people as possible.

We Yoboku would like to respond to Your parental desire to hasten world salvation. As instruments of Oyasama, we will walk firmly on the path of single-hearted salvation and single-heartedness with God here in Hawaii. Especially as we have entered the second half of the "three years, one thousand days" period leading up to the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, each and every one of us is determined in continuing 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 August Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Michioki Inafuku Head Minister of Kariyushi Mission Station



At this time, we are at the turning point of the season of the three years, one thousand days leading towards the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama. I wish to take this opportunity to reflect once again on the significance of this Anniversary, and with approximately 500 plus days remaining in this season, I wish to strive ever more progressively in our efforts in high spirits.

Oyasama taught, “Unless we fall to the depths of poverty, we will never understand the hardships of those who are poor”. Beginning with the items which were purchased for her marriage, kimono, and everything including money were given to the people suffering of poverty.

Even while experiencing the hardships of poverty, Oyasama taught, “When we drink water, it tastes of water”. It is within the core of this teaching that we are able to realize that we borrow our healthy bodies, and through this, Oyasama was able to

teach the truth of finding joyousness in any situation. At that time, this was a new, never before heard of concept of values, which we are taught as the truth of “A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed”.

However, the random act of giving away one’s valuables to the poor, was not accepted, or understood by relatives, friends, acquaintances, and neighbors. As this persisted, Oyasama was treated as delusional, and confused. On the contrary, to prove that she was not delusional, Oyasama taught sewing, and just about that same time had her son, Shuji open a private school in his house, and taught reading and writing to some of the youngsters in the village. Despite being the desire of God the Parent, creating, and establishing a new concept of values toward the construction of a new Joyous Life World was no easy matter, taking on extraordinary diligence.

From approximately 20 years since becoming the Shrine of Tsukihi, Oyasama began administering the salvation of Safe Child Birth. The reputation of this salvation rapidly spread throughout the Yamato region. From the salvation of safe childbirth, rumors upon rumors gradually began to spread of a living god in Shoyashiki Village who could save anyone from any illness. Many people would come to Oyasama asking to be saved. Among the

people that were saved, there were those that were devoted to show their gratitude and thus followed Oyasama. These people later become the first disciples of Oyasama. Through many and various knots Oyasama urged the spiritual growth of her followers minds, bestowing upon them the Sazuke-Divine Grant, and encouraged them to ensure the continuation of their unwavering faith.

30 years after the establishment of Tenrikyo, those followers were advancing spiritually under the care and guidance of Oyasama, were taught the Songs for the Service, the Hand Dance, and musical instrument accompaniment, taking it upon herself to teach, and train them.

Continuing, Oyasama designated the construction of the Kanrodai to the Honseki, and determined the Jiba, where the Kanrodai Service was to be performed. In due time, the means to world salvation progressed steadily with all events leading to the significant moment of “opening the portals”. Through the parental guidance that we mustn’t forget Oyasama’s teachings, the Ofudesaki was written, and it was just about the same time that the Honseki was determined from whom we would later receive the Osashizu.

Approximately 10 years prior to Oyasama hiding her physical being, the Shinbashira was settled, and the final lesson was to be taught to the immediate disciples. Worried about Oyasama’s physical condition, the followers attempted to obtain a license

of another religious sect. The followers were strictly admonished, and to develop a more fervent single heartedness with God, unyielding to the pressures of the authorities, Oyasama began to vigorously teach the Service to the selected service performers. In hopes that her followers will develop a stronger faith, Oyasama endured the hardships of detainment, and imprisonment 18 times.

On January 26, 1887, Oyasama pressed upon her followers, “Are you afraid of God, or are you afraid of the law?”, urging them to perform the service at the risk of their lives. To this, with the 1st Shinbashira as the core, the followers resolved no matter what may happen to them, they performed the Service as Oyasama had wished.

As if a miracle had occurred, not a single authority had appeared, however upon seeing through the minds and hearts of the service performers, Oyasama shortened her physical life by 25 years, and hid her physical being.

In this way, over a 50 year period, Oyasama lived with the single desire to save all of humankind. We must respond to Oyasama’s parental heart by fulfilling our duties in accordance with Instruction Three, which brings to light the significance during this anniversary season. I wish to share my thoughts and interpretation of Instruction Three in relation to an illness which I personally experienced, helped me to further understand Instruction Three in more depth.

The year before last, October 26, 2012 we received the Instruction Three from the Shinbashira for the first time. The following month, on November 3rd was the monthly service of my parent church. That morning, my hernia, which I suffered some 20 years ago became aggravated, and I had a stomach ache. In reference to the Instruction Three which we had just received at Church Headquarters, my head minister was going to share his thoughts, and interpretation to the Yoboku, and followers of his church. As I live in Hawaii, I was unable to attend the monthly service and thus, I believe God the Parent immediately showed me an illness to ensure that I would not slip away from the importance of the Instruction, and guided me with the hernia.

A hernia is similar to a bicycle tire that has become worn, and the inner tube bulges out from the tire. Normally, I would be able to push the bulging intestine back in with my fingers, put on a hernia belt, and continue on with my daily life. However, on this particular morning, I felt unusual and took it as a sign from God. I called my wife who had already left for work and asked her to administer the Sazuke, however to no effect. I placed a long distance call to my parent church head minister to seek guidance on my condition. Since he had just recently become the head minister, he asked me to wait 5 minutes while he consulted the previous head minister. However, I could not wait the 5

minutes and rushed to the Kuakini Hospital Emergency ward in my wife's car. The 30 minutes it took to get to Kuakini felt like forever, and whether I sat, stood up, or lay on my side, I felt very nauseated. It felt as though the bulging intestine had reversed its flow, and the intestinal reflexes were moving so that everything was going to exit from my mouth.

In fact, my wife told me some time later, "Daddy, giving birth isn't half as bad". I was dealt a blow. As a man, I have not experienced child birth, but perhaps through the suffering of the hernia, I had experienced the slightest anguish of giving birth.

As I was admitted to the Kuakini Emergency Ward, there were 3 or 4 other patients waiting their turn. I was in so much pain, the other patients asked, "Are you okay?!", and rubbed my back attempting to comfort me. Through the kindness of everyone, I was admitted first, and was administered an anesthetic. While I was asleep the doctor had returned the herniated intestine back into position. Although surgery was imminent, there was no space available for a surgery, and I was sent home two days later, and scheduled for surgery on November 26th. As the 26th of the month is an important day for us followers, I was hopeful that nothing would go wrong on this day. Sure enough, on the 26th I started to get a fever early in the morning, and I developed a cough. I called my doctor immediately to explain

my condition, and he immediately said, "Let's postpone the surgery". I must have been relieved, or perhaps it was gradual that the fever subsided, the cough stopped, and I recovered without incident.

It was then that I reflected upon these occurrences. "The surgery on the 26th was not for your body, but you must have surgery on your mind" is what I believe God was trying to tell me. Next Spring, January 26th, when the anniversary season begins, whether it happens, or not I resolved to God that I would visit 30,000 homes in nioigake. But I felt as though God was telling me, "Now, you must begin now", and subsequently went to Dendocho. I performed the service, and once again stated my resolution to God, and returned home to Makakilo to begin door-to-door nioigake.

Since then, the 3rd Shinbashira has passed away. I believe the 3rd Shinbashira is a person of true indebtedness. I truly believe that it is due to the blessings of the 3rd Shinbashira that I am able to engage in missionary activities here in Hawaii today.

43 years ago in 1971, I was dispatched by the Young Men's Association as a missionary to Hawaii. At that time, 20 candidates were sought after from all of Japan, of which only 5 were selected. The final 3 that were selected were entrusted by the Young Men's Association President, who later became the 3rd Shinbashira. Of the 5 candidates, the 3rd Shinbashira dropped the two candidates that understood

English the most, and selected the three that could not understand English very well, including myself. The two who were not selected were successors of churches.

The 3rd Shinbashira stated, "overseas missionary work must be committed to the mission as a permanent resident". As a successor to a church, it would have been inevitable that they would have to return to Japan to succeed their churches. He was able to see beyond that, and thus selected the three, including myself that were not successors to churches.

Fortunately, although I am unable to show satisfactory results, I was able to acquire my American citizenship, gain residency in this country, purchase a grave, and a house, and am blessed with my family. I am truly thankful that I was able to fulfill my promise to the 3rd Shinbashira's desire to engage in missionary work as a permanent resident.

I have interpreted the passing away of the 3rd Shinbashira just prior to the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama as my lesson toward spiritual growth, and with the remaining 500+ days, I wish to answer to our Everliving Oyasama's parental heart by engaging in nioigake, and salvation work ever more spiritedly.

I wish to recite from the Ofudesaki in closing,

**What do you think this path is?
It is the true path that will settle this
world.**

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The 44th Tenrikyo Bazaar Held!

On August 24th, the 44th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar was held at Tenri Cultural Center (TCC). The Tenrikyo Bazaar is known as one of the biggest bazaars in Hawaii because of the variety of items. There were over 30 food items as well as used and brand-new items including handmade mats and pillows. Furthermore, music bands and mochi pounding performances were held in the huge tent. Visitors enjoyed the performances while sitting at tables with their favorite food items. On this day, TCC was covered with a great number of people. Thank you for all your sincere efforts and contributions to this successful event.





Installation for the New Head Minister & Funeral for the Late Head Minister

Rev. Daniel Akemoto received divine sanction to become the new head minister of Paradise Church on June 26th. The Installation Service was held on Saturday, August 30th. Congratulations!

On the same day, following the Installation Service, the funeral service for Rev. George Akemoto, former head minister of Paradise Church who had passed away for rebirth in January was held at Diamond Head Memorial Park.



Newlyweds!



On Saturday, August 16th, Thad Kanegawa (Futanajima Grand Church/ Mid Pacific Mission Station) and Hikari Nishida were married at Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the new Mr. & Mrs. Kanegawa!



Mission HQ Personnel Change

On August 20th, Mr. Akinari Nishigaki (Nankai Grand Church) arrived and will serve as a Seinen for two years. Please extend your warm aloha when you see him at mission headquarters.



Obituary Announcement

Rev. Jay Nobuaki Nakashima, head minister of Halenani Mission Station, passed away for rebirth on August 21st, 2014 at the age of 64. The private funeral service is to be held on Monday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. at Tenrikyo Taiheiyo Church.

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar was a great opportunity to develop our unity of minds and to sprinkle the fragrance of the teaching to the local community. Thank you for all your long time hinokishin efforts. The Chairperson's Seminar will be held on September 20th. Rev. Yamada will be giving a lecture on Koga's 1st Minister on the day before, 20th. Please ask as many people as possible to attend it.

Monthly Meeting

*This month's meeting will not be held.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

September 13th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

WA Musical Instruments Practice

*September Practice will not be held.

Lecture by Rev. Joann Yamada, Chairperson of Koga Chapter

September 19th (Fri) 9:00 a.m.

WA Chairperson's Seminar

September 20th (Sat) 9:00 a.m.

*The September Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo-C group.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Uganda Project

Still going strong, only 4 more months left to show our support and raise what we can. I would like to say thank you for all your baked donations. Please let me know if you can still cook, bake, or make crafts that we can offer to our mini bazaar patrons. Come visit us at the mini bazaar so you don't miss out great baked goods!

Help Hawaii's Students

Along with the Uganda project we will be collecting school supplies for the students in Hawaii who are unable to afford their own. Backpacks, bags, pens, pencils, notebooks, paper etc. You can bring them to the mini bazaar or contact me and we can work something out if you can't make it to the monthly service. Michelle #808-469-5347

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Messages from Chairperson

Aloha YMA members! Thank you very much for your sincere contributions to the annual Tenrikyo Bazaar! Without you, and the collaborative efforts of everyone, the Bazaar would not be a success. It is with great honor, and pride that I announce, on August 25th, a special convention was

held in Jiba on the inauguration of our new Tenrikyo Young Men's Association President, Daisuke Nakayama! The annual YMA Convention will be held in Jiba on October 27th as it does every year, however, this year will be the first convention with our new president. If you are available to return to Jiba in October this year, I encourage you to join me during this exciting transition in YMA. Hawaii YMA will continue to focus on helping others, and hinokishin. If you know anyone that needs help with tree trimming, painting, and general clean-up, please do not hesitate to contact any of the YMA officers. We do have a number of requests that are already on the books, however we are happy to assist others where the needs are most. Upcoming hinokishin will be announced through our channels of communication! Hinokishin with a smile!

Monthly Meeting

September 17th (Wed) 7:30pm
Rainbow Hale

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Bazaar Game & Toy Booth

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped at the bazaar BGA game & toy booth August 24! Mahalo nui loa!

UNICEF

For our Trick or Treat for UNICEF Fund drive in October, please support UNICEF to relieve suffering and bring necessary supplies to children around the world. The orange collection boxes will be distributed through the churches, mission stations and be available for pick up from Mission HQ. Thank you!

September Memorial Service

On Saturday, September 27th, from 10:00 a.m., the September Memorial Service will be held at Mission Headquarters. After the service, the following anniversaries will be observed:

- 1st Anniv. Rev. Chiyoko Izumi, Ushigome GC, 4th head minister of Manoa Church
- 20th Anniv. Mrs. Setsu Yoshioka, Shuto GC, spouse of 2nd head minister of Vineyard Church
- 50th Anniv. Rev. Matagoro Mikuni, Shuto GC, 1st head minister of Taiheiyo Church
- 50th Anniv. Mr. Umeyoshi Watanabe, Yoboku of Nikko Grand Church

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY SERVICE

Sunday, September 21st at 9:00 a.m.

Sermon by Mrs. Chiyo Akemoto

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

The Hungry Reporter

How's about a great salad recipe this month? It's been so warm, this zesty salad will really hit the spot. I chose it for it's healthy & flavorful ingredients. You can find the Chipotle in Adobo at most grocery stores. And the marinade with boneless skinless chicken which can be prepared ahead is a great compliment to any dish. Hope you enjoy this!!

Honey Chipotle Chicken Bowls with Lime Quinoa

Ingredients:

Honey Chipotle Chicken:

1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/4 tsp Salt
1/4 tsp Pepper
1/4 Cup Olive Oil
3 Tbsp Adobo Sauce (from a can of chipotles in adobo)
2 Tbsp Honey
1 Tbsp Dijon Mustard
1 Tbsp Honey Mustard
2 Tbsp Fresh Cilantro, chopped
4 Garlic Cloves, minced

Salad:

6 Cups Spring Greens
1/2 pint Cherry Tomatoes, halved
1/4 Cup Fresh Cilantro, torn
4 Green Onions, sliced
1 Avocado, sliced
1 Lime, juiced
1 Tbsp Olive Oil
1/2 tsp Honey

Lime Quinoa:

1/2 Cup Uncooked Quinoa, rinsed
1 Cup low-sodium Chicken or Vegetable Stock, or even water
1 Tbsp Coconut Oil
1 Lqime, juiced and zest freshly grated
1/4 tsp Salt
1/4 tsp Pepper

Directions:

1. Add the chicken breasts to a ziplock bag and season with salt and pepper. In a bowl, whisk together the olive oil, adobo, honey, mustards, cilantro and garlic. Pour the marinade over the chicken, covering it evenly. Place it in the fridge and marinate for at least 2 hours, or even overnight.

2. When you're ready to make the meal, heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add a tiny bit of olive oil and add the chicken, then cover the skillet and cook until the chicken is deeply browned on both sides and cooked in the center, about 6 minutes per side.

3. Lime Quinoa

Add the quinoa and stock (or water) to a saucepan over high heat and bring it to a boil. Once boiling, reduce the heat to low and cover the pot. Cook for about 15 minutes, or until all the liquid is absorbed. Stir in the coconut oil (you can swap butter), lime juice, zest, salt and pepper.

4. To make the salads, add the greens in a large bowl and toss them with a sprinkle of salt and pepper. Add the chicken on top along with the quinoa, the tomatoes, cilantro, green onions and avocado. Drizzle the bowl with the lime juice, olive oil and honey. Serve!

September Calendar 2014

1 st	Mon	All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day	Moilili Stadium Park	9:00 a.m.
2 nd	Tue	Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
6 th	Sat	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
8 th	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00a.m.
13 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
14 th	Sun	Mr. Shoji Izumi to finish his duty and return to Japan		
15 th	Mon	TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Wed	Rev. Joann Yamada to arrive in Hawaii as lecturer		
		Preparation for BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
18 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
20 th	Sat	WA Chairperson's Seminar	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
21 st	Sun	September Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	After Yorozuyo
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
		Rev. Joann Yamada to return to Japan		
24 th	Wed	Ms. Yachiyo Matsutani to arrive in Hawaii and start her duty at MHQ		
26 th	Fri	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Bazaar Reflection Meeting	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
27 th	Sat	September Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00a.m.
29 th	Mon	Ms. Hiroko Yamada to finish her duty and return to Japan		

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