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YMA Aloha Walk with Brazil YMA Members (10/18)

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

A Brief History of 60 years of the Path in Hawaii

The Third Shinbashira Made Thirteen Missionary Visits to Hawaii



From the left: Rev. Tosa, the head minister of Muya Grand Church, the Third Shinbashira, Rev. Mikuni, a director, and Mrs. Nakayama. In March 1971, the purchasing contract of the current Culture Center property was concluded. The entire property was covered with shrubs, California grass, etc. The peripheral area was cleared for access to the property. On July 2, the Shinbashira visited the Culture Center immediately after his arrival and walked through the entire property on the narrow passage.

During his first visit, approximately 60 years ago, the Third Shinbashira attended the Dedication Service for the establishment of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii and the inaugural ceremony of the Hawaii Young Men's Association, which were held on May 23, 1954. His thirteenth and last visit was in May 1994 to attend Dendocho's 40th Anniversary Service. He made thirteen missionary visits to Hawaii in 40 years.

During each visit, he always, with a gentle smile on his face, congratulated the followers' efforts and encouraged their further endeavors. Wishing for their further spiritual maturity, he, with his profound parental heart, gave them instructions at each seasonable occasion. In 1971, through the acquisition of the 3.3-acre property located at 2236 Nuuanu Avenue, he showed his warm and deep consideration for the future path of Hawaii.

Also, the acquisition of the two parcels of land (20,000 sq. ft.; approximately 550 *tsubo*) adjacent to Dendocho's mountain side in September 1994 would not have been realized without his support. Being located at the central area of Honolulu, there is no other ideal place for Dendocho to function as the headquarters for the missionary activities. With Dendocho as our foundation, we must exert further efforts in the propagation of the teachings.

He did not visit Hawaii for 10 years since Dendocho's 40th Anniversary. In 2006, however, he wrote the preface for the book entitled, "Fifty Years of Hawaii Dendocho," which should be valued as his last instructions for the followers in Hawaii. At the conclusion in his preface he wrote, "I sincerely hope that the followers in Hawaii advance straight forward on the path laid for us by Oyasama, the path you trust, that you do not misstep the path of the Divine Model, work aggressively and with confidence upon those who are not yet aware of the remarkableness

of the joyous life, and seek the meaning of life in the effort to attempt to actualize the ideal state of life desired by the Parent of Origin, who created human beings. Let us become exemplary models of *Hinagata* and show the joyous life to the people of our communities. I will not ever spare my efforts to assist you for that end. With this preface as my commemorating message for the 50th Anniversary of Hawaii Dendocho, I sincerely wish and hope that the followers in Hawaii unite their minds and follow the path of Oyasama with high spirits.” We must advance the path of our faith by always keeping his words in our minds.

Young Men's Association Aloha Walk Held!

From Wednesday, October 15th to 21st, four members of the Young Men's Association Brazil Chapter visited Honolulu, on their way to returning to Jiba. They were Hirohada Nozu (Brazil YMA Vice-Chairman, and Chairman successor/Kita), Caio Soares (Vice-Chairman/Shuto), Roberto Ogawa (Treasurer/Tsu), and Akiyoshi Tanio (member/Nankai). The four members from Brazil joined the Hawaii chapter members in various YMA activities including the Aloha Walk, held on Saturday, October 18th. Blessed with cool, overcast weather with just slight drizzles of rain, despite the heavy down pour that afternoon, and subsequent days. Three members of the Hawaii Chapter, along with the four from Brazil walked from Tenrikyo Honolulu Church to Mission Headquarters. Along the way, the group stopped at two public parks to perform the eight verses of the Yorozuyo, and engaged in park beautification hinokishin. All participants were in agreement that, this activity deepened our bonds with our brothers from Brazil, ignited our senses to our responsibilities as Pioneers of the Path, and heightened our motivation to furthermore engage in missionary activities. Obrigado Brazil Seinenkai!

New Baby Girl on Board!

Keely Ayaka Iwata

Born: October 21, 2014

6.5 lbs / 19.5 inches

Parents:

Burt & Monika Iwata (Wahiawa Church)

Congratulations!



Lecture by a Church Headquarters Official

Saturday, December 20, 2014, 9:00 am / Lecture by Rev. Mitsunori Toi

This lecture is designed for head ministers of churches and mission stations and Dendocho service performers.

October Grand 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 congregation.

With the arrival of the promised time, on October 26, 1838, You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine. Since then, You have taught us the truth of the creation of humankind, including the Jiba of origin, while showing us Your free and unlimited workings, thus guiding all humankind toward a Joyous Life World. We are truly grateful to You for Your boundless parental love shown to us. Embraced in Your great parental love, we have been walking daily on the path toward spiritual growth. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the Autumn Grand Service at this mission headquarters, signifying the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. 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.

Taking upon ourselves the Shinbashira's expectations expressed in the Instruction Three, and in order to accord closely with the intention of God the Parent, we have been making continuous efforts for spiritual growth as we progress through the season of activities toward the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama. We will further devote ourselves to hinokishin, sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings, and engaging in salvation work with more decisive courage and strength, as we aim at receiving results befitting the final year of the pre-anniversary activities.

We Yoboku 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 continue to walk firmly on the path of single-hearted salvation and single-heartedness with God here in Hawaii. Especially, those of us who are head ministers serving as the core of respective churches should never forget that we all received divine sanction from the everliving Oyasama and thus have a very important role. And in this season approaching the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, each and every one of us is determined to make decisive efforts to grow spiritually. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that You guide us further toward 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 October Grand Service Sermon

Rev. Shugo Yamanaka

Bishop of Mission Headquarters of Hawaii



Aloha, everyone. Thank you very much for attending the Autumn Grand Service of Hawaii Dendocho today. Some of the head ministers have already departed for Japan to attend the Grand Services at Church Headquarters and their respective grand churches, but it is indeed our great joy and pleasure that we have just completed the joyous and spirited performance of the service through which we earnestly pray for world salvation, for the realization of a Joyous Life World, also turning our thoughts toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. For the next few minutes, I would like to share with you my thoughts upon this occasion of the grand service today. May I ask for your kind attention for a while.

As all of you are aware, the autumn grand service is conducted to commemorate the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. It is the service in and through which we turn our thoughts toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, which took place on October 26, 1838. However, as I also stated last October, the autumn grand

service is not merely performed for the sake of commemorating the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. It is conducted so that all people who gather to attend the service that day turn their thoughts toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, reconfirm or re-identify the intention of God the Parent manifested through that event, heighten their awareness of being instruments of Oyasama, and vow to make further efforts toward world salvation. I believe this is the biggest significance and purpose of the autumn grand service, without which it would not be a grand service in the proper sense.

176 years ago from now, in October 1838, for the first time, God the Parent became revealed directly to the human world through Oyasama. The very first utterance of God the Parent through the mouth of Oyasama was: "I am God of Origin, God in Truth. There is causality in this Residence. At this time I have descended here to save all humankind. I wish to receive Miki as the Shrine of God." These are the very first words of God the Parent that we human beings heard through Oyasama.

However, Her husband, Zenbei, and the family members and relatives, who were there and unexpectedly heard those words of God the Parent for the first time, could not understand the profound meanings of those words, as a matter of course. To begin with, it was out of his strong and desperate wish to heal the pain on Shuji's left leg persisting for a year as well as the recent pains on his own

eyes and Oyasama's lower back that Zenbei decided to hold the incantation ritual. What he received in response was these unexpected words of God the Parent saying "to save all humankind, I wish to receive Miki as the Shrine of God," which seemingly had nothing to do with what he was praying for. Therefore it was only natural that he did not understand the meanings of those words and kept refusing God's request to take Oyasama as the Shrine.

God the Parent, however, remained steadfast and continued to persuade Zenbei, with stern words, to give his consent. As described in the first chapter of *The Life of Oyasama*, the dialogue between God the Parent and Zenbei started on October 24 and continued until the morning of the 26th. In the meantime, Oyasama, who had been conveying God the Parent's intention without sleep or rest, looked visibly exhausted to a life-threatening degree. Finally, therefore, forsaking all self-centered human thoughts, Zenbei replied, saying "I offer Miki to You." It was about eight o'clock on the morning of October 26, 1838, and this was the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. The teachings and the history of Tenrikyo started from this day. The day when a person named Miki Nakayama became the Shrine of God, Oyasama becoming Oyasama, was the beginning of Tenrikyo.

Also in terms of our individual faith, the start of one's faith in Tenrikyo is in believing and accepting that Oyasama is Oyasama, that Miki Nakayama is the Shrine of God, and that we human beings have been able to know the existence and intention of God the

Parent for the first time through Oyasama. This is the essential basis of Tenrikyo faith, without which Tenrikyo teachings and faith would not be possible.

Therefore, the October Grand Service is conducted to commemorate the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, the day when Oyasama became the Shrine of God. As I stated earlier, however, it is not conducted merely to commemorate the day of Tenrikyo's beginning. More importantly or most importantly, all of us who gather to attend the service should turn our serious thoughts toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, reconfirm or re-identify the intention of God the Parent manifested through that event, heighten our aware-ness of being instruments of Oyasama, and vow to make further efforts toward world salvation.

This Teaching of God the Parent conveyed to us by Oyasama, the Teaching of Tenrikyo we have faith in, is the Teaching that aims for the realization of a Joyous Life World, the saving of all people in the world. It is not a tiny-minded religion just praying for benefit or happiness only for oneself or one's own family. That's why this Teaching has been spreading beyond Japan into many other countries. Since it was begun and initially developed in Japan, Tenrikyo seemingly has many Japanese elements or aspects contained within, but never is it meant to be only for Japanese or Japanese-Americans. The essence of the teachings of God the Parent who is the Parent of all human beings and the very aim of this Teaching should be universally applicable to all people regardless

of nationality or ethnicity. As we see in the very first words of God the Parent through Oyasama, it was for the grand purpose of “saving all humankind” that Oyasama was to be received as the Shrine of God. We should keep this in our mind.

For many or most Tenrikyo followers, of course, the day of origin of one’s faith in Tenrikyo, or, going back further, the day of origin of faith for one’s family or church, is directly linked with the fact that he/she or his/her ancestor was saved from the pain and suffering of some illness or trouble. However, instead of saying “Thank you very much for saving me. Good-bye,” they were further guided into the Teaching of God the Parent through the illness or trouble as a trigger and came to understand the real goal or aim of the Teaching. That is why they, or we, continued and have transmitted or inherited their faith, our faith, in Tenrikyo up until today.

From the incantation ritual held out of Zenbei’s desperate wish to have Shuji, Oyasama, and himself saved from their physical pains, the unexpected revelation of God the Parent began saying “At this time I have descended here to save all humankind. I wish to receive Miki as the Shrine of God.” Of course, this happened because of the Three Great Causalities, that is, God’s promises, already made at the time of the beginnings of origin, concerning the time, place, and person for the founding of the Teaching. Yet, after forsaking all self-centered human thoughts to make his own decision, Zenbei stayed with and followed Oyasama along the way despite the strong opposition from people around Her. He did so, I believe, mainly because

he did understand and became convinced of the teachings of God the Parent, teachings for world salvation, conveyed by Oyasama right before him.

Thinking in this way, it may be said that the essence of how our faith in this Path should be was illustrated at the very beginning of Oyasama’s Divine Model through Her husband, Zenbei. Therefore, the October Grand Service is a great opportunity for us to turn our thoughts, not only toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, but also, at the same time, toward the day of origin of faith for ourselves, families, or churches, and to reconfirm or re-identify why we have been continuing to have faith in this Path here in Hawaii. For us living in Hawaii which is an ethnically diverse society, it is important to reflect upon our ethnic roots, but also we should reflect upon the roots of our Tenrikyo faith regularly. Otherwise I’m afraid we may lose trace of it over time.

In fact, in the 176 years since the founding of the Teaching, even during Oyasama’s time, there have been many cases of someone being guided to the Path through illness or trouble but leaving soon after, saying “Thank you for saving me. Good-bye”; someone having entered the faith once but leaving after something bad happened, saying “If this is what I get by believing in God, then I’ll quit”; and someone having tried his/her utmost to follow this Path but, for some reason, not being able to convey the wonderfulness of this Path to his/her children, thus children not inheriting faith in Tenrikyo.

However, those of you who are here today for the Grand Service are the people who

have followed the path of single-heartedness with God and single-hearted salvation here in Hawaii for many years until today, firmly believing in God the Parent and Oyasama, truly understanding what the Teaching of God the Parent conveyed by Oyasama is about, and striving toward realizing its goals. You, or we, are the ones who have certainly inherited the Path in Hawaii, built and handed down to us by our predecessors.

Thanks to the accumulation of steady efforts and true sincerity for many long years by our predecessors and people like you, the Path in Hawaii has continued for over 80 years, and Hawaii Dendocho conducted the 60th Anniversary Commemorative Service in May this year, receiving the Shinbashira and his wife. It was a great success. It's been already 5 months since then, but I would like to thank all of you once again for your great efforts put into the 60th Anniversary and related activities. Thank you very much.

The 60th Anniversary having been held successfully, I would like you to recall what I had said repeatedly as we were approaching the 60th Anniversary. Let me quote myself:

The purpose of having the 60th anniversary of Dendocho is not just to mark and celebrate the big occasion with the Shinbashira but, more importantly, for each of us to attain spiritual growth befitting the big occasion and show it to God the Parent, Oyasama, and the Shinbashira, thus bringing joy and delight to them. Rather than holding it as a one-time big event like shooting a firework, which only disappears after a moment, I strongly hope that we would take this opportunity of the 60th anniversary as an important

spring-board or a refueling point to take a big step toward further advancing our Path in Hawaii so that the Path we have inherited will continue firmly into the future.

The same point was also emphasized by the Shinbashira when he gave us his words on the day of the 60th Anniversary Service. As many of you remember, he stated:

To take advantage of the 60th anniversary of this mission headquarters to ensure that the path in Hawaii extends and expands further and develops greatly, I hope that all of you will carry out meaningful and fulfilling activities in unity of mind. I now want to conclude my remarks by asking you to continue performing your tasks in high spirits.

Therefore, rather than having a big sense of relief after the successful 60th Anniversary, saying something like "It was good. It's finally over. Now we can take a break until the 70th Anniversary," it becomes essential for us to keep our momentum and keep moving toward Oyasama's 130th Anniversary and beyond. It is precisely for this reason that the big slogan sign for the 60th Anniversary, "Now is the time for mutual help. Hinokishin with a smile," is still left hanging on the wall here. It's not that we are forgetting to remove it. So don't get it wrong.

As the Shinbashira also stated in his words at the 60th Anniversary Service:

The path of world salvation ... will only open if we Yoboku make repeated efforts to sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings and help save others.... It is important for all of us to make a personal effort to sow the seeds of the Joyous Life by working with those

around us.

Thus what we have to do as Yoboku is to keep accumulating our firm and steady efforts daily as we strive for world salvation, the realization of a Joyous Life World. There should be no other way—no short cut or secret path—than this. We shall recall the monthly service sermon in June, the month right after the 60th Anniversary Service. Rev. Tad Iwata encouraged us to live every day with the spirit and attitude of hinokishin, always looking for opportunities to engage in sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings and salvation work with the willingness and courage to do so, and living each day filled with joyousness and spiritedness—that is, in the very manner leading to the Joyous Life. This is the only way for us. This is what the Shinbashira is expecting from us. So let us all respond to the expectations of the Shinbashira.

Speaking of “responding to the expectations of the Shinbashira,” as you all recall, almost 4 months ago, the former or the Third Shinbashira passed away for rebirth at the age of 81 on the evening of June 24. Corresponding to the date of his funeral in Jiba on July 6th, we also held our own ceremony here to convey our appreciation and final farewell to the former Shinbashira.

The Third Shinbashira strongly encouraged “enrichment of church substance” and “completion of the service,” and he constantly kept showing his warm parental heart to all Tenrikyo followers not only in Japan but also in many other countries far away from Japan. He first visited Hawaii in 1954, when he came as Young Men’s Association President

to accompany the Second Shinbashira on the occasion of the Service commemorating the Establishment of Hawaii Dendocho. Then, in the next 40 years, he visited Hawaii for a total of 13 times. On each of his visits, and also on occasions in Jiba, he conveyed his great parental concern to the head ministers, Yoboku, and followers of the Hawaii congregation while giving us timely exhortations. It should not be an overstatement to say that Hawaii Dendocho has been able to reach its 60th anniversary because of the parental heart and encouragements given to us from the Third Shinbashira for many long years.

The timing of the Third Shinbashira’s passing away for rebirth was exactly at the halfway point of the “Three years, One thousand days” activity period toward Oyasama’s 130th Anniversary, and it was approximately a month after the 60th Anniversary of Hawaii Dendocho. I felt as if he had tried to give his final encouragement to the Hawaii congregation, saying that we had a lot more work to do, as we were relaxing too much or too long after the 60th Anniversary. I am sure that many of you felt the same way about his passing.

So let us all unite our hearts and efforts and keep striving in single-heartedness with God and single-hearted dedication to the service and for single-hearted salvation, so as to bring joy and peace of mind to the present Shinbashira and also to the late Third Shinbashira, not to mention God the Parent and Oyasama.

As you know, we are now approaching the end of the second year of the pre-anniversary

activities for Oyasama's 130th Anniversary. In December this year, another mission visit by the Church Headquarters is scheduled for the purpose of giving us final exhortations as we enter the final year of the pre-anniversary activities. Concerning our attitude in the season of activities toward Oyasama's anniversary, the Third Shinbashira once stated as follows. This passage was found on the Tenri Jiho Newspaper in July:

Further practicing to perfect the service is one. Engaging in sprinkling the fragrance of the teaching and salvation work is one, of course. Nurturing someone in faith is one. Frequently going to one's church with sincerity of the mind is one as well. Becoming in accord with the parent and helping or supporting among brothers and sisters are one. In short, we should think of doing things that will bring joy to God the Parent.

Of the things that you have always thought about doing but have not been able to do, pick the one that has the biggest significance or is the most difficult for you to do, and make up your mind to try to carry out that difficult task for the decisive period of three years and one thousand days. I would like to say that our resolutions today should be as such.

(January 26, 1983)

Thus the season we are facing now is the one in which we should set out to do things that will bring delight to God the Parent and actually make decisive efforts to accomplish them. In other words, it is important that each of us should set up a concrete goal and make efforts to achieve that goal. It does not have

to be something big. It does suffice to set up a rather small goal requiring a little extra effort to achieve and actually try to make those extra efforts in our daily lives. God the Parent will surely accept such efforts by us.

For example, if you know someone suffering from illness or trouble, you can pray for that person at the morning and evening services. If someone is around you who seems to be worried about something, you can try talking to that person. Think of someone in concrete, and try inviting that person to your church/mission station or Dendocho. If you go to your church but only to sit back during the services, you can start practicing some instruments so as to be able to play them from the next time. If you can only play the beat instruments, you can start practicing other instruments or dancing so as to be able to play those roles. If you always go late to your church monthly services, you can try getting there before the start of the service or even earlier to help with the preparation. If you go to your church/mission station only on the days of the monthly service, you can start going there on other days, on your way to/from work or school, to worship and do some hinokishin. If you have been going to your church/mission station to worship by yourself, you can try bringing your spouse or children to worship with you from the next time. Something as simple and concrete as these is good enough. I think that accumulation of these small things by many of you can lead to something really big.

The period leading up to Oyasama's anniversary is the time for making resolutions. This path of Tenrikyo faith is the one in

which we shall receive God's blessings after having made a resolution. It is not "making a resolution after having received God's blessings." Resolutions are promises we make with God the Parent and Oyasama; so it is not necessary to disclose them to others. The bigger a resolution is, the harder it is to accomplish it, but we can receive greater blessings, I think, as a result of making more efforts to accomplish it.

I don't have time to go into the details here. In retrospect, the fact that I am here today serving as bishop with my family, I think, is also because of the truth of the pre-anniversary season for Oyasama's 130th Anniversary.

At the end of October 2 years ago, a few days after the Instruction Three had been issued, I was suddenly asked to go to Hawaii as new bishop. I wish I could've said instantly, "Yes, I will go gladly," but I could not do so. One big reason was because of my son. He had been diagnosed with developmental disorder before turning 3 years old, initially pronounced as maybe not being able to develop his speech, yet he had started developing on his own slow and steady pace since then. Another big reason was because of my brother who had been fighting terminal stomach cancer. In retrospect, these were just shallow self-centered human thoughts, but back then, I was really worried and perplexed as to what to do and what to say in reply.

Then, in the height of my dilemma, I was serving my duties at Church Headquarters' Main Sanctuary one day, when I came across a Tenrikyo publication which contained a

passage that said, "This path of Tenrikyo faith is the one in which we shall receive God's blessings after having made a resolution; it is not making a resolution after having received God's blessings." The moment I saw this passage, my sense of predicament was gone, and I found myself saying to me: "That's right. Now is the important season in which we can receive great blessings by making a big resolution." This conviction became very strong in myself, and I eventually was able to make the decision to go to Hawaii as new bishop. This could not have happened, I suppose, without the truth of the season of activities for Oyasama's anniversary.

During the time after making that decision until departing for Hawaii, and also after arriving in Hawaii in May of last year until today, we were given various forms of guidance, but now I really feel glad and fortunate and grateful to have been able to come here, to have made the decision to accord with the intention of the Parent. I should like to talk about this in more detail at some other time. My brother, unfortunately, passed away for rebirth in January this year, but yet it was a great blessing that he had been able to stay in good condition and live a normal life through most of the time since we made the decision to come here and that I was able to share his final moments with him. And as you know, our son has been doing well and growing up fine in Hawaii since we came. It's been only one year and a half since we came, and we still have a lot more to learn, but we are determined to keep doing our best for many 2 more years. So we humbly ask for your kind support and cooperation.

The current period leading up to Oyasama's anniversary is the time for us to accord with the intention of the Parent, the time to make resolutions, judgments, decisions, or actions that will bring delight to the Parent. If the Parent is delighted, we can receive the truth of the Parent, the very workings of the Parent, and end up being able to attain what initially seems difficult to attain. Or oftentimes conditions will be met, rather miraculously, to enable us to attain it. The "Parent" of course refers to God the Parent and Oyasama, but first we should start with bringing joy to our own parents, grandparents, and head ministers of your immediate church or upper church, which I believe will lead to bringing joy to the present Shinbashira, the late Third Shinbashira, and God the Parent and Oyasama.

As you know, on August 25, exactly 2 months after the Third Shinbashira's passing, Rev. Daisuke Nakayama, the successor-designate to the Shinbashira, became installed as new president of Tenrikyo Young Men's Association. I feel that we are now at the very beginning of a new chapter in the history of Tenrikyo. The general convention for Young Men's Association to be held in Jiba on the 27th of this month, therefore, will be commemorating the installation of the new president. Rev. Daisuke turns 24 next January. So he is very young, yet he has been energetically taking the lead in carrying out various activities. He was really looking forward to working with Young Men's Association members of Hawaii last May during his scheduled visit for the occasion of the 60th Anniversary, especially doing

kamina-nagashi in Waikiki.

Unfortunately, his schedule to visit Hawaii suddenly got cancelled because of the Third Shinbashira's physical conditions, I am sure that he will visit us in Hawaii in the near future. Rather, I should say that I would like the young ones, young men's association members of Hawaii, to make enough efforts to be worthy of receiving a visitation by Rev. Daisuke and be able to match his enthusiasm and vitality when he actually visits Hawaii. So I have high expectations about our young members. And, of course, I would also like our older members, men or women, to stay young and keep playing important roles for as long as possible.

It is indeed out of the deep parental love of God the Parent wishing to save all human beings, wishing to lead us all to the Joyous Life, that this Teaching was begun. Oyasama, who embodies the parental love of God the Parent, guided us directly for 50 long years and, remaining alive thereafter, is always guiding us even now, being full of parental love for us. Keeping this firmly in our heart, trusting in the parental love of God the Parent or Oyasama, and responding to the parental love should be our important task as children. Living each day in accordance with the intention of the Parent and striving to respond to it is the ultimate state of our faith. As shown in the *Instruction Three*, now is the time for us to be really mindful of this, as we approach the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama.

So let us feel the parental love of God the Parent and Oyasama and try to respond to it. Thank you very much for your kind attention. Mahalo.

The Hungry Reporter

I know chicken is a favorite amongst the churches when planning their menu for the church services. So I've always been on the look out for great dishes to share. Kung Pao Chicken has always been a favorite to me and for many who love Chinese food. A little bit of spicy that oh so satisfies the palette and surprisingly I came upon a recipe that's rather simple. You can tone up or tone down the spice as you wish and I've tried this recipe with Mae Ploy Sweet Chili Sauce in place of the suggested Hot Chili Paste. It turned out rather good so I completely encourage you to variate things to suite your taste buds. Hope you enjoy this!

Kung Pao Chicken

Ingredients:

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| 1 lb skinless, boneless Chicken Breast halves
- cut into chunks | 1 (8 oz) can Water Chestnuts, sliced
4 oz Chopped Peanuts |
| 2 Tbsp White Wine | |
| 2 Tbsp Shoyu | |
| 2 Tbsp Sesame Oil, divided | |
| 2 Tbsp Cornstarch, dissolved in 2 Tbsp Water | |
| 1 oz Hot Chile Paste | |
| 1 tsp distilled White Vinegar | |
| 2 tsp Brown Sugar | |
| 4 Green Onions, chopped | |
| 1 Tbsp chopped Garlic | |



Directions:

1. To Make Marinade: Combine 1 Tbsp wine, 1 Tbsp shoyu, 1 Tbsp oil and 1 tsp cornstarch/water mixture and mix together. Place chicken pieces in a glass dish or bowl and add marinade. Toss to coat. Cover dish and place in refrigerator for about 30 minutes.
2. To Make Sauce: In a small bowl combine 1 Tbsp wine, 1 Tbsp shoyu, 1 Tbsp oil, 1 Tbsp cornstarch/water mixture, chili paste, vinegar and sugar. Mix together and add green onion, garlic, water chestnuts and peanuts. In a medium skillet, heat sauce slowly until aromatic.
3. Meanwhile, remove chicken from marinade and sauté in a large skillet until meat is white and juices run clear. When sauce is aromatic, add sautéed chicken to it and let simmer together until sauce thickens. If it gets too thick add water to get a gravy texture.
4. Serve over hot rice or on a bed of noodles.

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

These days it can be said that more and more hurricanes are approaching Hawaii than ever. It is a natural providence that strong winds from a hurricane blow to lower the high temperature of the seawater which is caused by global warming. The global warming, however, is caused by human beings. It is a result of our greed that we only pursue the abundance without thinking about the natural environment. I would like to everyone to reflect upon the meaning of "modesty" once again.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

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

Monthly Meeting

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

WA Musical Instruments Practice

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

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



BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Trick or Treat for UNICEF!

Thank you for donating and collecting for UNICEF. Every day, children die needlessly from preventable causes—and they don't have to. UNICEF takes proven, low-cost methods that save children's lives and makes them available regardless of income, ethnicity or location. Working in over 150 countries, UNICEF provides lifesaving vaccines and insecticide-treated bed nets, emergency relief following natural disasters, educational opportunities and School-in-a-Box kits, and much more. Please turn in collection boxes by MHQ's monthly service on Sunday, November 16.

November Leaders Fun Camp

The BGA Leaders Fun Camp will be held from Saturday, November 29 through 30 for kids ages 12-15. 16 and older may attend as counselors. Applications are available at the MHQ office and the fee is \$5 per person. You may receive a digital copy of the application form by emailing onakao@tenrikyopearl.org.

Leaders Camp and New Year's Park Cleanup and BBO Picnic

The annual BGA Leadership Camp will be held on January 24 and 25, 2015. The New Year's Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic will be held on January 25, 2015 10am at Moiliili Old Stadium Park. Leadership camp participants will join Park Cleanup and BBQ picnic at Moiliili Old Stadium Park.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Messages from Chairperson

Mahalo to all for your support and assistance at our tree trimming hinokishin at Sidney's friend's house. Mr Nakaoka was truly impressed with the YMA's efficiency, and expressions of gratitude for the opportunity to engage in hinokishin.

Thank you to everyone for their assistance in hosting our brothers from the YMA Brazil Chapter. We were able to convey the true Aloha spirit through your hospitality, and fellowship! See article on Aloha Walk.

On Monday, October 27th, the YMA 90th Convention was held joyously, and in high spirits as members united their hearts in celebrating our new President, Daisuke Nakayama, and also in conjunction with the 60th Anniversary of the Hinokishin Corps. It was a truly rewarding, and inspiring moment in our association's history as the convention this year was exceptionally significant as we continue in our efforts toward the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama.

Please join us for hinokishin on Saturday, November 1st (time and location to be announced through our channels of communication), and our monthly meeting on November 12th, 7:30pm at Rainbow Hale. Hinokishin with a Smile!

November 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	Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC Monthly Service	TCC	1:00 p.m.
		Bishop Yamanaka to return to Hawaii		
8 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
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.
		Nurturing Comm. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:30 p.m.
12 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
13 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Sat	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
16 th	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	After Yorozyuo
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
22 nd	Sat	60th Anniv. Commemorative Symposium	Ala Moana Hotel	9:00 a.m.
26 th	Wed	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Service Practice	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
29 th - 30 th		BGA Leaders Fun Camp	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
30 th	Sun	Hawaii Island Kyoyukai General Meeting		

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**60th Anniversary of Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii
Commemorative Symposium**

- I. Movie *“INORI : Prayer - Conversation with Something Great”***
- II. Motivational Address *by Dr. Kazuo Murakami***

***Saturday, November 22, 2014, 9:00a.m.- 11:30a.m.
at Ala Moana Hotel [Garden Lanai Meeting Room]***

The maximum seating capacity of the room is 200. Therefore, for those who are not able to attend at that time, there will be special showings (the movie only) at Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii on the same day at 3:00p.m. & 7:00p.m. There is no admission fee.