

Origins

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The Oahu venue of the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day was held on Labor Day, September 7. The group in the picture above did door-to-door nioigake around the area of Paki Park, Kapahulu. Another group (8 participants) did cleanup hinokishin at Old Stadium Park, Moiliili.

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

RELAY ESSAYS by Bishop & Mrs. Yamanaka & Board of Directors

Owen Nakao

As Oyasama's 130th Anniversary is fast approaching, we are urged to put the finishing touches on our resolutions that will spur on our spiritual growth that will make God the Parent and Oyasama happy! Now is the seasonal time!

In countries with harsh winters, they must plant in the spring to reap a harvest in the fall. So a sense of urgency is ingrained in the people living in those countries because if they miss the planting season, there will be nothing to harvest in the fall and they may not survive the winter.

In Hawaii we have a relatively mild climate all year round, which makes it ideal to plant almost any time of the year. The sense of urgency is a little subdued. Therefore we tend to be a little lax as far as time is concerned. Perhaps that's where "Hawaiian time" comes from. Nonetheless, as parents we want our children to grow up physically as well as spiritually. We would be disappointed if our grown children did not practice common courtesy...such as expressing gratitude for someone's kind gesture. As parents we would strongly admonish that child and urge him to "grow up!" If he's already an adult it may be too late.

As small children, parents teach us to say, "thank you" and "I'm sorry." And when we follow through on those things, parents are happy and it brings them much joy.

As "grown" children we must reflect at our own lack of spiritual growth and take steps that will nurture that growth, by giving our thanks through our daily prayers and expressing that gratitude through hinokishin or helping others.

I think this is what it means to grow spiritually and bring joy to God the Parent and Oyasama.

It will be almost 130 years since Oyasama hid her physical self and this serves as a reminder of many things.

1. That She is ever-living working day and night for world salvation.
2. That at the time of her withdrawal from physical life her last request was that we perform the service even though it was against the law.
3. That She shortened Her term of physical life by 25 years to hasten our spiritual growth.
4. That She lived the 50-year Divine Model going through all sorts of hardships, all in high spirits, always endeavoring to show us the way to live the Joyous Life.
5. "Divine Model" means that we must follow the Divine Model.

These are what we all must reflect on and make decisive efforts to grow spiritually in this seasonal time.

September 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 created us human beings and this world out of Your desire to see us live the Joyous Life, You have been watching over us day and night, giving us adequate trainings during each seasonable time, and guiding us through any situations with Your boundless providence. For this, we are truly grateful. Renewing our resolve to repay for the blessings we receive, we are making earnest efforts in single-hearted salvation, taking Oyasama's heart as our own. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the September 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 while earnestly praying for world salvation. Gathering before You are our brothers and sisters of the path in Hawaii who have looked forward to this day and will be singing the Songs for the Service in unison and becoming spirited in the Service. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

Last month, on the 30th, the 45th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar was held safely and successfully. A great number of people turned out to the bazaar, through which we were able to sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings to the local community. Also, as this month is a month to emphasize sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings, the "All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day" was held in each island of Hawaii. All Yoboku and followers of the congregation encouraged one another and put forth their best efforts to engage in the nioigake and hinokishin activities with high spirits.

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, single-heartedness with God and single-hearted joyousness here in Hawaii. Especially, being in the important season of approaching Oyasama's 130th Anniversary, only 4 months away, each and every one of us is determined to make further decisive efforts to grow spiritually by always paying attention to those around us and devoting ourselves to spreading the fragrance of the teachings and salvation work in any way possible so as to bring joy to the everliving Oyasama. 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 come to know of the Parent of Origin thus awakening to the truth of universal brotherhood and 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 September Monthly Service Sermon

Mrs. Motoko Iwata

Spouse of Head Minister of Honolulu-ko Church

I am very happy that together with all of you we were able to joyously and spiritedly perform today's September monthly service here at Mission Headquarters. I was assigned to deliver today's sermon and I would like to ask for your kind attention for the next few minutes.

We have approximately only four months left before Oyasama's 130th Anniversary. In April of this year, I was able to return to Jiba to attend Oyasama's Birthday Celebration and the Women's Association General Convention which was held on the 19th. Today, I would like to read excerpts from the Shinbashira's address which was delivered at the 97th Women's Association Convention. As I read the Shinbashira's address, I reminded myself on what I can do and what I must do as I approach Oyasama's 130th Anniversary. By the way, the Shinbashira address can be found in its entirety in the Japanese *Michinodai* no. 181, as well as in the *Michinotomo* June



edition, and in the English *MICHI NO DAI* no. 36.

At the beginning, the Shinbashira states,

The anniversaries of Oyasama have, in the past, been observed on fourteen occasions. I would like us, at this time, to look back, however briefly, at the history of the anniversaries of Oyasama, not merely as a source of information but as something that will nourish our faith, something that will help us move further forward toward the Joyous Life.

After talking about the history beginning with Oyasama's 1st Anniversary until the

120th Anniversary, he continues with the following,

Having looked back on the path as we have done, we can see that the path we are blessed with today can only be what it is thanks to the extraordinary efforts and experiences of many people who lived in different times in history. In this sense, the history of the anniversaries of Oyasama is a history of the path itself, a history that leads to the Joyous Life. Especially in the periods that link one anniversary of Oyasama to the next, we can perceive Oyasama's precious intention to guide and nurture us to help us follow the path of spiritual growth. We can also learn about the earnest way in which our predecessors pondered deeply over Oyasama's parental love behind withdrawing from physical life and sought to use the anniversaries of Oyasama as seasons for spiritual growth. Indeed we should strive to emulate their earnest efforts.

How was it here in Hawaii? The Hawaii Mission Headquarters, which celebrated its 60th anniversary last year was established in 1954, 9 years after the end of World War II. Until then, it was under the Jurisdiction of the America Mission Headquarters.

Last month, at Pearl Harbor, on August 15th to commemorate 70 years since the end of World War II, and to memorialize those who lost their lives as well as to pray for world peace, a fireworks show was presented as a joint project by both the city of Honolulu and the city of Nagaoka in Japan. I was not sure if I would be able to see the fireworks, however, at 8 p.m. I went up to the balcony of the church to wait for the firework show to begin. From the balcony, in the far off distance, I could see the large flower like fireworks one after another and enjoyed its beautiful colors.

At that time, I tried to envision the state of affairs of the Tenrikyo mission here in Hawaii 70 years ago. I personally did not know anything about the state of affairs at that time.

In the Fifty Year History of the Tenrikyo Hawaii Mission Headquarters, it was written that, “In October of that year (1945), those who were interned returned to Hawaii. The ministers bowed in front of their church alter and deeply thanked God the Parent for their safe return and pledged to once again begin their missionary work. They made a firm commitment to return to their missionary work, to make up for the 4 years lost during their internment.” I feel that the ministers who were forced into the internment camps went through much hardship and, it is also hard to explain in words, the suffering of their families during and after the end of the war.

I feel that it is so important that we pass on, to the next generation, the path here in Hawaii that our predecessors worked so hard to establish. I know that I have not done enough, however, I would like to try harder.

At the conclusion of the Shinbashira’s address, on April 19th, he stated,

Because Oyasama provided a reliable

model by going through any and all situations spiritedly, we can bounce back from any pain or distress, secure in Her embrace. So to conclude my remarks today, I want to ask all of you to take pride and joy in serving as the foundation for the Joyous Life as you exert your full measure of sincerity to fulfill your roles.

We have been taught by the ever living Oyasama the intention of God the Parent at creation. She then taught us the important service. In addition, through Her 50 year Divine Model, Oyasama taught us the path to live a truly happy and joyous life. Next year, on January 26th, let us bring much joy to Oyasama, by even one more person returning to the Jiba for Her 130th Anniversary.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.



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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

On September 22, a gathering for young mothers was held at Rainbow Hale. Tenrikyo followers as well as non-followers were able to intensely discuss 'child rearing' & 'the relationship between husband & wife' pleasantly for over two hours. As an upcoming event, the Follow in Kokan's Footsteps will be held on October 3. Let us encourage many young women to attend the seminar.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

October 10th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

WA Monthly Meeting

October 12th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

WA Women's Musical Practice

October 13th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

*The October Grand Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Hofu group. Mahalo!

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Trick or Treat for UNICEF

UNICEF works in more than 190

countries and territories to save and improve children's lives, providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more. The U.S. Fund for UNICEF supports UNICEF's work through fundraising, advocacy, and education.

BGA supports this organization by collecting needed funds annually. UNICEF boxes have been distributed through the Tenrikyo churches and mission stations to all interested members. Extra boxes are also available at the Dendocho office if you wish to participate in this worthy cause. The UNICEF collection box can be placed by the church's offering box or with your employer's permission perhaps left in the lunchroom at work.

Again this year, BGA staff and children, along with MHQ staff will be trick or treating for UNICEF in Waikiki on October 31st (Saturday). We are assembling at the Waikiki Marriott Hotel near the Harley Davidson Store on Kalakaua Avenue at 7:30 p.m. From there, we will be trick or treating down Kalakaua Avenue till 8:30pm. Everyone is invited! Please contact Lewis Nakao if you wish to join us. His number is 492-9610 or email: lewdev@gmail.com We appreciate your participation again for this year. Please turn in your UNICEF collection to the Dendocho office by November 15th or sooner. Thank you for your support.

Fundraiser for Summer 2016 Children Pilgrimage

Planning is already underway for next summer's Children Pilgrimage. We hope to assemble at least 50 children and family members along with the Aloha Band who will return to Jiba in 2016. To help pay for incidental travel expenses, band equipment, snacks and supplies, BGA will be hosting a fundraiser in late October and November. We will be selling tote bags, travel bags, kitchen ware, gift wrapping paper and gifts – perfect gifts for Christmas and omiyage for the Japan returnees for the 130th anniversary. More details about the fundraiser will be forthcoming. You can also check out the website: www.mixedbagdesigns.com. This is a popular fundraiser sponsored by many schools and nonprofit organizations in Hawaii.

New BGA Facebook

Want to stay connected with the latest BGA activity and event? Join us on the new Tenrikyo Hawaii BGA Facebook. We will be using Facebook to communicate and share BGA events throughout the year. It will also be a forum for feedback and discussion to update and enhance our activities to best convey the Teachings to the next generation. To protect our members' privacy, you must become a

member of the BGA group and can join by contacting Kyle Kikuchi on Facebook at Kyle Ryan Kikuchi or any of the BGA staff members. We also will be communicating via email so please contact Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at audsn@hawaii.rr.com to add your email address into the BGA group distribution list. Mahalo!

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

October 14th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

The Life of Oyasama Study Session

October 30th (Fri) 7:00 p.m.



The Hawaii YMA members engaged in door-to-door missionary activity on Saturday, September 26 following the Yohaishiki service at Dendocho.

Mission HQ News & Announcements

Joy Workshop

Joy Workshop will be held at Koshinokuni Hawaii Church on Sunday, October 11, at 1:30 pm.

Church Affair

Rev. Kyle Kawasaki received divine sanction to become the new head minister of Aloha Church on September 26. The Installation Service will be held on Saturday, October 31.

Replacement of Kanrodai

Church Headquarters will conduct the Beginning Ceremony on October 9 and the Replacement Ceremony on October 24.

Beginning Ceremony: at 9:00 a.m. on October 9.

Replacement Ceremony: at 5:30 p.m. on October 24 (The ceremony to be followed by the Kagura Service) *The evening service on this day will be performed at 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Replacement of Kanrodai, Overseas Department Seminar and Welcome Party for Overseas Followers will not be held this October.

Lay Minister Preparatory Courses and Minister Qualification Course in 2016

Lay Minister Preparatory Courses: June 27 - July 10 and August 27 - September 10, 2016

*Applicants for the English Course are required to take all three sessions.

Minister Qualification Course: September 27 - October 19, 2016

Tenri Forum 2016

Tenri Forum 2016 will be held on July 15 and 16, 2016 in Jiba.

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF!

Join the effort in aiding children affected by war, natural disasters, poverty, violence and disease by participating in this worthy cause.

The collection boxes are available at your local church or can be picked up at Mission HQ. Even 25 cents can make a big difference in these children's lives. Thank you for your support!



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The Hungry Reporter

When it comes to cooking of course I like it simple and easy. I came across this slow cooker chicken recipe that I know you will enjoy. As far as the chicken, you don't have to stick to the suggested chicken breast halves. Even a whole chicken or chicken parts will work. You can also add fresh mushrooms if you wish. Throw in whatever you like. Be creative and enjoy!!

Slow Cooker Chicken

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 (.7 oz) package dry Italian-style salad dressing mix
- 1 (10.75 oz) can condensed golden mushroom soup
- 1 (8 oz) container chive and onion cream cheese
- 1/2 cup dry white wine
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves

Directions:

Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium heat, and stir in the salad dressing mix, mushroom soup, cream cheese, and wine until the sauce mixture is hot, smooth and well combined. Place the chicken breasts into the bottom of a slow cooker, and pour the sauce mixture over the chicken. Cover and cook on Low setting until chicken is tender, about 4 hours.



October Calendar 2015

3 rd	Sat	Follow in Kokan's Footsteps	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
5 th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC October Grand Service	TCC	1:00 p.m.
6 th	Tue	Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
9 th	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
10 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
12 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
13 th	Tue	WA Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
14 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Sat	Rev. Yuji Murata, Bishop of Mission Headquarters in Brazil to arrive in Hawaii		
		TSA Hinokishin	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
18 th	Sun	Mission HQ October Grand Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	AfterYorozuyo
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
19 th	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Meet @ Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
		Bishop Murata to return to Jiba		
20 th	Tue	Bishop Yamanaka to return to Jiba (until Oct. 29)		
26 th	Mon	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Hand Dance and Musical Instruments Practice		AfterYohaishiki
30 th	Fri	YMA The Life of Oyasama Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
31 st	Sat	BGA Trick or Treat for UNICEF	Waikiki	7:30 p.m.

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OCTOBER GRAND SERVICE

Sunday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m.

Sermon by Rev. Yuji Murata,

Bishop of Mission Headquarters in Brazil

Head Ministers Meeting will not be held.