

Origins

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On November 22, the 28th Big Island Kyoyukai General Meeting was held at Kilauea Church. Many members from as far away as Kona participated. Blessed with fine weather, the Service was performed joyously.

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

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

Yasutsugu Miyauchi

In June 2013, during the first year of the pre-anniversary activities leading to Oyasama's Anniversary, the Shinbashira visited Hawaii for the Installation Service for the 8th Bishop of Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. During his stay in Hawaii, the Shinbashira visited our church and a few months later we received a "gokigou" (commissioned calligraphy) from him. The "gokigou" was later put in a frame and placed in our church where it would always be seen. On the "gokigou," it is written "Youki-Gurashi" or "Joyous Life," and so I decided to be more aware of "Youki-Gurashi" in my daily life.

However long you may continue to believe,
Your life shall ever be filled with joy.

Mikagura-uta V:5

This verse in the Mikagura-uta, teaches us the importance of continuously keeping the mind of joyousness in our daily lives, regardless of how long we follow this path. Within the verse, it says "Youki-zukume." "Zukume" means "full of" or "completely of," and so the phrase "Joyous Life" that Oyasama has taught us means to live each day with a mind full of joy. Therein lies the importance of, yet difficulty behind, the meaning of "the Joyous Life."

Again, in the Osashizu, we are taught:

There is God-guided joy and self-serving joy. You cannot follow through with self-serving joy, even if you try to. Only when your joy brings joy to others, can it be called true joy. If you enjoy yourselves while causing others to suffer, this cannot be called true joy.

Osashizu, December 11, 1897

The state of joy which is not self-centered but

in accordance with God the Parent's intention can be achieved through encouraging others and bringing joy to others.

Although I try to consciously keep in mind the words "Youki-gurashi" and "Youki-zukume" in my daily life, I realized that this is something that can not be done so easily. Normally when I go around doing Nioigake (sprinkling the fragrance), I try to convey to others that the Tenrikyo faith is a marvelous teaching that teaches us how to live the Joyous Life here in this present world. But as the saying goes, "Easier said than done," for someone like myself who has many strong habits and temperaments, it is not easy to live each day with a mind filled only with joy, no matter how eager I am to be able to live the Joyous Life. Indeed, only by receiving God the Parent's workings, are we able to cleanse our self-centered minds, and be able to live with a more joyous mind each day. Now, what are the important points in order for us to be able to savor the Joyous Life? Regarding these points, the third Shinbashira gave this talk:

Roughly speaking, Oyasama taught us three methods that enable us to savor the Joyous Life. One is to sweep away dust from our minds or to cleanse our hearts. The fact that Oyasama went through all situations joyously and spiritedly was the very expression of Her parental desire to help us sweep away the dusts we accumulated, thereby enabling us to live the Joyous Life. The second method is to perform the Service, which is to say the Kagura Service. We are taught that when Oyasama's instruments perform the Service with the Parent as the core in accordance with the original truth of human creation, casting off their self-centered thoughts and fulfilling their roles with a unity of mind,

the Joyous World will be savored through God the Parent's blessings. The third method is to convey the path to as many people as possible through the administration of the Sazuke.

Growing Spiritually Day by Day: Excerpts from the Shinbashira's Talks, p. 5

Soon, Oyasama's anniversary will be held next year on January 26. Let us all help one another live each day in a way according to God the Parent's intention, cheerfully and spiritedly in the remaining days this year as well as the days next year leading to the anniversary, so as to bring joy to the everliving Oyasama.

November 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 November 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 and true world peace. 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.

On the evening of the 24th last month, the ceremony to replace the model Kanrodai was conducted in Jiba. Given this opportunity, we shall reflect upon our attitude of faith so as to ensure that, just like the new Kanrodai, we are without stains and straightforwardly single-hearted with God and the Jiba. Thus we are determined to continue our progress with renewed minds and attitudes.

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, toward Oyasama's 130th Anniversary to be conducted in Jiba next January, we shall stay focused until the very day of the Anniversary, with each and every one of us determined to make utmost 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. By doing so, let us gain further momentum on the Path in Hawaii thereafter.

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, even a day sooner, where everyone will come to know of the Parent of Origin thus awakening to the truth of universal brotherhood & sisterhood, eradicating all kinds of human struggles and wars, and live together in harmony helping and caring for one another. Together with all present, I sincerely pray that You bless so.

Mission HQ November Monthly Service Sermon

Mrs. Kazuko Kanegawa

Head Minister of Mid Pacific Mission Station

Today, we have performed the November Monthly Service joyously and in unison and I am sure that God the Parent and Oyasama are very happy. I will now deliver today's sermon. The translator is Rev. Colin Saito. May I please have your kind attention.

Last year about this time, Bishop Yamanaka asked me to deliver the following year's sermon and I have been carrying the burden of that task for the past year. I thought, "Why me?" but God gave even a cancer patient like me a task to do and a year later, I am still alive, so I understand that it was meant for me to do this.

As for myself, this year marks the 40th year since moving to Hawai'i in 1975. Everything I did in the past 40 years has been from my heart as a missionary...but I am embarrassed to say so. In the Doctrine, Chapter 7 "A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed" we find:

All human bodies are things lent by God.
With what thought are you using them?
Ofudesaki III: 41

All human bodies are things lent by God.
Do you not know the free and unlimited workings of God? Ofudesaki III: 126

We are born into this world by the grace of God the Parent and live each day sufficiently provided for, because



we are in the embrace of heaven and earth, constantly nurtured in the very bosom of God the Parent. That we are able to use the body each day without the slightest hindrance is due to the complete providence of God the Parent, beginning with warmth and moisture and extending to encompass our every need.

If, on the other hand, we become ill, no matter how much we might call upon our strength and wisdom, we shall still suffer from the fever and chills of our condition. One's sickbed will become the whole world and one will not be able to move so much as a single limb freely. If we ponder over this well, the truth that the body is a thing lent by God will settle into our hearts.

So long as you remain unknowing that the body is a thing borrowed, you can understand nothing at all.

Ofudesaki III: 137

Since the body is a thing borrowed from God the Parent, it is important that we use it in accord with the will of God. But we do not see this truth clearly and, relying on human thinking, we attempt to use the body for our own willful ends. Thus, we cloud the truth by which we receive divine providence and, sooner or later, we invite suffering upon ourselves.

Concerning this we are taught:

With human beings: the body is a thing lent by God, a thing borrowed. The mind alone is yours. Osashizu, June 1, 1889

I learned all this in the Doctrine and thought I understood it in my head but when I did the Sazuke for others, it seemed as though I was only arrogantly giving lip service to them.

In the beginning of 2012, one year prior to the start of the 130th Anniversary's "three years, one thousand days" period, I was diagnosed with third stage cancer of the large intestine and the colon, which was a very serious situation. In January, I bled and thought it was hemorrhoids but the doctor suspected that it was cancer. In February, examination of the large intestine turned into a check for cancer. A cone shaped cancer measuring 3 x 9 centimeters in size was found and I had a large operation in the beginning of March. I was told over the phone that the name of the surgeon was Dr. Grief. As I am not good at English, I asked if it was the same meaning as in "suffering." I almost shouted "Oh no" upon learning that it was. But it turned out that this Dr. Grief

was a large built Caucasian man who was quiet and skillful. After the surgery, he came every day at 6:30 in the morning to check my incisions and cheer me up. I had to remove a part of my rectum, large intestine and my uterus. Fortunately, my rectum and large intestine were able to be connected, so I did not have to deal with a colostomy bag. Dr. Grief also introduced me to a young cancer expert who was Hawaiian Caucasian. It was easy for me to remember his name, Dr. Beele, which sounds similar to the word beer, which I love. He was very kind to sufficiently listen to his patients.

After my operation scar healed, I started chemotherapy from April until October, which was a really trying time for me. A port was placed in me to make it easy to insert the I.V. tube. I had to go to the hospital every other week to take the treatment for three hours. I usually went to the hospital around 10 in the morning on Mondays to receive the chemotherapy drugs, which was placed into a pouch that I wore around my waist. I had to keep it dripping until noon on Wednesday, when it was removed at the hospital. Even while sleeping at night, I had to keep it with me and sleep hearing the noise like 'shu-shu.' I could not take a shower, but just wiped and cleaned my body. On Thursdays, I got a shot of blood-forming medicine since my important white cell count was low. That is why I really felt tired during the week of the treatment. The treatment was originally supposed to take half a year but due to complications when my red blood count decreased, it was increased a week and the

treatment actually took 7 months.

When my cancer was detected, my husband drooped his head down in front of God at our mission station. My sons who were around 30 years old cried out holding my shoulder. I said to them: "I am OK. I want you to administer the Sazuke to me." I was smiling on the outside, but crying on the inside. Cancer is next to death. I was 64 years old and I felt there was no hope. My parents and oldest brother who were in Japan had already passed away. My only family is in Hawaii. After my mother-in-law became 95 years old, she needed nursing care. My husband hired a care worker from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Then, my husband took care of her from 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. of the next morning. My sister-in-law came from Kaneohe and stayed on Saturdays and Sundays to care for her. My husband also had to take me to the hospital between 9 a.m. and past 4 p.m. on the weekends. I relied on two of my friends from Tenri University without hesitation. I received the Sazuke from them every day for 10 months from the time I developed cancer until I finished the chemotherapy. My husband worked very hard in taking care of his elderly mother and his wife with cancer.

Thankfully, I received the Sazuke from many people, which includes the then Bishop and Mrs. Hamada, the former and present head ministers and their wives of a church which is in the same Wahiawa district as us, the head of a mission station who was in his 80's, and the head minister of Futanajima Grand Church who came all the way from Japan. There was even a high school student

who had just finished the Oyasato Seminar and received the truth of the Sazuke who prayed. There were also Young Women's Club members, our Women's Association members, Boys and Girls Association staff members, and my friends from Tenri University who came all the way from Osaka, Shiga, and even London. My husband had never administered the Sazuke for 30 years since he received it. He is very shy, but he got to administer the Sazuke not to be outdone by our sons. He still administers the Sazuke every time I get a medical check-up by my cancer expert every 6 months. Every time I receive the Sazuke, I feel that I am saved by the everliving Oyasama.

After finishing the chemotherapy, I was still unsteady. However, I heard that the Shinbashira would visit Hawaii twice within a year, for the installation service for new bishop in 2013 and the next year's 60th anniversary of this Dendocho. I was encouraged and felt uplifted by hearing this. My friend drove me to Dendocho since I could no longer drive for a long distance. When I decided to attend the installation service as a service performer wearing the service garment, I got to feel much better.

On the day of the Installation Service, I could not stop crying while singing the following verses in Song 4 of the Mikagura-uta:

Eighth, All illness shall be completely rooted out, And step by step your hearts will become cheerful.

Ninth, Here is paradise on this earth. I, too, wish to go quickly to worship.

Finally, This time, my innermost heart has become completely pure. How grateful I am! Mikagura-uta Song IV, Verses 8-10

In the next year (2014), the Shinbashira again visited Hawaii for Dendocho's 60th Anniversary Commemorative Service and came to visit Wahiawa Church located all the way in the mountains. The head minister of that church gave me a chance to greet the Shinbashira up close. I was very impressed to shake hands with him. It really cheered me up.

Last year I returned to Jiba by myself to attend the Women's Association Convention. During my stay in Japan, I received the Sazuke uncountable times from many people including the former head minister of Futanajima Grand Church who sent me to Hawaii 40 years ago, my older sister who was 91 years old and like a mother to me, the head minister and the wife of my church, and my grand nephew and grand niece. Many of you may remember Rev. Haruo Izutsu, who used to work as a seinen here at Dendocho but is now the head minister of my grand church. He decided on the slogan of 'administering the Sazuke a million times and 200 attendants of the first Besseki lecture' during the "three years, one thousand days" toward the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama. When I first heard it, I thought it impossible. However, when I think about the uncountable times I have received the precious Sazuke, feelings of gratitude touched my heart and as I have been going through the past 40 years as if in a daze, I would like to now make greater

effort in talking to others about how I was saved and administer the Sazuke to more and more people, following in the fine example of my friends who came to my aide during my illness. Let those of us who have received the truth of the Sazuke administer it more often to anyone and at anywhere.

It is written in Chapter 7 of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo:

We must thoroughly ponder the truth that the body is a thing lent by God, a thing borrowed. We must always be aware that the mind alone is ours and never neglect sweeping the mind clear of dust constantly each day. We must remain devoted to the Divine Model of Oyasama in all circumstances, trust in God the Parent in all matters, and be committed to the salvation of others. Then nothing will cast a gloom over our minds or the minds of others. There will only be the joy of living in accord with the will of God the Parent and of being led through life by divine benevolence.

Everything in this universe is all by Tsukihi. All human bodies are things lent by Tsukihi.

Ofudesaki VI: 120

The 130th Anniversary of Oyasama will finally be observed on January 26 next year. Let us make progress in our spiritual growth, even a little, so as to bring joy to Oyasama.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

News & Announcements

Installation for the New Head Minister

The Installation Service for the Head Minister of Taiheiyo Church was held on Nov. 7. Rev. Wesley Mikuni is now the 4th head minister of the church. Congratulations!



New Baby Girl on Board!

Leia Rie Kailani

Date: October 23, 2015

Parents: Loren & Wendy Yee

(Koshinokuni Hawaii Church)



BGA Aloha Band Leaders Camp & One-Day Practice

The Aloha Band Leaders Camp was held at Dendocho from November 28 to 29. The One-Day Practice was held on 29.



2015 Bazaar Financial Report

Gross receipts:	\$52,614.28
Expenses:	\$27,223.01
Net Proceeds:	\$23,054.11



Spiritual Development Course, English Class at Jiba

The Spiritual Development Course English Class will be held from late March for three months. Due to the time required to obtain a visa for over 3-month period, it is advised that those who wish to enroll in this class contact Mission Headquarters as soon as possible.

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

This is the last month of the 178th year of Tenrikyo. The 130th Anniversary of Oyasama is already next year. Let us all reflect on our individual progress through the 'three years, one thousand days' pre-anniversary activities. Now is the time of the year where we all clean. Let us wipe clean the dust that is still hiding, sweep clean the dusts of the mind, and welcome the anniversary with a purified mind.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

December 5th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

Monthly Meeting

December 14th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

Women's Musical Instruments Practice

December 15th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

*The December Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo-B group. Mahalo!

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

December 16th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

The Life of Oyasama Study Session

December 18th (Fri) 7:00 p.m.

Intl Hinokishin Corp - July 18-24, 2016

Let us sow seeds of sincerity at the Jiba! Please start planning your flights now! Mahalo to Kyle Kikuchi for creating a poster for us, now in the prayer hall at Dendocho! Sign your name on the poster in commitment to returning to Jiba!

HUGS Christmas party will not be held at TCC this year, and Hinokishin for this event is still pending.

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Leadership Camp & New Year's Park Cleanup & BBQ Picnic

Our annual Leadership Camp will be held on Saturday January 30 through Sunday, the 31, 2016 at Dendocho/Rainbow Hale. Leadership camp is for teens 12 years and older. Camp will focus on building leadership skills, oterfuri practice, spring camp planning and groups preparation. Application is available at Dendocho office or through your church/mission station. Please submit your application no later than January 17. \$10 per person for the camp. For more information, contact Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at audsn@hawaii.rr.com or 722-8885. The New Year's Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 10am. at the Moiliili Old Stadium Park. All children and families are welcome to join us!

Spring Camp & General Meeting 2016

For those who need to plan ahead, the 2016 (41st) Spring Camp and General Meeting will be held on March 25 - 27, 2016 (Fri-Sun). March 25th is Good Friday (state holiday) and part of the public schools' spring break. Please mark your calendars!



The Hungry Reporter

It's a season for pumpkins. Pumpkins takes form in many ways. Jack-o-Lanterns to light the way on Halloween, The main ingredient for that much loved pie on Thanksgiving. But not many imagined it could make its way to becoming a savory dish to delight your holiday table. I found this recipe while thumbing through a magazine. It may not reach you in time for Thanksgiving but I'm sure it will make a wonderful addition to your list of recipes for the holidays. Quite savory and it goes well over pasta. Hope you enjoy it! Happy Holidays!!

Pumpkin Chipotle Pasta

Ingredients:

1 Tbsp Unsalted Butter	3 Tbsp Minced Sweet Onion
1 clove Garlic, minced	1 Cup Chicken Broth
1 Cup Pumpkin Puree	2 Chipotle Peppers in adobo sauce, chopped
1/3 Cup Low-Fat Milk	1 tsp Ground Sage
3/4 tsp Salt	1/4 tsp Ground Coriander
1 pinch Ground Cinnamon	1 pinch Ground Nutmeg

Directions:

1. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat, and cook and stir the onion and garlic until the onion is translucent, about 3 minutes.
2. Whisk in the chicken broth, and bring to a boil; whisk in the pumpkin puree, chipotle peppers and their sauce, milk, sage, salt, coriander, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
3. Allow sauce to come to a simmer, then lower heat to hold at a simmer until serving time.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2016

- Boys & Girls Association Leaders Camp & New Year Party	January 30 & 31
- 130th Anniversary of Oyasama	January 26
- All TCC Cleanup Hinokishin	February 15
- Big Island Women's Association Oyasama's Birthday Gathering	February 28
- Lecture for Mothers	TBA
- Boys & Girls Association Spring Camp (General Meeting on 26)	March 25 to 27
- Women's Association Oyasama's Birthday Gathering	April 5
- Boys & Girls Association Oyasama's Birthday Activity	April 17
- Oyasama's Birthday Celebration Service Pilgrimage to Jiba	April 18
- All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day	April 30
- WA, YMA, YWC Joint General Meeting	May 14
- Hawaii Spiritual Development Course (Shuyokai)	June 19 to July 14
- Tenrikyo Picnic	July 4
- Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba	July 25 to 30
- Tenrikyo Bazaar	August 28
- All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day	September 5
- Young Women's Club Follow in Kokan's Footsteps	TBA
- October Pilgrimage to Jiba	October 26
- Boys & Girls Association Trick or Treat for UNICEF	October 31
- Young Women's Convention	November 11
- Hawaiiishima Kyoyukai General Meeting	TBA
- Boys & Girls Association Leadership Fun Day	November 26
- Oyasato Seminar Course II	December 18 to 21
- Memorial Service	March & Sept. 27

* Tenri Bunko opens on Wednesday through Sunday (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.) every week.

* Tenri Judo practice (Mon., Wed., Fri. 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

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December Calendar 2015

1 st	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	10:00 a.m.
4 th	Fri	Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
5 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
7 th	Mon	Monthly Niogake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
11 th	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
14 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Tue	WA Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
16 th	Wed	Mr. Shun Watanabe to come to Hawaii (until December 24)		
		YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
18 th	Fri	YMA The Life of Oyasama Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
19 th	Sat	Oyasato Seminar Meeting	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
		BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
20 th	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	After Yorozuyo
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
		Oyasato Seminar Course II (until December 23)		
21 th	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Meet @ Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
26 th	Sat	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Yearend General Cleanup	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
30 th	Wed	Yearend Mochi Pounding	Mission HQ	6:30 a.m.