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The 130th Anniversary of Oyasama

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

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

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On January 26 we observed the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama. Leading up to this significant event, we have all worked very hard in various ways, such as making and acting upon our special resolutions (kokoro sadame). Thus, we have been able to make progress towards the joyous life during these past three years. We have also received many blessings as well as divine guidance from God the Parent and Oyasama, which gave us many opportunities to develop our spiritual maturity.

Though we have reached the 130th Anniversary, it does not signify an end to any of our efforts or progress of the past few years. We should continue to practice the resolutions we have made and use the momentum gained over the pre-anniversary season to deepen our understanding of the teachings and to spread the message of the joyous life.

As stated in Instruction Three, “God the Parent urges us through various knots, or challenging situations, to replace the mind.” It is through the struggles presented by knots that God the Parent teaches us valuable life lessons and enhances our own spiritual maturation. Reflecting on and remembering the various lessons learned through each knot is a way to remind ourselves of our blessings and to exercise our minds to be

spiritually mature.

Unfortunately, as human beings, we have a tendency to be forgetful. Thus, some of the lessons we may have learned can easily be forgotten, which in effect weakens our spiritual maturity. Therefore, during this festive month, I encourage everyone to take some time and reflect deeply over the events of the past several years, in particular reflecting on the challenges you overcame. As you reflect, make a tangible list of all the lessons you have learned as well as the blessings you have received, citing important details associated with each item. By doing this, you will be able to keep a personal reference in which you will be able to refer back to periodically as a reminder of what the joyous life is about, especially when new challenges arise. This in turn will allow us to do salvation work more effectively.

With the recent tragedies that have occurred in our world along with systemic issues such as global climate change that have drastic impact on our lives, we are reminded that there is much work to be done in order to achieve the joyous life. Let us use the year of the 130th anniversary of Oyasama as an opportunity to reenergize our efforts in working towards the joyous life.

January 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 Hawaii congregation.

God the Parent, You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine and taught us the truth of all things, guiding us on the path toward the Joyous Life. Knowing this truth, we are living in joy and high spirits as we feel Your blessings each and every day. At the same time, we are putting forth our efforts to grow spiritually by trying to follow the Divine Model of Oyasama as much as possible. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the January Grand Service at this mission headquarters. Remembering the day of origin of Oyasama's anniversary 130 years ago, that is, January 26, 1887, the day when Oyasama, urging the spiritual growth of all humankind, withdrew from physical life by shortening Her natural term of life by 25 years to step out for world salvation through Her workings as everliving, we the service performers, with our hearts united as one and in full accord with Your intention, will now solemnly perform the Seated Service and the Dance with Hand Movements. We will be joined by brothers and sisters of the Path in Hawaii who have gathered here, looking forward to this day, and who will sing the Songs for the Service with utmost sincerity while recalling the 50-year Divine Model of Oyasama and praying in earnest for the realization of the Joyous Life World. As You watch us, we hope You will become spirited as well.

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. On the 26th of this month, the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama is to be conducted in Jiba. 120 people from Hawaii will be returning to Jiba to show the fruits of their pre-anniversary activities to the everliving Oyasama. Whether or not returning to Jiba that day, each and every one of us is determined to continue making constant efforts to grow spiritually hereafter, with the strength and momentum gained through the pre-anniversary activities until today, by always paying attention to those around us and keeping in the spirit & attitude of spreading the fragrance of the teachings and engaging in salvation work 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 toward the advancement of the Path in Hawaii and the reconstruction of the world into the truly peaceful 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 us so.

Mission HQ January Grand Service Sermon

Bishop Shugo Yamanaka



Thank you very much for attending the January Grand Service at Hawaii Dendocho today. We've just completed the solemn performance of the Service together with all of you, earnestly praying for world salvation, the realization of a Joyous Life World, and also turning our thoughts to the day of origin of Oyasama's anniversaries. Since this is the January Grand Service in the 130th year after Oyasama withdrew from physical life, a special prayer was read before Oyasama right after the Service. Finally, the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama is going to be held on the 26th of this month. For the next few minutes, I'd like to share with you my thoughts upon the occasion of the Grand Service today. May I ask for your kind attention for a while.

I've been repeating this every year. But as all of us should know well, the January Grand Service is performed to commemorate the day of origin of Oyasama's anniversaries, that is, January

26, 1887, the day when Oyasama withdrew from physical life. Because it is the Service for us to remember the very day on which Oyasama withdrew from physical life, the day when we became no longer able to see Her image or hear Her voice directly, the January Grand Service, unlike other monthly services, is performed "solemnly" rather than "joyously or spiritedly." Since coming to warm Hawaii three years ago, I myself have made two trips back to Tenri in the midwinter. The January Grand Service in Jiba is performed in the severe cold of the winter in Tenri, so we almost freeze ourselves while sitting through the Service from the start to the end and thus feel even more "solemn."

And, in terms of the fundamental state of our Tenrikyo faith today, it is of prime importance for us to firmly re-identify and re-settle in our mind the very significance of the January Grand Service, that is, the day of origin of Oyasama's anniversaries. Especially, now with Oyasama's 130th Anniversary getting so close, it is of special importance for us to reflect seriously once more upon the day of origin of Oyasama's anniversaries and re-impress upon ourselves "as our own matter" the very intention of the Parent expressed in that fateful event—that is, the profound truth that "Out of Her deep parental love for Her children and

in order to hasten the spiritual growth of all humankind, Oyasama withdrew from physical life by shortening Her natural term of life by 25 years, yet She remains alive forever to continue Her workings as before.” I’d like to emphasize that this is a matter pertaining to us Tenrikyo followers today, not the followers back then.

As you know, the final chapter of *The Life of Oyasama* is a vivid description of the stern dialogue between God the Parent and human beings at the start of 1887, which eventually led to the day of origin of Oyasama’s anniversaries. However, this should not be read as a story of past events happening 130 years ago. As I mentioned this before, I would like to think that *The Life of Oyasama* is not a mere record of what Oyasama and people around Her did or said but, more importantly, a “book of faith” by and through which we, followers today, learn and seek the Divine Model of Oyasama with the same passion and yearning for Her as shown in the book. Every time a follower who is in earnest quest for the Divine Model of Oyasama reads it, he should find himself in the book. The more he reads it, the more he becomes part of the story. Such is the characteristic of *The Life of Oyasama*. Especially, in the final scene depicted, the fact that Oyasama, urging the spiritual growth of Her children, shortened Her natural term of life and withdrew from physical life TRANSCENDS time and space, and comes pressing strongly upon the heart of each one

of us, followers of the Path today. Such a powerful book is *The Life of Oyasama*, I think.

And it is with this special sense of reality and urgency that each anniversary of Oyasama should be conducted. Never is Oyasama’s anniversary an ordinary memorial ceremony being held every 10 years simply to remember someone deceased. It is with special awareness of special meaning and significance for us Tenrikyo followers that Oyasama’s anniversary has been conducted every 10 years. It is thus a “milestone for our spiritual maturity” and a “big marker along our journey toward the Joyous Life World.” Our Path, Tenrikyo, has developed to become what it is now as the result of Oyasama’s anniversary being conducted every 10 years with a great many followers combining and accumulating sincere efforts.

The season leading up to Oyasama’s anniversary is also the season 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.” In order to bring joy to the everliving Oyasama, each person, or each church, sets up a certain specific goal and makes decisive efforts decisively to accomplish that goal. “Decisive,” or being decisive, means setting apart one’s time for something, but it also means mentally setting oneself apart from all

other things so as to always give priority to one thing over the others, thus constantly focusing and concentrating on that one thing.

For the pre-anniversary activity season for Oyasama's 130th Anniversary this time, we as Hawaii Congregation did not set up any specific goal other than saying "Let each of us Yoboku try to bring someone else into the faith." But I suppose you had your own goal or resolution set up through your own church and made decisive efforts to accomplish it. A resolution is a promise made with God the Parent and Oyasama, so it's not necessary to announce it aloud 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 greater efforts to accomplish it. So how did everyone do accomplishing your resolution this time?

As for myself and my wife, the start of the pre-anniversary activity season this time almost coincided with my appointment as the new bishop. Looking back, approximately three years ago, we were doing the immigration paperwork around this time and getting busy preparing to move to Hawaii. Then we arrived here in May, and, right after, we busily engaged in having duties transferred from former Bishop and Mrs. Hamada in a short time. Then we got busy in preparing for the Installation Service in June, receiving the Shinbashira. After that, while we were getting used to our new life in Hawaii,

experiencing various events and activities for the first time, we got busy again preparing for the 60th Anniversary of Dendocho, receiving the Shinbashira again, in May of two years ago. And we were kept busy last year as the final concluding year of the pre-anniversary season. In the meantime, we had many chances to attend monthly services or commemorative services at various local churches in Hawaii.

So we came to Hawaii, hardly knowing anything about it. But we came, determined to try our best anyway for three years until Oyasama's 130th Anniversary, by uniting our hearts and efforts with every one of the congregation, delighting and encouraging everyone here, thus bringing joy to the everliving Oyasama and also a peace of mind to the Shinbashira. It's been very fast, busy, and fulfilling three years for us. Though our efforts may not be sufficient yet, thanks to the great kindness and warm support from every one of the congregation, my wife and I have been able to fulfill our duties as the bishop and bishop's wife until today. Thank you very much. We'd like to ask for your continued support hereafter.

I mentioned this here before, but when I was first asked to go to Hawaii as the new bishop, I initially came to worry so much about various things due to my shallow self-centered human thinking that I could not reply "yes" right away. However, after going through more worrying and pondering, I eventually was able to reply

“Yes, I will go.” I believe this became possible because of the truth, or the power, of the important season leading up to Oyasama’s 130th Anniversary. Otherwise I would not be here today talking to you as the bishop. When I was in the midst of my worries, a sensei said to me: “If you make a big yet difficult resolution when facing a big important season, the Parent will be pleased and surely give you blessings. Many people will be delighted, too.” I am now convinced that what he said is true.

Being the bishop, I’ve had to make a request of many of you for serving some important duties at Dendocho or in Jiba. And I am very grateful that most of you have given me a positive reply to the request despite your busy and difficult situations with your job, family, or church. I cannot thank you enough, but thank you very much.

In Chapter 10 of *The Life of Oyasama*, we find the following direct words of Oyasama: “... difficulties will serve to settle things truly.” This means that “the sincerity with which we strive to proceed in accord with the intention of the Parent even under difficult situations is what is accepted by God the Parent.” It should also lead to further spiritual maturity for that person. So, from now, I as the bishop will continue to make a request of you for serving various duties. No matter how difficult it may be, I expect you to say “yes.” Please be ready. And please feel free to ask me to make a difficult request of you for your spiritual

maturity.

Here I’d like to express my special expectations about Young Men’s Association members in Hawaii further taking active roles. As you know, Rev. Daisuke Nakayama, the successor-designate to the Shinbashira, was installed as new president of Young Men’s Association in August of 2014, and since then, the young president has been exhibiting great leadership, stirring the association members and creating a great momentum for salvation work among the young generations of Tenrikyo. And this is not just limited to Japan; this momentum has reached various countries in the world, with YMA members actively engaging in salvation and missionary work in various places now.

Rev. Daisuke’s scheduled visit to Hawaii for the 60th Anniversary of Dendocho two years ago suddenly got cancelled because of the third Shinbashira’s physical conditions, but I am sure that he will visit us in Hawaii in the very near future. Rather, I should say that I’d like the young ones, YMA members in Hawaii, to keep making good efforts to be worthy of receiving a visitation by the president and be able to match his enthusiasm and vitality when he actually comes here. So I have high expectations about our YMA members. When I say “YMA members,” it means not only the committee members but all young men between the ages of 16 and 40.

The central object of our worship in

Tenrikyo is God the Parent who created all human beings and who has been giving us the complete providence ever since. As we are taught that “This universe is the body of God” (III:40), God the Parent is God having supreme and infinite image, extension, or existence; therefore, God the Parent may seem to be too great an object of worship for us who are very small human beings. However, it is the special person called Oyasama, the Shrine of God, who connects God the Parent as such and us human beings, God’s children in a very close manner. We human beings have known about God the Parent for the first time through Oyasama and have been guided to the teachings of God the Parent through Her.

Though we cannot see Her image now, She continues Her workings the same as before—continuing to be the special person who connects each and every one of us with God the Parent and working for anyone anywhere anytime. I personally think, Oyasama having withdrawn from physical life makes it very possible to say and believe that She is working “all over the world for anyone anywhere anytime.” For She is without a physical human body that would limit Her in time and space.

In fact, the very reason for the expansion of Tenrikyo after Oyasama’s withdrawal from physical life in January of 1887, and Tenrikyo having become what it is now, is because the followers back then who had been guided directly by Oyasama and the

succeeding followers who had inherited and transmitted the faith through generations walked this Path with the firm and full conviction of the “truth of the everliving Oyasama.” In other words, they went on to engage enthusiastically in missionary and salvation work, relying on the truth of the Sazuke, given as the proof of Oyasama being everliving, and passed on the faith to us through generations. Thus the truth of the everliving Oyasama—the conviction and assurance that “Oyasama is always with me and guiding me”—is what may be called “the backbone of faith,” which has strongly sustained Tenrikyo followers until today since 1887.

The truth of the Sazuke, Divine Grant, is given as the proof of the truth of the everliving Oyasama. On December 26, 1874, Oyasama put on the red clothes for the first time to clarify that She is the Shrine of God. On the very same day, She bestowed, for the first time, the Sazuke to save people suffering from illness. She bestowed the Sazuke not to many people but only to four followers who had continued their faith for over ten years, firmly following Oyasama and having understood and internalized Her teachings for world salvation. Oyasama discerned their minds and bestowed on them the Sazuke as the grant to administer salvation from illness in Her place.

After Oyasama withdrew from physical life, the Besseki system came to be established based on the Divine Directions. So in the present time, anyone can receive

the truth of the Sazuke and become a Yoboku simply by attending nine Besseki lectures. However, it is of utmost importance for us to be always mindful that we are Yoboku “who administer salvation with, or in place of, the everliving Oyasama,” and live each day always feeling Her close to us and with a purified mind making it easy for Her to work through us. In the Ofudesaki, we find the following verses:

Step by step, the Parent, who began this world, will enter all of these useful timbers.

When the Parent, who began this world, enters them, there is no knowing what I shall do. (XV:60-61)

Especially, as you are well aware, during the pre-anniversary season for Oyasama’s 130th Anniversary this time it has been emphasized that “all Yoboku engage in salvation work” and “each and every Yoboku proactively engage in whatever salvation work he/she can do” as encouraged by Instruction Three 3 years ago. We may tend to think: “Salvation work is only for a head minister to do. Since I’m not a head minister, I don’t have to or can’t do it.” However, it’s been often said: “Salvation work can be done by anyone as long as he/she is willing. Let us all Yoboku engage in salvation work.”

Considering that Yoboku is someone who “administers salvation with the

everliving Oyasama,” it is essential that Yoboku, regardless of his/her position and age, should always keep in the spirit and attitude of saving others at any time in any place. Then Oyasama will make us meet someone, by saying, “I will entrust this person to you.”

Instruction Three, which we have been reading for the past three years, contains a passage that says: “Salvation work begins with paying attention to those around us. If we find people who are suffering from illnesses or other problems, let us first pray for a solution, speak proactively to them, and reach out to them. We can administer the Sazuke with utmost sincerity to those who are ill and listen to what is on the minds of those who have worries. We can give support to those people, convey the voice of the Parent to them, and guide them so that they can change the orientation of their minds.” This passage shows us, in a concrete manner, the very spirit and attitude of saving others, which I am sure that many of us Yoboku in Hawaii have sustained throughout the season of pre-anniversary activities until today. So please let us keep having the same spirit and attitude of saving others, without forgetting or changing it. I hope this will lead to increasing the momentum for salvation, thus involving more and more people both within and outside of Tenrikyo.

In his sermon at the Autumn Grand Service last October, the Shinbashira expounded on the daily attitude we should

have as Yoboku by stating as follows:

Thinking along these lines, we can see that the third verse that we sing in daily and monthly services—namely, “Sweeping away evils, hasten to save us. All humankind equally purified, The Kanrodai”—should not merely be a repeated chant to express the Parent’s intention to hasten salvation but our pledge to respond to that intention by sweeping our own hearts clean and helping all people in the world to sweep their hearts clean.

As all of you know, the verse—“Sweeping away evils, hasten to save us. All humankind equally purified, The Kanrodai”—is the third verse of the songs we sing and dance to in the daily morning and evening services and also in the first part of the monthly services. It is very important that the Shinbashira emphasizes that it “should not merely be a repeated chant to express the Parent’s intention to hasten salvation but our pledge to respond to that intention by sweeping our own hearts clean and helping all people in the world to sweep their hearts clean.” In other words, the Shinbashira is instructing us that it is essential for us Yoboku to first try to purify our own hearts daily as instruments for the construction of the Joyous Life World and then to further strive, and pray, to have other people around us sweep their hearts clean. Instruction Three illustrates this point with a passage that says, “the Joyous Life is also a way of living that entails purifying the mind.”

Therefore, what we are doing in each of the morning and evening services is repeating 9 times our pledge to participate, and strive as Yoboku, in the grand salvation project of God the Parent and Oyasama who hasten to purify the hearts of all people in the world and realize the Joyous Life World.

The first verse we sing in the service is “Sweeping away evils, please save us, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto.” We repeat this 21 times earnestly asking God the Parent for saving us. The response from God the Parent to us human beings requesting salvation is the second verse, “Choto hanashi,” which expresses the very essence of the truth of origin—that is, “In the beginnings of origin, God the Parent created the first husband and wife by taking the model after heaven and earth and thereafter has protected and nurtured human beings and the world until today.” Though it starts with “Just a word,” its contents are actually very profound.

In this way, based on the order of the verses of the songs for the service, we can discern that the key to salvation is settling firmly in our mind the truth of origin about God the Parent creating human beings. And after settling the truth of origin firmly in our mind, we renew our pledge as Yoboku to work to contribute to the universal salvation urged by God the Parent. Thus, doing the morning and evening services properly should lead us to higher awareness and aspiration for salvation.

It goes without saying that the service

is a vital part of our faith. As followers of Tenrikyo, we can say that our day starts and ends with the service and our days revolve around the monthly service. Whether it is the morning, evening, monthly, or prayer service, what they all have in common is that we whole-heartedly make prayers to God the Parent and Oyasama through the service. What makes it special is that anyone—male, female, young, or old—can do it. It can be done by one person alone, with someone else, or with many people. Anyone can do it at any time and at any place. By performing this service constantly and earnestly, we can naturally get ourselves closer and closer to living the Joyous Life, being single-hearted with God in our daily thoughts and actions. The service is truly wonderful. No other form of praying is as dynamic and wonderful as our service.

Let me mention that in early December, SDM (Singable-Danceable Mikagurauta) conference was held here at Hawaii Dendocho for 5 days. And my wife and I were able to join in several times as observers. I don't have time to talk about the details, but I must say that I was greatly impressed with the great efforts and enthusiasm shown by the 4 core members who had been working on this project for over 20 years.

And something mysterious happened to me during the monthly service last month. After the seated service, I sat down on the front pew singing the Songs for the Service

and praying as usual. Then some of the SDM phrases I had seen and heard during the conference occurred and played in my head. Of course, I was singing aloud in Japanese, but at the same time, the SDM phrases came floating in my head in the same melody and rhythm of the singers. I was thus overcome with a mysterious sensation. Maybe I felt like how the English-speaking performers feel when performing the service. It didn't happen to me today, though.

Never am I suggesting here that we should do the service all in English at Dendocho. But I was able to experience the usefulness of SDM as a tool for English-speaking people with no knowledge of Japanese to learn the hand dance and also the possibility of SDM being applied individually during the service. That is, even when the singers are singing in Japanese, dancers may be able to dance singing the SDM in their heads. So my expectation has grown that more and more people will come to say, "I don't understand Japanese, but I want to master this wonderful service hand dance and perform it in the service," and that this will lead to a great advance of our Path in Hawaii & America.

For that to happen, let us make good efforts to be able to perform the service—hand dance and musical instruments—exactly as taught by Oyasama and convey to others around us the importance and wonderfulness of the service, with a sense of pride in having been guided into this

Path before others.

So we are 9 days away from the great milestone of Oyasama's 130 Anniversary. However, as I mentioned earlier, that will not be the final point for us to reach. Our journey toward the realization of the Joyous Life World is to continue with Oyasama's anniversary every 10 years as a great marker. It is also taught as "endless construction" lasting for endless generations. Since we are human beings with ordinary human bodies, we sometimes need to rest and

refresh, of course. However, let us not stop too long at this great milestone or lose the momentum gathered, and let us take another big step forward after a good rest and refreshment.

Let us all keep moving on, uniting our hearts and efforts, encouraging one another, and staying joyous and single-hearted with God each day and keeping in the spirit of saving others and in the attitude of hinokishin every day. Thank you very much for your kind attention. Mahalo.

Mochi Pounding Demonstrations

The mochi pounding events were held at Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel on January 3 and at Royal Hawaiian Hotel on January 6 and at JCCH New Year's Ohana Festival on January 10. (The group picture at the Royal Hawaiian Hotel)



BGA Leadership Camp and New Year Park Cleanup & BBQ Picnic

The annual leadership camp and New Year park cleanup and BBQ picnic were held on Saturday, January 30 through Sunday, January 31. The park cleanup and BBQ picnic was held on Sunday, 31.



New Service Performers

On January 17, Mr. Dustin Saito (Honolulu Church) and Mr. Noriaki Sakagami (Dendocho staff) were assigned to be Mission HQ service performer.

2016 Lay Minister Preparatory Course

English Class of Lay Minister Preparatory Course will be held from June 27 through July 11. (Three sessions of five days)

Rev. Hinao Nagao, Vice Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Department, to visit Hawaii

Rev. Nagao will be staying in Hawaii from Tuesday, Feb. 16, to Monday, Feb. 22. In addition to the February Monthly Service Sermon, he has kindly offered to lead the following:

Lecture for Mothers (in Japanese)

Thursday, February 18th 10:00 a.m. at MHQ Worship Hall

Lecture on Truth of Origin (in English) mainly for YMA and YWC members

Thursday, February 18th 7:00 p.m. at MHQ Downstairs Hall

Study Session on Truth of Origin (in English) mainly for those with good knowledge about Truth of Origin

Friday, February 19th 6:30 p.m. at MHQ Downstairs Hall

Hand Dance Workshop mainly for MHQ service performers

Saturday, February 20th 10:00 a.m. at MHQ Downstairs Hall



TENRI FORUM 2016

July 15 & 16

Tenri Forum 2016 will provide the platform for which to examine ways to implement the teachings and engage in appropriate ministries for promoting the joy of life in English-speaking parts of the world. With opportunities to reconnect with old friends as well as make new ones, this special gathering yearns most of all to unite as many like-minds possible from across the globe at the Home of the Parent so as to share ideas and experiences with regard to the manifold pathways of salvation.

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The 130th Anniversary of Oyasama was solemnly conducted on the 26th of this month. Let us make further efforts to the next anniversary by making use of our mind of salvation that we have gained through the pre-anniversary activities.

Bazaar Sewing Hinokishin

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

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

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

*February Monthly Meeting and Musical Instruments Practice will not be held.

*The February Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Shuto group.

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

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

Thank you for your support and participation at our annual leadership camp and New Year park cleanup and BBQ picnic held in January.

TCC General Cleanup Hinokishin

The semi-annual Tenri Cultural Center

cleanup will be held on Monday, President's Day, February 15, 2015 from 9am – 11am. Please join us in keeping TCC beautiful and prepare for the Spring Camp!

Spring Camp & General Meeting 2016

March 25-26, 2016– Mark your calendar!

Please join us at the annual BGA General Meeting and Spring Camp for all children 6 years and older. Applications are available at MHQ office or email Rev. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at: audsn@hawaii.rr.com. or call 722-8885. Applications Deadline is March 20th.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

February 17th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

The Life of Oyasama Study Session

February 26th (Fri) 7:00 p.m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Happy New Year! Wishing you a wonderful 2016! I am Sally Hanako Kawasaki from Aloha Church. I would like to thank Mrs. Yamanaka and the Young Women's Club for this opportunity and will do my best as the next Chairperson. I kindly ask for your continued support to Hawaii Young's Women Club. Thank you!



The Hungry Reporter

I've always loved cheese cake and I've been looking for a good and simple one for a while now. I found a really good one and decided it was the best share to coincide with Valentine Day celebrations! Just add cherry strawberry or raspberry, sweet or fresh and you've got a really nice gift to present! The cheesecake itself is a good one! Hope you enjoy this!!

New York Cheesecake

Ingredients:

15 Graham Crackers, crushed	4 Eggs
2 Tbsp Butter, melted	1 Cup Sour Cream
4 (8 oz) packages Cream Cheese	1 Tbsp Vanilla Extract
1 1/2 Cups White Sugar	1/4 Cup All-Purpose Flour
3/4 Cup Milk	

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9 inch springform pan.
2. In a medium bowl, mix graham cracker crumbs with melted butter. Press onto bottom of springform pan.
3. In a large bowl, mix cream cheese with sugar until smooth. Blend in milk, and then mix in the eggs one at a time, mixing just enough to incorporate. Mix in sour cream, vanilla and flour until smooth. Pour filling into prepared crust.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour. Turn the oven off, and let cake cool in oven with the door closed for 5 to 6 hours; this prevents cracking. Chill in refrigerator until serving.



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February Calendar 2016

1 st	Mon	Kyoko Gakuen High School Students to visit Hawaii (until Feb. 12)		
2 nd	Tue	Bishop Yamanaka to return to Hawaii		
3 rd	Wed	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
5 th	Fri	Monthly Niogake Day w/ Kyoko Gakuen Students (Salt Lake Area)		9:00 a.m.
8 th	Mon	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
10 th	Wed	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
13 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
15 th	Mon	TCC General Cleanup Hinokishin	TCC	9:00 a.m.
16 th	Tue	Rev. Hinao Nagao, Vice Head of Tenrikyo Overseas Dept. to visit Hawaii (until Feb. 22)		
		BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
18 th	Thu	Lecture for Mothers	MHQ Worship Hall	10:00 a.m.
		Lecture on Truth of Origin	MHQ Social Hall	7:00 p.m.
19 th	Fri	Study Session on Truth of Origin	MHQ Social Hall	6:30 p.m.
20 th	Sat	Hand Dance Workshop	MHQ Social Hall	10:00 a.m.
		BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
21 st	Sun	Mission HQ February Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	After Yorozuyo
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
		Joy Workshop	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
		Tenri Forum Meeting	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
26 th	Tue	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Hand Dance & Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
		YMA The Life of Oyasama Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
28 th	Sun	WA Big Island Oyasama's Birthday Gathering		