

# Origins

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**More than sixty children, leaders, and counselors participated in the Annual Boys and Girls Association Spring Camp from March 25 to 27. The 41st General Meeting was held on March 26.**

***Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii***

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

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### *Bishop Shugo Yamanaka — Reaching a big mark away from Japan*

Time certainly flies. Next month marks three full years since I came to Hawaii as the new bishop with my wife and our second-grader son. Just a year ago, I began writing this relay essay with the same phrase. Time passes really fast.

I will be finally entering my 50s from September of this year. I will reach a big mark of my life as half a century will have passed since I was born. I never imagined until a few years ago that I would have this big mark in Hawaii as bishop. However, I had a hunch that I might have my 50th birthday outside of Japan.

I was born near Jiba in 1966 which was the year of Oyasama's 80th Anniversary. Since then, I have turned milestone ages of 10, 20, 30, and 40 in every Oyasama's Anniversary year. By the way, my daughter was also born in Oyasama's 110th Anniversary year. I had my 10th birthday in Jiba while in fourth grade. I had my 20th birthday near San Francisco when I was studying in the US. On my 30th birthday, I was guiding a group of Oyasato HS students for their Mexico study trip and flying back from LA to Japan, so my birthday passed quickly due to the time difference. I spent my 40th birthday in Marburg of Germany

where I was attending an international symposium as a faculty member of Tenri University Religion Department. That is how I have had my milestone birthdays overseas except for the 10th one. It is too early to mention, but I feel that I will have my big 60th birthday abroad too. Of course, I hope it will be here in Hawaii. In order to make it happen—for me to be serving as bishop in good health then, I would like to continue making efforts to serve my duties each day with a joyous and spirited mind.

It is a matter of course that we do not suddenly turn 10 years older in one day, like from 30 to 40 or from 40 to 50. Life is the sum of days, months, and years we spend. In our lives, we interact with a variety of people starting with our family, and the accumulation of big and small decisions we have made so far has led us to what we are and where we are now. We are sometimes urged to make big decisions which can change our subsequent lives greatly. Had we made even one decision otherwise, we would not be what we are or where we are now. Thinking in this way, it can be said that we are what we are and where we are now not because of

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## March 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, You created us human beings and this world out of Your desire to see us live the Joyous Life. With the arrival of the promised time, 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. Being guided by this true Teaching, 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 striving to follow the Divine Model of Oyasama as best as we can. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the March 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 with gratitude for Your daily blessings and pledge to further grow spiritually. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

From the 25th until the 27th of this month, the Boys & Girls Association Spring Camp will be held with the General Meeting scheduled after the 26th-day service. So as to respond to the Shinbashira's expectations, all the staff will firmly engage in conveying the joy of having faith in God the Parent and Oyasama, as well as the importance of performing the service, to the children who will be carrying the Path on their shoulders, so that the Path in Hawaii may continue for endless generations. And on the 27th, we will conduct the Spring Memorial Service, recalling our predecessors' dedication to the Path and their accomplishments, so that we can strive to keep their legacy alive by carrying out their hopes and intentions for our Path.

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. All of us, who have been drawn to this Path before other people in the world, are determined to continue making daily efforts to grow spiritually hereafter, by always engaging ourselves in hinokishin, spreading the fragrance of the teachings, and salvation work, so as to respond firmly to the intention of the Parent. 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 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 so.

## Mission HQ March Monthly Service Sermon

*Rev. Tadamasa Nishimura*

*Head Minister of Kilauea Church*

In the Songs for the Service, “Sweeping away evils, please save us, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto” is sung 21 times while performing the hand movements. “Just a word, listen to what God says ...” is God the Parent’s response to those repeating the previous verse, asking for salvation. “Representing Heaven and Earth, God created husband and wife.” This is the basis for salvation. This truth of husband and wife, working in unison, modeled after heaven and earth, is the foundation and key to settling both the home and the world. Husband and wife, father and mother, complimenting each other in mutual help, two becoming one, is what God is teaching. The real root of the world’s problems stem from family issues. The core of the family is husband and wife. Husband and wife getting along is so very important. In Japan, divorce is on the rise. About one third of married couples are getting divorced. Around 4 or 5 years ago, my wife’s sister’s daughter-in-law came to pick me up in her car, where her 4 year-old daughter was crying and the mother told her, “You are a girl so you shouldn’t cry.” I was surprised by this comment because we used to say, “You are a boy so you shouldn’t cry.” I thought girls are now being raised in this manner from a young age, so naturally they will grow up to be



strong. Nowadays females are stronger and I understand more divorces are being initiated by wives.

The human body is 70% water, and the blessings we receive in the development of blood vessels to keep the body warm occurs in the 2nd month of pregnancy. There is a saying that there is no God besides fire, water and wind. Without any one of these three blessings--fire, water, wind--human beings cannot survive. These three become one, which allows human beings to live. As soon as human beings pass away for rebirth, the blessings of fire, water and wind no longer exist within the body. When fire, water and wind work as one, all creatures are able to live. The human body is 36.5 degrees Celsius. Coincidentally one year is 365 days. Even in the winter or in the summer, the body’s temperature is 36.5 degrees Celsius. It is detrimental to our health if the body’s temperature is even a little higher or a little lower. Many natural

births occur during high tide, while many people pass away for rebirth during low tide. Also, if you cut flowers or graft a tree during high tide, it lasts longer, while those done during low tide dies faster. The reason for this is during high tide, more water is sucked up, while during low tide, the water exits. This natural movement of water occurs in this manner for all things.

Women have the strength to give birth and raise children. Unlike men, women have these blessings which are especially significant. For this reason, women live longer than men. Thus, women should feel appreciative and proud to be born female. We are taught the wife should treat the husband with respect. If this does not occur, both the husband and children cannot be successful. It depends on the mother if the husband and children are successful. Women receive this power from God, and to understand this is of prime importance. Women have the truth of earth so they should not attempt to take the role of heaven. Women are the foundation so they should be stable. The foundation is meant to support and also determines what is built on it. If the foundation raises its head because it is bored of always having things placed on it, the things on top of this foundation will fall over. This responsibility was decided by God.

At birth, a baby girl's head faces up, while a baby boy's head faces down. This also occurs naturally when one passes away

for rebirth. There was a major flood when I was in junior high school in Ube city in Yamaguchi prefecture. When I went to help with the clean-up hinokishin, I noticed the deceased bodies of men were floating with their heads down, while the women's bodies were facing up. I thought this to be quite unusual. At that time, I was thinking like a typical adolescent, and reasoned men have two things down below so they were facing down, while women have two sacs on their chest so they were facing up. I was able to understand the true reason after studying the teachings later in life. Even in Hilo many people died in this manner following the devastating tsunami from the Chile earthquake.

Only women are able to give birth. No matter how hard a man tries, he is not able to give birth. Men can raise children, but women can do a better job. This is because God has created us in this manner. Regardless of how great a man, there is no person who was not born from a woman. A woman does not just give birth. They also possess the power to create all things. We are taught men are modeled after the heavens, while women are modeled after the earth. Rains fall from heaven, and the sun also shines from above. Without these two, all things will not grow. Regardless of how much strength there is to produce from the earth, nothing can grow without either rain or sun. Heaven and earth, father and mother, water and warmth—if

these are in good balance and they are working according to their assigned roles, everything goes well. On the other hand, if the balance of harmony is off and for example sunny days continued on end, there would be severe droughts. Likewise if rains continued, crops would be severely damaged.

The Mission Headquarters of Hawaii's bazaar is held every year at the end of August. There is a person who donates between 30 – 40 cases of papaya from the island of Hawaii. The amount of papaya depends largely on the weather. The weather will impact the papaya crop, such as if the rain continues, if there are only sunny days, or if a hurricane knocked down the papaya trees. In comparison with other areas, Hawaii has fewer natural disasters, and the amount of rain and sun are in ideal harmony, which helps crops to grow well. Therefore, it is important to be respectful to the husband to receive the blessings of rain and sunshine, which will lead to the blessing of a good harvest. Husband and wife are modeled after the truth of heaven and earth. The heaven refers to the husband and father, while the earth refers to the wife and mother. In the Ofudesaki,

*The earth and heaven of this world is your real Parent. Out of this, human beings were born.*

*X: 54*

Human beings were created by God

the Parent and receive the blessings of fire, water, and wind while living within heaven and earth in the bosom of God the Parent. People live due to the deep love and guidance of both parents. If this living environment is constantly shaken by earthquakes or experiences the storms of strong winds and rains, it becomes intolerable for children.

From this point, I will talk about parental responsibilities and the current issues which are deteriorating families. In the family, parents have the main responsibilities. In order for parental responsibilities to be fulfilled, the husband and wife must work in harmony. To explain this ideal balance of husband and wife, the 2nd Shinbashira used the example of a hot bath. A hot bath that is soothing to the body requires a perfect balance between fire and water. If the bath is too hot, the body will burn. If it is too lukewarm, the body will catch a cold. When the balance between fire and water is ideal, the bath feels good to the body.

In the Truth of Origin, the model of husband and wife, working together in unison as intended by God the Parent, is the beginning of the Joyous Life world. As explained by the 2nd Shinbashira, when this truth of husband and wife modeled after heaven and earth is settled in the mind and put into practice in a unity of mind, the home will be settled, the world will be settled, and this is the foundation of the Joyous Life.

In the Mikagura-Uta, The Songs for the Service,

*Husband and wife working together in hinokishin; This is the first seed of everything.* Song XI: 2

In this way, husband and wife should work together in hinokishin out of an appreciation for God's blessings. We are taught this is the first seed of everything. To explain what type of seed is being referred to in this phrase, we are taught, "All necessary things will be received when absolutely necessary in the required amounts."

As previously mentioned, nowadays the divorce rate has increased to one out of every three marriages. Divorce has serious ramifications for children. They often witness the fighting that occurs between parents prior to the divorce. Also, as a result of the divorce, one parent is not around which leaves a huge scar on the hearts of children and casts a dark shadow on their future. People whom experience suffering and sadness due to the divorce of their parents, try themselves not to allow their own children to experience the same suffering; however, there are many cases where these situations also end in divorce and their causality becomes even deeper.

Parents cannot choose their children, and at the same time, children cannot choose their parents. Our family in this life is

determined by the causality of our previous lives. We also are not able to choose our brothers and sisters. Again our family in this life is determined by the causality of our previous lives. Husband and wife are also paired according to their causality. A frequently used saying from long ago states a warped pot requires a warped lid, and a square lid does not fit onto a round pot.

In the Osashizu, The Divine Directions it is written,

*The coming together of parent and child is due to causality. (unofficial translation)* April 9, 1907

*Understand the truth that everyone is born and reborn. Parent becomes child, child becomes parent. (unofficial translation)* September 23, 1901

We are taught the parent, child relationship is definitely not by chance, but rather are joined by a deep fate from previous lives. To explain in an easy to understand manner the passing of life from generation to generation, we are taught our ancestors and our parents are reborn as our children so we must take good care of them. In the Osashizu, The Divine Directions it is written,

*Husband and wife live seeing causality.* March 22, 1891

*Husband and wife are united by causality.*  
*November 21, 1891*

We are taught, “Husband and wife are mirror images.” We are able to see in our spouse what we are not able to see in ourselves, such as our causality, habits, temperament, and use of mind. When we see other’s shortcomings and want to complain about others, we should first reflect on our use of mind and our causality, and realize our causality is being shown to us through this incident.

As is the case now, perhaps it is natural for human relationships to become weak when living a comfortable lifestyle, but there is a saying, “Even a chance acquaintance is dictated by destiny.” When I return to Japan and ride the bullet train, the passengers sitting next to me never initiate conversation; however, whenever I initiate, the other passengers readily engage in conversation. Recently, I spoke to a middle-aged woman about the fact that Mauna Kea is 4200 meters tall and it snows in the winter. On the mountain, there is a Subaru telescope from Japan, and halfway up the mountain, the night sky brings about stars that are a delight to see. Normally when one views the stars at night, they want to view it from the mountain top, but on this mountain the stars are able to be viewed from lower levels as well. Also, the stars in Hawaii do not twinkle. This is due to Hawaii being in the middle of

the Pacific Ocean and the air is very clear. This is what I spoke to the woman about. When I asked, “Why don’t you come to Hawaii Island with your husband”, her response was immediate, “No, if I go, it won’t be with my husband, it will be with my friend.” I encouraged her to go with her husband so they could share memories together for the sake of conversation later in life. If asked the same question, how would you respond?”

Nowadays, many people are well to do and easily get what they want. This has resulted in people not needing to ask others for help. It may seem as though we are able to live freely without other’s assistance, but this belief is mistaken. Now as in the past, we are not able to live without people’s help. For example, if we pay money, we are able to eat anything we desire; however, the ingredients such as meat, fish, vegetables and fruits, which are used to make these delicious meals requires the hands of so many people, many of whom we do not know. While it is due to money and food providers that we are able to live, we simply cannot see all the people involved. We should be aware of this action of mutual help and not forget to have a sense of appreciation.

God the Parent’s intention of the Joyous Life world is a world filled with brightness and spiritedness, where the hearts of everyone are purified and everyone helps one another at all times.

In the Ofudesaki,

*Hereafter, if all of you throughout the world save one another in every matter, XII: 93*

As taught in this verse, all people in the world are to save one another in every matter. The most important piece in realizing God the Parent's hope of the Joyous Life, is the mutual help of all human beings. Mutual help must be practiced in the home and family. Nowadays, there is a growing population of children living without both biological parents. The basis of human development begins with the mother's attachment; embracing the child provides a sense of love and security. These young children whom long for their mother's protection are being neglected. Furthermore, the unfathomable is occurring

where children are being abused by their biological parents. If you tried to catch a baby chick, the parent chicken would race after you. To think human parents will succumb to actions lower than that of chicken by abusing their own children is disgraceful. I have a daughter who married into a church in Hokkaido and has taken on the role of foster parent for two young sisters. We are assigned roles to take care of children by God. Abusing these children assigned to us, our very own children, is so tragic. At the core of these instances of abuse and neglect is husband and wife, so as followers of the path, we should be determined to engage in salvation.

Although Oyasama's 130th Anniversary has come and gone, let us look toward the next milestone and continue our efforts to engage in salvation work. Thank you for your kind attention.

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coincidence but because of having been meant to be. We should positively accept what we are and where we are now and all those around us as what is meant to be—as given by God the Parent—and strive therein to better ourselves each day. This should lead us to what we will be tomorrow, next year, and 10 years later.

Of course, it is important to keep in mind that God the Parent always gives us blessings and Oyasama guides us in any situation. Also important is to make judgments or decisions and take actions in various matters in our daily lives by using the “best measure”—that is, God the Parent's teachings conveyed to us by Oyasama. However, it is easier said than done. When I have a milestone birthday, I would like to look back on my life and critically reflect on how I have lived by then.

## ***TSA Church Camp — Reflection by Megan Yamamoto***

This past February marked TSA's first camp. From the 26th to 28th, TSA students took part in a three day, two night camp that aimed to provide a deeper understanding of the teachings through an event where students who graduated from BGA could gather, participate in learning on a different level, ask deeper questions and have open discussions about those topics. Overall, it was a camp for the students to experience the daily activities of a Tenrikyo follower while connecting with our fellow churches and working with other groups such as YMA and YWC.

For the first night, Pearl Church hosted our stay and gave us a great brief history of how the church came to be and how the church then developed to be what it is today; an eco-friendly church incorporating solar panels and rain harvest barrels. There was also a board inside filled with clippings of news from Ojiba for those who aren't able to travel. What I found to be the most unique was that the church performed an English version of the seated service. It was a bit different at first getting used to singing the different words

and following along with the instruments, but with some practice and a laminated sing-a-long instruction sheet, I think we got the hang of it. It was very interesting to see the structure of the church and how it is operated. Later that night, we had a lecture by Reverend Nakao on how we spread our teachings to our friends and strangers. What really stood out to me when he answered this question is how he managed to capture the essence of the teachings while being able to relate to others; making a point that when people are talking about religion they usually compare only to see the things that make them different. That instead we should see the things that make us one and realize that the ultimate reason and joy in our existence is to help one another, isn't it? There, we had amazing meals prepared by Mrs. Nakao and met home-stays from



across the world. As thanks to Pearl Church's hospitality and kindness, we did some hinokishin. Also, Reverend Nakao baked us all his wonderful home-made bread! It was delicious.

The next day we went to Hawaii Kai mission station to meet up with several Leilehua High School students and YMA members to work together to clean out the house and remove an over grown tree in Aunty Mei's backyard. It was a huge group effort and everyone had a hand in it. It surprised me how great these Leilehua students were and how hard the YMA worked. Right off of the bat the students were so enthusiastic to help out. Whenever we had an obstacle they communicated so efficiently with all of TSA and YMA that no obstacle remained an obstacle for long. YMA was working so hard, dripping sweat in the heat of the noon sun but everyone had a smile on their face. All together we were able to complete the tasks and enjoy a great meal provided by the aunts of Hawaii Kai mission station and later relax in the pool. After that, we headed on out to Kaisho's house where we were able to celebrate Nicole's birthday and connect more with the students from Leilehua with

trivial games and yarn leis. When it was time to go, we were all looking forward for the next opportunity to continue to spread the seeds of sincerity to others.

The next morning, we performed Yorozuyo at sunrise at Sandy's beach. The weather was perfect and so was the sky. As soon as we finished with our final "sampai" the sun started to rise creating the perfect ending to a great camp. In the sky to the east, the sun had risen, and in the West a visible moon; Tsukihi.

With all of the support of Dendocho, our local churches and fellow church groups, our great supporters and wonderful TSA staff, we were able to put together a gathering that exceeded our expectations. We hope to plan another camp again and have it continue in the TSA program in the future.



## Women's Association Big Island Oyasama's Birthday Gathering

On February 28, the Women's Association Big Island Chapter conducted their annual gathering to celebrate Oyasama's 218th birthday. About 30 members of the Big Island Chapter gathered at Kakaako Church.



### **New Baby Boy on Board!**

**Kazunobu Blaysen Mima**

March 27, 2016

Blayne & Meaghan Mima

(Koshinokuni Hawaii Church)



### **Dendocho April Monthly Service**

The April Monthly Service will be conducted on **Saturday, April 9**, from 9:00a.m. Rev. Mark Hisao, head minister of Maui Church will deliver his sermon. Head Ministers Meeting will not be held.

### **Welcome Party for Overseas Followers**

April 19 (Tue) and April 20 (Wed) from 5:00pm  
Church Headquarters Dining Hall Three  
1,000 yen (Free for 12 years old or under)

\*Please apply to the General Affairs Section of Overseas Department through your directly supervised church by April 12.

### **Correction on the March Origins**

In the fourth paragraph of page eight: Rev. Tsuji's "daughter" should have been "younger sister".

## Hawaii Spiritual Development Course

**Sunday, June 19 to Thursday, July 14, 2016**

### **Course information:**

Classes in *The Doctrine of Tenrikyo*, *The Life of Oyasama*, the Mikagura-uta, faith experiences speeches, and the dance and musical instruments for the service. Students will engage in *hinokishin* activities which provide them with precious opportunities to savor the joy of faith with their whole being.

**Age requirement:** 17 or older

\*Please apply at the Mission HQ office by June 12 (Sun)

\*Please ask Mission HQ for more information.

## April Calendar 2016

1 <sup>st</sup>	Fri	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting & Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
		WA Oyasama's Birthday Gathering	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Rainbow Hale	
		Tenri Forum Meeting	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
		Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	1:30 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Mrs. Yamanaka to return to Jiba (until April 24)		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	BGA Oyasama's Birthday Activity	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Hand Dance and Musical Instruments Practice		After Yohaishiki
29 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	YMA The Life of Oyasama Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day	Honolulu Zoo	9:00 a.m.

## 2016 All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day

In this 179th year of Tenrikyo, please join together in bringing a friend and spread the fragrance of the teaching: a thing lent, a thing borrowed. Hinokishin is an expression of our joy of being kept alive by God's blessing.

Oahu, Honolulu	4/30 Sat	9am - 11am	Honolulu Zoo
Maui, Makawao	5/7 Sat	9am - 10:30am	Makawao Veterans Cemetery
Molokai, Maunaloa	5/21 Sat	9am - 12pm	Alii Fishpond Beach Park
Big Island, Kohala	5/1 Sun	2pm - 4pm	Old Kona Airport Park
Big Island, Hilo	5/21 Sat	8am - 9am	Homelani Veterans Cemetery
Big Island, Kona	5/21 Sat	11am - 1pm	Kona Memorial Park

# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Spring is the "season of wind" where there are lots of breeze and windy days. 130 years have passed since Oyasama withdrew from Her physical life. There are still a lot of conflicts and wars going on in this world. It is as if we were in a storm. Let us, Women's Association members, change the "wind" of this world by using kind words like the spring breeze each day so that everyone in this world can live getting along with each other even a day sooner.

#### Bazaar Sewing Hinokishin

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

#### Monthly Meeting

April 4th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

\*Narimono Practice will be held after the meeting.

#### Oyasama's Birthday Gathering

April 5th (Tue) 7:00 p.m.

\*\$3 for donation. Please wear happi coat and white socks.

\*The April Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo C group.

*Tenrikyo Women's Association  
98th Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.  
Tenrikyo Church Headquarters  
Inner Courtyard*

### BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

#### Spring Camp and General Meeting

Our annual Spring Camp and 41st General

Meeting held on March 25-27 was another great success. Over sixty children, group leaders and counselors participated in this year's event. We would like to thank the many volunteers who came out to help with the preparation, meals, camp activities, and cleanup. Mahalo!

#### Oyasama's Birthday Activity

The annual BGA Oyasama birthday activity will be held on the 3rd Sunday, April 17th, from 9:30am at MHQ. All families are welcomed as we celebrate Oyasama's birthday with a power point presentation of Oyasama story, fun and games!

#### Children's Pilgrimage

The Children's Pilgrimage date for Hawaii is July 24-30. Check in at Moya 38 on 7/24, 4pm and check out is 9am for general group and 10:30 for Shohi (Boys & Girls Hinokishin Corps). All participants and families are to book their own flights to Japan. Airfare assistance is available for those participating in the Overseas Boys and Girls Hinokishin Corps and the Aloha Band. Meals and accommodation fees at Moya 38 are listed on the Pilgrimage application form which must be submitted by May 1st to the Dendocho office. Application forms are also available at the Dendocho office. Please contact Rev. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at 722-8885 or email: [audsn@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:audsn@hawaii.rr.com) for more information.

### YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

#### WA YMA YWC Joint General Meeting

May 14 (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

Save the date and join us!

#### Annual Bazaar August 28 (Sun)

The bazaar is months away but just wanted to send out a early reminder to all bakers and baked good donations for August!



# The Hungry Reporter

I love the spicy goodness of Cajun food. I found this Jambalaya recipe and thought it was great to share. I'm used to Jambalaya with okra and please feel free to add if you desire. The recipe calls for Andouille sausage but you can add any kind that you like. There are no rules here. Just a good recipe I hope you will enjoy! Bon appétit!!!

## Sausage & Shrimp Jambalaya

### Ingredients:

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| 2 Tbsp Butter                                    | 2 stalks Celery, sliced 1/4 inch thick    |
| 8 oz Andouille Sausage, cut into 1/4-inch slices | 4 Green Onions, thinly sliced             |
| 2 Tbsp ground Paprika                            | 1 tsp Salt                                |
| 1 Tbsp ground Cumin                              | 1 Bay Leaf                                |
| 1/2 tsp Cayenne Pepper                           | 1 Cup uncooked Brown Rice                 |
| 1/2 Cup diced Tomatoes                           | 3 Cups Chicken Stock                      |
| 1 large Green Bell Pepper                        | 1 pound large Shrimp, peeled and deveined |
|  | Salt and ground Black Pepper to taste     |

### Directions:

1. Place butter and sausage in a large stockpot over medium heat; cook and stir for 5-6 minutes until sausage begins to brown.
2. Stir in paprika, cumin and cayenne; cook for 1 minute.
3. Stir tomatoes, onions, celery, green pepper, green onions, salt, and bay leaf into sausage mixture.
4. Add brown rice and stir to combine. Stir in chicken stock and turn heat to low. Cover and cook for until rice is just tender, about 45 minutes.
5. Stir in shrimp, replace lid and cook for 5 minutes. Season with salt and black pepper.



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# Joy Workshop 2016!



The Joy workshop is a new and exciting approach to introducing Tenrikyo to individuals new to the faith as well as for Tenrikyo followers who want to know what the workshop is about. The format consists of a lecture and an interactive break out session. The total length of the program is about 90 minutes.

The Joy workshop will be conducted on the following dates/times and locations:

- April 3, 2016 at 1:00 pm Paradise Church
- June 5, 2016 at 1:30 pm Lanai Church
- September 4, 2016 at 1:00 pm at Wahiawa Church

Please take this opportunity to invite family and friends. Minimum age: 15.

If you have any questions feel free to call Darrell at ph# 227-4884.

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