

Origins

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All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day in Honolulu was held at Honolulu Zoo on April 30 with 150 people including local high school students. The participants worked hard to beautify inside the zoo.

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

Clyde Mikuni — Reflections of the “Thousand Days Season”

The Three Years One Thousand Days season to Oyasama’s 130th Anniversary was again a significant period that offered all of us many opportunities to grow spiritually, and the overflowing energy felt among the followers that returned to Ojiba for the celebration on January 26 was truly a manifestation of that growth.

Beginning with the 70th anniversary of Oyasama, I have experienced seven anniversaries and each has added deeper insight to my role as a yoboku and provided me with numerous opportunities to maintain a closeness to Oyasama’s heart. I am sure that this is true with all yoboku.

I recall feeling the goose bumps on my arms as I sat listening to the Shinbashira’s Instruction Three on January 26, 2013, a chill that had nothing to do with the weather. The emotion was beyond how I felt when I first listened to the lyrics of a song titled Onna no Issho by Eisaku Ohkawa. Emotions of that depth appear only occasionally for me, and always very unexpectedly.

“Instruction Three” A Personal Guide for Yoboku

I was touched by six words in the closing paragraph of the instruction, “I hope with all my heart”. . . They expressed with warmth and intimacy, the urgency of our mission as yoboku. I embraced those words as I embarked on my daily endeavors. It wasn’t surprising to learn that my granddaughter Jenna also liked the last paragraph. Upon completing the daily reading, she would tap the last paragraph which meant she wanted it to be read again. Repetition is a common trait of Jenna so I would read it over and over again until she was satisfied. Thanks to her, I memorized the last paragraph well before any of the other parts of the instruction.

Whatever I do, it is solely from Tsukihi’s single desire to save you.

Ofudesaki XII:78

In the midst of the thousand days season, I was presented with numerous personal trials. I also realized then, that the daily reading of the instruction three had gradually become for the most part a pattern of simply reading it. The emotions

felt in 2013 were missing and the dire situation I found myself in at one point was certainly the biggest test I have been put through ever.

In the course of struggling to overcome the many trials I was facing, we received a tremendous knot (fushi) in the passing away for rebirth of the Third Shinbashira. The shock which came from the news of his passing suddenly made my challenges seem so irrelevant. He was not only my spiritual leader who I truly worshiped and admired, but also someone who always made me feel I was a friend. Perhaps that's why Jenna always says, "I-love-the-shin-ba-shi-ra".

Upon quiet reflection, I was able to recall the words of the present Shinbashira from a sermon received several years ago encouraging yoboku to listen for Oyasama's voice in arising occurrences, a practice that has always helped me when I am faced with overwhelming challenges.

I would hear Oyasama asking, "Well, how are you going to handle this one?" and I would respond by showing Her how I could.

I humbly asked for Oyasama's forgiveness in allowing myself to be so shallow in thought as to forget a most valuable practice. I was finally able to regain the feelings I experienced on January 26, 2013, and pledged a renewal of the vows I had made then. That simple awakening opened the doors to unexpected blessings, highlighted by the sudden commitment made by our son Wesley to undertake the significant role of head minister of Taiheiyo Church. He was installed the Fourth Head Minister on November 07 last year together with his supporting wife, Keiko.

January 27, 2016 marked a new departure in our mission as yoboku, so let's continue to work together and bring joy to the everliving Oyasama.

WA YMA YWC Joint General Meeting *Saturday, May 14th at 9:30am*
Mr. Shozo Yamazawa, the representative of Young Men's Association Headquarters will be coming on Thursday, May 12 and leaving on May 16.

MAY MONTHLY SERVICE *Sunday, May 15th at 9:00am*
Sermon by Mrs. Nanae Shiiba, Spouse of Head Minister of Kailua Kona Church
Head Ministers Meeting will not be held.

April 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 revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine and conveyed to us the truth of origin of the creation of human beings. Furthermore, through Oyasama's 50-year Divine Model, You laid the Path to guide us toward the Joyous Life. We are living in joy and high spirits as we feel Your blessings each and every day, while trusting in the daily guidance of the everliving Oyasama. At the same time, we are putting forth our efforts to grow spiritually so as to accord with Your intention. Since this is the month in which Oyasama was born into this world 218 years ago, we shall now perform, with joyful and rejoicing hearts, the April monthly service at this mission headquarters 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.

On the 5th of this month, 65 members of Women's Association united their hearts and dedicated a performance of women's instruments in celebration of the everliving Oyasama's birthday. Also from the end of this month through May, All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day will be held at various venues in Hawaii. As we engage in hinokishin, we also hope to sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings to the community by expressing our joy of faith as well as our gratitude for the blessings of "a thing lent, a thing borrowed".

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 April Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Mark Hisao

Head Minister of Maui Church



Good morning. We have just completed the April monthly service here at Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. I thank everyone for your attendance here today. I have been appointed to give today's sermon. I ask for your kind attention.

Today I would like to share some of my thoughts on Causality (Innen). Let us look at how the term causality is used in the teaching of Tenrikyo. In the Ofudesaki we read:

*If you wish to know and will come to Me,
I shall teach you the original cause of all things.* I: 6

God the Parent created human beings out of the desire to see us live the Joyous Life and to share in our joy. This means that God the Parent's wish to have us lead the Joyous Life extends to each and every human being.

This is the Causality of Origin. In other

words, the Causality of Origin is the capacity for the Joyous Life to which each person has an equal affinity. During the long course of repeated birth and rebirth since the beginning of this universe, human beings have used in various ways this mind which alone was given to us to use freely. For better or for worse, this is shown to us as our causality.

In the Divine Direction we read:

There is every kind of causality in this world. There is good causation as well as bad causation. July 22, 1895

We also read in the Divine Direction:

I have told you before that what you call "causality" is the path of the mind. It is the path of the mind, I say.

April, 8 1907

To be aware of one's causality means to find out who one is by inquiring in to the actualities surrounding oneself. In doing this we may run across many circumstances which are most unpleasant sufferings and disasters for instance, so it is important for us to realize that even these are shown out of God the Parent's intention to lead us to the Joyous Life.

The purpose of the teachings is salvation.

And, as it happens, the teaching of causality is often explained in instances of salvation work. There have also been many who changed the use of their minds through an insight into causality and entered the faith to follow a path that would change their fate. Salvation by faith, which changes one's fate, is found in many religions.

For example, Christianity teaches that the confession of sins and repentance from the heart will bring God's forgiveness. What we find in this example is a movement of the mind which is called "repentance." Repentance involves a recognition of past wrongs as well as a feeling of regret and an effort to correct the mind.

In the teachings of Tenrikyo we are taught: Tanno joyous acceptance is accepted as the repentance for the causality from your previous lives. "Tanno is the way to settle the mind, it asks us to affirm our present situation and discover the parental love of God the Parent.

It is difficult to practice Tanno while we are suffering from our physical condition. Yet if we practice Tanno from within this limitation, it will be accepted as repentance for the causality from past lives. Here we find a distinctive feature of the Tenrikyo teaching. Though even we, ourselves, are apt to focus on the search for a cause while explaining about causality, weight should actually be placed on practicing Tanno, on affirming the situation and recognizing the parental love in it. To do this, it is essential that we understand that every situation

of life, even illness and problems are the expression of God the Parent's compassion, we are saved by relying completely on God the Parent.

The causality reflected in our physical afflictions and other problems are also the guidance of God the Parent and are to be accepted with a feeling of joy.

The Tenrikyo teaching of causality does not mean, as a rule, to look back on the past. Rather, its primary meaning is to have us human beings who are given life as beings, who can live the Joyous Life be aware of the present state of our minds and, further, to find a dependable guide with which to step toward the future. This implies a positive stance toward any matter that arises, dealing with it as something that concerns oneself. The awareness of causality emit light only when our sights are focussed on how we shall live from now on.

In the Divine Direction we read:

Whatever you see is causality; whatever you hear is causality.

September 27, 1890

Also in the Divine Direction:

If I say "causality," you probably do not understand it. The entire world is a mirror.

February 15, 1888

This tell us that there is a mirror in which our minds are reflected, that mirror is our

relationship with our spouses or families and with the world around us. This means that there is no reason for us to try to escape from unpleasant situations that affect us. Rather, we should be eager to involve ourselves with whatever we see and whatever we hear as well as with all the people around us. This will broaden the horizon of the world and create a joyous life.

I would like to share with you one of my experience. In January 2015 after returning from the spring grand service. I was diagnosed with cancer of the prostate. After hearing this my first taught was causality, my second taught was Tanno joyous acceptance. In the Hisao family we have cancer causality. The second head minister of Maui church, my grandmother she had cancer the third head minister of Maui church my father he had cancer.

I felt that one day I to would get cancer, so for me it was just a matter of when, and that when was January 2015. The dangerous part of prostate cancer is that there are no symptoms, you might have prostate cancer and not know it, until it is too late. For me I was very fortunate that the cancer was detected early. It was during my annual physical, that the doctor found my P.S.A. prostate-specifi-antigen, count was elevated, and did a biopsy and found out that it was cancer. On March 27, 2015, I had surgery, to remove my prostate, and on March 24, 2016, I completed my radiation therapy.

The reason God the Parent shows us our causality in various ways is to have us replace our minds and to become spirited so that we can live joyous lives. This is from God's parental love. Even when we are shown a causality which is disagreeable to ourselves, it is never from any intention to torment us or to cause us suffering. So if we trust entirely in the love of God the Parent, Who is leading us to a better way of life, and keep our minds settled, then everything will be restored to the original causality of the Joyous Life. We shall receive the unlimited blessing of God the Parent in full, our minds becoming brighter and our spirits ever higher.

Our happiness does not depend upon our circumstances nor do the pleasures or pains of life come from outside ourselves. Everything in life is a result of one's own attitude. The path for us is to correct one's attitude and live each day joyfully in high spirits.

I would like to end my sermon with Divine Direction.

Repentance is to resolve all situations that lie ahead for the rest of your life.

February 8, 1892

Repentance in thought is not enough. To put it into action is truly to repent.

April 4, 1896

Thank you for your kind attention.

Women's Association Oyasama's Birthday Gathering

The 56th Annual Oyasama's Birthday Gathering was held on April 5 with 65 participants. They played the women's musical instruments from the Eight Verses of the Yorozuyo through Song XII of the Mikagura-uta, with six performers on each instrument in four rotations.



BGA Oyasama's Birthday Activity

The annual BGA Oyasama's Birthday Activity was held on April 17 with 60 children, teens, parents and grandparents in attendance.



Joy Workshops

Sunday, June 5, 2016 at 1:30pm

Lanai Church (Rev. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa)

Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 1:00pm

Wahiawa Church (Rev. Burt Iwata)



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.

<http://kaigai.tenrikyo.or.jp/tf2016/>

May Calendar 2016

2 nd	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day WA Committee Meeting	Meet @ Mission HQ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
3 rd	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
5 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
6 th	Fri	Monthly Community Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
9 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting & Narimono Practice TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting WA Oyasama's Birthday Gathering	Mission HQ TCC Mission HQ	9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
11 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
12 th	Thu	Mr. Shozo Yamazawa, YMA Representative, to come to Hawaii		
14 th	Sat	WA YMA YWC Joint General Meeting Board of Directors Meeting TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ Mission HQ Mission HQ	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
15 th	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service Sunday School/Aloha Band Practice Oyasato Seminar Orientation Tenri Forum Meeting	Mission HQ Mission HQ Mission HQ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
16 th	Mon	Mr. Yamazawa to return to Jiba Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
17 th	Tue	Mr. Sakagami and his family to return to Jiba (until May 31)		
20 th	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
25 th	Wed	PR Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
26 th	Thu	Yohaishiki (26th day service) Hand Dance and Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m. After Yohaishiki
27 th	Fri	YMA The Life of Oyasama Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.

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.

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

“Thank you” is a magic word which can change a negative situation. Oyasama taught us that “joyous acceptance” is received as repentance for causality from our previous lives. Even when we don't feel contented and cannot mean it, let's try to at least voice the word, “thank you.” It surely will be heeded by Oyasama.

Bazaar Sewing Hinokishin

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

Monthly Meeting & Narimono Practice

May 9th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.
*Narimono Practice will be held after the meeting.

Joint Narimono Practice for General Meeting

May 12th (Thu) 7:00 p.m.
At Dendocho Social Hall

Luncheon Preparation for General Meeting

May 13th (Fri) 9:00 a.m.

WA YMA YWC Joint General Meeting

May 15th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

*Thank you very much for the homemade cookies for Oyasama and your kind donations of canned foods.

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

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Oyasama's Birthday Activity

Thank you to all the children and families who joined us in celebrating Oyasama Birthday in April. Warm mahalo to the YMA and TSA's, and other volunteers' help with the games and luncheon.

Children's Pilgrimage

Friendly reminder that all participants are to book their own flights for this summer's pilgrimage. The Children's Pilgrimage dates for the Hawaii Group are 7/24 (check-in at 38th Moya at 4pm) – 30 (check out at 9am). Airfare assistance is available for eligible children in the Boy's and Girl's Hinokishin Corps and Aloha Band! Deadline for applications was due on May 1st. For any late applicants, please contact Rev. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at audsn@hawaii.rr.com or 722-8885 asap. There is a prayer service and mandatory orientation meeting on Sunday, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Mission Headquarters. Please attend this meeting. Payments for the 38 Moya room accommodations and meals (those who are staying there) will be collected at this meeting. (Must pay in yen only). Thank you.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Monthly Meeting

May 11th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

The Life of Oyasama Study Session

May 27th (Fri) 7:00 p.m.

The Hungry Reporter

I love sharing chicken recipes for more than one reason. They are economical, cooks quickly, a healthier form of meat and above all it tastes good. This month I decided to feature an oven roasted recipe that you can do using a whole chicken. Super easy and definitely a recipe made to impress. The recipe name says it all about the ingredients. I hope you enjoy this!

Salted Roasted Chicken

Ingredients:

1 (3 1/2) pound Whole Chicken at room temperature	1/3 Cup Chicken Broth
3 Tbsp Kosher Salt, or as needed	1 Tbsp Water, or as needed (optional)
1 Tbsp chopped Fresh Thyme	2 Tbsp Cold Butter, cut into four pieces
1 Lemon, juiced	Salt and freshly ground Black Pepper to taste
	1 pinch Cayenne Pepper, or to taste

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C)
2. Dry the outside of chicken with paper towels. Tuck the wing tips underneath the chicken and place into a large oven-safe skillet. Use scissors to snip off the tail, if desired.
3. Generously sprinkle kosher salt into the cavity and over the back and sides of chicken. Tie the chicken legs together with kitchen twine. Sprinkle salt generously over the breasts, coating them thoroughly. Wipe excess salt out of skillet with paper towels.
4. Bake chicken in the preheated oven until an instant-read meat thermometer inserted into a thigh, not touching bone, reads 160 degrees C (70 degrees C), 50 to 60 minutes. Remove from skillet to a serving platter and let rest 5 to 10 minutes.
5. Blot about 90 percent of the chicken fat from the skillet with a paper towel held with tongs, leaving the browned bits of food in the skillet. Place skillet over medium-high heat and add thyme leaves. Cook and stir until thyme is wilted, 1 to 2 minutes. Pour lemon juice, chicken broth, and water into skillet, stirring until the browned bits dissolve and the sauce has reduced by about half, 1 to 2 minutes.
6. Reduce heat to low, add cold butter, and stir until butter has begun to melt. Add any accumulated juices from the chicken to sauce and continue to stir until butter is incorporated and sauce is slightly thickened, about 1 minute. Remove from heat and season with salt, black pepper, and cayenne pepper to taste. Spoon sauce over chicken to serve.



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Donation for the Earthquake Disaster Relief

We would like to express our deepest condolences to those who have lost their lives as well as to their relatives affected by the Kumamoto Earthquake in Japan. Tenrikyo Church Headquarters is calling for donations to help those affected by the earthquakes. Hawaii Dendocho is also accepting donations, and these donations will be delivered to Church Headquarters.

The special envelopes for the donation are available in the Dendocho Worship Hall. We will be accepting the donation until June 30th. Mahalo for your cooperation!