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Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

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

Setsuo Kakitani

Growing up in a little apartment in the McCully area as a child I sensed at a very early age that our family was different from our neighbors. The main reason was that we did Otsutome (Seated Service) every morning and evening. Although never forced I dreaded doing the Service and became a professional at avoiding it by hiding in the closet, pretending to be asleep and playing outside till it was dark. Often as we prayed I could feel the eyes of the neighborhood kids peeking through the window blinds. Children are so curious and can come up with very innovative ideas. They would often ask me “Why do you do Bon Dance every day?” Embarrassed I would never be able to answer truthfully because I really did not know the answer at that time. When my parents were not home my friends would come in and play the Narimono (Musical Instruments) trying to imitate my parents doing the Seated Service. One kid not knowing what to do with the Kazutori (Counter) would just twirl it around over his head. Because my father was a minister, I was soon given the nickname Bonsan and whenever they found a dead sparrow on the roadside,

they would come and ask me to pray for it as they buried it in the yard. Experiences like this made me dislike the Service even more. Looking back to those old days I am so thankful they brought only little things to bury and no dogs or cats. Luckily, with time they grew tired of playing this silly game.

In an anniversary year of Oyasama, we tend to remember all the hardships and obstacles She endured and overcame in hastening the completion of the Service. The cause of these difficulties was human thinking itself and sincere concern for Her welfare.

In this age where we are free to do the Service without persecution, even now we experience obstacles in learning or performing the Service at one time or another in our life of faith. Although the hand movements are relatively simple to mimic, memorizing and singing the Japanese verses is a complete opposite story. People who understand Japanese and are born with natural musical abilities are especially fortunate when it comes to the learning the Service. In my case, my wife becomes so irritated and complains

whenever I try to sing the Mikagura-uta saying that I am tone deaf and cannot follow the beat with no sense of rhythm whatsoever. This is so true and must be due to my lack of interest and refusal to do the Service in my younger days.

Oyasama, Herself stressed the importance of teaching the musical instruments from a very early age by first teaching the women's instruments to the very young daughters of Her early disciples. It is well known that unlike adults, children whose hearts are pure will play exactly as taught without conditions.

When we are young and full of vigor we sometimes fail to grasp the importance of the Service, however as we age and realize our limitations nothing gives us more peace of mind than the Service. After all these years, unlike my younger days where I could not wait for the long Service to end, I can honestly say now that I have come to truly enjoy the Service.

Otsutome and Otasuke (The Service and Salvation Work) go hand in hand; you cannot have one without the other.

NOVEMBER MONTHLY SERVICE Sunday, November 20th at 9:00am

Sermon by Rev. Steven Nakao, head minister of Net Hawaii Mission Station

Head Ministers Meeting will be held at 12:45 p.m.

Especially when our Otasuke endeavors show no fruit and we become impatient when the person we pray for show no signs of improvement nothing eases our minds and re-energizes us more than dancing the Yorozuyo and Twelve Songs alone. This offers us precious time to reflect on ourselves. Even at this age I still have not mastered the Service and often make a lot of mistakes. This is one of the joys of the Service. Working towards a perfect and complete Service is a mutual goal and a lifelong commitment. There is always room for improvement.

If the hand movements of the Joyous Service are learned day by day, how delighted God will be.

Ofudesaki IV : 23

If I were to be asked today by the neighborhood kids, “ Why do you do Bon Dance everyday?” I would answer truthfully and without hesitation “Because it makes me happy. When I am happy, God is happy.”



October 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.

With the arrival of the promised time, on October 26, 1838, You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine and thereafter manifested the truth of all things and conveyed the teachings for world salvation. Since then, with Your unchanging parental love, You have been guiding us toward the Joyous Life World. For this, we are truly grateful. Embraced in Your great parental love, we have been walking daily on the path toward spiritual growth. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the Autumn Grand Service at this mission headquarters, signifying the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. We the service performers will unite our hearts as one to perform the Seated Service and the Dance with Hand Movements joyously in high spirits while earnestly praying for world salvation. Gathering before You are our brothers and sisters of the path in Hawaii who have looked forward to this day and will be singing the Songs for the Service in unison and becoming spirited in the Service. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

Today we are honored with the presence of Rev. Tomozo Hirano, honorary senior member of Tenrikyo Overseas Department, who is delivering the service sermon through which we shall learn about his attitude of faith and thereby reflect upon ourselves and our own faith, thus gaining a great hint on making further progress on our spiritual growth.

Together we vow to accord daily 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-heartedness with God, single-hearted joyousness and single-hearted salvation here in Hawaii. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that You continue to guide us further with Your unchanging parental love toward the advancement of the Path in Hawaii and the reconstruction of the world into a Joyous Life World, even a day sooner, where everyone will come to know of the Parent of Origin thus awakening to the truth of universal brotherhood & sisterhood and live together in harmony helping and caring for one another with purified minds. Together with all present, I sincerely pray that You bless us so.

Mission HQ October Grand Service Sermon

Rev. Tomozo Hirano Honorary Senior Member of Overseas Dept.

Aloha! My name is Tomozo Hirano.

By attending the Autumn Grand Service of Hawaii Dendocho with you, now I feel clear and clean in my mind like a Hawaiian blue sky. Today, I would like to talk about *tanno* “joyous acceptance.”

A card game

Suppose that we sit down to play a card game. We cannot choose which cards to hold to start the game. We have no alternative but to play the hand we are dealt.

Someone with a strong hand does not necessarily win; that is part of the fun. Some people with a poor hand may win by using the cards cleverly.

Life is like a card game

Life is similar to a card game.

Some people are dealt a favorable hand at birth, endowed as they are with wealth, health, and good looks, for example. Some are born not only into disadvantaged families but also with a weak constitution and mediocre looks. At birth, there already seem to be disparities. Isn't this unfair?

Nonetheless, we have no choice but to play the hand dealt to us. There is no point in moaning about the hand we are dealt. Envy would do anything but dishearten. It would only worsen the situation.



As in a card game, being dealt a good hand at birth does not necessarily guarantee success. Actually, some who are dealt a strong hand end up in a pitiable way, due to their greed and vanity.

On the other hand, some people born into difficult circumstances manage to lead an abundant life by making full use of their innate qualities and abilities. Whether to make the best use of the hand we are dealt or not is up to us.

Homework assigned by God the Parent

A school teacher often assigns homework. The aim is not to torture students but to help them reinforce their skills and learning. Just listening to lectures is not enough to really develop their aptitude for studies; students need to actually grapple with problems, using trial and error.

Challenges tailored to the individual

Like school teachers, God the Parent

gives us various homework assignments, which are intended to help us make full use of the hand we are dealt and break new ground for our life.

Some homework assignments require a global effort involving all humankind. These include natural disasters and ethnic disputes. Likewise Hawaii is given its peculiar homework, so does Japan.

Also, each household has its own challenges to deal with and, within a family, the husband, wife, and children each have their respective homework assignments.

So that we build the strength to live positively and straightforwardly, it is not enough to merely know the teachings. Even if we believe we have a complete knowledge of them, we may be thrown off guard when faced with a problem.

It is necessary for us to make painstaking efforts to deal with difficulties. God the Parent gives us homework not to torment us but to help us shine and reach our full potential.

Knowing everything about us, God the Parent gives us the most appropriate homework tasks, which are designed to bring maximum benefit to us. The forms of these tasks may include sickness, accidents, interpersonal conflicts in the workplace, matters of money, romantic breakups, parent-child issues, and husband-wife problems.

God the Parent pinpoints the best possible area in which to give us a challenge.

When suddenly faced with a great difficulty, some of us may hold our heads in our hands, saying: "I can't cope anymore. I've reached the end of the road."

Yet there is no one in the world who does not have any homework to do.

The homework we are given is precisely what we most need to do. That is why no one else—not even your parents or children—can do your homework for you. We must deal with our homework ourselves.

Some homework assignments may be easier than others. Some may even take a lifetime to complete. As long as we are alive, we probably have some homework to do. When there is no more homework, we may have no role to play in this world.

Evolution of living things

Some animals that have survived the evolutionary process have done so by attaining the ability to run fast. Fish have survived by adapting to life in the water, and birds by flying in the sky.

However, we humans cannot run fast like the animals. We cannot swim like fish or fly like birds. If we raced with them, we would lose to them all.

We are no match for them. Yet, because we could not solve problems as quickly and perfectly as other living things, we made desperate efforts to survive and, in the process, reached the top of the food chain.

This tells us that it does not really

matter if we cannot easily complete our homework. What God the Parent wants us to do is to make continuous effort to find the answers. For it is this process to make us to reflect on ourselves and to build character.

Our homework may be difficult, but the main thing is not to give up. The species that stop their struggling to survive will go extinct. As tough as it may be to hang in there, the pain of the fall we experience after we give up will be tenfold.

Most fruitful and meaningful time

In difficulty, we fully know of our weakness, so we can hardly reproach others who have same kind of weakness. Because we can understand their pains we can truly be gentle to those who are in troubles.

In hardships, if we can say, “it’s OK for things to be like this. This is something good for me,” we are on the right track.

It is natural to feel pain when faced with a painful situation. In a sense, God provides a time when we can feel pain. It is good to feel that pain. In fact, the tough time when we spend struggling with our homework is most meaningful in our lives. It is a precious time.

Headwind

In Japan, children used to fly kites for fun over New Year’s. If you run in the same direction as the wind is blowing, your kite does not fly. A tailwind may even push your kite down to the ground.

The way to fly a kite is to run against the wind. Headwinds are better than tailwinds. A kite will embrace a headwind in its wings and use it as a lifting force to soar.

In our lives, as well, headwinds can help us fly high. In fact, if we do not face any headwind, we may not be able to make personal growth in a genuine sense and may become a crashing bore.

God the Parent helps bring out the best in us by providing us with homework. What we once thought was our weakness will have become our strongest card. So, our homework is not a burden but is an engine to lead us toward a true joyous life.

Tell others how we were saved

Oyasama taught, “Earnestly tell others how you were saved” (Anecdotes of Oyasama, #100, “You Are to Save Others”).

Children speaking proudly of their parents

Imagine your little son telling their friends such things as:

My dad is great! Every day he works hard at his company to take care of the family. Because of him, I can go to school and play with friends without any worry. Thank you Dad!

Or your young daughter says;

When I was sick with a fever, my mom was so worried she stayed next to me all night. She helped me drink water and made me tasty soup. I was so happy. I’ll never forget it. I could recover so quickly because

of my mom.

If you hear your children speak proudly about you and tell others how grateful they feel to you, don't you feel happy? You might even be moved to tears.

So imagine the delight of God the Parent and Oyasama when we tell others how boundless God's workings are and how miraculously Oyasama saved us. This can be a wonderful way of showing our love for God the Parent and Oyasama.

This is different from telling others how "we saved others." Talking about how we saved someone by explaining this and doing that would be nothing more than an empty boast. On the other hand, telling others how "we were saved" is sharing our profound sense of gratitude.

My illness

Now, I would like to tell you the story of when I was saved by God the Parent. This is about how God gave me homework and guided me.

When I was in my mid-thirties, I was diagnosed with Hepatitis C, which became chronic. By the time I was in my mid-forties, it had developed into cirrhosis. Then, I was prepared for the worst. Even so I was shocked when the doctor told me that I had liver cancer. This happened seven years ago.

The diagnosis shook me to the core. "What? I have cancer? There is so much I still want to do. Why me?" I felt as if I had

been thrown into a bottomless pit.

I thought: "There are so many selfish people out there. Why do I have to go through this? It's so unfair. I have worked hard and have lived honestly, and now this?"

It was as though I was on a train when suddenly it was announced that the railway tracks ahead were gone, thereby preventing our train from going any further.

Trusting only my own strength

When I was a student, there was a period when I believed that it was right for me to trust my own strength to get me through life, rather than depending on God. I felt it would be disgraceful to cry to God for help when things got tough. I kept telling myself to take full responsibility for my life without relying on God.

In my arrogance, I even thought that people who had faith were the weak-hearted who could not face up to reality.

One can live by one's own power

However, once I became ill, I was made painfully aware of my powerlessness. I was made to understand that I had neither lived nor was I living by my own power. Falling to the lowest of lows, I could not afford to be pretentious or stubborn. I was made fully aware that I could not be alive without God the Parent's workings.

My anguish washed out my arrogance.

Joyous acceptance

The day before my surgery, I sneaked out of the hospital and went to ask a certain reverend to administer the Sazuke. When I asked for guidance, he thought for a few moments before saying, “Joyous acceptance, Tanno.”

So I made a resolution to work toward the mind of joyous acceptance for the rest of my life.

Complaining will not change anything. Comparing myself with others will only make me miserable. God has a plan, and it is impossible to go against the Divine Will. There is no such thing as a winnable fight against God. I told myself to accept things exactly as they were.

I pledged not to blame God for anything, or complain about God, or bear a grudge against God. As unbelievable as it may sound, as soon as I made this pledge, I felt refreshingly alive and exhilarated.

Putting up with something can be stressful, but “Tanno” lightens the heart and sets it free.

Faith is strength

As I said a while ago, I once thought that people who had faith in God were weak-hearted.

However, the truth of the matter is that faith is not at all escapism for the weak.

Far from it, when something difficult occurs, those of us who have faith never run away from reality or try to find someone to

blame. Instead, we face the situation head-on and try to perceive the divine intention behind it. We feel gratitude.

This is not being weak at all.

A thing lent, a thing borrowed

I did not decide to be born, nor was I born of my own effort. Before I knew it, I existed in this world.

Likewise, when we die, we do not stop our heart from beating. Also, even if we do not want to die, the time will come to each one of us when we have no choice. Moreover, it is impossible to tell when that will be. There is no way to tell whether it will be ten years from now or whether it will be in a car accident.

Birth and death are very important aspects of being human. Yet there is little we can do about them.

Both birth and death are part of God’s workings. We are able to live by borrowing our body from God in the first place.

The mind shapes our life; a Sailboat

How we perceive the events that happen to us will shape our lives. Our minds will determine whether our life is miserable or fruitful.

We are like a sailboat that is navigating the ocean. We cannot change the weather nor the direction of the wind or current. Sometimes we may encounter a storm. Yet we are trying hard to adjust the sail so as to avoid shipwreck and to reach the

destination. In this analogy, the sail refers to the mind.

Total reliance on God frees us from worry

Let's say my friend is standing behind me and telling me: "Let go and fall backward into my arms. Don't worry. I'll catch you." In response, I slowly start to fall backward. Beyond a certain point, however, I might begin to worry and end up using my legs to keep my balance.

The same thing can be said of our faith. It is easy to say "lean on God," but actually not so easy to lean fully on God. However, when I was taken seriously ill and felt helpless, the only option left was to rely on God.

In fact, without God's protection, I would be powerless. In such time, I repeat the following Ofudesaki verse in my mind.

"So long as you lean on Me, there will be no danger." It is Oyasama's voice.

"Yes. She is promising me to guide safely. So, instead of worrying about this and that, I can leave everything to Her." I feel a load lift off my shoulders, and my hearts came alive again.

The strength to stop worry, this is the power of faith.

Knots of difficulty

When we face a crisis, we should be sure to remember that, no matter how difficult the situation is, God the Parent never intends us to despair.

Even if the situation seems totally hopeless, remaining calm and looking carefully will allow us to find at least one or two things that we can be grateful for.

Proof that God has not given up on us

No matter how grave the situation is, the fact that we are alive here now shows that God has not given up on us. If God had given up on us, how could we stay alive?

The fact that we are alive means that God provides a role for us to play in this world, whether or not we know what that role is. **"Cold-hearted God" and "warm-hearted God"**

When we are shown a knot of great difficulty, we may be confused and may even resent God. However, after all the anguish and agony, we eventually decide to accept the situation and rely on God. At that moment, things start to change. The massive wall that faced us disappears, revealing a path in front of us. Once we come to this point, we think, "How warm and loving God the Parent is!" although we before felt that God is cruel.

The Sazuke

During my hospitalization, many people were kind enough to administer the Sazuke to me. Words cannot describe how grateful I felt. I had never had so many people pray for me before. When I closed my eyes, I saw Oyasama smiling warmly. I felt Her warmth in the hands of people who

administered the Sazuke to me. I felt as though Oyasama was gently stroking the afflicted part of my body. I cannot find words to describe the feeling I felt. Tears rolled down my cheeks.

Being able to stand here and talk to you today is all thanks to Oyasama.

After my surgery

My operation was major surgery lasting more than seven hours. Apparently, I bled heavily. The doctor skillfully removed the tumor from the back of my liver. According to my wife, I had such severe jaundice for three days that my eyes were bright yellow.

I didn't feel well during those three days following surgery. But after that, although many tubes were still connected to my body, I did not feel much pain.

I only felt gratitude.

No need to hesitate to administer the Sazuke

There was something I realized. Until then, I used to hesitate about visiting someone in the hospital. I used to think: "If I were hospitalized, I would feel embarrassed to be seen in a weak condition by visitors. Also, talking to them might be bothersome. Perhaps, it would be kinder to leave hospitalized people alone."

When I was hospitalized myself, however, I realized that nothing was further from the truth. Having people visit me and administer the Sazuke to me made

me so happy and grateful. I thought, "If having the Sazuke administered to me feels so good, I am going to have more confidence in visiting hospitalized people and administering the Sazuke to them. There is absolutely no need to hesitate!"

Life itself is not painful

There are trying times in our life.

However, this doesn't mean that life itself is trying, but only means that we sometime experience a trying time.

It is like the weather in Hawaii. It rains sometime, but not always. There are many more sunny days than rainy days.

It has been a great life

Looking back on my life, although I had been through some hard times, I had also enjoyed wonderful times.

There were times when I felt an intense sense of fulfillment and satisfaction, when I was so delighted as to dance with joy, when my friends and I laughed so hard we almost cried, and when people's good will and beautiful smile touched me profoundly. There were so many memorable moments and encounters.

"It has been a great life," I felt, as a wave of gratitude washed over me.

When the time comes for me to die, I would like to go happily, saying, "I have had so much fun!"

Elephant

A song written by a poet named Michio Mado contains these lines:

Hey, elephant calf, your nose is very long, isn't it?
That's right!
My mother's is also very long.

Let's say there is a young elephant playing with some other animals like a bear, a giraffe, and a rabbit. Then a question flashes across his mind, "Why is my nose so long when theirs are not. It looks ugly. Now I feel embarrassed."

He might start hating his long nose and try to hide it somehow. He might avoid his friends and even begin to resent his parents for giving birth to him.

The calf in the song, however, likes his nose and says, "That's right! My mother's

nose is also very long. That it is convenient to drink water, and I can have a shower by using it." He takes pride in having a long nose, finds it beautiful, and really loves it.

The size and shape of the nose cannot be changed. Yet, depending on how we perceive it, it can be a source of happiness or a cause of feeling a sense of inferiority.

How wonderful it will be if we can—with simplicity and ease—find joy in being who we are and take pride in living the life we lead, just as the young elephant in the song does!

To me, the elephant's nose is the homework provided by God the Parent—which is to say, my liver disease. It has fundamentally changed my view about the world, my life, and myself. I believe that it is the trump card for me. Thank you for your kind attention.



Mission HQ Personnel Change

On October 20th, Ms. Kris Eco (Okayama Grand Church) arrived from the Philippines. She will serve as a Joshi-seinen for two years. Please extend your aloha when you see her at Dendocho.



Tenrikyo Bazaar Financial Report

Gross income:	\$55,658
Expenditure:	\$26,737
Net Proceeds:	\$26,469



Rev. Tomozo Hirano talked on Oyasama with powerpoint slides on October 15.

Tid Bits

Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Young Women's Convention will be held at Mission Headquarters of Hawaii on November 11th, from 10 a.m. We will be receiving a message from Women's Association President, listening to our fellow member's faith experience speech, and sharing our thoughts. Let us invite as many young women who are the young foundation of the path to participate in this convention.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

November 12th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

Monthly Meeting

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

Women's Musical Instrument Practice

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

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

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Trick or Treat for UNICEF!

Thank you for donating and collecting for UNICEF. Every day, children die needlessly from preventable causes—and they don't have to. UNICEF takes proven, low-cost methods that save children's lives and

makes them available regardless of income, ethnicity or location. Working in over 150 countries, UNICEF provides lifesaving vaccines and insecticide-treated bed nets, emergency relief following natural disasters, educational opportunities and School-in-a-Box kits, and much more. Please turn in your collection boxes by MHQ's monthly service on Sunday, November 20th.



Trick or Treat for UNICEF in Waikiki

November Leaders Fun Day

The BGA Leaders Fun Day at Kaneohe Sand Bar will be held on Saturday, November 26th for our young leaders, junior leaders, counselors and TSA students who helped with our BGA activities throughout the year. Mahalo for your assistance and we look forward to your support for 2017.

Save the Date: Leaders Camp and New Year's Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic

The annual BGA Leadership Camp will be held on January 28 - 29, 2017 and the New Year's Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic will be held on January 29th at 10am at Moiliili Old Stadium Park. Leadership camp participants will join Park Cleanup and BBQ picnic at Moiliili Old Stadium Park.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

A big MAHALO to everyone for their efforts in the plentiful and intense Hinokishins for the month of October. We'd also like to thank Aunty Ella (Yeehaaw!), the Yama's of Kalihi Church and Ko'olau Watershed Partnership for providing the opportunities to strengthen our faith through doing Hinokishin.

Aunty Ella's home also known as our first Guerilla Hinokishin (irregular/unplanned Hinokishin) was an inspiring one. To see people randomly come out on a Monday and tackle a tree cutting as well as the immense needles of California Grass for 8 hours raised our spirits for the weekends Hinokishin at Kalihi Church.

Kalihi Church was home to one of the biggest and most majestic mango trees that we've ever had the pleasure of meeting. It took 2 separate days totaling 18 hours. We'd like to give a shout out to Michael Inouye and Lewis Nakao for stepping up on the 2nd Kalihi Church hinokishin while I was away at The Home of The Parent.

With the thought of all the Taishokuten (Providence of cutting, i.e. tree cuttings) we do and the importance of balance, the idea to help bring life forth was born. We were blessed to have found a program (Ko'olau Watershed Partnership's project to help replant trees at Pali Lookout) that allowed us to realize this idea. A very special thank

you to Honolulu Church YMA members for planting the seed of this eye opening idea in my head.

Lastly I'd like to thank Grant Inouye and Michelle Inouye for documenting our efforts through photos and amazing videos of our events that can be found on Facebook.

Please stay tuned for emails, Facebook, Line and text messages (LOL) on upcoming Hinokishins for the month of November.

Hold on! One last thing! I would also like to thank everyone who came out to help to make the Joint Hinokishintai at Dendocho a huge success! It was an intense weekend where we braved the rain and wind to build the brand new shiny fence at the entrance of the parking lot. The fence is as shiny and clean as our hearts after such a challenging project. It was very special to have collaborated with Bishop and Mrs. Yamanaka and the Chairwoman of the Joshiseinen, Sally Kawasaki. It was also a huge blessing to have Reverend Susumu Yuge of LA and Mr. Mo Yasui from Japan join us and give us a spirited lecture the second day. I wish I could thank everyone else personally but it will take up the rest of the newsletter. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

Lastly, spoiler alert YMA President Daisuke-sama will be coming to town! More information will be provided.

Monthly Meeting

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

The Doctrine of Tenrikyo Study Session

November 30th (Wed) 7:00 p.m.



The Hungry Reporter

The first Monkey Bread I ever had was served at the 'ōlelo Hawai'i classes I took some years ago. Uncle Louie always had some sort of mea 'ono (dessert) for us and his Monkey Bread left you speechless. I shared Uncle Louie's recipe way back in the beginning days of the Hungry Reporter. The dough was made from scratch, but I recently found a great dup. I agree, there's nothing like the chewy goodness of bread made from scratch but this recipe is easy and a sure pleaser.

Monkey Bread 'Elua

Ingredients:

3-10 oz. Packages Refrigerated
Biscuit Dough
3/4 Cup White Sugar

3 Tbsp. Ground Cinnamon
1/2 Cup Butter or Margarine
3/4 Cup White Sugar

Directions:

1. Mix together $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar and cinnamon.
2. Quarter the biscuits with kitchen shears. Dip shears in water after each cut to keep the biscuits from getting too sticky. Dip biscuits into sugar mixture, and place in a greased Bundt pan. Do this until all biscuits are used.
3. Melt butter or margarine, and mix in $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar. Pour mixture over biscuits.
4. Bake in pre-heated 350 degree F (175 degrees C) oven for 30 to 35 minutes
5. Serve and say Ahhhhh...



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November Calendar 2016

2 nd	Wed	Monthly Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4 th	Tue	Bishop to return to Hawaii		
7 th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
8 th	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
		WA Comm. Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
11 th	Fri	YWC Convention	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
12 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 a.m.
14 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
16 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
19 th	Sat	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
20 th	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
		Sunday School/ Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	
21 st	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
26 th	Sat	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Hand Dance and Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
		BGA Leadership Fun Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
27 th	Sun	Big Island Kyoyukai General Meeting	Kilauea Church	10:00 a.m.
30 th	Wed	YMA Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.