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Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

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

Yasutsugu Miyauchi

This year is coming to a close and we will be soon entering 180th year of Tenrikyo. In the year of the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama, I have been able to return to Jiba twice. With gratitude and joy I was able to attend the Service for the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama and for the Autumn Grand Service. As I look back on Oyasama's Anniversary season, I did various tasks, however, due to the business of daily life it became a year that I had much to reflect about. Next year will be an important year as I take the first step towards the next milestone which is the 140th Anniversary of Oyasama. I would like to share with you excerpts from the Shinbashira's sermon at this year's Autumn Grand Service that I myself would like to keep as a guideline in my daily life.

“The teaching of the eight dusts is concerned with our own use of the mind—something with which we are intimately familiar. Dust is an encouraging metaphor in the sense that dust can be removed easily by sweeping it away; however, dust can also be tricky because, if we neglect to sweep it away in our daily lives, it has a way of accumulating until it becomes impossibly difficult to deal with.

Therefore, it is hardly helpful to recite the eight dusts if we neglect them in our actual life situations, whether at home or at work. Since this teaching concerns the way we use the mind in daily life, we need to actually apply it to the way we live, speak, and act.

At the end of each day, we can, for example, reflect on the things we have

said or did over the course of the day and, as we begin another day, we can use this teaching to prepare our mind for the new day. If we make a conscious effort to apply this teaching to our lives in these ways, it will become second-nature.

Our words and actions befitting a follower of this path will not only bring joy to our daily lives but allow us to sprinkle the fragrance of the path on people around us in an effortless manner. Also, such words and actions will help people in our local communities to familiarize themselves with and put their trust in our churches, which are to serve as models of the Joyous Life.

Above all, it is in an atmosphere worthy of the path that true faith is likely to arise and take root in the minds and hearts of the children of not only church head ministers but also Yoboku and followers.

A Divine Direction tells us:

In this path, faith must be reflected in the minds of children while they are still young. Osashizu, November 16, 1900

A joyous and spirited atmosphere created by parents and other adults, as well as the examples set by Yoboku, will help children grow into reliable Yoboku capable of participating in the construction of the Joyous Life World and carrying the path forward in the future.”

As we are approaching the end of the year we will become busy, but let us not forget to stay joyous and spirited as we welcome the 180th year of Tenrikyo and do our best.

November Monthly Service Prayer

Appearing before You, God the Parent, Tenri-O-no-Mikoto, I (Shugo Yamanaka) Bishop of the Mission Headquarters of Hawaii, speak with reverence on behalf of the Hawaii congregation.

God the Parent, out of Your single-hearted parental love for all humankind, You have been watching over us day and night and guiding us toward the Joyous Life with Your boundless providence. For this, we are truly grateful. Taking to our heart the joy of living in the embrace of Your parental love, we are engaging in the tasks for single-hearted salvation each day in order to accord with Your intention. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the November Monthly Service at this mission headquarters. We the service performers will unite our hearts as one to perform the Seated Service and the Dance with Hand Movements joyously while earnestly praying for world salvation. We will be joined by our brothers and sisters of the Path in Hawaii who have looked forward to this day and have gathered here today, in singing the Songs for the Service in unison and high spirits. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

In his sermon at Church Headquarters' Autumn Grand Service last month, the Shinbashira encouraged us, upon having completed Oyasama's 130th Anniversary, to take a fresh look at where we stand and to strive for further progress in both the growth of the Path and our spiritual development toward the realization of the Joyous Life World. Taking to our heart the basic teaching of the truth of "a thing lent, a thing borrowed," we shall always sweep away the dusts of our minds, feel grateful each day for God's constant providence within our bodies, truly savoring the joy of being kept alive, and express through hinokishin our gratitude and joy, thus expanding the circle of mutual help and the Joyous Life starting from where we are.

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-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 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 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 November Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Steven Nakao

Head Minister of Net Hawaii Mission Station



In the Osashizu, it reads:

Sah, sah, it will not do that you are gloomy. It is difficult to do things smoothly on a gloomy day. Understand this one truth, understand, understand. Set out to do whatever you must do with a mind as bright as a sunny day. With fine weather, you will be able to accomplish things smoothly. Throughout the world, if the sky is not overcast, the spirit will be bright. Things will go smoothly. In each mind should be kept the truth called effectiveness. Determine to keep the brightness of fine weather in your minds. Never forget this truth.

And further it reads:

Sah, sah, what saves others is the truth of the mind of sincerity. Sah, sah, through your mind of sincerity toward others you yourself will be saved. All of you settle this truth in your minds. Then you will be saved.
August 9, 1888

In reading the translated version of the Osashizu, what caught my eyes was the word *effectiveness*. In my world, there is an aphorism that we adhere by and it goes like this; “We always need to remember that we are hunters rather than dependents waiting to be served.” In other words, our business is based on results and we always need to remember that we need to continually seek out new business to stay in business. While being efficient, (organized, cost effective and streamlined) is important, it takes second priority when prospecting for new business. Being effective always takes first priority when seeking new business. We need to successfully produce our desired or intended result in order to stay in business. Or in other words, “Just Do It!”

Am I making any sense to you? I can see some of you nodding their heads and others are not. So I guess some of you do understand. However, the word “effectiveness” in the Osashizu takes on a new meaning.

What I believe Oyasama meant when she said “...*truth called effectiveness*,” is when your hearts become so spirited and overflowed with brightness and sincerity, it will become so contagious (like a smile spreading to others) that people will become spirited as well and will accept our sincerity of wanting to help.

We all know the path to the joyous world. It is to do Nioigake and Otasuke. However, sometimes we run across speed blocks along the way called “rejection” and “fear, that delay us on moving forward. While most of us have some sense of gratitude, that alone may not be enough to go over these speed bumps. We sometime lose track of where we are, and our vision becomes blurred. We let our mind take over when we should depend on our heart to move forward.

Does this sound confusing? Let me see if I can explain it in another way.

Suppose you wanted to arrive at a specific location in Osaka. Let’s say Nipponbashi. A street map of the city would be a great help to you in reaching your destination. But suppose you said Nihonbashi instead of Nipponbashi and you were given the wrong map, instead of giving you the map of “Osaka” the store clerk gave you a map of “Tokyo”. Can you imagine the frustration, the ineffectiveness of trying to reach your destination?

You might work on your *behavior* – you could try harder, be more diligent, double your speed. But your efforts would only succeed in getting you to the wrong place faster.

You might work on your *attitude* – you could think more positively. You still wouldn’t get to the right place, but perhaps you wouldn’t care. Your attitude would be so positive, you’d be happy wherever you were.

The point I’m trying to get across is; you’d still be lost. The fundamental problem has nothing to do with your behavior or your attitude. It has everything to do with having a wrong map.

Now, if you have the right map of Osaka, then diligence becomes important and when you encounter frustrating obstacles along the way, *then* attitude makes a big difference but the first and foremost is to have an accurate map.

Each of us have many, many maps in our head, which can be divided into two main categories: maps of the way things are, or realities, and maps of the way things should be, or values. We interpret everything we experience through these mental maps. We seldom question their accuracy; usually even unaware that we have them. We simply assume that the way we see things is a way they really are or the way they should be. Our attitudes and behaviors grow out of those assumptions. The way we see things is the source of the way we think and the way we act.

Each of us think we see things as they are then we are objective. But this is not the case. We see the world, not as it is, but as we are condition to see it. When we open our mouths to describe what we see in effect describes ourselves, our perceptions, our paradigms. When other people disagree with us, we immediately think something is wrong with them. However, sincere, clearheaded people see things differently, each looking through the unique lens of

experience.

The more aware we are of our basic paradigms, maps, or assumptions, and the extent to which we have been influenced by our experience, the more we can take responsibility for those paradigms. Our hearts will become spirited as our minds become bright and clear. This is what I believe Oyasama meant when she said; *“In each mind should be kept the truth called effectiveness.”*

However, there is another speed bump that we run across in our journey to a joyous world. It is not being aware of cultural differences that may hinder our effectiveness while doing Nioigake. Let me ask you, “Do you first and foremost consider what you want, what will make you happy, or do you consider what is best for you and the people around you?” There are major differences between cultures and individuals, both within and between nations. As Americans we focus on “I” as in “Individualism” because we were brought up to think *Independence* is the epitome of American life. We are primarily motivated by our own preferences, needs, and rights. We give priority to our own goals over the goals of others.

In contrast, Members of Collectivist (Socialist) countries including Japan, focus on “We”. They see themselves primarily within a group to which they belong (i.e. family, coworker, village, town, and nation). They are willing to give priority to the goals of these cooperatives over their own personal growth. Rather than everyone

looking out for number one (themselves), it’s believed that individuals can be happy only when the needs of the group as a whole are met. As an example, there is a Japanese saying “Makeru ga Kachi.” (Literally “to lose is to win.”) This expresses the idea that getting one’s way is less desirable than maintaining peace and harmony. The effects of a collectivist world view go beyond determining who should choose. Rather than defining themselves solely by their personal traits, collectivist understand their identities through the relationships to certain groups. People in such societies, then, strive to fit in and to maintain harmony with their social groups.

From early on, members of capitalist societies place special importance on personal choice. Even a walk through the local grocery store becomes an opportunity to teach lessons about choosing, particularly in the United States, where stores routinely offer hundreds of options. As soon as a child can talk, or perhaps as soon as they can accurately point, they are asked, “Which one of these would you like?” A parent would probably narrow down the number of choices and explain the differences between this cereal and that one, or that toy and this one, but the child would be encouraged to express a preference. After a while, a child would graduate to making tougher choices, and by the ripe old age of four, he or she may well be expected to both understand and respond to daunting questions such as “What do you want to be when you grow up?” A child should

be able to figure out what they like and dislike, what will make them happy and what won't. Because their happiness is on the line, their own opinions truly matter, and they must figure out how to judge the outcomes of their choices.

By contrast, members of collective societies places greater emphasis on duty. Children are often told, "If you are a good child, you'll do what your parents tell you." and parents need not explain themselves. From what you eat, to what you wear, to toys you play with, to what you study; it is what you're supposed to do that's most important. As you grow older, instead of being asked what you want, you may be asked, "How will you take your care of your parents' needs and wants? How will you make them proud?" The assumption is that parents, and elders in general, will show you the right way to live your life so that you will be protected from making costly mistakes. There are right choices and wrong ones, and by following your elders you will learn to choose correctly, even relinquishing your own.

Individualist or Collectivist Worldview

The perfect capitalist system first and foremost emphasizes "*freedom from*" external restrictions on one's ability to rise in societies ranks. At least in theory, people are given equal opportunity to succeed or fail based on their own merits. But a world without restrictions is a very competitive one, and people who are more talented, harder working, or simply luckier will have

an advantage. As a result, a wide variety of goods and services will exist, but not everyone will have access to the full range of choices available; some people may even be unable to afford basic necessities such as food, housing, and healthcare.

The idealized collectivist/socialist system, by contrast, aims for quality outcomes rather than opportunities, guaranteeing all its members the "*freedom to*" obtain an adequate standard of living. The "*rub*" is that the additional resources given to those in need have to come from somewhere, or more specifically, from someone. This means reducing the "*freedom from*", people and dictate property and direct people's economic activities.

True choice requires that a person has the ability to choose an option and not to be prevented *from* choosing it by any external force. Meaning if either system becomes too strong, this will limit people's opportunities. Also, both societies that have overwhelming power will produce additional problems and practice. In a Socialistic Society, aside from the fact that a lack of "*freedom to*" can lead to privatization, suffering, and death for those who can't provide for themselves, it can also lead to a controlling class of the wealthy. The extremely wealthy can come to hold disproportionate power, enabling them to avoid punishment for illegal practices. In a Capitalistic Society, the lack of "*freedom from*" on the other hand can encourage people to do less work than

what they are capable of, since they know their needs will be met, and it may stifle innovation and entrepreneurship because people receive few or no additional material benefits for exerting additional effort.

We all have an innate need for control, and choice is a powerful means of exercising control. This does not mean, however, that we all need or want choice in the same situations or to the same extent. Differences in cultural background and personal experience can lead to differences in perceptions of choice. One person may consider a particular choice important and meaningful, while another person may see the same choice as trivial and inane (insubstantial). We should remember that people appreciate choice. However, they only appreciate choice when it benefits and enhances their sense of control. When we don't understand other viewpoints and expectations of choice, we risk imposing meaningless choices on them or depriving them of choices that they believe is to be essential. We need to be open minded to learn how others "speak choice" and how they incorporate choice into their own lives.

If you speak more than one language, think about the word(s) for "choice" in each language. Is "choice" a commonly used word? Does it have many synonyms? Does it have positive connotations, negative ones, or both? A culture's approach to choice does not necessarily reflect in the main language spoken. Comparing actual words spoken in different languages may be

similar but may take on a different meaning dependent on cultural influences. Just as we speak languages that have common roots, we speak choice that is similar but have different meaning.

Try discussing choice with someone from a very different cultural background. Describe your perceptions of his/her culture, and ask him/her to describe her perception of your culture. What false assumptions and ideas do you hold about the other's culture? How do these affect your conception of the role choice plays in that culture? By exposing our own limited perspectives and lack of knowledge, it is then, we can work together to develop a better understanding of the many faces and expressions of joy around the world.

I hope all of you were able to follow along with my thoughts however, regardless if you could not follow, please remember to do Nioigake and Otasuke with a bright and clear mind as fine weather...

In closing, Winston Churchill once said: "Before you can inspire with emotion, you must be swamped with it yourself. Before you can move their tears, your own must flow. To convince them, you must yourself, believe."

And finally, the Ofudesaki reads:

If you are truly of a mind to save others single-heartedly, I shall firmly accept you, even if you say nothing. III: 38

YMA & YWC Joint Hinokishin Corps Reflection

If you go along the path with a purified mind there would be no distinction between men and women.

Osashizu March 26, 1898.

On Friday October 28th till October 30th the Young Men's Association (YMA) and the Young Women's Club (YWC) held their first Joint Hinokishintai at the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii. The idea was formed at the 2016 Tenri English Forum held in Ojiba. During and after the Forum a popular topic amongst Tenrikyo's youth was why women aren't allowed at Hinokishintai. Thus the YMA's Chairman, Kyle Kikuchi and the YWC Chair Woman, Sally Kawasaki and a few others began the planning for the very first Co-ed Hinokishintai based off of the International Hinokishintai that is held in Ojiba. They wanted "to bring a little equality back into the mix and have opportunities for men to help prep meals as well as allow for the women to do some work outdoors."

With the much appreciated help and support from the Mission Headquarters, Men and women from Hawaii as well as Japan and mainland America were able to sleepover at Mission Headquarters for 3 days and two nights, immersed in Hinokishin and practicing in the service while showing spirited sincerity towards God the Parent. They prepared most of their own meals but they have stated that it would

not have been the same without the curry lunch and "life saving" corn chowder that was provided by Mission Headquarters and the Women's Association.

"It was great that this event was open to everyone because it was inspiring to see them all diligently working together." said YMA Advisor, Rev. Setsuo Kakitani.

The main idea for the Hinokishin project, which was brought forth by YMA Vice Chair, Blayne Mima, was the dismantling and reconstruction of the chain link fence that lines the front of Mission Headquarters. Participants faced relentless sporadic bouts of pouring rain and strong winds throughout the three days but they didn't let it dampen their spirits "...in fact, at times the rain made us feel more alive and in the end triumphant." The bushes and vines surrounding the fence were cut back to make room to work. The old posts were dug out and the new posts were leveled and cemented in. New chain link fabric and top rails were installed and lastly a new track and rollers for the gate were attached.

Participants were jazzed because most were able to work with tools they have never been able to use before, let alone now being equipped with the knowledge of how to put together a chain link fence. "I've never done fencing like that!" said participant, Myles Hisao.

Besides physically showing their gratitude toward God for their blessings,

they also engaged in Morning cleaning, service practice, lecture, discussion and speeches. The nightly activities gave them the opportunity to get to know as well as cultivate connections with each other and Mission Headquarters Staff. The activities were also geared toward giving each other a preview of their individual thought processes when having to work together to solve problems. This prepared them to build teamwork skills that would be necessary during the physically but surprisingly more mentally challenging Hinokishins that they had planned.

“This was a proper Hinokishintai!” said Kyle Kikuchi and everyone agreed. He went on to state how the 3 days held all the characteristics of the week long International Hinokishintai in Jiba, the instant spiritual growth, camaraderie, reward, fatigue, and the turmoil and challenges that comes along with it.

Taken from a speech given by Michelle Inouye “Equality is not about pride; it is not about women proving ourselves or men feeling emasculated it’s about sincere respect and trust in one another... if we are able to change and without judgment, truly

allow for men and women to work together in Hinokishin, we will be unstoppable.”

Yoshi Iwata, one of the participants from Dendocho, is usually quiet but opened his mind, “Though it was rainy and windy days, everyone devoted themselves to do the hinokishin without any complaint. I was impressed by their spirited minds and it actually made me spirited. I believed that we reached the goal of completion because no one gave up each task. The most impressive moment was to feel the joy of united minds.”

YMA member, Grant Inouye was unable to participate because he lives in California, but has been supporting the group in the background by putting together a video to capture the uplifting events of this Joint Hinokishintai to share with the world. After viewing all the footage he received he said “Although this may be the first time an event like this was held, it certainly won’t be the last. Bringing together the members of the Tenrikyo community with spirited minds and sincere gratitude toward God the Parent, this Hinokishintai was able to truly create a unique experience for all involved.”



2016 Hawaii Hinokishin-tai

On October 28 - 30, 2016 the Tenrikyo Hawaii Young Men's Association and Young Women's Club held the first Hawaii Joint Hinokishin-tai at Tenrikyo Mission He...

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

We have only a month left in the 179th year of Tenrikyo also the year that the Oyasama's 130th Anniversary was held. How much did the WA members bring joy to Oyasama? Let us reflect on this year and resolve our minds as we welcome the new year joyously.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

December 3rd (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

Monthly Meeting

December 12th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

Women's Musical Instrument Practice

December 13th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

*The December Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo A group.

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Leaders Fun Day

In appreciation of our young BGA leaders and junior leaders for their assistance in 2016, 16 members and adults enjoyed a beautiful Saturday of snorkeling and swimming at the Kaneohe Bay Sandbar. First time experience for most of the young leaders and even adults, all enjoyed a boat ride tour of the Kaneohe Bay before

anchoring at the pristine white sandbar for a swim and a bento picnic at the nearby park. Mahalo to Captain Walter Pickard, Uncle Tommy and crew for hosting the BGA members for a great day.



BGA leaders at Kaneohe Bay Sandbar

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

Our annual Leadership Camp will be held on Saturday January 28 through Sunday, the 29th, 2017 at Dendocho/Rainbow Hale. Leadership camp is for teens 12 years and older. Camp will focus on building leadership skills, oterfuri practice, spring camp planning and groups preparation. Application is available at Dendocho office or through your church/mission station. Please submit your application no later than January 15th. \$10 per person for the camp. For more information, contact Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at audsn@hawaii.rr.com or 722-8885.

The New Year's Park Cleanup and BBQ Picnic on Sunday, January 29, 2017 at 10am. at the Moiliili Old Stadium Park. All children and families are welcome to join us!

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Happy Holidays from the Hawaii Seinenkai! I hope everyone had a Joyous Thanksgiving! 2016 is coming to a close and I want to thank you all for your Joyous efforts! We have a few activites to round out the year and I hope you all can attend!

Finally, I humbly request that you all keep your minds on the 100th Anniversary of the Seinenkai to be observed in 2018. We are in yet another seasonable time and our actions now will build on Daisuke-sama's vision of the future of the YMA. This holiday season lets follow the goals set for us and please, "Bring Joy to our Parents, Bring Joy to our Spouses and Bring Joy to the World!" 2016 was a difficult year, worldwide there were many hardships and divisions among people, but with our open hearts we can change the world and start anew in 2017! Thank you all for your love and support of the YMA as we eagerly approach Daisuke-sama's visit! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Arakitoryo Nioigake Day

December 11th (Sat) TBD

Deadline for Maui Mission Caravan

December 14th (Wed)

Monthly Meeting

December 14th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

Tree Cutting at Aloha Church

December 17th (Sat) 9:00 a.m.

The Doctrine of Tenrikyo Study Session

December 28th (Wed) 7:00 p.m.

Please save these dates for Mochi Poundings in January 2017.

January 4th (Wed) 10:00 a.m.

At Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel

January 6th (Fri) 10:00 a.m.

At Royal Hawaiian Hotel

January 8th (Sun) 11:00 a.m.

At JCCH Ohana Festival



The 29th Big Island Kyoyukai General Meeting was held at Kilauea Church on November 27.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

YMA/YWC Joint Hinokishin Corps

A huge thank you to the Young Men's Association and the Young Women's Club in this joint collaboration working together in the joy of hinokishin and your sincere efforts. It was definitely a great experience and hopefully this will be a stepping stone to greater things. Otsukaresama to all!

28th Young Women's Convention

I would like to thank the YWC for coming out and participating in this years 28th Young Women's Convention held regionally in Hawaii. Also a big thank-you to the Women's Association and Dendocho staff for your support and guidance. Please let us work towards this year's theme: "Keeping our minds connected with God the Parent and Oyasama, let's grow spiritedly so as to make repayments for the blessings we receive."

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

DECEMBER MONTHLY SERVICE Sunday, December 18th at 9:00am

Sermon by Rev. Clyde Mikuni, former head minister of Taiheiyo Church
Head Ministers Meeting will be held at 12:45 p.m.

Dendocho Year-end Events

Year-end General Cleanup
Year-end Mochi Pounding

Monday, December 26, after Yohaishiki
Friday, December 30, from 7:00 a.m.

This year has been very challenging and learning experience for me as YWC chairperson. I am truly grateful for the support that YWC has received and I am very blessed to have had this experience. Thank you very much and have a wonderful holiday season!

Mission HQ Personnel Change

On November 8th, Ms. Yachiyo Matsutani finished her 2-year duty as a Joshi-seinen and returned to Japan. Mahalo for her dedication and efforts at Dendocho!



The Translation Conference on "Tale of Oyasama Volume II" was held from October 31 through November 4 at Dendocho.



The Hungry Reporter

It's the holiday season and I'm sure there are parties and potlucks in store for everyone. Here's a nice dip recipe that's a sure crowd pleaser. A little spicy but oh so good! Enjoy!

Jalapeño Dip

Ingredients:

6 slices Bacon
2 packages 8 oz Cream Cheese
1 Cup Mayonnaise
4-6 Jalapeño without seed, chopped
1 Cup Cheddar Cheese
1/2 Cup Mozzarella Cheese

1 Cup diced Green Onions
1 Cup Parmesan Cheese
1/2 cup Ritz Crackers, crushed
1/2 stick Butter, melted

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. Combine bacon through green onion in a medium bowl. Stir well. Transfer to a 2-qt. ovenproof dish. Combine crackers, parmesan, and melted butter, and sprinkle over the top.
3. Bake the dip for 20-30 minutes or until bubbly.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2017

- Boys & Girls Association Leaders Camp & New Year Party	January 28 & 29
- January Pilgrimage to Jiba	January 26
- All TCC Cleanup Hinokishin	February 20
- Big Island Women's Association Oyasama's Birthday Gathering	TBA
- Lecture for Mothers	TBA
- Boys & Girls Association Spring Camp (General Meeting on 26)	March 25 to 27
- Women's Association Oyasama's Birthday Gathering	April 4
- Boys & Girls Association Oyasama's Birthday Activity	April 16
- Oyasama's Birthday Celebration Service Pilgrimage to Jiba	April 18
- All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day	April 29
- WA, YMA, YWC Joint General Meeting	TBA
- Hawaii Spiritual Development Course (Shuyokai)	June 18 to July 13
- Tenrikyo Picnic	July 4
- Children's Pilgrimage to Jiba	July 24 to 30
- Tenrikyo Bazaar	August 27
- All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day	September 4
- Young Women's Club Follow in Kokan's Footsteps	TBA
- October Pilgrimage to Jiba	October 26
- Boys & Girls Association Trick or Treat for UNICEF	October 31
- Hawaiiishima Kyoyukai General Meeting	TBA
- Boys & Girls Association Leadership Fun Day	November 25
- Oyasato Seminar Course II	December 21 to 24
- Memorial Service	March & Sept. 27

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

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

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December Calendar 2016

2 nd	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
3 rd	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 a.m.
5 th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
6 th	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
7 th	Wed	Monthly Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
12 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
13 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
14 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
15 th	Thu	Mr. Masamichi Yukioka to come to Hawaii (until December 25)		
		BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Sat	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
18 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	
19 th	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
21 st	Wed	Oyasato Seminar Course II (until Dec. 24)	Mission HQ	4:00 p.m.
26 th	Mon	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Yearend General Cleanup	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
28 th	Wed	YMA Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
30 th	Fri	Yearend Mochi Pounding	Mission HQ	7:00 a.m.