

# Origins

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**YMA Maui Mission Caravan (1/27 - 1/29)**

***Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii***

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

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### ***Mrs. Sachie Yamanaka***

Last year the 28th Young Women's Convention was held at 140 venues throughout Japan and overseas.

The theme for this convention was "Keeping our minds connected with God the Parent and Oyasama, let's grow spiritually so as to make repayments for the blessings we receive."

It was very meaningful that the convention took place in the year of the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama.

The program for this convention included a message from the Women's Association President, group discussions, a video introducing young women members showing their efforts in the path, and a faith experience speech.

Our WA Committee members gathered to prepare for the group discussions. We were able to discuss and rethink about how blessed and protected we are by God the Parent and Oyasama, and we were able to give feedbacks to each other.

For some members it was their first time participating in the Young Women's Convention. They listened attentively to

the important and heartfelt message by the WA President.

The group discussion not only helped them feel more grateful for God the Parent's blessings but also settled their minds on how to make repayments to God the Parent in their daily lives. This group discussion gave our young members an opportunity to get to know each other better and share their thoughts and feelings.

The convention ended with the service. Through the service we all felt connected with God the Parent and Oyasama, our minds in unison and in harmony with each other.

It was indeed very valuable experience for all of us who participated.

The Activity Guidelines for Young Women are:

- 1) Let's visit our churches to worship.
- 2) Let's do hinokishin.
- 3) Let's spread the teachings.

I think these are essential guidelines not just for young women but for all us followers of the Path to follow in order to bring joy to God the Parent and Oyasama.

### **Hawaii Spiritual Development Course**

Dates: Sunday, June 18 to Thursday, July 13, 2017

Qualification: 17 or older

Application due by Sunday, May 21. Please ask Hawaii Dendocho for more details.

## February 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, with Your profound parental love for all Your children and boundless blessings, You have been guiding us along the path of spiritual growth. For this, we are truly grateful. 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 February 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' Spring Grand Service last month, the Shinbashira stressed: "We should make all the more effort to establish the firm conviction of faith that is single-hearted with God, share it in wider and wider circles, and convey it to the next generation, so that the path will continue through endless generations." He also encouraged us by saying: "I hope that you convey the joy of faith to those around you, starting with your own family, and set a good example of the Joyous Life in your community through implementing mutual help." We are thus determined to proceed with these words as our guidelines. In particular, church head ministers, each of whom is entrusted with a church by God the Parent, shall guide the people connected to the church always with true sincerity and humbleness while firmly trusting in the guidance of the everliving Oyasama so that each church may become a true example of the Joyous Life.

Responding to Your desire to hasten world salvation, we Yoboku vow to further accumulate sincere and earnest efforts so as to advance the construction of the Joyous Life World. While striving for further spiritual growth as Oyasama's instruments, each and every one of us is determined to make our utmost efforts in nurturing and increasing the number of human resources who will carry the Path forward in the future so that the Path in Hawaii may continue for endless generations. 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 February Monthly Service Sermon

*Rev. Takatoshi Mima*    *Head Minister of Koshinokuni Hawaii Church*

Together, in high spirits we have all just completed the February Monthly Service. This is a very gratuitous time. As I have been appointed to give today's sermon, I ask for your kind attention for a short while.

Now, we have successfully completed the year of Oyasama's 130th anniversary, and are currently welcoming the 180th year of Tenrikyo. In the sermon of the 130th Anniversary of Oyasama last year, the Shinbashira said, "Let us nurture our Yoboku, using Oyasama's parental love as our fundamental guide." Now, let us take a look and reflect back on the Shinbashira's words.

In the sermon, the Shinbashira said:

On the lunar calendar date of January 26 – people who had been hesitant, wedged between Oyasama's critical physical condition and the authorities' close surveillance. Eventually they resolved to perform the Service and were willing to accept any consequences that may come their way. Oyasama, however, withdrew from physical life as the Service came to a close.

According to contemporary records, the Service on that day involved men



performing some roles to be played by women and an insufficient number of people participating. In terms of outward form, the Service was not necessarily complete. However, the fact that Oyasama appeared contented probably means that, regardless of the outward imperfection, She accepted the people's true sincerity. In response to Her health disorder, these people repeatedly inquired about the divine intention, held discussions and made resolutions, thereby gradually coming closer to the intention of the Parent until eventually they performed the Service on that fateful day. Miraculously, no policemen came, thus allowing the Service to be duly concluded. The Service performers were in high spirits upon completing the Service, convinced that Oyasama would now make a recovery, yet they were told

that She had withdrawn from physical life. They fell into a state of utter shock and despair. Later, however, realizing that this would get them nowhere, they pulled themselves together and requested a Divine Direction.

*Sah, sah, I shall level the ground. Has everyone assembled, has everyone assembled. Listen and understand well. All that I have said until now was put into a container of truth. But now God has opened the portals and stepped out. Because of My love for you, My Children, the Parent shortened Her life by 25 years to step out and save the world from now. Observe well. Observe well what the path has been and what the path will become. When I asked whether I should open the portals or keep them closed to level the ground, you answered, "Please open the portals and level the ground." I have done as you wished. Sah, there was a thing I had intended to give to My children but I was not able. I shall bestow this truth on you step by step hereafter. Remember this well.*

Osashizu, February 24, 1887

But there was a huge gap between the followers' wishes and God the Parent's intention. The people performed the Service, fully prepared to face any

consequences for themselves, in the earnest hope that Oyasama would recover from illness, whereas God the Parent intended that they become totally single-hearted with God and perform the Service regardless of whatever was happening. Children might wish that, given such parental love, the Parent would stay with them forever to guide them. However, the Parent's intention was explained in the following Divine Direction, delivered on the day after Her funeral:

*Therefore in order to hasten the salvation of the world I shortened Her life by 25 years. I opened the portals and stepped out to level the world.*

Osashizu, February 24, 1887

Oyasama decided to withdraw from physical life to begin guiding human beings in Her role as the everliving Oyasama because She was concerned that, if things were allowed to remain as they were, the Path of world salvation might be delayed. Saying, "I have descended here to save all humankind", (*The Life of Oyasama*, Ch. 1/The Shrine of Tsukihi), God the Parent revealed the ultimate teachings to save all human beings, God's beloved children, and lead them to the Joyous Life because of Parental love. For 50 years thereafter,

Oyasama made arrangements for the path of single-hearted salvation and demonstrated the path of the Divine Mode. Then saying, “I shall save the world from now,” She shortened Her physical life and began guiding us by virtue of Her eternal life in order to hasten salvation.

This is what he said in regards to the will of God. Moreover, the Shinbashira commented:

After having completed Oyasama’s 130th Anniversary Service, & begun thinking about our work ahead, I strongly feel that there is a particularly urgent need to nurture and train human resources that can carry the path forward in times ahead. More specifically, I believe that it is necessary to devote our energy to nurture Yoboku who will work to build the Joyous Life World and to increase the number of such Yoboku. Nurturing people cannot be accomplished overnight; it takes time and effort. Today we need to take a fresh look at where we stand and adopting a long-range perspective, we must commit ourselves to conducting activities aimed at nurturing and increasing the number of those who will shoulder the work of the path in the coming generations. This path

is a path that seeks to realize the Joyous Life World by saving all humankind, regardless of how many generations it might take to accomplish it. We are taught:

*Because it continues, it can be called a path.*

Osashizu, May 21, 1906

The path, which our predecessors helped to build by working hard to spread the teachings, would not lead to the destination if we let it come to an end. Admittedly there will probably be twists and turns along the way, but the main thing is to ensure that the path continues without interruption and leads to a broad path that will take us all to the Joyous Life.

In the Directions that was delivered shortly after Oyasama withdrew from physical life, it said: “There was a thing I had intended to give to My children but I was not able. I shall bestow this truth on you step by step hereafter.” The truth of the Sazuke began to be bestowed more widely after that Divine Direction. As Yoboku who received the truth of the Sazuke, which had become more widely available, started actively to help save others and spread the teachings, many instances of wondrous salvation began to

occur in various places, thereby enabling the followers to become high-spirited since they considered those instances to be proof that Oyasama was indeed everliving. The model we should follow to nurture Yoboku, is of course to be found in Oyasama's Divine Model. For about 20 years after the Teaching's founding, She had no following at all, yet thereafter the Grant of Safe Childbirth served as a pathopener and gradually began to attract people to Her. She guided and nurtured those who would become Yoboku and, moreover, found and trained those who would become performers of the Service. Perhaps we may say that the work Oyasama was doing while providing the Divine Model was totally focused on nurturing and increasing the number of Yoboku who were to build the Joyous Life World. With painstaking care and attention, She tried a variety of means to carefully teach and guide people through Her spoken and written word as well as through Her action that constituted the Divine Model. It is important to give individual care and attention and try a variety of means to teach and guide people. Above all, it is essential to base this endeavor firmly on the parental love of Oyasama, who patiently trained and taught people as if She were nurturing and bringing up

young children.

This is what the Shinbashira said.

Furthermore, in the beginning of this year, the 180th year of Tenrikyo, in the Spring Grand Service sermon, the Shinbashira strongly urged by saying, "We must establish the belief in single-heartedness with God and continue to make efforts through eternity to spread and convey this." In addition, he spoke on the importance of one's roles in the church, "In each place, you should make efforts to show examples of the Joyous Life."

He continued: "In God the Parent's mind, it is most important to resolve to live according to God the Parent's intentions. No matter the circumstances, one must firmly hold the spirit of single-heartedness with God. This is essential. Oyasama is the one who conveyed God the Parent's will and the way She showed us how to live as closely to God's will was through her own behavior as the example, is the path of the Divine Model, which spans over 50 years.

The church's mission (or role) is to strive towards the realization of a world of Joyous Life and World Salvation. It is a place to pray for salvation from illnesses and difficulties. In addition, it is a place for prayer for people to come to give thanks for daily blessings. Also, a place for believers of the path to strive to become more mature,

and a place that becomes the base for people who hold the joy of being saved, to go to.” This is what we are taught.

In addition, “Beginning with the head minister, the affiliated Yoboku and the followers are like a single family and because they fill the atmosphere with harmony, this can be the example of the Joyous Life in that area.” This is what the Shinbashira said.

In conclusion, the Shinbashira emphasized: “Although the realization of Joyous Life of all human beings is still in the future, everyone involved with the church should unite their minds towards this grand goal, step by step as we proceed, the circle of Joyous Life will widen starting from our feet. Now, we may think from where we look that the movement of the world is going farther into the distance. As it gets farther, the role of the church becomes more important.” He concluded his speech by saying, “Beginning with the family, convey the teachings firmly to those around you, practice a life of helping one another, and in your areas, show by example the Joyous Life.” In reference to how to walk the path after the anniversary, these are the points he urged head ministers, Yoboku and the followers on how their mindset should be.

Keeping in mind the Shinbashira’s sermons, I resolved to widen the circle of

the Joyous Life, starting from my feet as I headed towards the 140th Anniversary of Oyasama.

Now, I would like to talk a little about my personal matters. This year marks 43 years and 6 months since my wife and I came to Hawaii for missionary work. Indeed time flies by like an arrow. Although I think I am still young, I am approaching my 70th birthday this June. I graduated from Tenri High School in the year of Oyasama’s 80th Anniversary. Three years preceding Oyasama’s 90th Anniversary, my spiritual parent and my father said to me, “How do you feel about setting out abroad to do missionary work?” And thus this is how I came to Hawaii.

After a year of dedication at Dendocho, my wife, my one-year-old daughter and I rented a room outside and began our missionary work. The Bishop at that time was Bishop Yoshida. The inside story was that when my spiritual parent asked Bishop Yoshida if we could live at Dendocho, he replied, “Right now we have too many young men and no young women. If they come as a couple then we can accept them.” In other words, it was because of my wife that we were able to come to Hawaii.

While serving our duties at Dendocho, on the other hand we walked daily doing missionary work, but we had not been able to sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings

at all. During this time, my wife received knots in the form of three consecutive miscarriages. “It is still too early to have a mind to ask only for blessings. This is a mind of dust. Now you must first learn the teachings.” This is what I accepted as God’s teachings. I pledged to take this as a meaningful knot and thereafter held the phrase, “One day is a lifetime,” close to my heart and continued to walk the path of missionary work.

In due time, five years had passed and we were blessed with our second daughter. However, at her one-year-old physical, we learned that she had a hole in her heart. We were told by the doctor: “As she grows the hole may possibly close naturally. However, if it does not, we will have to operate.” Once again we were shown knots. We reflected that these were instructions that we “were still lacking greatly” in our dedication to the path. After much reflecting, we made a pledge to God the Parent to dedicate even more of our whole hearts to sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings and engaging in salvation work.

Even while receiving these types of difficulties, we continued to be blessed with our 3rd daughter, 1st son and 4th daughter. The responsibilities as a parent grew heavier on my shoulders. However, I told her: “It’ll be okay as long as we lean on God the Parent and continue along the

path. Although we cannot see what lies ahead, that is God’s territory and we just need to leave it all up to God.”

However, as time passed and as I thought about my family’s future, my mind wavered on whether it would be best to permanently live in Hawaii or to return to Japan.

During this time one day, I got into a car accident. On the freeway heading to town, while in the center lane the cars stopped suddenly due to traffic, I was hit from behind and became involved in a 5-car accident. Fortunately, there were no major injuries. Although I suffered from a stiff neck and shoulder pains from the whiplash, God the Parent had turned a great misfortune to a smaller misfortune. Once again I had received a knot. I once again reflected on the path I should be on. I resolved to reside permanently in Hawaii. By this time about 17 years had already passed since we had started our life of missionary work.

Although our start to life of missionary work in Hawaii was due to the recommendations by my spiritual parent and father, as I look back, I realize it is all due to the deep guidances from God the Parent and Oyasama that we decided to stay in Hawaii, and have been able to engage in missionary work, single-hearted salvation and the work of the path up until today.

My father, who was born in the Meiji era,

served 50 years as head of his church and passed away for rebirth at the age of 80. My mother, the “pillar of the household,” helped my father, head minister, became the head of an affiliated church herself and served as head minister for 38 years. She passed away for rebirth at the age of 88. My parents’ decision to serve as head minister and dedicate their lives to the path of single-hearted salvation was not a smooth life. My father fell ill to scabies, my mother developed lung disease and their second daughter passed away shortly after birth. They received tremendous knots one after another. However, during that time, not once did they utter any words of dissatisfaction. Rather, they followed a path of gratitude and “appreciation” as they leaned on God.

I was the youngest, born in the 22nd year of Meiji, the third son of 7 siblings. I was born during the baby boom after the war, in other words, the “Baby Boom Generation.” It was a time after the war, which was a chaotic period with a shortage of food and clothing. After giving birth, my mother who herself had fallen ill with pulmonary tuberculosis, had no breast milk so she watered down the powdered milk that was being distributed and fed that to me. Even through receiving such harsh illnesses and knots, they made great efforts on their path of “contribution and dedication” and

“saving others”, and also for their children, gave their whole-hearted efforts to raise and guide us.

In their later years, during a visit to Hawaii before they passed away, they reflected on their 60 years of life on the path and passionately shared their thoughts. They said, “Even during the times of being shown knots one after another, we were able to mature as we accepted each knot as a blessing.” In those words I felt my parents’ pride and conviction in being able to live to help save others. These days I fondly recall how those words gave me encouragement and gave me courage.

Now, before Oyasama withdrew from physical life, in regards to the first Shinbashira’s requests, She urged,

*Sah, sah, because Tsukihi exists, the world exists. Because the world exists, things exist. Because things exist, your bodies exist. Because your bodies exist, law exists. Although the law exists, to resolve your minds is primary.*

Osashizu January 13, 1887

Thus She explained kindly and in simple terms. She was saying that it was Tsukihi, God the Parent, who created the world and human beings in the first place. Laws were made by human beings and order is corrected, first and foremost is to settle our

minds. This is what we were taught.

Also, Oyasama taught us clearly in the Ofudesaki:

*The reason Tsukihi began human beings was the desire to see you lead a joyous life.*

XIV: 25

That is to say, God the Parent created humankind so that by seeing us live a Joyous Life, God could share in our joy. Joyous Life, that is in other words, the realization of Joyous Life in the world is our primary and ultimate purpose of our existence.

Although we have come to believe that science is universal and can teach us anything and we presently receive the benefits of science in various forms, even now (aside from natural disasters) illnesses and conflicts will never cease. The eight mental dusts are swirling in the minds of

human beings. Although the realization of the Joyous Life of all human beings is still in the future, now is the time to focus on making repayments to God the Parent and Oyasama.

*So long as you remain unknowing that the body is a thing borrowed, you can understand nothing at all.*

Ofudesaki III: 137

Keeping these words in mind, be “grateful for the body borrowed”, using the Divine Model as the example. And keeping “self-awareness of one’s causality” and “resolution” in our minds, as we widen the circle of saving others. This is essential.

To this, the pioneers made efforts starting with themselves. Is it not an urgent task to make efforts in nurturing our future generations who will carry on the future of the path?

Thank you for your kind attention.

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### **Spring Memorial Service**

The Spring Memorial Service will be conducted on Monday, March 27, from 10 a.m. The following anniversaries will be observed:

5th anniversary:	Kazuko Kauhini,	Yoboku of Aimori Branch Church
20th anniversary:	Masae Ideta,	head minister of Hauiki Mission Station
30th anniversary:	Shichi Yoda,	head minister of Ala Moana Mission Station
50th anniversary:	Haruno Takeda,	first head minister of Mishima Hilo Church

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***MARCH MONTHLY SERVICE Sunday, March 19th at 9:00am***

Sermon by Rev. Tsunenori Ichise, head minister of Joyous Mission Station

Head Ministers Meeting is scheduled to be held at 12:45 p.m.

## ***Young Men's Association Maui Mission Caravan — Reflection by Myles Hisao***

The Young Men's Association held their 3rd Maui mission caravan from January 27th to 29th. Eight members of the YMA and YWC came to Maui Church to strip and wax the sanctuary and hall floors. Rev. Tad Iwata from Haleakala Church also came to help.

The hinokishin required us to first remove the pews and furniture out of the sanctuary and hall. Then we proceeded to strip the floor clean. After it was dry, we applied multiple layers of wax. After the floors dried, we put back all the furniture and pews. The floor shined bright.

After the hinokishin was completed, we visited Haleakala Church. Upon returning to Maui Church, we preformed evening service and then had a barbeque dinner. That was the end of day one. We were blessed with good weather and an abundance of sunshine.

Unfortunately the good weather did not last. We woke to a storm that lasted the majority of the day. We left Maui Church for the town of Paia. It's a town near the famous Hookipa beach park. Although it was raining, we were capable of taking a photo in front of the waves. Then after we went to Rev. Faith Ito's Pukalani Mission Station in Kula for lunch. Before leaving, the weather cleared up and we took a nice photo outside.

As we made our way back to Maui Church, we stopped by the Guri Guri shop. Guri-guri is a well know sherbet shop on Maui.

Being on Maui we're isolated from the majority of Tenrikyo churches and followers

in Hawaii. The congregation on Maui is older and doing an event like this required a good amount of strength, which we lacked. Unlike a typical tree cutting on Oahu, you couldn't just gather and drive to the location. It required funds for travel and a commitment from each person that was going. This caravan allowed us to do something we couldn't easily do on our own in half a day. Everyone seemed to be happy and generally had fun. I think this encouraged everyone. It surely encouraged my family and I.

I think it's important to visit the neighbor islands because we're all a part of Tenrikyo Hawaii. Having events on their islands energizes the congregation. Waxing the floors was important but what was more important was strengthening the bonds between all of us. The YMA/YWC know us better and vice versa.

The term "unity of mind" is used frequently in Tenrikyo and it's most relevant when we do hinokishin. It takes a whole team to complete the job in time. I think when God the Parent sees us working together God feels the most joy. "Hinokishin" is by far my favorite aspect of the teachings. From it, you can spread the fragrance of Tenrikyo comfortably.

This caravan was very important to us on Maui. It strengthened our connection to the Tenrikyo Hawaii family. An annual neighbor island mission caravan should be held. Maybe next year we can go to the Big Island.

## Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School Study Abroad Program

The 10th study abroad program was held from Feb. 6 to 16. 18 students studied English during the lessons and their stay with the local Tenrikyo families.

## Tenri Cultural Center General Cleanup

On February 20, members of YMA, WA and BGA cleaned and beautified the center. Tenri Judo Club and Saturday School members also joined the cleanup.

## Lecture for Mothers

On February 23, the Lecture for Mothers in Japanese was held with 20 people participating. Mrs. Satoyo Hisao, spouse of head minister of Maui Church, served as lecturer.

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

On February 26, the Women's Association Big Island Chapter conducted their annual gathering to celebrate Oyasama's 219th birthday. About 30 members of the Big Island Chapter gathered at Kakaako Church.



## Introductory Video of Shuyoka

Introductory video of Shuyoka in English is available on the Kaigaibu website: [kaigai.tenrikyo.or.jp](http://kaigai.tenrikyo.or.jp)

## Seminar for Successors

The Seminar for Successors is scheduled to be held in Jiba between August 2017 and March 2018 for a total of 25 sessions. Children of church head ministers and their spouses within the age range are strongly encouraged to attend the seminar. If church head ministers and their spouses fall in the age range, they are also asked to attend the seminar. English class is scheduled to be held from February 10 to 12, 2018.

Prospective participants: Successors of the path between the ages of 20 and 40.

Duration: Three days (two nights.)

Venue and lodging: Church Headquarters facilities.

## Seminar for Successors of the Path

Based on the seminar in Jiba, we will hold the seminar in Hawaii on **February 24, 2018**. Details will be announced when available.

## 2017 Lay Minister Preparatory Course

English Class of Lay Minister Preparatory Course will be held from August 27 through September 10. (Three sessions of five days)

## Dendocho April Monthly Service

The April Monthly Service will be conducted on the **second Saturday, April 8**, from 9:00a.m. It will not be on the third Sunday, April 16. Please mark your calendar.

## Joy Workshop 2017

- April 2, at 3:30pm Castle Church
- June 25, at 1:00pm Taitan Church
- Sept. 23, at 2:00pm Mid Pacific Mission Station

# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Thank you very much for taking care of Tenri Kyoko Gakuen High School students. As you know, nurturing our next generation is our primary concern. Let us sincerely support the Spring Camp for our future path.

#### **Bazaar Sewing Hinokishin**

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

#### **Nuuanu Hale Visitation**

March 11th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

#### **Monthly Meeting**

March 13th (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

#### **Musical Instruments Practice**

March 14th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

#### **Annual Oyasama's Birthday Gathering**

April 4th (Tue) 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Tenrikyo Women's Association  
99th Annual General Meeting  
Tuesday, April 19, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.  
Tenrikyo Church HDQ Inner Courtyard

### BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

#### **BGA Spring Camp and General Meeting**

(March 24-26) - Tenrikyo Cultural Center

Application deadline for the 2017 Spring Camp is March 20th. Please submit application with camp fees to the Dendocho Office. Checks may be made payable to Tenrikyo Boys and Girls Association. Application is available at the office. The BGA General Meeting is on Saturday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact Rev. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at 722-8885.

### YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Aloha Everyone! I hope this message finds you all happy and healthy! 2017 is flying by and we have accomplished so much thanks to all of your efforts! I am sure God the Parent and Oyasama are very pleased with our sincere actions. When you go to Dendocho this month please take a look at the beautiful, shiny floors in the Hall and the clean and bright interior of the Shinden! Thanks to Reverend Kyle Kawasaki for leading us to polish the floors and Chad Hamada and Rui Yap for their expertise in painting the Shinden. It was a wonderful experience to unite our hearts and minds in preparation for Daisuke-sama's arrival. As we prepare Dendocho we prepare our spirits, thank you all forever. Finally, I want to request your help for the BGA Spring Camp the 24th-26th of March. We will be needing help to fill Night Patrol and setting up and tearing down. Please contact Kyle Kikuchi for more information.

#### **Monthly Meeting**

March 15th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

#### **The Doctrine of Tenrikyo Study Session**

March 29th (Wed) 7:00 p.m.

# The Hungry Reporter

I've been watching YouTube recently and amongst the many bloggers I follow I especially enjoy Maangchi. She specializes in Korean Cuisine and even has a cookbook out. This chicken wing recipe keeps its crunchiness, even throughout the next day. A crowd pleaser for sure! Enjoy!

## Crispy Korean Chicken

### Ingredients:

3½ lbs Chicken Wings (about 1.6 kg), washed and drained  
½ tsp Salt  
½ tsp Ground Black Pepper  
1 tsp Ginger, minced  
2/3 Cup Potato Starch or Corn Starch  
⅓ cup peanuts (optional)  
4 cloves garlic, minced

3 to 4 large dried red chili peppers, seeded, cut crosswise into ⅓ inch pieces (optional)  
¼ Cup Shoyu  
½ Cup Corn Syrup  
1 Tbsp White Vinegar  
1 Tbsp Mustard (optional)  
1 Tbsp Brown Sugar  
1 Tbsp Sesame Seeds  
Grapeseed Oil (or vegetable oil, peanut oil)

### Directions:

1. Cut off the tip of each wing and chop the wing in half. (about 24 to 26 pieces). Put the chicken in a bowl and mix with salt, ginger, and ground black pepper by hand. Put 2/3 cup potato starch in a bowl and dip each wing to coat. Squeeze each wing to firmly coat.
2. Make sweet sauce: Heat large non-stick skillet or wok over medium high heat. Add 2 Tbsp cooking oil, minced garlic, and the dried red chili pepper. Stir with a wooden spoon until fragrant for about 30 seconds. Add soy sauce, rice syrup, vinegar, and mustard sauce (optional). Stir with a wooden spoon and let it bubble a few minutes. Add the brown sugar and continue stirring. Remove from the heat. Set aside.
3. Fry Chicken: Put 4 cups of cooking oil in a frying pan or pot and heat for 7 to 8 minutes over high heat.
4. See if the oil's ready by dipping a test wing into it. If the oil bubbles, it's hot enough to start frying. Slide the coated wings one by one into the hot oil and cook for about 12 to 13 minutes, turning over a few times with tongs.
5. Take the wings out of the oil and shake them off in a strainer. Turn off the heat, and let the wings sit for a few minutes. Fry peanuts for 30 seconds and set aside.
6. Reheat the oil and fry wings again for another 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown and crunchy. If your frying pan or pot is not large enough to fry all chicken at once, divide it into batches.
7. When the chicken is done, reheat sweet sauce until it bubbles. Add chicken and mix well. Remove from the heat and transfer the coated chicken to a large platter. Sprinkle sesame seeds and peanuts. Serve immediately. Goes well with Kimchee



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## March Calendar 2017

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wed	Monthly Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Mr. Mukai to return to Hawaii		
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Mr. Mukai to depart for America Dendocho		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 a.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	WA Narimono Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	BOD Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup>	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	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>		BGA Spring Camp	Mission HQ	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	BGA General Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Spring Memorial Service	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	YMA Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.