

# Origins

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**BGA Spring Camp (3/24 - 3/26)**

*Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii*

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## This Month's Message: "Buds Sprout from Knots" by Rev. Tomozo Hirano

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Oyasama often said:

*"Buds sprout from knots."*

The Life of Oyasama, p. 142

There are times when things go so wrong that we feel at a loss as to what to do next.

At such times, we begin to see who we really are. For example, we might realize that we were arrogant enough to believe that we had all the answers and to look down on others. We might notice how weak we actually are or how devious or pathetic we can be. When going through a tough time, we have an opportunity to come face to face with ourselves, really getting to know ourselves. Difficulties help cleanse our mind.

Knowing that we are weak gives us strength. Once we see ourselves as we really are, we do not fall further down. We only fall when we lose touch with ourselves and become blind to the world around us.

When something happens that is hard and painful to go through, there is nothing wrong with struggling emotionally or physically. We would do well to fully experience the impact of the event. Everything we encounter in life is allowed by God to happen for a reason. The difficult experiences we have will not be wasted as they give us emotional and spiritual nourishment and strength that will support us in our lives. Ultimately, it is God the Parent who provides knots of difficulties for us to work through and then helps us deal with

them as well as enables fine buds to sprout from them.

When faced with a crisis, we summon up the kind of strength that we never imagined we possessed. Even if we seem vulnerable in some respects, we can turn out to be much stronger than expected. We should not be vain about our abilities, but we are not weak enough to have to despair. God has endowed us with sufficient strength to withstand and overcome difficult, challenging situations. Just when it looks as though we might be crushed by life's troubles, our life-energy enables us to bounce back.

When encountering a difficulty, some people often feel discouraged, perceiving it as another burden on them. Yet we all have the capacity to rise to the occasion. We can see the difficulty as a welcome challenge—as a knot from which new buds can sprout.

Even after being backed into a corner, we can stay connected to Oyasama and summon the strength to stand up. Difficulties help us break through our imagined limitations as the sincerity that we exert to deal with them takes us to higher levels of personal growth.

Oyasama went through any and all situations joyously and in high spirits, saying, "Buds sprout from knots," thereby demonstrating the Divine Model. When a crucial moment is at hand for us, She will certainly be there to help, support, and encourage us.

## March Monthly Service Prayer

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

God the Parent, with Your desire to see us live the Joyous Life, You created us human beings and the world. Since then, You have been continuously protecting us day and night, 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 March Monthly Service at this mission headquarters. We the service performers will unite our hearts as one to perform the Seated Service and the Dance with Hand Movements joyously 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.

From the 24th until the 26th of this month, the Boys & Girls Association Spring Camp will be held with the General Meeting scheduled on the 25th. In order to respond to the Shinbashira's expectations, all the staff will firmly engage in conveying the joy of having faith in God the Parent and Oyasama, as well as the importance of performing the service, to the children who will be carrying the Path on their shoulders, so that the Path in Hawaii may continue for endless generations. And on the 27th, we will conduct the Spring Memorial Service, recalling our predecessors' dedication to the Path and their accomplishments, so that we can strive to keep their legacy alive by carrying out their hopes and intentions for our Path.

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. Each and every one of us will strive for further spiritual growth as Oyasama's instrument, and especially 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. 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 March Monthly Service Sermon

*Rev. Tsunenori Ichise*

*Head Minister of Joyous Mission Station*



We have just completed the March monthly service for Mission Headquarters of Hawaii and I believe that God the Parent and Oyasama are happy that the service was performed in high spirits. I would like to first thank my translator for today. May I have your attention for a short while.

At this year's Spring Grand Service, the Shinbashira in his sermon quoted from the Osashizu, "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." He further said, "It is true that human beings should abide by law. Yet, law is subject to change according to the times and its administrators because it is something that humans institute for themselves. Oyasama tells us that we cannot compare it with God's intention, which is fundamental and

remains unchanged. Having clarified their order, Oyasama says that we should firmly maintain the spirit of single-heartedness with God under any circumstances."

The words Oyasama said, "Sah, sah, because Tsukihi exists, the world exists..." are explained in Chapter Ten of *The Life of Oyasama*. It says,

In the beginning was God the Parent, and this world came to be. In this world, various lands came to be. Thereon, human beings came. Human beings borrow their bodies. And laws are what they are to keep society orderly. Even though there are laws, whether to abide by them or not depends on the mind. That is to say, the mind is what is most important. If you understand this order, listen firmly to God the Parent and settle the mind of sincerity, the true mind which communicates with God the Parent. This, above all, is the most important thing.

To abide by the law is extremely important in our society. That we enjoy our social life and that we are sometimes caught in between law and faith are possible only because we are kept alive with the

providence of God the Parent without a moment's rest. We Yoboku need to understand this order of things and apply it in our daily lives.

We live in Hawaii where the skies are clear blue and the tradewind is nice and cool. Although I did think that this year in January and February it was a bit cold, but I believe we are very blessed to live in Hawaii. We are Yoboku who live in Hawaii having positions or roles in society.

I too have positions. I am a husband to my wife. I am a father to my children and a grandfather to my grandchildren. To my friends, I am their friend. In society, I am a paralegal and a notary public in the state of Hawaii as well as a consultant.

I am a husband to my wife but I am also a Yoboku. Although we have been married for forty-five years, we have quarrels occasionally. When we see each other as just a husband and a wife, we tend to have arguments. I may be steaming mad, but once I sit in front of the shinden, I reflect on the teachings in my head and realize that I had been using the mind of dust. I realize that I had forgotten that I am a Yoboku and that I acted only as a husband.

Just like me, you all have your own personal positions as well as positions in society. For instance, you may be a Yoboku who is a painter, a doctor, a lawyer, an engineer, accountant, office worker, or

a school teacher. There are a variety and multiples types of positions. An educator could be a principal who manages the school could also be a Yoboku, or a vice principal who is also a Yoboku, or a college professor or an elementary or pre-school teacher.

“Sah, sah, because Tsukihi exists, the world exists. Because the world exists, things exists. Because things exists... resolve your minds is primary.” I believe that we are taught in these words that if we compare this order to a Yoboku who works as a painter, it is important that the painter lives his life each day as a Yoboku while working for a living as a painter. If he encountered a situation where he either gave priority to his position as a painter or to his faith as Yoboku, it is important that he prioritizes his position as a Yoboku.

A lawyer has a serious responsibility where it concerns someone to be charged guilty or not guilty. So, while a lawyer is giving the client advice or representing his client in court, he shouldn't be worried about his own profit but should prioritize his duty as a Yoboku. I believe that is the meaning to the Shinbashira's words, “the spirit of single-heartedness with God under any circumstances,” is what we Yoboku need to be aware of in our heart and not forget it in our daily lives.

There were many times when I had to

choose between the need of supporting my family and the duty of following the path. I would like to share with you one of the experiences I had.

This happened a while ago. Each time when Bishop Yoshida asked me to go to Jiba as an instructor for the Spiritual Development Course English Class, I would decline saying, “My children are all very young and I need to work to earn our living expenses.” Bishop Kazuo Nagao, after he was installed as the bishop, also asked me, but I declined each time with the same reason.

While doing so, in December of 1988, I visited our upper church in Yokohama after having attended the translation conference of the Ofudesaki held in Jiba on the English Ofudesaki that we are currently using. I was awakened by a phone call at midnight, the night before I was scheduled to fly back to Hawaii. The call was from the police who told us that my brother had been in a car accident and sustained serious injury. My brother, who is also the head minister of my upper church, had been driving to take a follower of his church to her home when a car driven by a young person was speeding and collided head on with my brother’s car. We rushed to the hospital and the doctor told us, “All the bones on the right side of his body are broken. It’s a miracle that he is still alive. He will need

to stay in the hospital for at least three months.” Although my brother’s head and face were badly swollen, and entire body was wrapped with bandage and covered in a web of tubes, he somehow managed to tell me by gesture to fly back to Hawaii as scheduled. I thus left the Narita Airport in the evening of the same day.

During the flight, I tried to interpret this event. A car accident to my brother who is also the head minister of my upper church...Three months in the hospital... What is Oyasama trying to tell me? How should I interpret what had happened. When I came out of the airport customs, I saw Bishop Nagao and his secretary Mr. Suzuki there. They said to me, “Welcome home.” It was totally unexpected that they would come to pick me up at the airport. Soon after, our car left the airport parking, Bishop Nagao said to me, “Will you accept the assignment to be an instructor of next year’s Spiritual Development English Course?” “What?!” It was very clear to me then what God the Parent and Oyasama wanted to tell me through my brother’s three-month hospitalization. I promptly replied to Bishop Nagao, “Yes, I will.”

After arriving at my mission station, I told Bishop Nagao, Mr. Suzuki, and my wife about what happened in Yokohama the night before and how I tried to interpret the fact that my brother would have to

stay in the hospital for three months. My wife agreed with my acceptance of the assignment right away, and Bishop Nagao said, “I was kind of shocked to receive your acceptance that quickly. Now I see. Isn’t what God does truly wonderful?”

Although I accepted the assignment, I was very much worried about the living expenses while I was going to be away. Because both my wife and I had experienced many times the truth of the teaching of “If wondrous, it is the work of God,” we resolved our minds to lean on God the Parent and Oyasama. To make a long story short, through the blessing I received on my salvation work and the unexpected contribution I received from a person I was helping for a while, by the time I was to leave Hawaii, which was in March of the following year, we had enough money to last us till July; that’s when I would return to Hawaii from Jiba. The situation I faced was whether to prioritize my social responsibility, that was to earn the living expenses necessary to raise four children, or to prioritize the duty of following the path as Yoboku. However, having put our faith as a priority, God the Parent and Oyasama had provided for us miraculously, which I believe is true to these words, “to resolve your minds is primary.”

In the current United States where freedom of religion is granted, we will not

experience the hardships that Oyasama and Her followers experienced under religious persecution. In other words, in present day US we will not be in the position which the Shinbashira referred to as, “We cannot compare it with God’s intention, which is fundamental and remains unchanged.” What we would experience at the most is the dilemma of whether to put priority in our profession or our duty as Yoboku. As long as we do not forget our spirit of being Yoboku then we will not be caught in this dilemma. In whatever situation we may face, I would like to always remember that I am a Yoboku.

The Shinbashira mentioned “The Spirit of Single-heartedness with God.” In the *Yoboku Handbook*, there are three chapters with the headings, “Single-heartedness with God,” “Hinokishin,” and “Unity of minds” which we must follow in our daily lives as Yoboku. In the chapter for “Single-heartedness with God” there are three sub-headings. Please read the *Yoboku Handbook* to understand it in detail, but for now I would like to share with you just the three key points.

Part One is “Importance of using the Scriptures” and it says: “It is important that we make constant effort to familiarize ourselves with the Scriptures, *The Doctrine of Tenrikyo*, and *The Life of Oyasama*, so as to be able to cultivate single-heartedness

with God and savor its bliss. The Scriptures, *The Doctrine of Tenrikyo*, and *The Life of Oyasama* should be read every day, not just at churches but at each Yoboku's home."

Part Two is "Returning to Jiba" and it says, "Faith in this path—as well as the path by which we can attain spiritual maturity—is inseparable from the Jiba of Origin. Yoboku should, therefore, return to the Jiba of Origin, bringing with them as many people as possible, and come into contact with the mind of the everliving Oyasama. Thus, guided by Oyasama, Yoboku should make the constant effort to mature spiritually."

Part Three is "The Truth of the Sazuke, The Divine Grant." It says: "The truth of the Sazuke, bestowed on the sincere mind one has on the very day one pledges oneself to single-hearted salvation, is a treasure for a lifetime and for eternity. As Oyasama's instruments, Yoboku should embody the intention of Oyasama, who is hastening single-hearted salvation, and administer the Sazuke at every opportunity for a lifetime."

Summarizing the parts, to have "The Spirit of Single-heartedness with God" means to constantly familiarize ourselves with the Scriptures, *The Doctrine of Tenrikyo*, and *The Life of Oyasama* so that we can savor the joy in having the conviction of single-heartedness with God. Thereby returning to the Jiba to receive

guidance by the everliving Oyasama and administering the Sazuke for a lifetime is the spirit of single-heartedness with God.

In Part Three, under "Important points in administering the Sazuke," it explains that the spirit of single-heartedness with God is to have the attitude that befits the task. As the Shinbashira mentioned in his sermon at the Spring Grand Service, "we should firmly maintain the spirit of single-heartedness with God under any circumstances," which I believe he is asking for us Yoboku to have.

As I mentioned earlier in Part Three of the *Yoboku Handbook*, "As Oyasama's instruments, Yoboku should..." we Yoboku are the tools of Oyasama.

In his address at the Yoboku Association Convention in the 129th year of Tenrikyo, which was held on October 29, 1966, the second Shinbashira said: "You are all instruments of Oyasama. I should like you to let Oyasama's mind enter you, so that you can become the instruments of Oyasama to sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings and help all humankind savor the Joyous Life. I wish each of you to become a Yoboku (timber) for the Joyous Construction and serve in your own capacity to your utmost."

We Yoboku were selected among many people as instruments or tools of Oyasama and given merit to work towards the salvation of the world.

There are many passages in the Osashizu that use the metaphor of instruments or tools.

On September 2, 1888, it says,

*Sah, sah instruments, instruments, a variety of instruments. There are instruments that I use in the third or fifth year. There are also instruments I use daily...Whether they are used for three years or five years or only once in a lifetime, they are all My indispensable instruments.*

Which means that even though God uses it only once in a lifetime, it is still a necessary tool for construction.

On September 26, 1890, it says,

*All tools are the same. Whatever work you may do, you cannot complete it without the necessary tools.*

(unofficial translation)

This says that without the tools the work cannot be completed. My understanding is that unless the tools are assembled, the construction of the Joyous Life World cannot be accomplished. In order to build a house, you would need tools such as hammer, saw and a plane. Without the necessary tools, construction cannot be done properly.

On February 6, 1893, it says,  
*Anyone who dedicates themselves to the path will become a tool.*

(unofficial translation)

On March 30, 1898, it says,

*There are many kinds of instruments, but an instrument that is an inch long cannot perform a task meant for an instrument that is a yard long. Both instruments can be referred to by the same word "instrument." Yet can the yard-long instrument and the inch-long instrument be used for the same purpose? You will agree that the inch-long instrument must be used for a task for an inch-long instrument, and the yard-long instrument for a task meant for a yard-long instrument.*

As taught here, for this grand project of the construction of the Joyous Life World, many and all kinds of tools beyond our imagination are needed. In other words, many, various and a variety of Yoboku are needed.

On June 23, 1900, it says,

*Though there are tools that are used and discarded, there are tools that will be used with extreme care.*

(unofficial translation)

I believe that this is teaching us that we Yoboku need to always remember that we need to make the effort on a daily basis to spiritually mature so that we can be used with extreme care.

On June 14, 1901, it says,

*Good tools alone cannot do the construction. Good tools and bad tools are all to be used together.*

(unofficial translation)

“Bad tools” in this Osashizu seems to mean old tools. Just because they are old and because new tools have been acquired, it does not mean that old tools may be discarded. Old tools are to be used together with the new tools for construction.

What kind of tool are we in the construction of the Joyous Life World?

How often will we be used?

Are we of use in the construction?

Only God the Parent and Oyasama can answer that and decide this. Therefore, we Yoboku need to feel that any and everything we see or hear is a blessing from God the Parent and we must show gratitude for the everliving Oyasama’s constant parental heart. We should show our gratitude and the joy we feel for being kept alive and for being where we are right now. Let’s foster and nurture the spirit of single-heartedness with God in our hearts and live each day spiritedly.

Thank you for your kind attention.

### ***TSA Church Sleepover — Reflection by Kenny Miyauchi***

WHAT A WEEKEND!!! TSA had just completed its second "Annual" TSA Church Sleepover Camp! This past February, from the 24-26, our weekend was filled with many activities that were planned to help deepen our Tenrikyo knowledge as well as introduce us to the daily activities of Tenrikyo followers.

Last year we had the great pleasure of learning and staying at Pearl Church under Rev. Owen Nakao and his family which was a substantial way to kick off our very first TSA Church Camp.

This year, we were extremely fortunate

to be hosted by Kochi Makoto Church under Rev. Kakitani and his family. From the moment we walked into the church, we were nothing but amazed by the size and quality of the church. That night we were blessed with a mouthwatering Yakiniku dinner and shortly after we received an inspiring lecture by Rev. Kakitani which was about the brief history of the church as he also shared his personal thoughts and experiences that he had encountered that helped him realize the importance of performing the service and administering the Sazuke. The one thing he really



emphasized was to NEVER hesitate to administer the Sazuke. The following morning was cold and early yet to be bright as we started the day off by using our healthy bodies to help prepare for morning service and a delicious breakfast. Next on the agenda was the main event; Three hours of hinokishin with of course a few breaks here and there. It sounds long but it was definitely a lot of fun. Soon after, we concluded our memorable stay at Kochi Makoto Church.

Next stop was Mission Headquarters (Dendocho), where we had our lunch and coincidentally, the YMA were doing hinokishin at the downstairs hall. Written on the schedule at this time was marked as "TSA Activity" and I must say that whether this was planned by the advisors or not, helping the YMA with hinokishin worked out so perfectly. After a long day of hard working efforts by all students and advisors, we were blessed again with amazing food. BBQ on a Saturday night couldn't have been any better.

The next morning entailed an early trip to Lanikai Beach where we performed the

Seated Service and Yorozuyo as the sun rose. It was such a beautiful morning as we enjoyed our breakfast on the beach while enjoying the gorgeous scenery surrounding us.

Although this year's church camp did not have as many students participating due to their busy schedules and with the students that were able to participate, we were in and out as well but despite that, there was always at least one student that was constantly present throughout the camp which ultimately allowed the schedule to continuously move forward. Our first chairman said something along the lines about always doing our best to participate in TSA activities, even if it's only one person that participates, that one person makes a huge difference in sustaining the momentum of the direction that TSA is going.

On behalf of all TSA members, we want to sincerely thank Dendocho, YMA, YWC, BGA, local churches and everybody else for supporting us as we will continue to work-hard and strive to reach for greater heights that are ahead of us.



### **Opening Invocation by Bishop Yamanaka**

On Friday, March 17, Bishop Yamanaka delivered the opening invocation at the State House of Representatives' legislative session. This wonderful opportunity was arranged by Nadine Nakamura, Yoboku affiliated with Lanai Church and newly elected State House Representative for Kauai County. Bishop Yamanaka's 2-minute invocation, mentioning God the Parent and important Tenrikyo terms, was received well by the representatives and those in the audience, including Nadine Nakamura's mother, Mabel Maeda.



### **Dendocho April Monthly Service**

The April Monthly Service will be conducted on **second Saturday, April 8**, from 9:00 am. Rev. Owen Nakao, head minister of Pearl Church will deliver the sermon. Head Ministers Meeting will not be held.

### **Mission HQ Personnel Change**

Mr. Motonori Mukai moved to America Dendocho on March 9 to serve as a secretary for 6 months.

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

Thursday, April 20 from 5:00 pm  
Church Headquarters Dining Hall Three  
1,000 yen (Free for 12 years old or under)  
\*Please apply to the General Affairs Section of Overseas Dept. through your directly supervised church by April 13.

### **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.

### **Joy Workshop 2017**

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

## **Hawaii Spiritual Development Course**

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

Qualification: 17 or older

Application due by Sunday, May 14. Please ask Hawaii Dendocho for more details.

# Tid Bits

## Associations' Reports

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Cherry blossoms are about to bloom in Japan. In order to celebrate Oyasama's birthday and bring joy to Her, Hawaii WA members play the women's musical instruments from Yorozuyo through Song XII in this beautiful season. For those who are assigned or not, Oyasama will give each of us Her love. Let us do our best to participate in the event.

**Bazaar Sewing Hinokishin (@ West House)**  
Every Wednesday 9:00am - 12:00pm

#### Monthly Meeting

April 3rd (Mon) 9:00 a.m.

\*Narimono Practice will be held after the meeting.

#### Annual Oyasama's Birthday Gathering

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

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

#### Nuuanu Hale Visitation

April 8th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

\*Canned food donation for IHS is due by April 8.

\*Please bring baked goods for Oyasama to Dendocho between April 8 and April 10.

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

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

### BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

#### BGA Spring Camp and General Meeting

Mahalo to all who joined us at this year's BGA Spring Camp and General meeting. We had a record-breaking camp attendance of 77 youths and teens, with many first timers joining us. The children performed the service at the general meeting, made new friends, enjoyed the delicious meals and outing trip to Bishop Museum. Special thanks to the many YMA, WA, YWC volunteers, parents and Dendocho staff for their support and assistance in making this year's successful event a fun and memorable one for all. We hope to have many returnees next year.



#### Oyasama Birthday Celebration

Please join us in celebrating the Foundress' birthday on April 16th (Sunday) at 10:00 a.m. (note that the Dendocho monthly service is on April 8th) There will be an opening prayer service, followed by a short story on the Foundress' life, games and pizza for lunch. All families are welcomed to attend. RSVP is appreciated for a lunch headcount. Please contact Rev. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at 722-8885/email: audsn@hawaii.rr.com or Lynn Nagata at the Dendocho office. Mahalo!

# YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Aloha and Happy April Everyone! First of all I would like to give a big Mahalo to all of you who helped with the BGA Spring Camp this year! As always it was a fun and engaging event! I must give a big thank you to Lewis Nakao, our BGA Liaison for dedicating his time to help plan and organize our responsibilities this year. Without him, it would not have been as smooth as it was. Thank you all for your efforts as we make one big push before Daisuke-sama's Arrival in May!

All Seinenkai Members are invited to BBQ with Daisuke-sama and his attendants on May 19th, Friday at 7pm at Rainbow Hale. It will be an informal meet and greet with dinner and ice breakers to get to know our Successor Designate. The following day, May 20th will be our 60th General Meeting and 100th Anniversary Pep Rally, check in starts at 8:30 am.

Invitations for the reception afterward will be going out soon so please plan accordingly. The cost per person will be \$20 at the Pagoda International Ballroom, check in will be from 6:30pm with a cocktail hour until 7:30 with dinner and entertainment to follow. I would like to Reiterate, the actual cost of the dinner is \$35 a head but the YMA members decided that it would be more alluring to non-Tenrikyo followers if we subsidized the ticket price. I will be taking RSVP's up to 300 people, first come first served. Please invite your family and friends to this event and show that we are striving to meet the goals

of the 100th Anniversary by practicing filial piety and building harmonious husband-wife relationship. Lets bring joy to our parents, bring joy to our spouses and bring joy to the world! RSVP to Kyle.kikuchi@gmail.com or 1-808-221-7644. April is a huge month of Hinokishin and I hope to see you there! Let's plant seeds at Dendocho so Daisuke-sama can see the fruits of our efforts! Thank you very much to Lewis Nakao for making the schedule below:

4/8 (Sat) **Dendocho Monthly Service**

4/15 (Sun) **Shinden Floor Waxing Hinokishin**

4/16 (Sun) **Oyasama's Birthday Celebration**

4/21 (Fri, from 7pm) - 4/23 (Sun)

## **Rainbow Hale Renovation**

4/29 (Sat) **All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day**

After the monthly service, if you are available anytime, the following tasks can be completed for the Rainbow Hale renovation:

- Remove all the stuff off the walls and put them into storage.
- Move big items into storage (tables, file cabinet, piano, etc.)
- Move items to be dumped outside (TBD)
- Cover the trims of the windows and other stuff that we don't want to get painted with painter's tape and newspaper.

The Rainbow Hale Renovation event will start from Friday 4/21 evening and we will not have a formal schedule. We will be repainting the interior walls and replacing the upstairs carpet with tiled carpet and downstairs flooring with wooden flooring.

## **Monthly Meeting**

April 12th (Wed) 7:30 p.m.

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

April 26th (Wed) 7:00 p.m.



# The Hungry Reporter

If you are looking for an easy chicken dish with that kick of savory flavor... You will enjoy this recipe. Found it in my All Recipes, the daily dish file. If you're short on time, it says you can cook on high for 3-4 hours. Certainly great as a make-ahead dish too! The recipe calls for boneless skinless chicken but you can use any chicken part you choose! Its sweet and zesty flavor makes it a favorite for kids and adults alike!

## Honey Garlic Chicken

### Ingredients:

4 Skinless, Boneless Chicken Thighs  
 1/2 Cup Shoyu  
 1/2 Cup Ketchup

1/3 Cup Honey  
 3 cloves Garlic, minced  
 1 tsp Dried Basil

### Directions:

1. Lay chicken thighs into the bottom of a 4-quart slow cooker.
2. Whisk shoyu , ketchup, honey, garlic, and basil together in a bowl; pour over the chicken.
3. Cook on Low for 6 hours.



## 2017 All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day

In this 180th year of Tenrikyo, please join together in bringing a friend and spread the fragrance of the teaching: a thing lent, a thing borrowed. Hinokishin is an expression of our joy of being kept alive by God's blessing.

Oahu, Honolulu	4/29 Sat	9am - 11am	Honolulu Zoo
Mau, Makawao	4/29 Sat	9am - 10:30am	Makawao Veterans Cemetery
Molokai, Maunaloa	5/7 Sun	9am - 12pm	Alii Fishpond Beach Park
Blg Island, Kohala	5/7 Sun	2pm - 4pm	Old Kona Airport Park
Big Island, Hilo	4/29 Sat	8am - 9am	Homelani Veterans Cemetery
Big Island, Kona	5/14 Sun	11am - 1pm	Kona Memorial Park

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## April Calendar 2017

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
		WA Oyasama's Birthday Gathering	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School/ Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	
		WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 a.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Monthly Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Mrs. Yamanaka to return to Jiba (until April 23)		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	YMA Shinden Waxing Hinokishin	Mission HQ	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	BGA Oyasama's Birthday Activity	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
		Oyasato Seminar Orientation	Mission HQ	12:30 p.m.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
21 <sup>st</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>		YMA Rainbow Hale Recarpeting Hinokishin	Rainbow Hale	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Bishop Yamanaka to return to Jiba (until May 3)		
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	Yohaishiki (26th day service)	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	After Yohaishiki
		YMA Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day	Honolulu Zoo	9:00 a.m.