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The 44th Hawaii Spiritual Development Course (6/18 - 7/13)

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

This Month's Message: "Oyasama" by Rev. Tomozo Hirano

Oyasama once told a follower who had arrived at the Residence after a difficult journey through heavy snow:

"Oh, I am so glad to see you have come. God the Parent lent a hand to bring you home. You had a hard time, slipping at many places. However, you were joyful. Sah, sah, God the Parent accepts fully, fully. Whatever you ask, it is accepted. God protects you. Enjoy it, enjoy it, enjoy it!"

Anecdotes of Oyasama, no. 44

Let us imagine a scene from the past when Oyasama was physically present—a scene where someone is struggling with his illness as well as a difficult and delicate problem he cannot confide to anyone else. He spends many sleepless nights worrying. He is now at his wits' end.

One day he happens to hear rumors about a god in Yamato—called "Oyasama"—who can save anyone from anything. A faint ray of hope now illuminates the darkness of his mind. "I must see Her," he says to himself, feeling that this god is his only hope. He sets out on a journey, which may prove difficult and risky. There are no cars or trains, needless to say. Walking is the only way, and it will take several

days to reach Yamato Province.

He can only think of Oyasama as he presses on up a steep hill, along a cliff path, across rivers with no bridges, and through trackless forests. As the weather turns atrocious, he carefully treads a narrow path. Looking pale and exhausted, he trudges on.

At last, he arrives at the Residence, where Oyasama welcomes him with open arms and a warm smile. "Welcome home," She says. "I have been waiting for you. Your true sincerity has been accepted. You will be saved." She embraces him warmly.

Oyasama's gentle, radiant smile and warm hands convince him that, even if the whole world turns against him, Oyasama will always be on his side and that She understands everything he goes through.

He experiences overwhelming joy and elation. The next thing he knows is that he is healed both physically and emotionally. He feels, "So long as Oyasama is with me, I can go through any situation."

In fact, there were many who had experiences similar to what our imaginary scene depicts and were thereby able to overcome the challenges they had faced.

Church Affairs

Rev. Melvin Iwata received divine sanction to become the new head minister of Haleakala Church on July 26. The Installation Service will be held on September 9.

Rev. Tad Iwata also received divine sanction to become the new head minister of Honolulu-ko Church on the same day. The Installation Service will be held on October 29.

New Baby Girl on Board!

Ellie Ai Kanegawa was born on July 8, 2017. Thad & Hikari Kanegawa (Mid Pacific Mission Station) Congratulations!!



July 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 desire to see the Joyous Life, You created this world and human beings, and out of Your profound parental love, You have continuously protected and nurtured us day and night until today. For this we are truly grateful. With each of us receiving and following Your precious guidance every day, we are all striving spiritedly on the path of single-hearted salvation in our respective places and positions. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the July 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.

The Hawaii Spiritual Development Course, which was held with 2 participants and 1 auditor from the 18th of last month, completed very successfully on the 13th of this month. The Oyasato Seminar started on the 10th of this month and is currently in session with 4 students in Course I and 4 students in Course III from Hawaii. Together with their counselors, they are spiritedly learning Oyasama's teachings and putting them into practice. And about 40 people, including the accompanying adults, will be returning to Jiba for the Children's Pilgrimage. It is our hope that the young members, who will be carrying the Path in Hawaii in the future, will directly experience the truth of the Jiba and receive the truth of the Parent as they sweat and plant valuable seeds of sincerity in Jiba during the midsummer days.

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. All of us, who have been drawn to this Path, are determined to continue making daily efforts to grow spiritually by always engaging ourselves in hinokishin, spreading the fragrance of the teachings, and salvation work, so as to respond firmly to the intention of the Parent. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that You guide us further towards the advancement of the Path in Hawaii and the reconstruction of the world into the truly peaceful Joyous Life World, even a day sooner, where everyone will come to know of the Parent of Origin thus awakening to the truth of universal brotherhood & sisterhood 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 July Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Lynn Nagata

Head Minister of Waikiki Church

Aloha & thank you for attending and participating in July Monthly Service here at Hawaii Dendocho. I am sure that God the Parent, Oyasama and our predecessors are filled with joy to see all of you gathered here today in high spirits, praying in unison for world salvation. If you have not been here in a while, I would like to welcome you back, and if it is your first time here, I would like to welcome you and hope that you will continue to join us in prayer and fellowship every month.

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Lynn Nagata and I am the fourth head minister of Waikiki Church. Some of you may remember my grandfather, the late Rev. Hidekichi Nakamoto, the first head minister, who served as head minister until he was 99 years old and passed away for rebirth at the age of 102. The second head minister was my aunt, the late Rev. Beatrice Kaya, and the third head minister was the late Rev. Margaret Nakashima. I miss them all dearly and I wish I could accomplish at least one third of what they accomplished by their dedication for the sake of the church and the Path here in Hawaii.

May I ask for your kind attention as I share with you my story and experience of



‘kokorosadame’ or ‘resolution.’

I was not raised in a church and none of the past head ministers of my church are here today, so I am still learning many things about the teachings. Although I participated in activities such as Sunday School, the Children’s Pilgrimage, the Koteki Band, served as a staff member of the Young Women’s Club, attended Bekka (currently known as TLI) and served as a counselor in the Oyasato Seminar, I believe I was never grounded in the faith, or truly understood the teachings. I never gave it any thought or ever imagined in my wildest dreams that I would someday be taking over the church.

I even strayed away from the path for several years, and I still remember the first day I came to Dendocho after being away for so long. The Oyasato Seminar Alumni was having a meeting to plan for a reunion

that was going to be held in Las Vegas. I was sitting on the stairs right here outside of the Worship Hall and a young, friendly gentleman approached me and said, “Hi! I’m Tad...are you here for the meeting?” I thought to myself that I must have been away for quite some time because I didn’t recognize him or some of the others who attended the meeting that night.

Without going into any embarrassing, selfish and shameful details, I accumulated nothing but dust and misfortunes when I strayed away from the Path and never felt the joy that I am able to feel today. Being involved in toxic relationships and unfavorable situations, I did not bring any kind of joy to my parents. However, since I am a firm believer that ‘everything happens for a reason’, I know that I had to go through the things I did no matter how stupid, crazy and wild they were in order for me to be the person that I am today. I know that it was not only my causality, but also how I was not living in accordance with God the Parent’s intention, that brought me as well as my parents, so much pain, suffering and unhappiness. However, it all seemed like a bad nightmare that I was able to awaken from, once I stepped back onto the Path.

When I turned 35, I realized my dreams of marriage and having a family were probably never going to happen, so I pretty

much gave up on my lifelong dream of having at least six children. Although my dream of having six children never came true, my other dream did come true, and on Valentine’s Day in 2004, at the age of 40, I was blessed to marry my best friend. Almost one year of trying to conceive had passed with nothing but negative home pregnancy test results, so my husband and I decided to attend a seminar for infertility. Choosing the in-vitro path meant a lot of tests, drugs and money, which didn’t quite sit right with me. So I came to the realization that I may never be able to conceive a child. This led my husband and I to discuss the possibility of adoption.

In the Ofudesaki we read:

The conception of a baby is by Tsukihi.

Giving birth to it, also is by the work of Tsukihi. (VI: 131)

In December of 2004, my mom mentioned to me that she was thinking of entering Shuyoka in April of the following year. I questioned her many times, asking her why she decided to go out of the blue and all she would say is that she just felt the need to go to gain more energy. I thought that it was odd since she was going to attend not only the Japanese course, but also at the age of 66. The more I questioned her, the less she would say. I would later learn the reason for her resolution after she passed away for rebirth.

‘Kokorosadame’: A pledge, resolution or determination. This term refers to understanding God’s intention to save humankind and pledging and resolving to respond to that divine intention.

Resolve & implementation are considered important in leading a life of faith. When we pledge and resolve and are grounded in faith, God the Parent will allow to pave the way for new opportunities for salvation. Such resolve is important because human beings exist in God’s providence, according to the following spiritual passage 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. (January 13, 1887)

The next month in January, Rev. Lynn So approached me to ask if I would take on her position on the Boys & Girls Association Committee. I love kids and thought to myself that if I couldn’t have kids, at least I could be around them and without hesitation replied “Ok, I’ll try!”, and resolved to do my best.

In February, my mom and I stopped by Dendocho to receive signatures on some necessary documents for Shuyoka from the former bishop, Bishop Hamada. When we

were leaving, Bishop Hamada encouraged me to stop by Dendocho daily to offer my prayers since I was working next door at the Oahu Country Club. Since he was the Bishop, I replied, “Ok” without any hesitation, and resolved to do as instructed. From the next day on, I stopped by Dendocho every day to offer my prayers. A couple of weeks later, I was not feeling so good and took a home pregnancy test. To my surprise, it showed up positive. I couldn’t believe my eyes, so I went back to buy about four or five more tests and every one showed up positive. Still in disbelief, I called the drugstore and asked to speak to the pharmacist who assured me that if the test shows up negative, there still may be a chance that you could be pregnant, but if the test shows up positive, you ARE, without a doubt, pregnant.

At my first meeting for the Boys and Girls Association Committee, I nudged Rev. Lynn under the table & showed her one of my positive pregnancy test that I had brought with me in a ziploc bag. When she finally figured out that it wasn’t something to eat, we both burst out in laughter & tears.

After a routine checkup during my first trimester, the doctor noticed a suspicious lump in my left breast. Since my mother had a history of breast cancer, the doctor wanted to conduct further tests. A biopsy was performed in the doctor’s office

which left a 2 inch scar from the incision. Thank goodness the result of the biopsy was negative, and the former bishop's wife, Mrs. Hamada told me that the scar is there to always remind me to uphold my husband.

There are more tests required when you are pregnant and over 40. One of them is the amniocentesis test. After this test was done, we were told that there was a chance that the baby's limbs would be shorter than normal and that if further tests confirmed any type of abnormality, we needed to decide whether we wanted to advance or terminate the pregnancy. Our answer was of course, to advance no matter what. My husband and I later joked about it since he is Okinawan, and we knew that the baby would have shorter 'everything'. Everything went well during my pregnancy except for my father passing away for rebirth in my 8th month. Also in my 8th month, I experienced terrible cramps one day and upon visiting the doctor, was told that the baby was breech, and that I would need to schedule a date for a C-section at my next appointment. The doctor said it was very unlikely that the baby was going to turn around at this point with very little room in the womb. That night I asked my mom to perform the Sazuke and experienced cramps throughout most of the night. At my appointment the following

week, the doctor was amazed to discover that the baby had somehow turned around to the correct position.

I was working full time during my pregnancy and never skipped a day of work. The only day I called in sick was the day I was admitted to the hospital.

On the morning of October 26, I noticed a discharge and upon calling the doctor, was instructed to go in for an examination. After testing the discharge and other vitals, he told me that there seemed to be no danger to the baby or me, but to be safe, he wanted to deliver the baby within the next 24-48 hours. So I drove straight from the doctor's office to admit myself into Queens Hospital. A lot of things are a blur from this point on, but I remember calling my friend Rumi. "Oh my God Lynn, do you know what day it is today? You gotta give birth today!" she exclaimed. And I believe I replied, "Uh....ok, but I don't think I have any control of that"....or something to that effect.

My due date was not until about two weeks later, November 8th to be exact, which coincidentally is the birthdate of my grandfather. Obviously, I was not contracting yet, so I was given a very common drug called Pitocin, which is administered to induce labor. I was also hooked up to a machine that monitored the frequency and level of my contractions

and although I started to experience some contractions, I guess I was not progressing the way they had wished me to. After several hours, a nurse came in with some papers, informing me of 'Plan B'. They wanted to administer a drug to me called Misoprostol. Misoprostol is used medically for the treatment of gastric ulcers, miscarriages, postpartum bleeding, abortion and labor induction. However, it is FDA approved only for the use to treat gastric ulcers, which means that it is used as what they call "off label" for all other uses. This is totally legal if there is consent from the patient. In the black market, Misoprostol is used for self-induced abortions. And of course along with all drugs, there are many side effects and risks. In fact, pregnant women are cautioned not to take this drug for gastric ulcers because of the risk of a partial or full abortion as well as birth defects. I recall the nurse impatiently saying to me, "We need your signature on this form because this is a very strong drug that can endanger the life of you and your baby...but you know that you already took a risk the moment you walked into this hospital right?" I was so overcome with confusion, fear and pressure and I felt I had no choice but to sign and hand over the consent form.

I was taken off the Pitocin and was told that a wait period was necessary before they could administer the Misoprostol.

In the meantime, I made a call to Rumi which was the call that not only kept the baby and myself safe but also changed my life's destiny.

I called Rumi merely to update her of the latest situation. She told me she would inform Mrs. Hamada who was in Jiba at that time. About 20 minutes or so later, she called me back and told me that Mrs. Hamada was on her way to the Main Sanctuary to pray for me. She also told me that Mrs. Hamada said that I should make a firm resolution to take over the church. It was then that I resolved to take over the church and left everything in the hands of God the Parent and Oyasama.

In the Ofudesaki we read:

If you truly resolve your mind and pray to Me, I shall grant you My free and unlimited workings at once. (VII: 43)

The next thing I remember was the nurse entering the room, walking over to the monitor and in disbelief said, "I don't understand how it's possible, but it looks like you're contracting on your own! Let me call the doctor." She left the room and came back to tell me that the doctor wanted to cancel 'Plan B'.

October 26 as we know, is the auspicious day that signifies the beginning of Tenrikyo. For me, this day was the beginning of my labor and although I didn't give birth on this day, on the following morning, on October

27, at 7:42 a.m. at the age of 42, I gave birth to a tiny (5.5 lbs.), but healthy baby girl with all of her limbs normal in length. I suppose it was a timely blessing for her to arrive two weeks early because when she arrived, the umbilical cord was wrapped around her shoulder and neck causing her oxygen level to fall to a dangerous level which caused some excitement in the delivery room.

In the Ofudesaki, we read:

From now on, I shall save you completely from the rigors of childbirth. You shall give birth quickly and without distress. (VII: 80)

My mother was against the idea of me taking over the church at first. She compared me, an only child with other head ministers who had many siblings, family members and church members to support them. Recently, a couple of my relatives voiced that I should consider stepping down and closing the church if it was too stressful for me. Although they may not be able to comprehend my feelings, I assured them that it is because of the church, the teachings and my faith, that I am here today, and I simply love everything about it. And although our church is not yet properly set up, the number of people attending our Monthly Service has been miraculously increasing. As an only child, I will never know the feeling of having biological

siblings, and with no biological parents here with me today, knowing that God the Parent teaches us that we all are brothers and sisters and that we have spiritual parents to lean on is so comforting to me. Ironically my mom ended up being one of my biggest supporter, accompanying my daughter and me to both of the Head Ministers Qualification Courses in Jiba.

As I mentioned earlier, I am still learning. I am learning from all of you sitting in the congregation today. Whether you are aware of it or not, every one of you has supported me in some way and has taught me something in some form...by your actions, your knowledge and your stories.

Mrs. Akemoto shows me the meaning of 'nissan', coming to Dendocho every day to worship by bus...rain or shine... and even recently with an injured hand. Rev. Nishimura taught me the meaning of how seeds of sincerity can multiply ten thousand fold. He shared his story about the time when his family was suffering with barely nothing to eat, but yet he offered the one bag of rice to his upper church which he received from doing salvation work. Mrs. Nishimura shares with me that today they are so blessed with more than enough rice and food. Pat Nagata (unfortunately no relation) is a true model for implementing 'filial piety'. She left her six children (the youngest was 15 at the time) and husband

in Japan, to come to Hawaii to care for her father for 11 years. My wise soul sisters Rumi Miyauchi, Lena Okada and Setsumi Saltman continue to teach and nurture me about the teachings and more importantly, how to implement them. Rev. Owen and Taeko Nakao are admirable for their many years and continuous efforts in their dedication for spreading the fragrance through various activities. They taught me why they do what they do, especially door to door nioigake, which is by far one of the most challenging activity. I could go on and on but I'm pretty sure that my mom is relieved to see that I have a lot of support and teachers surrounding me. So I would like to humbly ask everyone to keep showing me, keep teaching me, and keep talking story with me! I may even have some of my own stories to share with you!

Several years ago when I gave my first sermon, I simply told a story which I had lived, and several members shared with me how it had helped them deal with situations that they were personally going through at that time. A young lady who I met for the first time in Jiba told me that when she read my story, it inspired her to know how the teachings could help her as a future mom raising kids. So my only hope is that at least one person may be inspired by the story that I have shared with you today.

My daughter and I will be returning to

Jiba the day after tomorrow. When I was pregnant, I made a resolution that I would nurture my child with the teachings of the Path and prayed to have a healthy baby. In 2006, my daughter celebrated her first birthday in Jiba, and since then, has been blessed to return almost every year. Last year, when we returned to Jiba, I was awakened by my daughter nudging me to wake up for the Morning Service. It was the morning after we had arrived, and the first words out of her mouth were, "Ahhhhhh.... it feels soooooo good to be back in Jiba!" As a parent trying to nurture my child on the Path, it was the most gratifying feeling to hear those words, and I imagine that God the Parent and Oyasama feel the same way when we, God's children, return to Jiba with our hearts filled with that same joy.

When my mother passed away for rebirth, I called a close friend in Japan to give her the news. My friend had become very close to my mom, taking care of her needs during Shuyoka. My friend broke down in tears and then shared with me something that my mom never wanted me to know...it was the reason for her firm resolution to enter Shuyoka. My mom made the resolution to enter Shuyoka so that I would receive the blessing to conceive a child.

Mahalo for your kind attention and let's all live the story we want to tell! Thank you.

Hawaii Shuyokai Reflection by Sean Rodan of Aimori Branch Church

Attending the Spiritual Development Course was by far the best decision I've ever made in my life. Through this course, I've come to realize that as long as I put the teachings at the center of my life, everything else will fall into place. The challenge now is to practice them and reflect on them on a daily basis, on good days and on bad days, in times of joy and especially in times of suffering, from here on out.

I have many people to thank for bringing me to this point in my life. Thank you, Louise and Yukie, for accompanying me this past month on a path toward spiritual maturity and for allowing me to reflect on the causalities of my soul. Thank you, instructors, for sharing your personal experiences and clarifying certain concepts. Thank you, Dendocho staff, for being so accommodating and for continuing to uphold the truth of the Jiba in Hawaii. Thank you, Bishop and Mrs. Yamanaka, for your encouragement and for satiating my curiosity. And last but not least, thank you, Grandma and Dad, for passing on the teachings to me.

There's a common saying in the business world that the best compliment a client can give is a referral, so I'll give a brief pitch. If you're reading this and you're

struggling with some issue in your life or you're curious to learn more about the faith, and you have the good fortune to be able to take some time off, I would highly recommend enrolling in the Spiritual Development Course either at Hawaii Dendocho or at Jiba. Though the course is demanding and not exactly the coolest thing to tell your friends about, it will never be a waste of your time. It's a 100% success rate in terms of personal development. At the very least, you will learn new things about yourself and have the mental tools to respond appropriately to whatever happens in life. And if the timing is right, sometime during the course, the teachings will begin to settle, things will start to make sense, and you will figure out that by leaning on God the Parent, you have the power to perceive every single moment with joyousness and to share that joyousness with others. And this is an incredibly beautiful feeling.



Hawaii Shuyokai Reflection by Louise Akamine of Pearl Church

My experience of faith has been: I attended Punahou school, which sent me to a non denominational Christian Service on a weekly basis. My parents and I prayed and worshipped for many years at Central Union Congregational Church.

However in these past 10 years, I have been attending a Buddhist church, Shinnyoen. Around the time, I met Rev. Owen Nakao through my friend Robert Nam who lives next door to Dendocho. I subsequently met his wife Taeko Nakao in June of 2012.

That is how I was introduced to this faith, and have been involved with Tenrikyo Pearl church for at least 4 to 5 years. During the time, I have visited Jiba with Mrs. Nakao on two different occasions.

What made me to come to this Shuyokai? I have always believed in the power of prayer.

When I had brain surgery 5 years ago to remove a golf ball sized Stage IV tumor,

I received a special prayer from Rev. and Mrs. Nakao. I've come to believe in the Tenrikyo power of the Sazuke. It has really helped me, I would like to learn how to administer the Sazuke, so I will be able to use it to assist and help others.

I was very inspired to pursue this goal after meeting Rev. Sirokihara who was my Besseki Lecturer in Jiba. His passion, knowledge and sincerity made him an ideal role model. I have received much more insight into the teachings of Tenrikyo. I also learned about Oyasama who went through a hardship and a struggle to establish the Church.

I made two new friends, Sean Rodan and Yukie Minami, who were incredibly helpful and supportive during the course.

I plan to continue learning the Songs from our books and as well as reading more about this faith. Tenrikyo has definitely changed my life for the better.

Annual Tenrikyo Picnic

The 62nd Annual Tenrikyo Picnic was held on Tuesday, July 4th at Kapiolani Park. Over 200 people gathered and enjoyed fun games.

Joy Workshop 2017

Saturday, Sept. 23, at 2pm at Mid Pacific M.S. Please ask Darrell Suzuki at 227-4884 for more information.

All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day

*Monday, Sept. 4, 2017 9am - 11am at Paki Community Park
Cleaning Hinokishin will also be held at the park.*



47TH ANNUAL

TENRIKYO BAZAAR

TENRI CULTURAL CENTER

2236 Nuuanu Avenue

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(across from Nuuanu Memorial Park)

August 27, 2017

Sunday

8:30am ~ 2:00pm

Come and enjoy . . .

BBQ 1/2 Chicken (\$5.50 presale ticket, \$6.00 on bazaar day)

Mochi Pounding Exhibition, Makizushi, Sekihan, Ohagi, Andagi,

Kim Chee, Sanbaizuki, Takuwan, Oden, Vegetable Tempura,

Yakisoba, Takoyaki, Stamina Ramen, Plate Lunch, Shave Ice,

Baked Goods, Fresh Fruits and Vegetables, Plants, Flowers,

Futon, Cushions, Clothes, Used Items, Games

. . .and Many, Many, More!!!

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar will be held on August 27. Thank you very much for all your great efforts in sewing the new items. It's time to start the next hinokishin of sorting donations, preparing tsukemono and oden. Let us continue our efforts to make this year's bazaar a big success.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

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

Monthly Meeting at TCC

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

*We will be having Bazaar Hinokishin after the meeting.

Bazaar Hinokishin at TCC from 9:00am

August 15th: Making of Tsukemono

August 16th: Packing the Tsukemono

August 19th: TCC General Cleanup

Aug. 24 to 26: Making of Oden & Tenpura

August 26th: Making of Yakisoba

*Thank you to all the ladies for sewing the new items at West House.

*August Narimono Practice will not be held.

The August Monthly Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Shuto group. Mahalo!

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

I hope the summer has been good to you all! Thank you for all of those that joined us for the 4th of July Picnic. It was a wonderful time with a large turnout. I want to give a big Mahalo to our sponsors this year. Central Pacific Bank, Halekulani Hotel, Ideal 808, Starwoods Hotel Waikiki, APB Skateshop, Pagoda Floating Restaurant, Zippy's Restaurants, Japan Airlines, Hawaii Prince Hotel and Aloha Petroleum! Also a big thank you to Sally Kawasaki and Cheryl Horikawa from the YWC for running the games and getting the prizes for the Keiki! Also a big thank you to Emcees Doug Inouye, Daphne Suga and Lynn Nagata.

I also want to welcome back and congratulate Sean Rodan for graduating and returning to the YMA. The Hawaii YMA is stronger with him.

A big thank you to all of those members who attended the tree cutting at St. Louis Heights, the Harr family was very grateful. Please see the events below and join us when you can. The bazaar hinokishin schedule will be coming out soon, so stay tuned! Finally as we approach the busy bazaar season, let's keep the goals of the 100th Anniversary in our hearts! Mahalo!

Arakitoryo Nioigake Day *Place TBD

August 13th (Sun) 2:00 p.m.

Monthly Meeting

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

The Doctrine of Tenrikyo Study Session

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

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

Aloha from YWC! We are weeks away from our annual bazaar. Let us share our scrumptious baked goods with our community! Please bring baked goods donations to dendocho by August 26, Saturday 10:00am. We would like to ask to label any baked goods containing nuts. Thank you again for your continued support!



The Hungry Reporter

Lasagna is always a family pleaser. Here's a roll-up variation that's really great. I love this recipe because you can use your favorite ready-made pasta sauce. Or you can make your favorite sauce recipe. I also love that this recipe includes tofu for protein! Here's a tip: Aluminum foil can be used to keep food moist, cook it evenly, and make clean-up easier. Enjoy!

Roll-up Lasagna

Ingredients:

1 (16 oz) pkg uncooked Lasagna Noodles
1 lb. Mozzarella Cheese, shredded
1 (15 oz) container Ricotta Cheese
1 lb. Firm Tofu

1 (10 oz) pkg frozen chopped Spinach - thawed, drained and squeezed dry.
2 Cups grated Parmesan Cheese
1 (28oz) jar Pasta Sauce

Directions:

- 1) Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook lasagna noodles for 5 to 8 minutes, or until just slightly underdone; drain and rinse.
- 2) In a large mixing bowl, mix together grated cheese, ricotta cheese, tofu, frozen spinach, and 1 cup Parmesan cheese.
- 3) Lay out a noodle. Spread a layer of the cheese mixture on the noodle, then add a thin layer of sauce. Roll the noodle up, and place seam side down in a 13x9 pan. Repeat for other noodles. Top with remaining sauce and Parmesan cheese.
- 4) Bake in a preheated 350 degree F (175 degree C) oven for 30 min, or until hot and bubbly.



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August Calendar 2017

2 nd	Wed	Monthly Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
3 rd	Thu	Bishop to return to Hawaii		
		Bazaar Booth Head Meeting	Mission HQ	9am/7pm
7 th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Yuki Yoshida to start hinokishin (until Oct. 5)		
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
8 th	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
12 th	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 a.m.
14 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
16 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:00 p.m.
20 th	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School	Mission HQ	
21 st	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
26 th	Sat	Yohaishiki & Prayer Service for Bazaar	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
27 th	Sun	Tenrikyo Bazaar	TCC	8:30am - 2pm
30 th	Wed	YMA Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
31 st	Thu	Bazaar Booth Head Evaluation Meeting	Mission HQ	10am/7pm