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Boys & Girls Association Halloween Fun Night for UNICEF (10/28)

Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii

This Month's Message: "Mind like Cotton" by Rev. Tomozo Hirano

Oyasama once told the following story of linen, silk and cotton:

“The linen lets the breeze go through freely and does not stick to the skin. Therefore, there is nothing cooler or better to wear in the summer. However, it is too cold to wear in the winter. It is just for the summer. After being worn for about three years, it begins to discolor. If it becomes completely discolored, it is worthless. Even when it is dyed into a darker shade, the color is uneven. When it reaches this stage, it is as useless as waste paper. Silk, whether made into a formal coat or a kimono, is elegant. It is something everybody wants even though it is very expensive. However, do not become a person like silk. It is nice while it is new, but when it gets a little old nothing can be done with it. Now, when it comes to cotton, it is ordinary but is used by everyone. There is nothing that is so handy nor so widely used as cotton. It keeps us warm in the winter and it absorbs our perspiration in the summer. When it becomes dirty, it can be washed over and over again. When its color fades and it becomes so old that it cannot be worn any more, it can be used as a diaper or as a cleaning rag or even as sandals. To be useful until its original form no longer remains: this is cotton. God desires man to have a mind like cotton.”

Anecdotes of Oyasama, no. 26

“A fox urinated into the sea and said, ‘All of the sea is my urine!’” This is a proverb dating from five thousand years ago and

written in cuneiform on a clay tablet in ancient Babylonia.

It goes without saying that the sea water cannot entirely be the fox’s urine. The proverb is a satire on those who try to take credit for everything that goes right—which is to say, the sort of people who take credit for everything good and blame others for everything bad. It looks as though some things have remained unchanged since five thousand years ago.

Those who think of themselves as special feel that they cannot descend to doing the same things that others are doing. Actually, others do not want to work with those who have an air of arrogance and who proudly boast about their achievements. These people tend to alienate others, and whatever abilities and skills they may actually possess are likely to go to waste.

Instead of being brilliant, it is acceptable to be ordinary. Like cotton in the story above, being versatile and useful until the very end is one of the keys to attracting people and work to us.

Human happiness comes from being useful, from being of service. The sense of being needed or depended upon by others can be a great source of joy and exhilaration.

We would do well to offer ourselves to Oyasama as instruments of Her work. We will then be provided with perfect work opportunities where we can use the abilities and skills we have. This is a sure-fire way to realize the Joyous Life.

October Grand Service Prayer

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

God the Parent, You created us human beings and this world out of Your desire to see us live the Joyous Life. With the arrival of the promised time, on October 26, 1838, You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine and thereafter manifested the origin of all things and conveyed the true teachings for world salvation. Since then, with Your unchanging parental love, You have been guiding us toward the Joyous Life. For this we are truly grateful. Thus, always wanting to make repayments for Your blessings, we strive daily in high spirits for our work of single-hearted salvation. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the October Grand Service at this mission headquarters, signifying the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. We the service performers will unite our hearts as one to perform the Seated Service and the Dance with Hand Movements joyously in high spirits while earnestly praying for world salvation. We will be joined by our brothers and sisters of the Path in Hawaii who have gathered here today in singing the Songs for the Service in unison. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

From the 22nd to 24th of last month, the first Three-Day Course in Hawaii was held with 6 participants. It was very successfully completed as all the staff made their utmost efforts in preparation and the participants eagerly engaged in learning the teachings. By making great use of the Joy Workshop and Three-Day Course, we shall continue conveying the teachings to as many people as possible, being always mindful of sprinkling the fragrance and helping and saving others while paying attention to those around us.

Together we vow to accord with Your desire 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 while exerting our utmost in guiding and nurturing the successors of the Path 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 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 October Grand Service Sermon

Bishop Shugo Yamanaka



Aloha, everyone. Thank you very much for attending the October Grand Service of Hawaii Dendocho today. Some of the head ministers have already departed for Japan to attend the Grand Services at Church Headquarters and their respective grand churches, but it is indeed our great joy and pleasure that we have just completed the joyous and spirited performance of the service through which we earnestly pray for world salvation, for the realization of a Joyous Life World, also turning our thoughts toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. For the next few minutes, I would like to share with you my thoughts upon this occasion of the grand service today. May I ask for your kind attention for a while.

Today happens to be my mother's 88th birthday. She had been doing very well for her age and kept busy making Oyasama's amulets in Jiba until Oyasama's

130th Anniversary. In March of last year, however, she got ill and hospitalized for a month, after which she's been resting at our church while growing weaker gradually.

I admit I'm concerned about her, but I am sure that I can bring her peace of mind by fulfilling my duties here in Hawaii. Also trying to be kind and gentle with ladies here who are close to my mother's age is my indirect way of showing oya-koko, filial piety. Please forgive me for the sidetracking.

Now, as all of you are aware, the October grand service is conducted to commemorate the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. It is the service in and through which we turn our thoughts toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, which took place on October 26, 1838. However, as I also stated before, the October grand service is not merely performed for the sake of commemorating the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. It is conducted so that all people who gather to attend the service that day turn their thoughts toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, reconfirm or re-identify the intention of God the Parent manifested through that event, heighten their awareness of being

instruments of Oyasama, and vow to make further efforts toward world salvation. I believe this is the biggest significance and purpose of the October grand service, without which it would not be a grand service in the proper sense.

179 years ago from now, in October 1838, for the first time, God the Parent became revealed directly to the human world through Oyasama. The very first utterance of God the Parent through the mouth of Oyasama was: “I am God of Origin, God in Truth. There is causality in this Residence. At this time I have descended here to save all humankind. I wish to receive Miki as the Shrine of God.” These are the very first words of God the Parent that we human beings heard through Oyasama.

However, Her husband, Zenbei, and the family members and relatives, who were there and unexpectedly heard those words of God the Parent for the first time, could not understand the profound meanings of those words, as a matter of course. To begin with, it was out of his strong and desperate wish to heal the pain on Shuji’s left leg persisting for a year as well as the recent pains on his own eyes and Oyasama’s lower back that Zenbei decided to hold the incantation ritual. What he received in response were these unexpected words of God the Parent saying “to save all humankind, I wish to receive Miki as the

Shrine of God,” which seemingly had nothing to do with what he was praying for. Therefore it was only natural that he did not understand the meanings of those words and kept refusing God’s request to take Oyasama as the Shrine.

God the Parent, however, remained steadfast and continued to persuade Zenbei, with stern words, to give his consent. As described in the first chapter of *The Life of Oyasama*, the dialogue between God the Parent and Zenbei started on October 24 and continued until the morning of the 26th. In the meantime, Oyasama, who had been conveying God the Parent’s intention without sleep or rest, looked visibly exhausted to a life-threatening degree. Finally, therefore, forsaking all self-centered human thoughts, Zenbei replied, saying “I offer Miki to You.” It was about eight o’clock on the morning of October 26, 1838, and this was the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching. The teachings and the history of Tenrikyo started from this day. The day when a person named Miki Nakayama became the Shrine of God, Oyasama becoming Oyasama, was the beginning of Tenrikyo.

Also in terms of our individual faith, the start of one’s faith in Tenrikyo is in believing and accepting that Oyasama is Oyasama, that Miki Nakayama is the Shrine of God, and that we human beings have been able to know the existence and

intention of God the Parent for the first time through Oyasama. This is the essential basis of Tenrikyo faith, without which Tenrikyo teachings and faith would not be possible.

Therefore, the October Grand Service is conducted to commemorate the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, the day when Oyasama became the Shrine of God. As I stated earlier, however, it is not conducted merely to commemorate the day of Tenrikyo's beginning. More importantly or most importantly, all of us who gather to attend the service should turn our serious thoughts toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, reconfirm or re-identify the intention of God the Parent manifested through that event, heighten our aware-ness of being instruments of Oyasama, and vow to make further efforts toward world salvation.

This Teaching of God the Parent conveyed to us by Oyasama, the Teaching of Tenrikyo we have faith in, is the Teaching that aims for the realization of a Joyous Life World, the saving of all people in the world. It is not a tiny-minded religion just praying for benefit or happiness only for oneself or one's own family. That's why this Teaching has been spreading beyond Japan into many other countries. Since it was begun and initially developed in Japan, Tenrikyo seemingly has many Japanese elements or aspects contained within, but never is it meant to be only for Japanese

or Japanese-Americans. The essence of the teachings of God the Parent who is the Parent of all human beings and the very aim of this Teaching should be universally applicable to all people regardless of nationality or ethnicity.

For many or most Tenrikyo followers, of course, the day of origin of one's faith in Tenrikyo, or, going back further, the day of origin of faith for one's family or church, is directly linked with the fact that he/she or his/her ancestor was saved from the pain and suffering of some illness or trouble. However, instead of saying "Thank you very much for saving me. Good-bye," they were further guided into the Teaching of God the Parent through the illness or trouble as a trigger and came to understand the real goal or aim of the Teaching. That is why they, or we, continued and have transmitted or inherited their faith, our faith, in Tenrikyo up until today.

From the incantation ritual held out of Zenbei's desperate wish to have Shuji, Oyasama, and himself saved from their physical pains, the unexpected revelation of God the Parent began saying "At this time I have descended here to save all humankind. I wish to receive Miki as the Shrine of God." Of course, this happened because of the Three Great Causalities, that is, God's promises, already made at the time of the beginnings of origin, concerning the time, place, and person for the founding

of the Teaching. Yet, after forsaking all self-centered human thoughts to make his own decision, Zenbei stayed with and followed Oyasama along the way despite the strong opposition from people around Her. He did so, I believe, mainly because he did understand and became convinced of the teachings of God the Parent, teachings for world salvation, conveyed by Oyasama right before him.

Thinking in this way, it may be said that the essence of how our faith in this Path should be was illustrated at the very beginning of Oyasama's Divine Model through Her husband, Zenbei. Therefore, the October Grand Service is a great opportunity for us to turn our thoughts, not only toward the day of origin of the founding of the Teaching, but also, at the same time, toward the day of origin of faith for ourselves, families, or churches, and to reconfirm or re-identify why we have been continuing to have faith in this Path here in Hawaii. For us living in Hawaii which is an ethnically diverse society, it is important to reflect upon our ethnic roots, but also we should reflect upon the roots of our Tenrikyo faith regularly. Otherwise I'm afraid we may lose trace of it over time.

In fact, in the 180 years since the founding of the Teaching, even during Oyasama's time, there have been many cases of someone being guided to the Path through illness or trouble but leaving soon

after, saying "Thank you for saving me. Good-bye"; someone having entered the faith once but leaving after something bad happened, saying "If this is what I get by believing in God, then I'll quit"; and someone having tried his/her utmost to follow this Path but, for some reason, not being able to convey the wonderfulness of this Path to his/her children, thus children not inheriting faith in Tenrikyo.

However, those of you who are here today for the Grand Service are the people who have followed the path of single-heartedness with God and single-hearted salvation here in Hawaii for many years until today, firmly believing in God the Parent and Oyasama, truly understanding what the Teaching of God the Parent conveyed by Oyasama is about, and striving toward realizing its goals. You, or we, are the ones who have certainly inherited the Path in Hawaii, built and handed down to us by our predecessors.

This is also very important that it is not by accident that we have been following Tenrikyo out of many religions in the world. Whether one is the first generation in Tenrikyo faith or the second, third or fourth generation, each and every one of us has been drawn into this Teaching and living in Hawaii as a follower of the Path because of our special causality or God's special purpose for us. Most of us here were born and grew up in Hawaii or

in the Mainland, and many initially came from Japan too. Each of us has a different personal and family history in Hawaii, but I believe that each and every one of us has been chosen by the everliving Oyasama and brought into this Path. My wife and I are no exceptions. Let us have a sense of joy, pride, and mission about it, and convey our sense of joy, pride, and mission to our children and grandchildren too.

As for conveying (our faith) to our children and grandchildren, the 2nd Shinbashira stated as follows:

One aspect of vertical mission is to hand down one's faith to their children and grandchildren without error. Horizontal mission means that one conveys their thoughts to the people in the world as soon as possible. I firmly believe that we cannot miss both of them in order to spread the path of the Joyous Life in the world. (Trial translation/Address at the 30th Anniversary Ceremony of Tenri Elementary School from "Sermons and Addresses by the Shinbashira", vol. 15)

"Vertical mission" and "horizontal mission" are two different but essential ways to spread the Teaching. Thinking about our big goal which is world salvation or the realization of the Joyous Life world, it is, of course, essential to convey the Teaching to those who do not know it yet. However, it is also essential to pass down our faith to our children and grandchildren. Let's say there are 100 followers. If they do

not pass down their faith to their children, the number of followers would be zero in several decades and they'd have to start over again. If this is the case, the path of world salvation would not move forward. However, if they firmly pass down their faith to their children, who then grow up into fine Yoboku by receiving their parents' faith, accepting and deepening it as their own, and they also hand down their faith to their own children in turn, the number of followers would double, redouble, and continue increasing. Nothing will be more promising than this.

In his sermon at the Oyasama 130th Anniversary Service, the Shinbashira emphasized the importance of making efforts to nurture human resources who will shoulder the path in the future by stating that "having completed the Oyasama 130th Anniversary Service and 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 the times ahead. Most specifically, I believe that it is necessary to devote our energy to nurturing Yoboku who will work to build the Joyous Life World and to increasing the number of such Yoboku."

Conveying our faith to children, nurturing and preparing them to be good Yoboku in the future is the purpose of Tenrikyo Boys and Girls Association. Our Hawaii BGA

Committee, currently led by Chair Audrey Nakagawa, has been doing a wonderful job with wonderful activities to nurture our children of the Path in Hawaii. In order to further enrich the contents of Hawaii BGA activities and to enhance our sense of awareness that “nurturing the children of the Path in Hawaii is our important task, not limited to the BGA committee members, but encompassing all members of the congregation,” we’ll be holding a “Vertical Mission Training Seminar” next month, in place of the monthly service sermon, with Tenrikyo BGA HQ Chair Chikara Iburi as the lecturer. Please join us for this seminar. He will speak in English since he studied in the U.S.

Also, as you know, the Seminar for Successors is being held in Jiba from the end of August through March next year for a total of 25 sessions, each session lasting 2 nights and 3 days. Intended for Tenrikyo followers between the ages of 20 and 40, and under the general theme of “Implementation of the Joyous Life in the course of daily living,” this seminar is designed to provide opportunities for participants “to develop their abilities to lead a life of faith joyously and spiritedly every day and make steady progress in their spiritual growth, leading to the Joyous Life.” The seminar begins with an opening address by Successor-Designate Daisuke Nakayama and concludes with an address

by the Shinbashira at the Foundress’ Hall. The application has to be submitted through your grand church. The only session to be held in English is the one from February 10. However, if you understand Japanese to some extent, you may attend a Japanese session.

And under the same theme and for the same purpose as in Jiba, successors’ seminar is being held at overseas venues, organized by Overseas Department. “Hawaii Seminar for Successors of the Path” will be held at Dendocho on Saturday, February 24, next year. It will be a one-day program only. We are now preparing to make it a very fruitful seminar. (For Hawaii purpose we are stretching the age limit somewhat.) Please make your best efforts to participate and invite as many young ones around you as possible to this seminar. There will be a video message from Daisuke-sama, specifically for Hawaii congregation.

We fondly recall Successor-Designate and YMA President Daisuke-sama visiting Hawaii for the first time last May, and it seems that he really came to love Hawaii. In fact, last month, our Hawaii YMA Chair Kyle Kikuchi received a handwritten personal letter from Daisuke-sama, congratulating Kyle’s birthday. Written in Japanese, Kyle brought it to me to be translated. When I read through the letter, I was touched. With Kyle’s permission, I’d like to quote a passage from his letter.

Kyle, thank you very much for the convention in May! People in Hawaii were warm-hearted, funny and joyful. I had a most wonderful time! At the convention, I was moved to see you making a speech about the implementation of the Joyous Life with tears in your eyes. Other members were also moved to tears by your speech. When I saw it, I felt that the members of Hawaii YMA are really attracted to you, the leader. It was an unforgettable scene. I wanted to share this with all the YMA members in Japan so I talked about it at the YMA HQ's monthly meeting in that month. I have high expectations for Hawaii YMA!

So Hawaii YMA members, please continue making good efforts in carrying out the activities so that you can respond to his expectations. I as bishop also have great expectations of you. And of course, it's not only the YMA members that I have expectations of. It is my sincere and earnest hope that YMA OBs and all the members of WA and YWC, TSA, and even BGA make our utmost efforts in our respective places and positions, uniting our hearts and efforts, so as to build the big momentum for the Joyous Life in Hawaii.

Many of us remember that, in his greetings at the reception after the YMA GM last May, Daisuke-sama said, "Hawaii is such a wonderful place that I'd like to come here twice a year!" To be realistic, it

is probably very difficult for him to come here twice a year simply because he loves Hawaii. However, if the news or reputation spread that Hawaii Congregation is really wonderful with all the members of YMA, its OBs, WA and YWC, TSA, and BGA uniting our hearts as one and making remarkable efforts for the Joyous Life, then certainly Daisuke-sama, without hesitation, will come to visit us twice or even three times a year. I hope so.

This path, taught to us directly by Oyasama, is the path of the Joyous Life, the path leading us to the Joyous Life. As shown by Oyasama through Her Divine Model, it is also the path of advancing by resolving our minds—that is, the path of making a resolution first while firmly trusting in the workings of God the Parent and Oyasama in any difficult situation and then receiving God's blessings. It is not "making a resolution after having received God's blessings."

As for myself, it was already five years ago, but when I was first requested to go to Hawaii as the new bishop, I could not reply "yes" right away. Deep inside, I knew I should reply "yes," but I could not bring myself to say "yes" because of my self-centered human thinking, being so worried about my brother fighting terminal cancer, about my son, about my mother over 80 years old, and about my church. However, my mother said to me, "You should never

turn down Church Headquarters' request because of your family concerns." This would lead me to say "yes" finally, and that is why I am here today.

During my most recent return to Jiba, however, when I was with my mother, she suddenly said to me, "It was gutsy of you decide to go to Hawaii, taking Goichi." I replied saying, "It was because you told me never to turn down Church Headquarters' request because of my family concerns." Then she said, "Did I really say so? I don't remember saying that." I'm sure it was the everliving Oyasama who said that through my mother to push me to make the right decision. Thank You, Oyasama.

It is essential to make resolutions, judgments, decisions, and actions that will bring delight to the Parent. If the Parent is delighted, we can receive the truth of the Parent, the workings of the Parent, and end up being able to attain what initially seems difficult to attain. And oftentimes conditions will be met, rather miraculously, to allow us to attain it. The "Parent," of course, refers to God the Parent and Oyasama, but first we should start with bringing joy to our own parents, grandparents, and head ministers of your immediate church or upper church,

which I believe will lead to bringing joy to God the Parent and Oyasama. Also the bishop, myself, will be asking various favors of you. No matter how difficult it may be, I expect you to resolve your mind and say yes.

It is indeed out of the deep parental love of God the Parent wishing to save all human beings, wishing to lead us all to the Joyous Life, that this Teaching was begun. Oyasama, who embodies the parental love of God the Parent, guided us directly for 50 long years and, remaining alive thereafter, is always guiding us even now, being full of parental love for us. Keeping this firmly in our heart, trusting in the parental love of God the Parent or Oyasama, and responding to the parental love should be our important task as children. Living each day in accordance with the intention of the Parent and striving to respond to it is the ultimate state of our faith.

So let us firmly direct our minds to, and connect ourselves with, God the Parent, Oyasama, and Jiba each day. And let us feel the parental love of God the Parent and Oyasama, and strive to respond to it.

Thank you very much for your kind attention. Mahalo.

Dendocho November Monthly Service *Sunday, November 19th, at 9am*

Rev. Chikara Iburi will be delivering a Lecture on the Vertical Mission.

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

Installation of New Head Minister

Installation Service for the Head Minister of Honolulu-Ko Church was held on Oct. 29. Rev. Tad Iwata is now the 4th head minister of the church. Congratulations!

Mission HQ Personnel Change

On October 19, Ms. Kris Eco finished her duty as a Joshi-seinen and returned to Jiba. Mahalo for her dedication and efforts at Dendocho!



Musical Instruments Practice

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

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

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

I would like to thank YWC for attending this year's "Follow in Kokan's Footsteps" on Oct. 21 and to Women's Association for their supports in teaching us musical instruments and kimono demonstration.



Tid Bits Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

After the evening service on Oct. 26, Wedding Celebration for Successor-Designate Daisuke Nakayama and his wife, Nobue was held in Jiba. Let us send our cheers of Aloha to them who lead us in the Joyous Life, filial piety, and harmonious husband-wife relationship.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

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

Monthly Meeting

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

"With You" Discussion

December 2nd (Sat) 9:30 a.m.
At Dendocho

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Aloha from Jiba everyone!

First of all thank you for all of the hardwork this past month and congratulations to Reverend Tad Iwata as he becomes the Head Minister of Honolulu-Ko! Rev. Tad has planted the seeds we are now sowing as the YMA in Hawaii and we wish him the best!

As I write this in Jiba, I'd like to take some time to reflect on my trip. The Grand Service was completed joyously today with the Shinbashira giving a talk to remind us that next month will be the 50th Anniversary of the 2nd Shinbashira. He explained the difficulties of first publishing the Ofudesaki and the many problems during the Sino-Japanese War and WWII for Tenrikyo. It was very interesting. He was paying a deep respect to the efforts of the forebearers of the Joyous Life world, which is very fitting considering tomorrow is the Convention and next year the 100th Anniversary!

Let us please continue to work hard and follow the Divine Model and be a testament to the efforts of our parents and grandparents. Let us be a role model to our children and their children. Let us be examples to each other.

Walking to the Main Sanctuary this morning with Michelle, I was moved thinking about how wonderful my life is. It is a blessing I don't deserve. Thank you all for allowing me to serve you. To be reunited with my friends in Jiba has refreshed my spirit and recharged my batteries. I wish you all will one day have this feeling. The importance of the 100th Anniversary is extraordinary! It will never happen again in our lifetimes! I implore you all to please keep

practicing filial piety, harmonious husband-wife relationship, and Joyous Life! Please bring those efforts back to Jiba next year! Oyasama will be waiting for us! I love you all my dear brothers and sisters. Thank you for everything. Happy November!

Monthly Meeting

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

The Doctrine of Tenrikyo Study Session

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

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Fun Night for UNICEF!

Super heroes, minions, and princesses arrived to an eerily-fun transformed Dendocho filled with spider webs, bats and goblins. The first Fun night hosted by the Boys and Girls Association, was attended by over 125 children and parents who played games, paraded their costumes and watched an amazing magic show by the Great Bradley. Baked goods, chocolates, and other donated goodies along with pizza, spam musubi and hot dogs were sold at the Country Store. Over 20 decorated and carved pumpkins were judged by the attendees with a winner in each age category. Our warmest mahalo to the YMA, WA, TSA and Young Women's Club, Bishop and Mrs. Yamanaka, Dendocho Staff and the many volunteers and parents who helped make this first-time event a smashing success. All funds raised from this evening and the UNICEF collection boxes will be compiled and donated to the UNICEF Fund. We are still accepting the orange boxes of collected donations. Please drop them off at the Dendocho office by November 19th. Thank you very much.

Seminar for Successors of the Path in Hawaii

Change
your focus
Life can be
so much
more fun!

February 24, 2018 from 9:00am
at Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii



The Hungry Reporter

I don't know if it's still the same now but when I was in school the lunches were only \$.25 (I think they are at least a dollar now) and the lunches were so good. Spaghetti, Shortbread Cookies and Meatloaf was so good, to name a few. But my all time favorite was the Spanish Rice. I found this "School Kine" recipe online recently and I just had to share. It is not uncommon to hear people reminiscing about these lunches saying, "remember the Spanish Rice?!!" Enjoy!

Spanish Rice

Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp Vegetable Oil
- 1 Cup diced Onion
- 1 lb lean Ground Beef
- 1 Cup diced Green Bell Pepper
- 1 Cup diced Celery
- 2 (14-oz) cans Stewed Tomatoes, crushed,
- or 1 can Stewed Tomatoes & 1 can Condensed Tomato Soup
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 2 Cups cooked Rice (white, brown or a mix)
- 4 slices American Cheese, cut in strips (adding this makes the difference)

Directions:

1. *Heat oil in large skillet over medium-high. Add onion; sauté until softened. Add beef; sauté until nearly cooked through. Add bell pepper, celery, tomatoes, salt and pepper. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, 5 to 10 minutes, until vegetables are tender.*

2. *Heat oven to 350 degrees. Combine sauce and rice in a casserole dish or baking pan. Top with cheese. Bake a few minutes, until cheese melts. Serves 6*

**It says, if this doesn't taste like the one you remember, recipes varies from district to district.*



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November Calendar 2017

1 st	Wed	Community Hinokishin Day	Meet @ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
3 rd	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet @ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
6 th	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
7 th	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
11 th	Sat	Bishop to return to Jiba (until Nov. 15)		
		WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Nuuanu Hale	9:30 a.m.
13 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
14 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
15 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
16 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 th	Fri	Rev. Chikara Iburi, BGA HQ Chair to come to Hawaii (until Nov. 20)		
18 th	Sat	TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
		Board of Directors Meeting	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
		YWC Cooking Class	Mission HQ	2:00 p.m.
19 th	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School/Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	
		Head Ministers Meeting	Mission HQ	12:45 p.m.
20 th	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
25 th	Sat	BGA Leadership Fun Day		
26 th	Sun	Yohaisiki / Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Big Island Kyoyukai General Meeting	Kilauea Church	10:00 a.m.
29 th	Wed	YMA The Doctrine Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.