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Best Wishes for a Joyous New Year!

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New Year's Greeting from Bishop Shugo Yamanaka

A Happy New Year to everyone in the Hawaii Congregation!

Thank you very much for your sincere efforts in the cause of our Path and your cooperation in various events and activities at Dendocho last year. The first visitation to Hawaii by Successor-Designate and YMA President Daisuke Nakayama last May gave us great spiritedness and momentum. Keeping the spiritedness and momentum, let us continue and accumulate our Joyous Life daily and convey the joy of faith to our family members and people around us—especially our young ones who will shoulder the Path in the future—so as to keep expanding the circle of the Joyous Life further.

Our journey toward the realization of the Joyous Life World is to continue forever, which is taught as “endless construction.” With a sense of pride in being followers of this wonderful Path, let us settle firmly in our minds the truth of “a thing lent, a thing borrowed,” which is fundamental to our Teachings, thus truly savoring the joy of being kept alive. And let us strive each day to sweep away the dusts of our minds so as to keep spreading the circle of mutual help with purified minds and gentle hearts. I humbly ask for your continued support and cooperation this year.

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

Oyasama took three unhulled grains of rice in Her hand and then placed them one at a time in the palm of Izo Iburi's hand, saying:

“This is early rising, this is honesty and this is work.” *Anecdotes of Oyasama*, no. 29

Let us think about honesty. The importance of honesty is easy to understand even for children. Yet it is not easy to be always honest even for adults. Or is it perhaps more difficult for adults than for children?

There may be times when we are laughed at after saying something true as opposed to telling a lie. It may sometimes seem as if being honest needlessly puts us at a disadvantage. It takes considerable courage and strength to be consistently honest.

Nonetheless, a long-range perspective should convince us that honesty is an important aspect of living a joyous life. Life can become stifling if a lie is brought in. It will hinder a true feeling

of joy and happiness. People lie in order to hide something that is inconvenient to them, yet lying can compound the situation.

In contrast, a life without a lie, a life of honesty, allows for a greater sense of freedom. It is a life in which joy arises spontaneously.

Oyasama's teachings may seem disappointingly simple if we only scratch the surface. Yet each word is actually filled with the truth about this world and about humankind. If we stop to savor the teachings deeply, we can realize the abundance of nourishment they contain.

We can just picture Oyasama putting the three grains, one by one, in Izo's palm and saying gently: “Hold on to them firmly. You must try not to lose sight of them.” We can also imagine Izo accepting them in humble reverence. The image of the scene warms our heart.

December 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 boundless providence, You have been guiding us each and every day, and with the quick passage of time, we have already come to the day to perform the final monthly service for this year. We would like to express our deep appreciation for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us throughout this year, allowing us to conduct various events and activities safely and successfully. 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. Also our brothers and sisters of the Path in Hawaii have gathered here today and will join us in singing the Songs for the Service in unison. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

From the afternoon on the 21st through the 24th of this month, the Oyasato Seminar Course II will be held. The young participants, who will be carrying the future of the Path in Hawaii, will devote themselves to learning the teachings at Dendocho. With approximately 14 days remaining this year, we hope to conduct the year-end activities in a smooth manner and welcome in bright spirits the coming new year. At the same time, expressing our gratitude once again for Your profound parental love shown during this year as well as reflecting upon what we have accomplished, all of us church head ministers and Yoboku are determined to keep on walking the path of making repayments for Your blessings with renewed mind.

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 December Monthly Service Sermon

Rev. Lynn So *Head Minister of Taitan Church*

Good morning and Happy Holidays!

We have just completed the last monthly service for this year 2017. Next month will be 2018. Wow! How time flies!

I would like to take this opportunity, in order to make further progress in spiritual growth. I would like to share events that happened during and after the pre-anniversary, from 2013 to 2016. The term, “three years, one thousand days” is always used to designate the three years leading up to the anniversaries. The 130th Anniversary of Oyasama was celebrated on January 26, 2016. May I ask for your kind attention?

Many, many years ago during one of these pre-anniversary periods, an elderly minister had told me, “Your frame of mind of saving others is important during the three years, one thousand days. Lynn, please be careful during this time,” and pointed out that two head ministers’ wives had just passed. This stuck in my mind for good, no fooling around.

It started, during the preparation of the installation service for the 8th Bishop, Bishop Yamanaka, due to a family health matter scare, which I have been asked not to talk about it but our family was shown, a large misfortune was reduced to a small misfortune, then to nothing at all. The blessing we also received was that my younger son decided to enter the 2014



English Class of Spiritual Development Course better known as Shuyoka.

Next, Honjima Grand Church also kicked off their pre-anniversary events announcing that the Shidokai, which is a group of Nine Grand Churches that came out of Kawaramachi Grand Church will be meeting in the Jiba for three times. On March 30, 2014, October 26, 2014, and May 31, 2015, in the course of two years. Along with my husband, Jimmy, and my oldest son and his wife, we were all able to attend all three events. The first event, after doing the seated service in the Main Sanctuary we sang the Yorozyuo around the streets outside of the Main Sanctuary. The next two events, we were to bring as many members to listen to the Besseki lectures and thousands of us gathered for these events.

The next big surprise was that my sons said we needed to fix Taitan Church’s leaking roof. It has been leaking for over 10 years. Rats, roaches, crickets, and ants had

free access to the attic. When I replied that we should not do anything big during this pre-anniversary period, my son said that we should do this for the 130th Anniversary.

So on July 11, 2015, with the presence of Honjima Grand Church head minister, Rev. Kanta Katayama, Bishop Yamanaka, and his lovely wife, Sachie Okusan, the re-roofing service was completed joyfully. I am most grateful to all the members who came out to help Taitan Church. Mahalo to you all.

Then in November 2015, for about two months, Jimmy's mother whom we call Mama was able to attend my second son's wedding and spend time in Hawaii with us. For the wedding there were about 13 to 18 people staying at my house for this celebration. After the wedding, Jimmy's second younger brother, Tony asked me if he could become a member of Taitan Church. I was surprised and very happy, "Of course, no problem!" He was kind of worried because about 38 years ago he had attended Shuyoka from another Grand Church. After discussing this with my Grand Church head minister and Rev. Colin, they said there should not be any problem.

On January 24, 2016 we both returned to Jiba with Mama to celebrate Oyasama's 130th Anniversary. As you may recall, many of us returned during this auspicious celebration. During the Service, I was constantly worried if Mama would be able to last through the Service. Her

osteoarthritis knees might be hurting, or maybe she needs to go to the restroom, or maybe she wants to go back to the dormitory. I could not stop worrying. When I asked her if she wanted to head back to the dormitory, she said, "Isn't the purpose of this trip is to stay for this Service?" I was ashamed and yet relieved that she did not mind and was okay sitting on the hallway stairs for a long time and was able to stay for the whole service and sermon with no trouble. We then headed to Taiwan to celebrate the Chinese New Years in early February.

The same year, October 2016, Tony and his wife brought Mama to Tenri and Mama was supposed to return to Honolulu with us. After the October Grand Service, a party of seven of us went to an *onsen* in Kyoto for relaxation. From the beginning of our stay Mama was complaining that she was not feeling too well but could not pin point the cause or what was wrong with her breathing. Tony would tell her that her grandson is treating us to this luxurious stay, so please try to smile and enjoy the food. She was not happy. I bathed her in our room and administered the Divine Grant. She said that she had taken new medication about two months ago. I thought two months ago, it should be okay, but I found out that it was about seven to ten days ago. We were finally getting the true information little by little. Upon returning to Tenri, Mama immediately asked to go to the hospital.

The dormitory head said that since it is evening, it would be best to go by ambulance, but Mama refused saying that it would be too embarrassing. The difference in Japan from the U.S. is that while driving, the paramedics in the back is calling the hospital asking if they have beds available. They must get the hospital's approval first to bring the patient to their facility. If no room is available, the paramedics keeps calling different hospitals while driving until someone accepts the patient. That was explained to Mama, and she reluctantly went by ambulance. Fortunately Ikoi-no-Ie, the well-known hospital in Tenri was available and accepted Mama immediately. I was so relieved. Late that night, Jimmy informed me that her condition was stable, but water was in her lungs and it will be a slow process to take the water out of her lungs. The next day, her doctor said that the new medication that she was taking caused water to fill in her lungs. Also this type of medication is not prescribed in Japan nor in the United States. I was so upset when I heard this and thought why would the Taiwan doctor prescribe an 86-year-old lady something so strong?

With Mama's condition improving, Mama and Jimmy would ask the Doctor(s) and nurses constantly if she could go home to Taiwan. I believe they must have asked the staff 1000 times. I kind of lectured them to stop, and to listen to the Doctor(s), but Mama's Taiwan family doctor said that to have water in the lungs is not that serious, and to bring her home right away since it is

only a three hour plane ride. I said, "three-hour plane ride, one-hour limo bus ride, then you must check in two to three hours early and the Japan Doctor(s) said Mama will need to carry an oxygen tank at all times for the rest of her life and will need one on the plane. A special request to the airlines is required to board the plane with an oxygen tank and the process takes time. They then decided to listen to the Doctor(s) and I know they were concerned of the hospital bill. During Mama's recovery period, we decided to do Hinokishin by pulling weeds around the dormitory. The Hinokishin spirit was so high and I was very happy to see all four of us doing Hinokishin for Mama's recovery.

Jimmy and Tony's air reservations were changed, but I returned to Hawaii as planned. But before returning, I went to hospital to administer the final Divine Grant before leaving. As I entered Mama's room, I could hear the male nurse saying, "Obachan hikoki notte ikenai yo. Abunai desu yo" "Old lady it is too dangerous for you to ride the airplane." I thought, oh my goodness! After my prayer, Mama started to thank me, asking me to thank my sons and their wives. She was breathing heavy. (I will demonstrate her heavy breathing) Lynn, thank you for everything. Please tell Jenson and Sayaka thank you. Please tell Dane and Melissa thank you."

She was giving her death bed speech!!!!!! I was surprise but kept my composure and said, "Mama, it is not your time. You are going to get better but you need to listen to

the Doctor(s) and that your health needs to improve before going home.” I apologized that I needed to return to Honolulu so soon.

After returning to Honolulu, the daily news was that Mama’s health was stable, improving, and the water had been removed from her lungs. But suddenly the next phone call was that Mama’s heart condition had complications and that she had a 50/50 chance of survival. A new medicine will be given intravenously and the side effect is that she may hallucinate. Conditions improved and no side effect happened. Her heart condition was stable but water then returned in her lungs and once again, it was removed and conditions improved. During all this, Jimmy returned to Honolulu for a few days and was back in Tenri with another brother watching Mama. Soon she was able to return home. What a relief!!! In Taiwan she then told Jimmy that she had a dream in the hospital about a “Taiwan God” and a “Red Curtain”. Something was holding her back from going behind the curtain!!!!!! Jimmy exclaimed, “The Red Curtain is the Tenrikyo God!” When he told me the story, I was shocked and asked Jimmy who was the Taiwan God? He did not know.

Returning to Taiwan for a nephew’s wedding, I asked Mama who was the Taiwan God in her dream and she replied that the Taiwan God was from the Tao Temple that Tony and his wife are sincere members and I know they do a lot of Hinokishin for the temple. I was amazed and also explained how Oyasama wore

red clothing in the latter part of the path. I mentioned that Oyasama showed herself through the Red Curtain and that only a few people have this rare opportunity to see her. I have heard that Oyasama has shown herself as a Red Light, an elderly lady dressed in the Service Attire or also in her Red Kimono. You were one of the chosen few to see her as a Red Curtain. How amazing is that? Full of amazement and gratitude.....thank you OYASAMA!!!

It took many months for Mama to fully recover and no oxygen tank is required. On October 28, this year, we returned to Taiwan and she was able to meet her first great granddaughter. She looked well and strong. Thank you God the Parent and Oyasama!

These were just a few things that happened, many of us may think of these things as misfortunes, bad luck, but instead I am most grateful that my family and myself were given these opportunities to shift our conscience back to the path.

I would like to end my speech with this important teaching. *Anecdotes of Oyasama* Article 137 Oyasama once said:

“A single word is important. One achieves harmony in the family by the way one breathes in and out to form the very words one speaks.”

Do the words I use bring joy and make people spirited? I will try my best to continue to nurture my children and now grandchildren in accordance with the teachings of the path!

Thank you for your kind attention.

Island News & Mission HQ Announcements

Oyasato Seminar English Course II

From December 21 to 24, the Oyasato Seminar Course II was held at Dendocho. Justin Teruya, Scharlie Hamada, Clara Kaisho, and Alissa Higaki completed the course. Mr. Michinori Fukui sent by Overseas Dept. from NY and Mrs. Michelle Kikuchi served as the staff.

This year's Courses I & III will be held in Jiba from July 10 to 25. (Pre-Seminar Orientation on July 8 & 9) The application is available at Dendocho and the deadline for submission to Dendocho is January 21.



Seminar for Successors of the Path

Based on the seminar in Jiba, Hawaii Seminar for Successors of the Path will be held on February 24, 2018 at Dendocho.

Date & Time: Feb. 24, from 9am to 4pm

Eligibility: Tenrikyo followers who live in Hawaii between the ages 17 and 45

Content: Lectures, Discussions, etc.

Donation: \$5 per person

Applications are available at Dendocho office and the deadline is Feb. 18.

Obituary Announcements

Mrs. Fusae Pansy Jyo, spouse of former head minister of Castle Church, passed away for rebirth on December 13, 2017 at the age of 94. The funeral service will be held on January 10, 2018 at 10am at the Valley of the Temples in Kaneohe.

Mrs. Tomiko Nakao, spouse of former head minister of Pearl Church, passed away for rebirth on December 20, 2017 at the age of 88. The funeral service was held on December 28 at Nuuanu Mortuary.

We express our deep appreciation for their achievements and extend our heartfelt condolences to their families.

Mission HQ Personnel Change

On Dec. 25, Minae Izutsu (Ashitsu GC) started hinokishin as a Joshi-seinen and will be serving until March 23. Please extend your Aloha when you see her at Dendocho.



English Class of Shuyoka

The Spiritual Development Course English Class will be held from late March for three months. Due to the time required to obtain a visa for over 3-month period, it is advised that those who wish to enroll in this class contact Mission Headquarters as soon as possible.

Dendocho January Grand Service

Sunday, January 21st, at 9am

The Sermon will be delivered by the Bishop. Head Ministers Meeting will not be held.

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

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Associations' Reports

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Happy New Year! Thank you for all your sincere efforts and dedication in the Women's Association activities throughout the past year. Let us spread the joy of faith to those around us and increase our membership which is one of the WA activity guidelines. I humbly ask for your continued support and look forward to seeing all of you at Dendocho. Mahalo!

New Year's Party

January 8th (Mon) 10:00 a.m.

Musical Instruments Practice

January 9th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

Nuuanu Hale Visitation

January 13th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

*The January Grand Service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Honjima group.

YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Aloha YMA Members! What a year it has been! From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all of the love and support! As we end the year please look back and reflect on what we have done. We have accomplished a great many things this year and helped many people. We welcomed Daisuke-sama to Hawaii for the very first time as well. We made some goals and

surpassed them but the main goals for the 100th Anniversary is meant to be strived for everyday of our lives. In 2018 let's be better sons, let's be better husbands and boyfriends, let's be better fathers and brothers, let's be better people! Please take the time to refresh your spirits my brothers. 2018 will bring more challenges but we must be grateful and meet them head on! Please resolve yourselves to return to Jiba with us in October and celebrate the monumental 100th Anniversary with Daisuke-sama. In 2018 let's open our hearts and change the world!

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

Annual New Year Clean Up and BBQ, Leadership Camp

Happy 2018! The BGA is hosting the annual Leadership Camp for students 12 years and older (TSA students are welcomed) on January 27-28, 2018 at the Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters, starting at 10:00 a.m. Leadership workshops will include team building, spring camp planning and game preparations for the Annual BBQ luncheon held the next day. Because we did not have our leadership fun day in November, we will be treating our camp attendees to cosmic bowling at Aiea Bowl on Saturday night. Bring your socks for a fun evening of bowling and pizza. Applications must be submitted to the Dendocho office by January 21st. \$10 camp application fee per attendee (cash or check payable to Tenrikyo Hawaii Boys and Girls Association). For more information, please contact Rev. Audrey Suga-Nakagawa at audsn@hawaii.rr.com or 722-8885 (cell).

The Annual New Year Clean up this year will be at the Tenrikyo Cultural Center (TCC) and the adjoining Robinson Lane area. This event is open to all children and their families. Please join us at 10am for the hour long campus clean up, to be followed by games and BBQ lunch for everyone. The luncheon is free and dessert donations are welcomed.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CLUB

From YWC Chair, Sally Kawasaki

Happy New Year and wishing you all a happy, healthy prosperous 2018! I would like to thank you all for your support in 2017 and for your continued support this year.



The Hungry Reporter

I'm sure many of you have been to many potlucks and various parties during this holiday season. I recently went to a festive gathering. The host served the best crab cakes I've ever had. Got the recipe and decided to share with you. Canned crab works well but if you have it use fresh crab. It makes a difference. Enjoy!!

Crab Cakes

Ingredients:

- 1 Egg
- 3 Tbsp Mayonnaise
- 4 tsp Lemon Juice
- 1/8 tsp Red Pepper Flakes

- 1 tsp Dried Tarragon
- 1 Tbsp minced Green Onions
- 8 oz Crab Meat
- 1/2 Cup crushed Creme Crackers

Directions:

1. *In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, mayonnaise, lemon juice, red pepper flakes, tarragon, and green onions. Gently stir in crabmeat, being careful not to break up meat. Gradually mix in cracker crumbs, adding until desired consistency is achieved.*

2. *Heat butter in a skillet over medium heat. Form crab mixture into 4 patties. Place patties in skillet, and cook until golden brown, about 5 to 6 minutes on each side.*



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January Calendar 2018

1 st	Mon	New Year's Day Service	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
3 rd	Wed	TCC Grand Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
		WA Committee Meeting	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.
4 th	Mon	Mochi Pounding at Royal Hawaiian Hotel		10:00 a.m.
		Machiko Toi to finish her duty and return to Jiba		
6 th	Sat	Mochi Pounding at Princess Kaiulani Hotel		10:00 a.m.
8 th	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting & New Year's Party	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
9 th	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
11 th	Thu	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet @ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
14 th	Sun	Mochi Pounding at JCCH Ohana Festival		11:00 a.m.
17 th	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
18 th	Thu	BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
20 th	Sat	TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
21 st	Sun	Mission HQ January Grand Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School/Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	
		Kyoko Gakuen Host Family Orientation	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
23 rd	Tue	Bishop to return to Jiba (until Feb. 3)		
26 th	Fri	Yohaishiki / Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
27 th	Sat	BGA Leaders Camp (until 28th)	Mission HQ	
28 th	Sun	BGA TCC Cleanup & BBQ	TCC	
31 st	Wed	Yoshitaka Iwata to return to Jiba (until Feb. 5)		
		YMA The Doctrine Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.