

# Origins

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All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day in Honolulu held at Honolulu Zoo with 110 participants

*Tenrikyo Mission Headquarters of Hawaii*

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## **This Month's Message: "Natural Spontaneity" by Rev. Tomozo Hirano**

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Oyasama often said:

“This path cannot be followed by human thinking. It is the path that is being formed by the law of nature.”

*Anecdotes of Oyasama*, no. 17, “The Law of Nature”

A long time ago, in Warring States China there was an expert cook called Pao Ding. He once said: “If an unskilled cook butchers a cow, his cleaver will be badly chipped in only a month. This is because he cuts the bones. Even a skilled cook replaces his cleaver once a year. This is because he cuts the sinews. However, I do not allow the blade to cut any bone or sinew. Instead, I run my cleaver along the bones and sinews. So the edge of my cleaver remains as keen as when it was first sharpened.”

The world unfolds according to the laws of nature—or, as we might say, according to the divine truth. The secret to the Joyous

Life is to live in accord with the divine truth.

Going against this truth to get our way is like chipping away at our own being; we may end up like the unskilled cook's cleaver. Or to use another analogy, it is like swimming against the river current at the risk of being swept away. We might become exhausted and drown. There is no point in resisting this truth.

Although living in accord with the divine truth may sound like a controlled lifestyle, it is, in fact, the most reliable way to ensure that we can live in freedom.

What we call “the divine truth” is the intention that God the Parent expresses through natural and social occurrences as well as other things that happen in the world. That intention was conveyed by Oyasama in Her role as the Shrine of God by using human language.

### **RELIEF DONATION FOR KAUAI FLOOD**

On April 23, Hawaii Dendocho sent \$2,000 to the Hawaii State Chapter of American Red Cross to assist the relief efforts after the recent flood in Kaua'i. Dendocho is humbly asking for your donation till the end of May. Mahalo for your cooperation.

### **Dendocho May Monthly Service**

May Monthly Service will be conducted on May 20, from 9:00am. Rev. Kyle Kawasaki, head minister of Aloha Church, will deliver the sermon. Head Ministers Meeting will not be held.

## April 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, 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, You revealed Yourself to this world by receiving Oyasama as the Shrine and conveyed to us the origin and the truth of all things, guiding us on the Path for universal salvation. For this, we are truly grateful. Receiving the guidance of the everliving Oyasama, we are striving each day on the Path of spiritual growth. Since this is the month in which Oyasama was born into this world 220 years ago, we shall now perform, with joyful and rejoicing hearts, the April Monthly Service at this mission headquarters 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 and high spirits. As You watch us, we hope You will be spirited as well.

On the 3rd of this month, 69 members of Hawaii Women's Association united their hearts and dedicated a performance of women's instruments in celebration of the everliving Oyasama's birthday. Also from the end of this month through May, All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day will be held at various venues in Hawaii. As we engage in hinokishin, we also hope to sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings to the local community by expressing our joy of faith as well as our gratitude for the blessings of "a thing lent, a thing borrowed."

Also, from the 23rd to the 25th of last month, the BGA Spring Camp for this year was held with over 100 children participating. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to You for guiding safely all the participants and the staff throughout the camp. We will keep making our utmost efforts in guiding and nurturing the young ones who will shoulder the Path in the future.

All of us vow to continue walking firmly on the Path of single-heartedness with God, single-hearted joyousness and single-hearted salvation as instruments of Oyasama, uniting our hearts and efforts, here in Hawaii, while always seeking Your intentions shown through what happens to us and around us each day. All of us, who have been drawn into this Path, are determined to continue making daily efforts to grow spiritually 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 a 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 April Monthly Service Sermon

*Rev. Yasutsugu Miyauchi    Head Minister of Asakusa Hawaii Church*

We have just completed the April Monthly Service for the Mission Headquarters in high spirits. As I have been assigned to deliver this month's sermon, may I have your kind attention for a short while.

It seems like not too long ago I was enjoying a very cold glass of beer with a grin and celebrating, "Happy New Year!", and yet it is already the April Monthly Service for which I am standing here to deliver the sermon. It's not like we didn't have February and March, nor was an hour shortened to 30 minutes this year. However, it feels as though time really went by fast. Is it the same for you as well?

April is a very special month for us followers of the path. On April 18th, Oyasama's Birthday Service will be performed at the Jiba. Presently, we are unable to see Oyasama in Her physical form, however, even today by the truth of the everliving Oyasama, She is urging our spiritual growth, guiding us from Her deep parental love and working towards world salvation. The 18th of this month will be Oyasama's 220th birthday and on this day Oyasama's Birthday Service will be performed at Church Headquarters to celebrate Her birthday.



Oyasama, Miki Nakayama, was born on April 18, 1798, in the lunar calendar, to the Maegawa family in a village called Sanmaiden, about 3 kilometers from Jiba. From *The Life of Oyasama*, we learn that Oyasama was spoken highly of as a remarkable child from a very young age by Her neighbors. For instance, when She was about six or seven years old, She began to sew and would make small bags and give them away to neighborhood children. Whenever She found a child screaming and throwing a tantrum, she would give them treats that She received from Her parents and would be happy when the child stopped crying. When She was around eight or nine, she would play with the small children while their parents were busily working during the autumn harvest, and the busy parents would admire Her for Her conduct.

In 1810, at the age of 13, Oyasama



married into the Nakayama family in Shoyashiki village. She had returned to the place of Origin, having the soul of the mother at the time of human creation. In other words, She had the causality to return to the Residence of Origin. Following Her marriage, She devoted Herself to Her husband Zenbei, to the household work and to the farming.

Then on October 26, 1838, at the age of 41, in accordance with the promise at the time of human creation, Oyasama was received as the Shrine of Tsukihi. For fifty long years Oyasama conveyed God's intentions to save all humankind. She conveyed by mouth, and at times through the writing brush, but it was through Her own actions that She showed us the path towards the Joyous Life. The fifty years from the moment Oyasama became settled as the Shrine of Tsukihi, is called the Divine Model of Oyasama. At the age of 90, from Her deep parental love for Her children, Oyasama shortened Her time of life by twenty-five years. Her presence cannot be seen, but by the truth of the everliving Oyasama, She continues even to this day guiding us towards the world of the Joyous Life.

Oyasama has left us this teaching to save not only Her followers but all people in the world and lead us to savor the Joyous Life.

Oyasama's fifty-year Divine Model taught us the Service, the administration of the Sazuke, God's complete providence, the truth of "a thing lent, a thing borrowed," the eight dusts, causality or innen, tanno or joyous acceptance and hinokishin, so that we can savor the Joyous Life. This faith is not a faith that just prays for salvation or asks to be guided to the Joyous Life. We are taught that God the Parent gives us the blessings based on the way we use our mind. Therefore, for us to savor the Joyous Life, it is important how we use our mind and how we see things and settle our mind when faced with difficulty. We can learn everything from the Divine Model of Oyasama.

For instance, we all want to have a healthy body every day in our life. Everyone desires a happy family, to be in the best situation, and to have a good job with good benefits. After graduating from school, we want to be blessed with a good job. When we get married and are blessed with a child, we pray that we will have a healthy child. As we live each day, there are many many things that we pray to God for the sake of ourselves. Oyasama taught us,

With human beings: the body is a thing borrowed. The mind alone is yours. From just one mind, any kind of truth will appear. I accept any kind of truth.

You must understand the truth of free  
and unlimited workings.

Osashizu, February 14, 1889

We are taught that any kind of truth or situations will appear depending on how we use our minds, which God allows us to use freely. Thus, we should remind ourselves that whether or not we are pleased with how things occur, the way in which we use our minds each day is of primary importance. Further, Oyasama taught us in the form of dusts, that using the dust of the mind prevents us from attaining the Joyous Life, therefore She encouraged us to sweep the dust each day. Dusts can be easily cleaned if we sweep it away each day. However, if we neglect the cleaning and leave it as it is, the dust will accumulate even in places that we normally don't take notice of and becomes difficult to clean. Therefore, we are taught that we must realize and understand that the dust of the mind can easily pile up and it will accumulate without our knowing so it is important to sweep the dust of the mind constantly.

Oyasama taught us that we must reflect upon our self-centered thoughts that cause others to suffer and be the cause of conflict, which is opposite of God the Parent's desire for the Joyous Life. She taught us in detail that these eight dusts are: miserliness, covetousness, hatred, self-love, grudge-bearing, anger, greed and arrogance.

In the Ofudesaki we are taught,  
What do you think this path is about?  
It is to cleanse the heart of everyone in  
the world. (XVI-57)

I strongly feel that right now the salvation of the mind is desperately needed in the world, and it is the time to cleanse our hearts.

In any period, we often hear people say how concerned they are about what is going to happen to this world because of so many incidents happening one after another. Even in Hawaii, social problems and crime have risen and I feel it is different from what was before. In other countries and places, there are problems, but there seems to be no way of resolving those problems in sight, but rather the problems are escalating. I cannot help but feel that the source of these problems is the result of the dust of the mind that has piled up. If each one of us human beings as children of God the Parent realizes the intention of the Parent who desires us to live the Joyous Life, performs the service, cleanses the dust of the mind, and lives each day according to the intention of the Parent, then I believe that we will receive the blessings of "a great misfortune reduced to a small misfortune, and a small misfortune to no misfortune at all.

Last month on March 11, the second

Sunday was our monthly service at our church. March 11, 2011 was the day of the Great East Japan Earthquake. It was exactly seven years ago when the earthquake occurred. Although progress has been made with homes and roads having been rebuilt, there are still seventy thousand people living in temporary housing. There are still many problems that need to be dealt with. In the year of the Great Earthquake, the Shinbashira in his Autumn Grand Service sermon shared his thoughts about the Great Earthquake, which I would like to share with you. He stated,

“As for those of us who have not been directly affected by the disaster, we must not consider it as someone else’s problem. It is important to take it as our own concern. There are people in the world who bear a grudge against Heaven, saying that no true God would have let this disaster happen. Again, there are those who accept the disaster simply as physical phenomenon that can be explained in terms of the movements of the earth’s crust. However, when it comes to those of us who have faith in Oyasama’s teachings, it is important, I think, to accept it as a stern way in which God the Parent is telling us something and to ponder deeply over

it because we are taught that natural disasters can be seen as expressions of God’s regret and anger. While we cannot necessarily generalize about how to interpret what God is saying to us, I think we would do well to begin by reflecting critically on ourselves, asking ourselves whether or not we have been living in a way that fails to accord with God’s intention. We should then do whatever we can in our daily lives to ensure that we live in a way that will help us near God’s intention.”

From the time the great earthquake caused many casualties, there have been many disasters till this day all over the world. Last year Florida and Texas were hit by a catastrophic hurricane, and California had the most destructive wildfire. There are many social and natural disasters that are occurring in the world including Hawaii. When we reflect on God the Parent’s desire, we need to make the effort to put into practice the Divine Model of Oyasama that Oyasama left us as our guide for our daily lives. We need to make the effort to familiarize ourselves with the Divine Model of Oyasama and be in accord with the Divine Model. I believe that it is very important to keep in mind to do even a small thing that is in accord with the

Parent's desire and I believe that now is the time.

We at present can learn in abundance at any time about the Divine Model of Oyasama from the Ofudesaki, *The Life of Oyasama* and the *Anecdotes of Oyasama*. In the morning service at our church, we read a little at a time from the *Anecdotes of Oyasama*. Each time, we read it, we read it as though She is talking directly to us, wondering what kind of story Oyasama

is going to tell us today, or what She will caution us about today. In our daily life we would like to use Oyasama's Divine Model as our rule or guide, always reflecting on the Parent's will in how we live with a renewed and spirited mind as we aim towards the Joyous Life here in Hawaii. We would like to make this pledge to Oyasama as we celebrate Oyasama's birthday on April 18.

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

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### WA Oyasama's Birthday Gathering

The 58th annual gathering was held on April 3 with 69 participants. They played the women's musical instruments from the Eight Verses of the Yorozuyo through Song XII of the Mikagura-uta, with six performers on each instrument in four rotations.



### New Baby Girl on Board!

Samantha Kana Stroiney was born on April 22, 2018. Steven & Terri (Iwata) Stroiney (Honolulu-ko Church) Congratulations!!



### New Baby Boy on Board!

Koji Blayke Mima was born on Feb. 20, 2018. Blayne and Meaghan Mima (Koshinokuni Hawaii Church) Congratulations!!



## Hawaii Spiritual Development Course

Dates: Sunday, June 17 to Thursday, July 12, 2018

Qualification: 17 or older / Application due by Sunday, May 20.

Classes in *The Doctrine of Tenrikyo*, *The Life of Oyasama*, the Mikagura-uta, the dance and musical instruments practices for the service, and hinokishin activities.



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## Associations' Reports

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The 100th Women's Association Convention was held in Church HQ Inner Courtyard on April 19. We will hold the Joint General Meeting with YMA on the 19th of this month. Let us perform the service in unity of mind to express our gratitude for being kept alive by God's blessings.

#### **Bazaar Sewing Hinokishin**

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

#### **Nuuanu Hale Visitation**

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

#### **Monthly Meeting**

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

#### **Women's Musical Instruments Practice**

May 15th (Tue) 9:00 a.m.

#### **WA General Meeting**

May 19th (Sat) 9:30 a.m.

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

### YOUNG MEN'S ASSOCIATION

Aloha Everyone! Happy May 2018! We are officially 6 months away from the 100th Anniversary of the Seinenkai! In less than half a year we will be celebrating this

momentous occasion in Jiba on October 28th, 2018! I hope you can join us for all of the festivities in Tenri! We will be posting a sign up list in the Dendocho Shinden for all of those interested to sign up. If you cannot join us please don't worry, just continue to sincerely focus on the goals of the 100th Anniversary by practicing filial piety, a harmonious husband-wife relationship and the Joyous Life in your daily life. As long as we are sincere in our hearts, God the Parent and Oyasama are satisfied. The goals of the 100th Anniversary do not end on the 28th of October but rather are goals we should strive toward for the rest of our lives.

This month we will be celebrating our 61st General Meeting on May 19th with the Women's Association and Young Women's Club. If you haven't been assigned a position and would like to perform please let me know as soon as possible. We will be honored to host YMA Headquarters Representative Tokuo Nagao, who will be delivering the President's Address and meeting with the Hawaii Chapter Officers. We will be hosting him from May 17-21, Thursday until Monday. Please consult his schedule below and feel free to join us at any point!

Thank you again for all your love and support of the Hawaii YMA. We cannot accomplish anything without your sincere efforts! Mahalo.

#### **Monthly Meeting**

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

#### **Ofudesaki Study Session**

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

***Events before & after the General Meeting***

**YMA HQ Rep. Tokuo Nagao to arrive and visit churches in Hawaii**

Thu, May 17th, TBD

**Service Practice**

Thu, May 10th & 17th, 7:00pm at Dendocho

**Aloha Walk with Hinokishin, Nioigake and Kamina-nagashi**

Fri, May 18th, 8:00am at Dendocho

**Shinden Set Up for the General Meeting**

Fri, May 18th, 7:00pm at Dendocho

**61st YMA General Meeting**

Sat, May 19th, 9:30pm at Dendocho

**Sports Day: Sumo, Jousting, Baseball and Volleyball**

Sat, May 19th, 2:00pm at TCC

**BBQ Dinner with YMA Rep.**

Sat, May 19th, 7:00pm at TCC

**Dendocho Monthly Service and Shopping with YMA Rep.**

Sun, May 20th, 9:00am - afternoon

**YOUNG  
WOMEN'S CLUB**

Let us unite our hearts and gather for our annual "Follow in Kokan's Footsteps" which will be held on Sunday, May 27 at Dendocho from 10am.

**2018 Upcoming Events:**

**Cooking Class by WA member**

Sat, June 16th, morning at Dendocho

**Tenrikyo Picnic**

Wed, July 4th, 9am to 2pm at Kapiolani Park

(Need help for games and shave ice stand)

**Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar**

Sun, Aug. 26th (Baked goods booth)

**Cooking Class by WA member**

Sat, Nov. 17th, morning at Dendocho

**Nuuanu Hale Visitation & "With You" Discussion**

Sat, Dec. 8th, 9:30am

**Mini Bazaar**

Every 3rd Sunday after the monthly service - Ask for baked goods & old item donations. Thank you all for your continued support for YWC!

**BOYS & GIRLS  
ASSOCIATION**

**Oyasama's Birthday Activity**

Mahalo to all who helped us celebrate the Foundress' birthday on April 15. 70 children and adults enjoyed hearing a short story of Oyasama, participated in fun games, and munched on pizza, cake and ice cream. Thank you for joining us.



**2018 Children Pilgrimage to Jiba**

July 24 to 30. The details will be announced soon.



# The Hungry Reporter

Chili is a favorite comfort food of mine. Often when I just don't know what to eat, I will choose chili. Lately there has been a lot of interest in Vegan diets. Aids with allergies and those who love a lower fat option, vegan diets are a favorite diet choice nowadays. I found this lovely vegan chili recipe that's packed with flavor. I'm sure you will enjoy this. Check it out!!

## Vegan Chili

### Ingredients:

1/2 cup Dry Kidney Beans, soaked overnight  
1/2 cup Dry White Beans, soaked overnight  
1/2 cup Dry Brown Lentils, soaked overnight  
6 cups chopped fresh Tomatoes  
6 cups Water  
1 cup chopped fresh Mushrooms  
1/2 cup chopped Green Bell Pepper

1/2 cup chopped Red Bell Pepper  
1/2 cup fresh Green Beans  
1/2 cup chopped Celery  
1/4 Onion, chopped  
1/4 Red Onion, chopped  
3/4 cup Extra Firm Tofu, drained, crumbled  
Salt & Pepper to taste  
Onion Powder to taste  
Garlic Powder to taste  
Chili Powder to taste

### Directions:

- 1. Drain and rinse kidney beans, white beans and lentils. Combine in a large pot and cover with water; boil over medium-high to high heat for 1 hour, or until tender.*
- 2. Meanwhile, in a large saucepan over high heat, combine tomatoes and water; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, uncovered, for 1 hour, or until tomatoes are broken down.*
- 3. Stir the tomatoes into the beans and add mushrooms, green bell pepper, red bell pepper, green beans, celery, onions and tofu. Season with salt, pepper, onion powder, garlic powder and chili powder to taste. Simmer for 2 to 3 hours, or until desired consistency is reached.*



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## May Calendar 2018

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wed	Community Hinokishin Day	Meet@ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Monthly Nioigake Day	Meet@ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	TCC Monthly Service	TCC	9:30 a.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Fri	Adopt A Hwy Cleanup Hinokishin	Meet@ MHQ	9:00 a.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	WA Nuuanu Hale Visitation	Meet@ MHQ	9:30 a.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	WA Monthly Meeting	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		TCC & Bunko Joint Comm. Meeting	TCC	7:30 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Tue	WA Musical Instruments Practice	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	YMA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thu	Mr. Tokuo Nagao, YMA HQ Rep. to come to Hawaii (until May 21)		
		BGA Meeting	Rainbow Hale	7:30 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	WA YMA YWC Joint General Meeting	Mission HQ	9:30 a.m.
		TSA Hinokishin & Sleepover	Mission HQ	6:30 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	Mission HQ Monthly Service	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Sunday School / Aloha Band Practice	Mission HQ	
		Oyasato Seminar Orientation	Mission HQ	1:00 p.m.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mon	Kamina-nagashi in Waikiki	Waikiki	10:00 a.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Sat	Yohaishiki	Mission HQ	9:00 a.m.
		Bazaar Comm. Meeting	Mission HQ	10am/7pm
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sun	YWC Follow in Kokan's Footsteps	Mission HQ	10:00 a.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Mon	Mrs. Yamanaka to return to Jiba (until June 10)		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Wed	YMA Study Session	Mission HQ	7:00 p.m.