Those in high places will come at any moment, spirited in mind.
The appointed time has arrived.

Ofudesaki II:2
Message from the Head of the Overseas Department  
August 26, Tenrikyo 171

I would like to commend each of you for your daily dedication in each of your concurrent positions.

In a complete change from the severe summer heat, the weather in Oyasato has cooled down significantly, uncharacteristic of late August. With summer vacation still ongoing, many followers brought along their children, as the August Monthly Service was performed joyously in unity with the Shinbashira as the core.

In his Service Prayer, he resolved that all head ministers and Yoboku, must exert their sincerity within their respective positions to delve deeper into the origin of the teachings, and continue to push toward single-hearted salvation. He prayed that we may be blessed so that we can see the day when all people of the world can dwell in a world of joyousness even a day sooner.

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Yaichi Nishiura.

Rev. Nishiura reflected back on the Children’s Pilgrimage which came to an end on August 4th, and expressed the importance of nurturing those children who were embodied within the breath of The Parent. He also spoke on the significance of the Divine Model of Oyasama, and quoted from the Osashizu teaching the members of this path the mindset we should hold.

This year, the Young Men’s Association is anticipating its 90th Anniversary, and at the YMA Headquarters, the members are striving to increase their membership of “Arakitoryo”. From the end of this month, the “Gatherings for Tenri Young Men: Unity and Progress” will be held not only around Japan, but is scheduled to be held around the world. On behalf of all the Mission Headquarters, and the respective diocese that will hold this event, I encourage you to bring even another YMA member to attend this event.

The secretary of the Mission Headquarters of America, Takeo Uemura, will be receiving divine sanction today, as the appointed “acting church head minister” for North America Church. This concludes my greetings.

Yoichiro Miyamori  
Overseas Department Head
August Monthly Service Prayer


God the Parent, out of Your deep parental love for all Your children, there isn’t a moment You cease to protect us, as You advance to allow us the blessing of world salvation. For this we are deeply grateful, and in repayment we are striving to meet Your desire by daily engaging in the effort of sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the August monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. We brothers and sisters of this Path have looked forward to this day and today, we are gathered here in prayer before You to sing the Mikagura-uta. As You watch us, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

This summer, Ojiba was filled with 250,000 children, and despite the extreme hot weather, the Hawaii group was able participate and return with enhanced joy in their hearts. Also, the students of the Oyasato Seminar were able to deepen their knowledge of the teachings in good health. Also on the 24th, the Tenrikyo Bazaar will be held, and we hope that this will further advance our effort in sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings to others in this district. Also, on September 1st, the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day will be held so that we may further sprinkle the fragrance of the teachings of Oyasama to others.

As we spiritedly pursue the path of the Divine Model of Oyasama, we hope that we can effectively direct the minds of all those in the world who still know nothing of the sincere Parent toward the Joyous Life, by striving with all our effort to relay the intention and workings of the Original Parent. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity and as the people of the world strive to attain harmony by helping one another, we ask that You guide us toward reconstructing the world into a world of unlimited joy.

Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.
**A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed**

Good morning everyone. Welcome to the Tenrikyo Hawaii Mission Headquarters August Monthly Service. My name is Tyron Inouye of Hawaii Central Church. I have been assigned to deliver this month’s sermon on “A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed”. Before I begin my sermon, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Bishop and Mrs. Hamada for this opportunity. I would also like to thank Rev. Tsunenori Ichise for his wonderful translation.

Now, if I may have your kind attention for a few minutes.

When I thought about writing my faith experience for this month’s sermon on “A Thing Lent, A Thing Borrowed”, I could not help but to think about the experience my wife & I had in conceiving our daughter, Taylor. She was conceived through a medical process called Invitro Fertilization. Some people think of this as a miracle process, which I think it is, but I’d like to think of it as a gift from heaven.

Now I would like to share my short faith experience with all of you.

My story begins in May of 1996. This is the day my wife and I got married. If there is a day that is important to me, May 11th is that day. That’s what my wife tells me anyway. Being newlyweds I had thought that starting a family was going to be an easy job. My father & mother had eight children, so I assumed that we would have no problems in that department. In fact, I was hoping to only have 4 or 5 children. But it wasn’t until six years later we were blessed to have our only daughter come into our lives.

The conception of our daughter was through invitro fertilization, as I said earlier, and when my wife had told me about
this process of conceiving, I thought she had given up on me. Talk about being crushed. I also thought to myself, “What would my friends think of me”? I was depressed. But as the supportive husband I am, I knew how much this would mean to her. I finally agreed to go with her to see the invitro specialist. The doctor said that there are many stages to this process and that at anytime my wife could conceive. But if she didn’t we would then do an artificial insemination which was a last resort. The doctor said she had a high percentage of conceiving but nothing was guaranteed. I had known some people who went through this process and still could not conceive, so I kind of knew what the doctor was trying to say.

The day had come where we had to go in and get tested to see if both of us were healthy enough to produce the necessary DNA for a child. When we received the test results I was glad and relieved that I had very lively and strong DNA. The doctor said that my wife’s eggs needed some help to get to the right size for conception. We went through about 3 months of administering medication on a daily basis to prepare my wife’s body for the child.

The doctor said that if she gets past the first trimester (3 months) of the pregnancy, she would have a 90-100 percent chance of a full term pregnancy. When the first trimester past, we were very happy, relieved and thankful that everything was going smoothly. As my wife watched what she ate, she seemed to have lost some weight.

I thought that was odd, but they say it happens sometimes.

During the entire pregnancy, the baby was very quiet and well behaved. In the eighth month, my wife & I were concerned that she was hardly moving and kicking like other babies do while in their mother’s stomach. So my wife had called the nurse and mentioned that the baby was inactive and hardly moving. The nurse suggested drinking something cold and sees if she reacts to it. So my wife did as the nurse said and sure enough the baby started to move.

Her due date was to be May 25th, one day before my wife’s birthday. But in the eighth month, the baby decided not to wait until the ninth month and came into this world. So on April 26, she was born a healthy 5 lb. 6 oz. Baby. This is the day I will never forget.

There is a verse in the Ofudesaki that I have always been moved by when I read it. It is Chapter 6, verse 131:

“The conception of a baby is by Tsukihi. Giving birth to it, also, is by the work of Tsukihi.”

My wife and I are very blessed to have received the protection and blessing from God the Parent throughout our lives. Even when we had conceived our daughter through this medical process, we are thankful each day because of God the Parent’s boundless protection and guidance.
August Monthly Service Sermon

I would like to read a few paragraphs from the Doctrine:

“We are born into this world by the grace of God the Parent and live each day sufficiently provided for because we are in the embrace of heaven & earth, constantly nurtured in the very bosom of God the Parent. That we are able to use the body each day without the slightest hindrance is due to the complete providence of God the Parent, beginning with the warmth and moisture and extending to encompass our every need.”

If on the other hand we become ill, no matter how much we call upon our strength and wisdom, we shall still suffer from the fever and chills of our condition. One’s sick bed will become the whole world and we will not be able to move so much as a single limb freely. If we ponder over this well, the truth that the body is a thing lent by God will settle into our hearts.”

A verse from the Ofudesaki, Chapter 3, verse 137:

“So long as you remain unknowing that the body is a thing borrowed, you can understand nothing at all.”

As we human beings discover new ways to live longer and healthier lives, I would like to interject the most important component of our being here on this earth, which is God the Parent. Without such forethought and care we could not possibly survive on our own no matter what we did or do. I ask you to step back and look at all the things we are blessed with and in whatever situation that may arise have a mind full of joyousness. With this, I would like to close my sermon. Thank you for your kind attention.

September Monthly Service
September 21, 2008 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)
Sermon “On the Way to the Final Goal”
in English by Reverend Takaharu Ichise,
Chief of North America and Oceania Section,
Overseas Department, Tenrikyo Church Headquarters
Japanese Translation by Mrs. Motoko Iwata
Tenrikyo Young Men’s Association
90th Anniversary
“Gathering for Tenri Young Men:
Unity and Progress”

Tenrikyo Young Men’s Association will observe its 90th anniversary in 2008. During this season, while looking back upon the footsteps we have taken, we ought to return to the founding spirit of the association and work ever more energetically with fresh thoughts and in unity of mind.

The association is, therefore, going to hold the “Gatherings for Tenri Young Men: Unity and Progress” as its 90th anniversary commemorative event. The goal of this project is to have all association members gather locally regardless of their positions and roles as well as to help them realize that they will be useful for the future work of the path.

To celebrate the 90th anniversary in Hawaii we are holding a special 2-part event. The morning event will be hinokishin at Magic Island. The evening portion will be a formal dinner at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel. Come out and join us in filling your mind, body, and soul with nothing but positivity.

Saturday, October 18, 2008

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM  Hinokishin @ Magic Island
5:00 PM - 11:00 PM  Dinner Reception
Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel, Leahi Ballroom 2nd Floor
Open bar until 6pm. Dance floor opens at 9pm.
Carpooling is recommended!

Donation:  Guest YMA Member, Companion,  $25
Friends, Co-Workers, Family
Guest Sponsor  $50
Sponsored Table  $500

Please contact Moses at 595-6523 to confirm your seat and for further questions.
Since it was my decision to attend Shuyoka (Spiritual Development Course) it was a very meaningful & fun experience. Before attending Shuyoka I have not participated in any Tenrikyo Religious activities for a long time. But I was very fortunate since I was born that my parents have instilled in me the core of Tenrikyo which I carried in my heart but never realized it. Then one night it just hit me I have come to realize that the reason that I am still living or not in jail is because of God the Parent. Before, I thought with my human mind, that it was because of me (arrogance) that I have been very lucky in life. Then I came to realize that God the Parent was watching over me & giving me guidance on my path of life. It took me about 20 years to realize this. Next thing I knew I was asking Reverend Colin Saito for his guidance on how to get my life in the path of God the Parent. It was perfect timing since the once a year English Shuyoka course was to just about to begin. I believe timing is everything because if I have attended Shuyoka even a day earlier I would not have attended with the same intentions that I did.

While attending English Shuyoka I have gained a better understanding on the meaning behind Otefuri (hand movements), Mikagura-uta (songs of the Service), & the history of Tenrikyo. Just being in Jiba you get a sense of peacefulness. We were very fortunate to have both our teachers Matsui Sensei & Ito Sensei to have the patience and the knowledge in answering any of our questions. It also helped that they both had great vibes which set great energy & tone in our whole class. I came to an important realization on why my parents are the way they are. Before I thought that they were crazy talking about that it was because of God the Parent. Now I know that they were always right. One of the important answers that I learned to any of my crazy questions was to just TRUST in God the Parent.

Being in Shuyoka and living the Tenrikyo way in Tenri was great because everybody is in the same state of mind. But, for me the difficult part is going to be when I am away from Tenri to still live the Tenrikyo lifestyle with all the challenges & situations in the world.

I would definitely recommend the Shuyoka
Course. I have made a lot of friends from Japan & all over the world (Ukraine, Uganda, Nepal, Philippines, France, Brazil, Canada, Kenya, U.S, Hawaii).

As for me this is a step towards being closer to God the Parent. And always remember we are all children (brothers & sisters) of God the Parent.

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**Burt Iwata**
Honolulu-Ko Church/Hofu Grand Church

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through some personal struggles that I was not able to overcome on my own. Prior to Shuyoka, I felt that I could overcome any hurdle in my life through my own effort, forgetting that it was really due to God the Parent’s free and unlimited workings. Through the guidance of my instructors and fellow classmates, I was able to realize that instead of worrying about my struggles and how to solve them, I just needed to leave things up to God the Parent. It is human nature to worry but in reality, we have very little if any control over how things will turn out.

Another area that I was able to settle was how to distinguish between the teachings of Tenrikyo and other world religions. Simply put, what separates Tenrikyo from all other religions is that at the core, the focus is on saving others. Of course, other religions talk about helping one another and so forth within their teachings but as one lecturer simplified it, if we are ever asked to sum up the teachings of Tenrikyo in one sentence, “Save others”.

Following Shuyoka, I will be doing hinokishin at the Overseas Department until the end of August and have been assigned to be a staff member with the Oyasato Seminar English Course during July. I tentatively plan to return to Hawaii later this year after attending Koshu from August thru October. In closing, I would like to thank all those who supported me prior to my departure as well as those that visited during my time in Shuyoka.

Aloha Auina La e Bishop and Mrs. Hamada, instructors, my fellow course mates, and other guests. Today I would like to share my story behind my recent eye problems. But before I get into it, I would like to thank all of the Staff here at Mission Headquarters of Hawaii and our wonderful instructors for making this past month very enjoyable and comfortable.

About a week before I left Maui to come to this one month Spiritual Development Course, I went to get a routine eye exam.
My vision check was normal and no problems were detected. However, when the optometrist checked my eye pressure, she noticed that it was unusually high. She feared that I had developed glaucoma in both of my eyes. Therefore, my optometrist immediately sent me to the ophthalmologist for further screening. Fortunately, the tests showed that I didn’t quite have glaucoma because I didn’t lose any vision. I was rather lucky because if it had continued to the point where I lost my vision (usually starts from the peripheral vision), it would be classified as glaucoma. Instead, I was diagnosed with ocular hypertension. I was prescribed beta blockers and was told that the problem would not be very serious as long as I applied the medication.

Soon after I was diagnosed, I remembered the story of how the Hisao family entered the Tenrikyo faith, which was through an eye disorder. That is when I realized that it was some kind of sign from God the Parent. However, I could not find the connection between the illness and my past actions. The week passed and I was soon on Oahu for the June Monthly Service at Mission Headquarters of Hawaii and was ready to start this course. Right after the Service, Bishop Hamada administered the Sazuke. But before he administered it, he told me that the purpose of the eyes were to look straight towards the goal of the joyous life. When a person does not focus on it but gets distracted by small problems, the eyes are affected. This told me that God the Parent is telling me that I worry too much. Although I knew that I worried a lot, I didn’t recognize the severity of it. This made me reflect on how much I worried in the past.

Here are a couple experiences I had with this problem:

First: Prior to receiving my Sazuke last year, I had a conversation with the coordinator of my course in the Oyasato Seminar. We began talking about the Sazuke bestowal process. He mentioned that the Shinbashira does not refuse bestowing the Sazuke to anyone however, he told me a story of a man who tried to get his Sazuke but couldn’t because the Shinbashira suddenly froze and just could not bestow it. When I heard this, I was shocked and started to worry if I might be in a similar situation. For a day or so, I thought about it and this made me worry more and more. Wherever I went that day, I walked with suspicion and held a dreary thought throughout the day. The time of bestowal came and I received the Sazuke with no problem. After the situation, I wondered why I went through such stress for something that did not happen. People ridiculed me, especially my brother for thinking in such a way.

Second: During my first year of college, I had many incidents where I became overly concerned with my academic performance. Often I would submit papers with a great hesitation or walk out of tests with a depressed attitude. However, many

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times the result was not very negative. I would talk with my professors quite often and receive a lot of help and reassurance regarding my performance but I would never feel really comfortable with it. I would constantly worry about not getting things done promptly. All this stress was reflected in my health. Although I did not get sick very often, I do remember getting my blood pressure checked and seeing it be a little too high. Of course, that made me more concerned as well. Fortunately, that only occurred once.

Although many of you see these two incidents as being ridiculous, they seemed only natural for me. I now recognize the problems of worrying and that it was distancing me from the Joyous Life. In the lectures of the Spiritual Development Course, I learned that there is nothing to worry about because God the Parent will always guide us. But now that I received a Divine Blessing, I feel more at ease. I clearly understand now that as long as I lean on God the Parent, there is nothing I need to worry about.

Hi everyone. Hopefully by now everyone knows my name...but for those of you who don’t, my name is Sidney Nakao, and I am from the Net Hawaii Mission Station. I am 18 years old and I just finished my first year of college at Seattle University. It’s a funny thing because this past year has been such a different and life changing experience for me. So many changes occurred like going to college, being on my own and taking responsibility for myself. I have done more studying in college than I have ever done in my entire life, but the one thing that I haven’t done that I regret is not applying the Tenrikyo teachings to my everyday life. I have done much more Tenrikyo activities in high school than I did in college. The only thing that I have done in college was attend the Seatac Church monthly service with my brother Sy. Luckily, my parents, Steven and Shigemi Nakao suggested that I should attend the Shuyokai course so that I’ll be able to relearn the teachings of Tenrikyo.

We have learned so many different
teachings of Tenrikyo during this month such as a thing lent, a thing borrowed, Oyasama’s hardships, the creation story, etc. But the one thing that stuck out the most to me was the teachings of the Joyous Life and how we can obtain it. There is a quote in the Osashizu that I would like to share. It states, “Only when your joy brings joy to others, can it be called true joy. If you enjoy yourselves while causing others to suffer, this cannot be called true joy.” When I first read this quote, a whole bunch of flashbacks just went through my mind and I realized that this quote is related to me in so many ways and I should have applied it to my everyday life. However, while I was attending Seattle University, there were many instances where I would put down others just to make me feel better about myself and to entertain my group of friends. We talked bad about the people close to us and even the people that we didn’t even know. We judged people based on their looks only, without even trying to get to know them. We would only look at the negatives of other people and not so much the positives. So when I read the quote from the Osashizu, it all just hit me at once. That joy that I experienced by putting others down was not true joy, it was only my reflection of my self confidence. I tried to put down others because I was so self conscious. I didn’t want people to see my faults and my bad habits; rather I would direct that attention to someone else’s faults so that I would experience a moment of relief and this false happiness.

The more I reflected on my life the more I realized that bringing happiness to others is when I experience true joy. When I attended the Oyasato Seminar, we did missionary work in Aichi for about a week. On the third day, my coordinator, Masa and I came across this house that had an entrance way with a green roof. At first, we did not know whether or not it was a store of some sort or just a regular house, so we were hesitant to knock on the door. After five minutes of just looking at the house, I decided to just give it a try and I knocked on the door. When I knocked, this little boy named Hiro, about eight years old answered the door and asked me “what do you want?” in Japanese. Masa explained that we are Tenrikyo missionaries and if anyone else was home. We discovered that his grandma was home and she couldn’t really walk because her legs were sore. On top of that her right arm was broken and her vision was a little blurry. She insisted that we come in. When we saw her, I was stunned because it looked like she was in a lot of pain. I asked if I could do the Osazuke (Divine Grant of Healing) on her and explain to her the teachings of Tenrikyo. She complied so I performed the Osazuke on her eyes, her right arm, and her legs. After I performed the Osazuke, Masa explained to her the teachings of Tenrikyo such as a thing lent, a thing borrowed and that we should appreciate the everyday things in life, no matter how small because it is all God’s blessings. I asked if I could continue to visit her house and perform
the Osazuke while I’m here. She said yes and thanked us for coming. That day was such a shocking experience for both Masa and I. It was so incredible that we were able to spread the teachings and perform the Osazuke to her. At that moment, I felt so much joy that I almost started to cry and my whole body had goose bumps. It was a feeling that I had never experienced before.

The next day we visited her again. When I knocked on the door, the grandma answered the door. She explained to us that she was able to sleep without any pain in her legs or in her right arm. When she woke up, she was able to walk freely, see clearly, and even lift her right arm up. Hearing the good news, the missionary and I felt a great sense of relief and joy. It was such an amazing feeling that I can’t even describe it. I was able to help this lady from her suffering and her grandson from the grief he was feeling. On the last day of my missionary work, Hiro started to cry saying “don’t leave”, which made me feel so sad. However, I was able to leave Aichi without any regrets because I was able help the grandma and at the same time, help the grandson with his grief. This is what true joy really is.

This experience of mine should have opened my eyes to help others instead of just thinking of myself, but like Oyasama said, people forget the teachings, even though they are exposed to it every day. This is why I am so glad and thankful that my parents suggested attending Shuyokai because this course reminded me how important the teachings are and how I can apply it. I am also thankful for being able to experience this course with my classmates, the instructors, the Dendocho staff, and all the different churches that spoiled us with such delicious food. From now on, I will do my best to bring joy to others like my family, friends, and everyone around me without causing grief to anyone else. I will try to be thankful to God the Parent for everyday blessings, keep a mind of sincerity, and spread the teachings to any and everyone, so that we all can experience true joy and live a joyous life.

Myles Hisao
Maui Church/Honjima Grand Church

God is always guiding us in many different ways. Illness is the most common form of guidance I have received from God.

In 2006, I returned to Jiba for the Tenri
Forum and International Hinokishin Corps. It was the year of the 120th anniversary of Oyasama. The first couple of days were good, till the forum started. I began having chest pains and I developed a nasty cough. I was spitting up blood-tinged phlegm. My first reaction was “aw ****!” I didn’t know what was going on so I continued as normal.

As Hinokishin-tai started my cough got worse. It wasn’t super bad, I was able to get up for service and do Hinokishin, however it was irritating to always stop and cough. I was wondering why I got this illness. I returned to Jiba to do Hinokishin and learn more about the faith.

I stayed in Japan approximately three weeks and then returned to Maui. I went to the doctor and he diagnosed me with bronchitis. They put me on antibiotics and my mother performed the sazuke for me. She said God is telling you something. Since it’s a respiratory disease, it must be something you said. You have to speak nicer. I didn’t really know what I had been wrong till now.

Kashikone-no-Mikoto. In the human body the providence of breathing and speaking. Since I was complaining so much, God made it harder for me to talk in general. Prior to coming to Shuyokai (Hawai‘i One-month Spiritual Development Course), I had an argument with my parents. They told me to go to Shuyokai this summer but I had other plans. They were to get a job and go to summer school. I told them I could always go to Shuyokai after I graduate, and I planned to attend Shuyoka (3-Month Spiritual Development Course). Needless to say they won the argument and that’s why I am here today. The experience was good and now I have a better grasp of the teachings. I will apply the things I learned in this course, and that’s the first step to the Joyous Life.

**Monthly Service Shuttle!!**

**YMA & YWC Members!!**

For every Mission HQ Monthly Service we will be having a shuttle service from TCC. We encourage all YMA & YWC Members to park at TCC to help to open up the Mission HQ parking lot for the elderly and possibly new followers who would like to attend the Monthly Service. For more information please call Moses at Mission HQ 595-6523.
Due to God the Parent and Oyasama’s blessing the 38th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar was held in good weather and without any major incident. This year featured a bigger tent giving bazaar patrons and workers more room to work and enjoy the “bazaar” atmosphere.

With unity of mind, bazaar volunteers worked towards doing nioigake (sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings) to the community. We were blessed with comments such as: “I’ve never seen so many young people so polite and well behaved, working at a bazaar! Please tell some one! I’m really impressed,” “I love this bazaar! I come every year!” and “This bazaar is so well organized!”

The bazaar featured many popular items such as hot dog, chili dog, saimin, shave ice, bubble drinks, imoten, yasaiten (deep fried yams and vegetables), andagi (ball donuts), baked goods, ohagi (sweet beans and mochi rice confection), sekihan (red bean mochi rice), kim chee, pickled vegetables, fresh produce, takoyaki, anthuriums, plants, BBQ chicken, stew and kalua pig plate lunches, Stamina Ramen, yakisoba, oden, baked goods, games and toys, sushi, new items and rummage sale.

Continuing from last year, entertainment included: Keiki Hula by the Hawaii Kai Mermaids, Aloha Band and Pom Pom performance, mochi pounding demonstration, Judo demonstration by Hawaii Tenri Judo, Japanese Song and Dance by the Saturday Japanese School, Hawaiian Music by Manawa Elua, Music ORIGINS, September. 2008
On Monday, September 1st, Labor Day, the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day was conducted on Oahu. Participants first gathered at 9 a.m. at Moiliili Stadium Park. The volunteers split into two groups, those who would clean up the park and those who would spread the teachings door-to-door. In total there were seventy-five participants this year.

Due to the sincerity of Shojikiya (food catering company in Tokyo) 500 rolls of sushi, three gas commercial rice cookers and three oke (wooden shallow rice “buckets”) were donated. Workers and equipment were flown in from Tokyo, Japan to help make the sushi at Mission HQ!

Not to be outdone, churches on the Big Island shipped anthuriums and food items. In addition many members from Kauai, Maui and the Big Island came to help at the bazaar.

The bazaar was a good time to meet new people and reconnect with old friends. Mahalo to everyone for your contributions to the success of the 38th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar!
Congratulations to the Hawaii Tenri Judo Dojo for their success at the Junior U.S. Judo Open at Fort Lauderdale, Florida on July 19 and 20, 2008. They received 8 Gold, 4 Silver, and 1 Bronze; a total of 13 medals! Keep up the good work!

Junior U.S. Open Day 1 Results
July 19, 2008
[via USA Judo]

Female Juvenile A 48kg
2nd Bree Rapoza

Female Juvenile A 53kg
1st Melinda Chow

Male Juvenile A 53kg
1st Chaeden Grace-Reyes

Male Juvenile A +73kg
1st Dane Pestano

Junior U.S. Open Day 2 Results
July 20, 2008
[via USA Judo]

Girls’ Intermediate 2 34kg
1st Teshya Alo

Girls’ Intermediate 2 48kg
1st Cassidy Chandler

Boys’ Intermediate 1 34kg
1st Bishop Rapoza

Boys’ Intermediate 2 34kg
1st Cole Chandler

Boys’ Intermediate 2 42kg
2nd Bryson Castro

Female IJF Junior 52kg
2nd Chrissy Chow
3rd Melinda Chow

Girls’ Intermediate 1 26kg
2nd Teniya Alo

Girls’ Intermediate 1 38kg
1st Kaylin Castro
Wedding Announcement

On the beautiful morning of Saturday, August 2, 2008, Emily Ichise (Joyous Mission Station/Ikeda Grand Church) and Michael Sizemore were married in Van Nuys, California. Reverend Jiro Morishita, head minister of Tenrikyo Brotherhood Church, officiated the ceremony. The happy couple and their guests celebrated the joyous occasion with a reception at Duke’s, Malibu. Congratulations and Best Wishes to the new Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sizemore!

Hawai‘i Island Kyoyukai Gathering

The Hawai‘i Island Kyoyukai (Friends of the Path) Gathering was held on July 27 where nine members participated in hinokishin at the Memorial Tower for ancestors of Japanese descent. Then on August 24, a memorial service was held and Rev. Baron Kimura, head minister of Kakaako Church, representing the group, offered a wreath of flowers.

Mission HQ (Dendocho) Announcements

Autumn Memorial Service

The Fall Memorial Service will be held at Dendocho on September 27, Saturday. The following head ministers and followers will be honored and remembered:

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Associations’ Reports

BOYS & GIRLS ASSOCIATION

2009 CHILDREN’S PILGRIMAGE TO JIBA

Yes! With the Aloha Band planning to go, 2009 is shaping up to be a big year for the Hawaii BGA. Please make plans early enough to join us!

ALOHA BAND

The Aloha Band plans to participate in the Children’s Pilgrimage in 2009 so we would like to ask everyone to put extra effort in encourage your members and friends to join the band.

Band practices are presently held once a month on the third Sunday after the Mission HQ monthly service at 1:30pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school class is held every third Sunday during the Mission HQ monthly service starting at 9am. The program initially starts with joining the monthly service from the seated service through Yorozuyo, proceed to Rainbow Hale for the Sunday school program and then return to the sanctuary to rejoin with parents at 11:30am for the closing prayer.

YOUNG MEN’S ASSOCIATION

HINOKISHIN

September 1, 2008 (Monday)
Nioigake Day at Stadium Park  9:00 a.m.

MONTHLY MEETING

September monthly meeting to be announced.

Save the date!

YMA 90TH CELEBRATION BANQUET

October 18, 2008 (Saturday)
Magic Island and Waikiki Beach Marriot
See page 7 for more information!

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

TCC CLEANUP

We would like to thank all those who came out to help at the semi-annual TCC cleanup on August 16th from 9am-11am in preparation for the Tenrikyo Bazaar.

With the blessings of God the Parent, this year’s bazaar was held without mishap and with everyone working in unison.

Thank you very much for your dedicated hinokishin over a long period of time and for your many donations.

September 1st is the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day in Hawaii. Let us share Oyasama’s teachings to the people of Hawaii with our daily gratitude.
MONTHLY MEETING
September 8 (2nd Mon)
  Meeting       9:00 – 10:00 a.m
  Doctrine Study 10:15-11:15 a.m.
  Lecture       11:15-11:45 s.m.

NUUANU HALE VISITATION
September 13 (Sat)  9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

WOMEN’S MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PRACTICE
September 16 (Tue)  9:00-10:30 a.m.

WOMEN’S SUPPORT NETWORK
September 21 (Sun) after lunch following Mission HQ’s Monthly Service.

TCC HINOKISHIN is canceled.

*September Mission HQ monthly service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Godo A Group. However we ask for everyone’s hinokishin because it will be a Post-Bazaar Mahalo gathering. Thank you!

ANNUAL BAZAAR
Thank you to everyone who donated their items for the YWC baked goods booth. We sold out of all the cookies, brownies, bread, mochi, cupcakes, party mix, health bars, and the jam preserves. Thank you also to all the volunteers who helped with the packing and pricing on Saturday and to those that were able to staff the two booths on Sunday that were assigned to the YWC. Thanks also to those behind the scenes who were busy making the ohagi, sekihan, andagi, yasai-ten, and imoten for our booth. All of your efforts were greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS FOR THE MINI-BAZAAR
We need volunteers to help with our monthly mini-bazaar at the Dendocho’s Monthly Service. If you can donate a baked good or help out during lunch time, please contact Terri at 387-1871 to sign up.
On August 24th, our annual bazaar was held. To name a few, the huli huli chicken, oden, andagi, and stamina ramen are always great sellers. So I figured those of you who supported us by buying these items must be hoping for something different right about now. With a little research I came across this great crab cake patty on yahoo recipes!! I gave it a try and “Oh-my-God the Parent!” It is a winner! Packed with great spices that gives it a huge kick! If you are wanting to make someone fall in love with you and attempting to serve this dish? Be careful with what you ask for, because you will get it!!

**Crab Cake Burgers**

**Ingredients**

- 1 pound crabmeat
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup panko breadcrumbs
- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons minced chives
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 4 dashes hot sauce, such as Tabasco, (or to taste)
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons unsalted butter

**Directions**

1. Mix crab, egg, breadcrumbs, mayonnaise, chives, mustard, lemon juice, celery seed, onion powder, pepper and hot sauce in a large bowl. Form into 6 patties.

2. Heat oil and butter in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat until the butter stops foaming. Cook the patties until golden brown, about 4 minutes per side.
**September 2008**

1st  **Mon**  All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day  Mission HQ  9:00 AM

2nd  **Tue**  Monthly Hinokishin Day  Mission HQ  9:00 AM

8th  **Mon**  WA Monthly Meeting  Mission HQ  9:00 AM

13th  **Sat**  Nuuanu Hale Visitation  Mission HQ  9:30 AM

16th  **Tue**  WA Narimono Pratice  Mission HQ  9:00 AM

17th  **Wed**  YMA Monthly Meeting  Rainbow Hale  7:30 PM

18th  **Thu**  BGA Staff Meeting  Rainbow Hale  7:30 PM

20th  **Sat**  WA TCC Hinokishin  TCC  9:00 AM

21st  **Sun**  Mission HQ Monthly Service  Mission HQ  9:00 AM

       Bazaar Mahalo Luncheon  12:00 PM

       Women’s Support Network  Mission HQ

       Aloha Band Practice

       & Pom Pom Practice  Mission HQ  1:30 PM

22nd  **Mon**  Monthly Nioigake Day  Mission HQ  9:00 AM

26th  **Fri**  Yohaishiki  Mission HQ  10:00AM

**October 2008**

7th  **Tue**  Monthly Hinokishin Day  Mission HQ  9:00 AM

**Abbreviations:**

- WA = Women’s Association
- BGA = Boys & Girls Association
- YMA = Young Men’s Association
- YWC = Young Women’s Club
- TSA = Tenrikyo Student Association
- RH = Rainbow Hale
- WSN = Women’s Support Network
- TCC = Tenri Cultural Center
Tenrikyo Young Men’s Association
90th Anniversary

“Gathering for Tenri Young Men:
Unity and Progress”

Hawaii Gathering
Saturday, October 18, 2008
Both morning and evening events

See page 7 for more details.
Open to everyone!