After the tea is picked and the plants are trimmed, the Joyous Service will follow.

Ofudesaki II:3

Aloha Band and Pom Pom Team
Bazaar Mahalo Luncheon Performance 9/21
I would like to commend each of you for your daily dedication in your respective positions.

This year, it feels as though autumn has crept up upon us early, and today, despite the torrential, side swiping rain, many fervent followers of the path returned to Jiba, as the September Monthly Service was performed joyously in unity with the Shinbashira as the core.

In his Service Prayer, the Shinbashira expressed his resolve that,

> September is the month which we emphasize Nioigake (Sprinkling the Fragrance of the Teachings). The All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day will be held during the last three days of September where head ministers will engage in street speeches, as Yoboku’s spiritedly unite in Nioigake activities and spread God the Parent’s intentions to the people of the world.

In addition, he prayed that, “May You accept our resolution, so that we may share in the free and unlimited workings which You bestow and pray that we may be blessed so that we can see the day when all people of the world can dwell in joyousness even a day sooner."

Following the Service, the sermon was given by Honbu-in, Rev. Zensuke Nakata.

Relating to the All Tenrikyo Nioigake Day which is scheduled at the end of this month, Rev. Nakata spoke of the significance of Nioigake and the mission of Yoboku, quoting from the Mikagura-Uta and the Life of Oyasama.

He stated that as instruments of Oyasama, in order to put into practice single-hearted salvation, it is of utmost importance to be mindful of your attitude in your daily Hinokishin efforts.

As stated in the Shinbashira’s Prayer, September is the month which we emphasize on Nioigake in all respective dioceses. Let us strive ever more in Nioigake and salvation work and be able to answer to the parental heart, and exert our utmost effort together.

Next month is the October Grand Service and we expect many followers to return to Jiba from around the world. As announced before, the Overseas Department Training Seminar will be held on October 25th for Head ministers, Head of Mission Stations and their spouse. The reception for overseas followers will be held thereafter. To all those who plan on returning to Jiba next month, I encourage you to please encourage one more person to attend with you.

Yoichiro Miyamori
Overseas Department Head


**September Monthly Service Prayer**


God the Parent, as Your over-flowing warmth, which grants us daily, the free use of our bodies, embraces us, we advance toward spiritual maturity as we strive toward the realization of the joyous life world receiving the guidance of the Ever-living Oyasama. These boundless blessings are truly more than we can expect. As we direct our constant focus toward the teachings, we proceed in high spirits toward the path of sincerity applying our effort with a mind focused on salvation. Today is the day we are granted to conduct the September monthly service at this mission headquarters. The service performers will unite their hearts to perform the seated service and Teodori joyously in high spirits. Also, we are honored with the presence of the head of the North America and Oceania section of the Overseas Department, Reverend Takaharu Ichise. Today, as you view the brothers and sisters of the path who have looked forward to this day singing the songs of the service in unison with hearts filled with gratitude for Your parental love, we hope that You can be spirited as well.

On August 24th the 38th annual bazaar was held and we were blessed with many attending. Also in September, the All Tenrikyo Hinokishin Day was held on the island of Oahu on September 1st.

Let us as Yoboku ponder on the many grievous events, which we have been shown throughout the world, as the reflection of the dust in our minds, and remembering not to misuse the mind we are freely allowed, we vow to proceed spiritedly in accord with Your intention toward the path of world salvation. May You, God the Parent, accept our sincerity, and we ask that you guide us toward reconstructing the world where we can spend our days living in harmony by helping one another. Together with everyone present, I pray for these blessings.
The Doctrine of Tenrikyo Chapter 8, “On the Way to the Final Goal”

On this beautiful day, together with all those present, I have just observed the September monthly service joyously in high spirits. Thank you very much.

This is my debut to give a sermon at Hawaii Mission HQ today. I feel in a sense happy, in a sense a little embarrassed to stand here in front of you, but I know I need to set aside such a sentimental feeling, and as I was appointed to give a sermon on Chapter Eight of the Doctrine of Tenrikyo, which is “On the Way to the Final Goal,” I would like to speak it through my own understanding of the Chapter.

Please bear with my Japanese Hawaiian English and I ask for your kind attention.

Now, the theme, “On the Way to the Final Goal,” of course, refers to the way to the “Joyous Life,” which Oyasama taught us as the objective of our lives. I learned and categorized this Way to the Joyous Life into the following two points, through reading sermons and addresses by the third Shinbashira, as well as trying to practice it in my own life.

Of the two, in seeking the Joyous Life, the first one is how to use our minds in order to live happily with other people, and the key is to help one another, because we humans cannot live alone and everybody wishes to become happy.

The other is about oneself. Even if the others are happy, if you are not happy, you will not be satisfied. So, how to increase the mind of joy within you is the next point. I feel that “On the Way to the Final Goal” suggests us to use those two kinds of mind in our journey of life more effectively and skillfully through gradual spiritual growth, even though various things may occur in our lives.

Today, as time is limited, I would like to talk about the second point, about oneself, myself and yourself.

What can we do to increase the mind of joy within us? Answers to this may be explained in this way.

The first way is to take full enjoyment when something enjoyable happens to us and to share that joy with many people. There are some unhappy things occurring each day, but I think there must be some enjoyable things occurring around us, too. For example, in the Beijing Olympic Games, when an athlete or a
team you are cheering for wins, if you share the victory with others with a glass of beer and say “Cheers!” the joy will be greater. A birthday celebration is another instance. If some people celebrate it for you or with you, the joy will be much more than doing it yourself. Hearing good news or giving good news usually brightens up the surrounding atmosphere and cheers people up. This is what we call sharing of joy.

The second way to increase the mind of joy within you is to have the mind of gratitude to God the Parent- gratitude for lending and blessing the body daily and gratitude for blessings, such as fire, water, and wind to nature. When we study carefully and understand deeply the wondrous structure of and blessings to all living creatures including humans, and the blessings to the natural environment by God the Parent, I believe this gratitude will become much stronger. Also in relation to this matter, I feel that it is very important for us to use the mind of sincerity and try to show the sincerity in certain form in our daily life so that we can daily receive free and unlimited blessings of God the Parent.

When I was much younger, I often heard a senior minister quote such a passage from the Osashizu, which is “Constant sincerity allows for free and unlimited workings.” It is actually an abbreviated expression of the following Osashizu, which was given to Mrs. Hana Fukaya, wife of the first head minister of Kawaramachi Grand Church, Rev. Genjiro Fukaya, on December 21, 1888, and it reads: “It is constant sincerity, the mind of true sincerity, that allows for free and unlimited workings. It will also save people.” It teaches us in a simple and very easy way that in order to receive free and unlimited workings of God the Parent, being sincere at all times is primary and it brings forth salvation.

If you have the mind of gratitude, please put it into some kind of action. Any form of it becomes Hinokishin. If you are not in such a state of mind now, how about going to a sick person for salvation work? As the Ofudesaki quotes: “Through saving others, you will be saved, 3-47” it will surely give you a mind that you will be saved or that you already are saved.

The third way is to avoid complaining. This is not exactly in inverse proportion to the mind of joy, but it will make your mind close to it. Joy can’t easily be found if one’s mind is clouded with complaints. Suppose there is a party and the rest of the people are enjoying themselves, but only you are not enjoying the party. Here joy is sitting right in front of your eyes, so unless there is a specific reason, it is probably your bad habits and difficult temperaments getting in the way from finding it. Therefore, getting rid of bad habits and temperaments will lead to the increase of joy within the inner self.

Our likes and dislikes may be, to some extent, considered another way to express our bad habits and temperaments. All of us have our particular likes and dislikes when it comes to food, people, and situations. Many of us have our particular hang-ups as well.

In the case of food, it is easy to understand. Children often complain about how much they hate eating carrots, onions, and bell peppers. But as they grow older, they come to realize that these vegetables contain important nutrients for the body, so they will eat them eventually. However, we are seldom aware of our likes and dislikes when it comes to people or situations. People, especially children or young people who say, “I won’t go if so-and-so is coming”, or “I don’t want to do that” end up limiting their experiences and opportunities, hence reducing important nutrients for the mind. Although we may not be excited about facing an undesirable situation or meeting a person that we would like to avoid, we should know that in some situations these sometimes provide us with important

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spiritual nourishment for our spiritual growth.

If this mind of complaint becomes less and if the mind of dust becomes less, then our minds will become more purified and we will be able to near the final goal.

However, our life is not that simple. Everybody wishes to lead a joyous life, but the reality is that our lives are full of ups and downs, and especially when we face a severe problem, we tend to think that it will last forever. We become negative, panic, and try to find a way to escape from it. If things end up smoothly even in such a negative trial, it will be O.K., but if we don’t reflect upon the usage of our minds, our (innen) causality, or family causality at all, and only think of how to run away from that hardship, there is a danger of falling into a big pitfall.

Recently, in Japan many young people are unable to face and manage the reality of life, and as a result, a number of random killing incidents had increased greatly, and the killer always says, “I don’t want this kind of life any more. I want to die. I am going to kill some people and die by neck hanging.” It seems like the younger generation lack the ability to be flexible and hang in there when they face a big difficulty, so their minds easily snap. In other words, they give up easily and commit crimes. In other words, they give up easily and commit crimes. If this is the case, they have no mind of gratitude toward God the Parent. It is too sad that they are ignorant of the large favor of God that gives blessings and parental love to all living creatures and the earth.

From these examples, the fourth point of how to increase the mind of joy within you is how to overcome the hardship shown on your body or on your personal matters. And for this solution, we are taught that one of the best ways is to believe that “sickness and troubles are flowers of the Path” and try to make a bud sprout from such a knot. This is the mind of tanno, joyous acceptance. We are taught that tanno is accepted as the repentance for the causality from your previous lives.

I quite often recall the following Ofudesaki.

Day by day, I shall tend those trees which are to become My useful timber. Never take it to be illness.

Ofudesaki III:131

It teaches us that God the Parent sometimes tends us, Yoboku, because God wants to use us as useful timbers of world salvation, so even if there is a disorder in your body, you are advised never to take it as something bad. I believe this teaching will apply to non-physical matters, too.

In the opposite aspect we find such a verse.

Indicating no one in the world in particular, I say to you: dust in the mind causes disorders of the body.

Ofudesaki V:9

It teaches us that dust of your mind is the very cause of your physical disorder. Therefore it is important to think of both minds when you are shown sickness or trouble on you.

In other words, when a difficulty arises, you try to accept it as it is the result of “the truth behind whatever happens,” reproach your mind if you feel necessary, but do not take the matter as some kind of punishment, rather take it as a divine guidance to help or save others, take it as seeds of future talks, and thus try to take the matter positively. This will lead you to the mind of tanno. And if you use your mind to make a bud sprout, there will come the days when you take your ups and downs as blessings of God the Parent. Our predecessors left us goodness of faith in this way.

Let me tell you a little about my own personal
experience. When I was close to 40 years old, I began to feel uneasiness inside my throat. I had difficulty breathing, regularly felt sick, and threw up frequently. I didn’t feel like going to work because I woke up feeling sick. Not only that, my condition weakened my will to socialize because I always worried that I would get sick while talking to guests. I began to suspect that I had throat cancer or a stomach ulcer at the very least. Taking my wife’s advice, I went to see a doctor at Iko-no-ie Hospital. But the doctor said that I had nothing wrong. I wondered whether my illness was a rare one so that the doctor couldn’t identify it. So two days later, I went to the Tenri Municipal Hospital. There I was told that there was nothing out of the ordinary. And half a year later, I went to the Iko-no-ie Hospital again. There, my symptoms were diagnosed as an autonomic ataxia. It is a condition where air gets caught in your stomach.

Normally our body naturally finds its way to release small amounts of air through burping or passing gas. In my case, that wouldn’t be enough, and I needed to exhale consciously about 30 to 40 times a day or sometimes I would burp abruptly.

Because I’ve never thought of myself as being the stressful type, learning about my illness was a really shock to me. Later on, I was able to face the reality of my condition and prayed to God for blessings to cure my illness. However as days passed by, I could not hope for a quick recovery. Adding to my stress, one day it came to a point where I couldn’t take it anymore. I felt like I was losing my emotional balance, and I immediately headed for the Main Sanctuary. I made an apology to God for my wrong usage of mind and behavior during the past years. Just when I got to the Foundress’ Sanctuary, Oyasama’s words suddenly came to my mind.

I felt as if Oyasama was gently speaking to me “There is no need to worry. Worrying will only lead to more worrying.”

Unexpectedly, I had come to an understanding that my illness was shown to me, so that one day I would be able to share my experience and help out those who yet awaits God’s guidance.

The following morning, when I was going to brush my teeth in the washroom, I felt sick and wanted to throw up. Then looking at myself in the mirror, I recalled the words of Oyasama and told myself, “If my body wants to throw up, let it. It’s O.K. to do it. But even if my body is sick, my mind doesn’t have to be sick, does it?” A person’s way of thinking is usually influenced by his/her health condition.

Changing my way of thinking helped lighten up my approach toward this illness, and now my mind doesn’t get affected by it. From that day on, I decided to stop worrying. And so, from that point, my mental condition had recovered perfectly even though I still need to exhale my gas many times a day.

Oyasama once commented about “True Salvation” (Anecdote No. 147) as follows.

People tend to wish nothing but to be completely cured. But what is most important is to gain virtue that will lead to true salvation.

She taught people that the prime importance of salvation lies within our mind, which is to become spirited and joyful, rather than to be completely freed from our troubles. And this will eventually lead to true salvation.

Although we can’t tell from the outside, I’m sure almost all people have some kind of problems. Therefore, it is quite common that even after followers begin to walk this faith, some of them wonder where they are heading and thus lose sight. And it might be more than once. Ministers were not, are not exceptional, either. However, it is also true that most of them grasp the real faith through this period, through the Way to the Final Goal.
Rev. Tomokazu Hirano, former director of Shuyoka, summarized this chapter with the following four points.

He said “On the Way to the Final Goal” is:

First, On the Way to the Final Goal in terms of our spiritual maturity

Second, On the Way to the Final Goal in terms of expressing our gratitude to God the Parent for blessings

Third, On the Way to the Final Goal in terms of changing our causality, and

Fourth, On the Way to the Final Goal in terms of our path to the Joyous Life

Please find the time to read the **Doctrine of Tenrikyo**, Chapter 8, one more time and deepen your understanding further.

Finally, I would like to conclude my speech by giving you an Ofudesaki verse.

**Step by step, all things will come into sight. Whatever your path may be, take delight in it all.**

**Ofudesaki IV:22**

Thank you very much for your kind attention.

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### October Grand Service

**October 19, 2008 (Sunday, 9:00 a.m.)**

*Sermon in Japanese by Bishop Michihito Hamada*

*English Translation by Mrs. Rumi Miyauchi*

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### Autumn Grand Service in Jiba

**October 26, 2008 (Sunday)**

There will be no formal pilgrimage group this year. With gas prices continuing to rise, it makes it very difficult to travel abroad, much less anywhere. However, it is important to stay connected to the Jiba and the Home of the Parent. Let us remember that October 26th is the day of origin of Tenrikyo. Since the day falls on a Sunday this year, we encourage you to come for the **Yohaishiki at Mission HQ starting at 9:00 a.m.** Hope to see you there!
God the Parent created human beings to see their Joyous Life and share in it. Thus the Joyous Life is the goal of our existence.

The Besseki Pledge

In Tenrikyo, we are taught that God the Parent is the true parent who created human beings in order to see and share in the joy of their lives. However, in the present time, the world has become chaotic and far from the goal of the joyous life set by God the Parent. Part of this chaos is caused by humanity’s greed which leads to wars, disasters, and disharmony is families.

In the “Instruction One,” it is stated that “the world is still plagued by war, and humanity’s insatiable greed is even endangering the natural environment.” The United States of America is still at war in places such as Iraq, where many soldiers are killed each day.

In this world, landslides, thunder, earthquakes, and great winds are all from the anger of Tsukihi. Ofudesaki VI: 91

God the Parent gives human beings guidance through such natural disasters and illnesses.

However, war is not a natural disaster. War is the cause of man’s greed and arrogance, both of which are part of the Eight Mental Dusts. Because of man’s accumulation of such dusts, he becomes astray from the path of Joyousness. Furthermore, human beings’ greed has “endangered[ed] the natural environment, the very sustainer of life, thus threatening humankind’s survival itself” (Instruction One).

Human beings waste natural resources, such as water, by completing tasks and chores that do not necessarily require the use of water. For instance, some rinse their driveways with water; others conserve water by sweeping their driveways instead. Those who live in well-to-do countries believe that “all is well if the present is well for oneself alone” (Instruction One), believing that if they are not affected by their own actions then no harm will be done. Unfortunately, those in other countries are less fortunate and can not afford to waste any amount of water. On Monday, November 3, 2003, CNN.com has reported a water shortage in Africa that may result in aid dependency of the country. “The shortages in Africa are part of a global trend in increasing water consumption” (CNN.com).

Because of the water shortage, the people of the community will not be able to produce enough crops to feed themselves; “the number of people in Africa without access to clean water will more than double to 401 million by 2025, rising to 523 million under a worst-case scenario” (CNN.com), and thus will need to depend on other countries for help. Humanity’s greed causes human beings to continue to waste water, selfishly thinking of only themselves and not of those who are in dire need of such resources.

In addition, one out of three couples in America end up in a divorce, which indicate the “weakening ties between husbands and wives” (Instruction One). Furthermore, it has become typical in America for teenagers and parents to constantly fight and become disconnected as opposed to seeing

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a close-knit family, thus indicating the weakening ties between parents and children.

Because of war, mental dusts, weakening ties, and man’s selfishness, human beings are straying farther and farther away from the path of which God has set the goal for a Joyous Life. We, human beings, have lost sight of God the Parent’s guidance presented in the form of illnesses and natural disasters and are beginning to believe that we control everything in this world. Our lives have become flooded with materialistic objects as money becomes a priority. As medical technology advances, we begin to forget that illnesses are the guidance of God the Parent and come to depend more and more on scientific knowledge.

As we continue to work and strive to provide for our families, we come home tired everyday and gradually tend to forget to do the Joyous service to free our minds of the dust that have accumulated during the day. Instead, we become irritable and angry, and the goal of the Joyous Life becomes further from our reach. Human beings are losing sight of what our goal in life is and need a push back into the right direction; therefore, “today, more than ever, the world needs a dependable guide” (Instruction One).

God the Parent revealed the divine will to humankind through Oyasama as Shrine. It is due to Oyasama that we learned of the will of God the Parent for the first time.

Oyasama is Miki Nakayama.

The Besseki Pledge

Oyasama has guided human beings toward the Joyous Life and continues to guide us because She is everliving. The teachings She left behind are what we, human beings, need to implement into our daily lives to become dependable guides as well. By implementing the teachings of Tenrikyo into our daily lives, we become exemplary models in our society; others around us will be able to see what Tenrikyo is about by looking at our actions and at our lives.

In order to become dependable guides, we must first study the teachings of Tenrikyo. By understanding the teachings of Tenrikyo, we will be able to use the teachings to make the right decisions and right actions. Furthermore, by doing hinokishin, we will be reverting the endangerment that we have caused the natural environment by picking up rubbish or by conserving and reusing materials and resources. In addition, hinokishin can strengthen ties between husbands and wives and parents and children for a person will feel happy if another were to do something before being asked.

In the Kakisage (Divine Directions), filial piety is very important for world salvation begins with harmony in the family. A person must be able to lead a Joyous Life with his or her family for family is the foundation. We must build a strong foundation before reaching out to others and guiding them toward the Joyous Life.

There are many problems in the world today. It seems as though people have forgotten the goal of the Joyous Life as obstacles obscure our vision of the future and we are in need of guidance back to the original path. Although people forget, we can each strive to become dependable guides and lead our families and others around us toward the Joyous Life as God the Parent had intended. By implementing the teachings within ourselves, we can become dependable guides by showing others what Tenrikyo and the Joyous Life is like through our actions.
Oyasato Seminar Course III Reflections

Tiffany Maegawa
Taiheiyo Church/Shuto Grand Church

This past summer, I returned to the Jiba to finish the Oyasato Seminar for Course III. I had so much fun reuniting with my second family, once more for the last time. We faced some hard times, like going nioigake (sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings) for hours and hours, in the hot sun with nothing but a bottle of warm ocha. Or experiencing Keidai (security watch), which required us to stay awake, while the rest of the Japan was asleep, in order to keep the main sanctuary safe. In my opinion, the tough times we experienced together, strengthened our bonds with one another. The experience I’ve been blessed to have, by attending the seminar, has let me create many unforgettable memories, and outstanding friendships.

My faith in Tenrikyo has definitely grown ever since attending the Oyasato Seminar. I am so grateful to have gone to the Jiba to learn more. Receiving the sazuke, has given me the push toward Tenrikyo I needed. After administering the sazuke on many people in Aichi, I felt so good inside, knowing I am now able to save others. At first, I was a little apprehensive about doing the sazuke on people, but after actually experiencing it, I’m glad I got to administer it for people I met during nioigake, because seeing them happy, made me feel happy.

The last few days in Tenri, has made me realize that I am probably never going to see everyone from my course all together again. It made me sad to think, we all had to part soon, and go our separate ways. Everyone there has touched my heart in some way, and I will never forget them, and the memories they have given me. I couldn’t have asked for a better group. I hope one day in the future, I will have the chance to see them all again! They have truly made a difference in my life, and I am so thankful to have met them. Special thanks to Cheryl and Yohsuke for being by my side throughout my journey. They were awesome counselors!
Over the past two years, Oyasato Seminar has been an unexpected life-changing experience for me. A year ago, I was just beginning OS as a course one student. Quiet and reserved, I remember being so apprehensive about going on this foreign journey I was about to take. Little did I know that by the end of OS experience, I was about to become a changed person. I learned to embrace Tenrikyo on my own terms and came to understand why my family is Tenrikyo.

A year later, I returned to the Jiba as a course three student, anxious to go back to Tenri, this time taking my younger brother Tim along with me. Tim was as excited as I was because he had listened to all of my stories and experiences from OS the previous year. He and I are pretty close and I was just as excited to share my new experiences with my brother. Before long, I was sitting in my first air conditioned besseki lecture hall with Kokoro, Elliot, and Tiffany, waiting for our first Besseki to begin. As I sat there,

I couldn’t stop wondering how course three was going to be. Seminar started off right away with the infamous Keidai (security watch). After meeting with the Keidai gakari (staff) and also becoming one as well, we had a taste of what Keidai life was really like. Living by their strict-structured schedule, doing Hinokishin at the pool and in the Shinden, listening to the different stories each Keidai had to offer, and also being in the presence of the Shinbashira, I came to understand that Keidai was more than just standing around the shinden (sanctuary). We are there to protect the Jiba and the Kanrodai and ultimately to sweep away the dusts of our minds by devoting our time to God the Parent.

Receiving the Sazuke (Divine Grant of Healing) was an unforgettable experience. To become a Yoboku had been a goal of mine for as long as I can remember. Administering my first Osazuke was a gratifying experience along with Nioigake in Aichi, and performing the Sazuke on people I had just met.

Through these events I feel like I grew more comfortable with talking about my own experiences with Tenrikyo and sharing them with my friends, family, and even strangers. Overall, I am truly grateful to have been in Oyasato Seminar; I deepened my faith, became closer to Oyasama, and strengthened my relationships with my parents and younger brother. If I could do it again, I wouldn’t change a thing.
Elliot Saito
Honolulu Church/Honjima Grand Church

Oyasato Seminar Course III was a bit slow going in the beginning because of all the Besseki lectures we had to attend. Being in the lectures was a great experience, especially with my OS family there with me at all times. After we had gotten our six lectures done, OS finally started off with opening ceremony and more lectures to come. I enjoyed doing the service at Jiba, TLI, Tenri, the people, staff, and everything that had occurred, because I had a very joyous time, filled with positive memories.

The two activities that were a big impact for me, and to all of us, was Keidai (security watch) duty and the Aichi experience. I absolutely loved Keidai because of how committed everyone was to doing it to help protect the Jiba and that everyone had a positive time there. I would love to volunteer again to donate my time to God the Parent. Doing nioigake (sprinkling the fragrance of the teachings) at Aichi was the greatest because I got to meet wonderful people, great missionaries, and not only that, I was able to administer the Sazuke (Divine Grant of Healing). But everyone has administered the Sazuke to those in need.

I can’t talk about all the activities we’ve done, but I can say that each and everyone had a great time in Japan, serving as God’s tool to help spread the Joyous Life. I can’t wait to see everyone else in the future because they’re family. One Love Everyone!!!
Bazaar Mahalo Luncheon

The Bazaar Mahalo Luncheon was held on September 21, Sunday, after the monthly service at Mission HQ. The Aloha Band played a special performance, along with the girls of the Pom Pom Troupe, in anticipation of participating in next year’s Children’s Pilgrimage to Jiba. Lots of delicious food was served and everyone had a great time. Once again, mahalo to everyone’s support and cooperation.

Tenrikyo Young Men’s Association
90th Anniversary
“Gathering for Tenri Young Men, Unity and Progress”

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
Carpooling is recommended

The deadline to sign up for the dinner reception has past, so please participate in the hinokishin!

Please contact Moses at 595-6523 for further questions.
**38th Annual Tenrikyo Bazaar Report**

Dear Friends,

Planning for this year’s bazaar started with three goals clearly stated in the first Bazaar booth head meeting:

1. To do nioigake in the community.
2. To have the congregation and affiliated organizations engage in hinokishin in unity.
3. To raise funds for Mission HQ activities and facility maintenance.

Due to the sincere efforts of everyone, we were able to accomplish our goals. You showed the world how to work with unity of mind!

**Financial Report**

Gross Receipts: 43,989.25
Expenses: 26,244.64
Net Proceeds: 17,744.61

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the bazaar patrons, all who volunteered, churches, mission stations, businesses, and individuals who sold scrips, donated time, supplies and equipment to make it a success!

Sincerely,

Owen O. Nakao
Bazaar Chairperson

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**Autumn Memorial Service**

The Autumn Memorial Service was held at Mission HQ on September 27, Saturday. The following head ministers and followers were honored and remembered:

- 5th anniversary Mr. James C. Rae Jr., follower of Muya Grand Church
- 5th anniversary Mr. Katsuhiro Yagi, follower of Naha Church
- 10th anniversary Rev. Hidekichi Nakamoto, first head of Waikiki Church
- 10th anniversary Rev. Nancy Harakawa, second head of North King Church
- 10th anniversary Rev. Miyoko Kimura, fourth head of Kakaako Church
- 20th anniversary Rev. Katsuno Meguro, first head of Makiki Church
- 50th anniversary Rev. Haruko Matsuki, head of North #3 Mission Station

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YOUNG WOMEN’S CLUB

YMA 90TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Please join the Young Men’s Association for hinokishin at Magic Island from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Oct. 18. Lunch will not be provided.

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS FOR THE MINI-BAZAAR

We need volunteers to help with our monthly mini-bazaar at the Mission HQ’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.

WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION

Now that the weather has been cooling down, how is everyone? Let us blow away the perspiration and the dust from our minds that have collected during the summer with the winds of autumn, and take in lots of positive energy into our minds and bodies. The Young Men’s Association 90th anniversary celebration will be held. Let us offer our assistance in any way we can for this event and soak in as much of the youthful, vibrant energy as possible.

NUUANU HALE VISITATION

October 11 (Sat) 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

MONTHLY MEETING

October 13 (2nd Mon)
Meeting 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Doctrine Study (Anecdotes) 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Lecture (Ten Providences) 11:15-11:45 a.m.

WOMEN’S MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS PRACTICE

October 14 (Tue) 9:00-10:30 a.m.

TCC HINOKISHIN

October 18 (Sat) 9:00-11:00 a.m.

WOMEN’S SUPPORT NETWORK

September 21 (Sun) after lunch following Mission HQ’s Monthly Service.

*September Mission HQ monthly service luncheon hinokishin is assigned to Shuto Group. Thank you!
TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

October is UNICEF month! Thank you very much for your generous donations last year in which $550 were received. This year, the orange UNICEF collection boxes have been distributed to all the church and mission station boxes at Mission HQ. If you haven’t received it please pick one (or several) from Mission HQ office and start your own fund drive! Please return boxes to MHQ office by November 10.

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. 53 people so far have expressed interest to participate next year! Please make plans early and call Mission HQ if you plan to go so that we can reserve your seat!

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 encouraging your members and friends to join the band and/or the pom pom section.

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

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.
I went to Nijiya today to check out this new Japanese market. It’s located in Pucks Alley and if you have been to Japan, it feels like a store in Japan! Great stuff they have there. They also have a magazine they publish called Gochiso. Well as I love Hijiki, I found a great salad recipe in it and decided to share it this month. Great flavor! Try it!

**Hijiki Salad**

**Ingredients**
- Hijiki 0.3 oz (dried)
- lettuce 1/4 head
- Imitation Crab Sticks 2
- Corn 0.8 oz.
- Sliced Cheese 2
- Mayonnaise 2 Tbsp
- Miso 1/2 Tbsp
- 1 part Soy sauce
- 1 part Sugar
- 2 parts Stock (Depends on the likes and dislikes of the person. A combo of shrimp, beef and pork has great flavor!)

**Directions**

1. Soak the hijiki in water until soft. Put soy sauce, sugar and stock into pan enough to cover hijiki and cook until it absorbs all the flavors. Drain the liquid and let cool.

2. Tear lettuce into appropriate sizes and break up the imitation crab sticks. Also cut the cheese into appropriate sizes.

3. Mix the mayonnaise and miso well, then add all the ingredients and mix.
October 2008

7th Tue  Monthly Hinokishin Day  Mission HQ  9:00 AM
11th Sat  Nuuanu Hale Visitation  Mission HQ  9:30 AM
13th Mon  WA Monthly Meeting  Mission HQ  9:00 AM
14th Tue  WA Narimono Pratice  Mission HQ  9:00 AM
15th Wed  YMA Monthly Meeting  Rainbow Hale  7:30 PM
16th Thu  BGA Monthly Meeting  Rainbow Hale  7:30 PM
18th Sat  WA TCC Hinokishin  TCC  9:00 AM
          YMA 90th Anniversary
          Hinokishin @ Magic Island  9:00 AM
          Dinner Reception @ Waikiki Beach Marriott  5:00 PM
19th Sun  Mission HQ October Grand Service  9:00 AM
          Women’s Support Network  Mission HQ
          Aloha Band Practice
          & Pom Pom Practice  Mission HQ  1:30 PM
20th Mon  Monthly Nioigake Day  Mission HQ  9:00 AM
26th Sun  Yohaishiki  Mission HQ  9:00 AM
31st Fri  BGA Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF  Mission HQ  7:00 PM

November 2008

4th Tue  Monthly Hinokishin Day  Mission HQ  9:00 AM

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

ORIGINS, October 2008
TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF!

Let us join in the effort to aid children affected by war, natural disasters, poverty, violence, and disease and participate in this worthy cause while Trick-or-Treating on Halloween. UNICEF orange collection boxes can be found at your local church or can be picked up at Dendocho. Even 25 cents can make a difference in these children’s lives. Any help is appreciated! Thank you for your support!