

In memory of Rev. Kiyoko Higuchi, our pioneer minister, who made her transition on July 7, 1989. Her love for this country and her tireless efforts to help establish the Johrei mission in America, continues to be an inspiration to all.

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~Kiyoko Higuchi

About Rev. Higuchi

Rev. Kiyoko Higuchi desired, more than anyone else, the creation of a paradise in the United States and gave of herself in service to its realization. For her, the creation of paradise in America meant only the expansion of Meishu-sama's work. She firmly believed that unless Meishu-sama's work spread to all corners of the nation, America could never experience true health, prosperity, and peace.

However, Rev. Higuchi also believed that the expansion of Meishu-sama's work would never really happen unless one important condition was met, and she knew only too well and was genuinely concerned that there would not be much success unless this condition was fulfilled. It was that we Johrei members in America attain a strong and viable faith and grow to be individuals of love who enjoy the trust and love of other members of society.

Now that she has left this physical world, I am absolutely sure she is prayerfully sharing with us once again this same condition that she wanted us to fulfill; therefore, I would like to quote a passage from her own message that she gave in 1962. She said: "We cannot help but feel strongly that the United States, as well as the entire world, has reached a very alarming stage. Since we have all been chosen to bring peace and balance to humanity at this juncture, it is paramount that we guide as many people as possible to Johrei. However, in order for us to do so, our faith must be doubled in strength. This is where character-building comes in. As

Meishu-sama said, it is not enough just to be faithful members of this spiritual path. It is vital that you grow to be an individual who carries a vibration of beauty and cheerfulness, one who impresses others and makes them think to themselves, there is something different about Johrei members. These people have integrity. Somehow they deserve love and care. They are truly kind."

In our daily living situations, whether it be in our place of employment, in our homes, or out in the street, would it not be wonderful if our presence made a difference, even on a small scale, in bringing joy and beauty to all those around us? I wholeheartedly believe that nothing comforts the spirit of Rev. Higuchi more than the daily and hourly practice of just this type of faith expressed through our daily living situations. If you agree with me, I would like to invite you all to pledge to Rev. Higuchi's spirit that you will start living exactly like she guided us in her 1962 message. If we do this, there is no doubt that Rev. Higuchi will acknowledge us all and give each one of us a big smile and say, "Now you are finally ready for expansion in America."

Rev. Tad Imuta.

In her own words...

My Experiences with Meishu-sama

Meishu-sama is working in the spiritual realm more actively than ever before at this time, helping all those who are sincere servers in the establishment of paradise on earth. He said, "Remember, when you are serving God's work, helping humanity, I am working with you."

What is most important for us to remember always is that in order to be more effective instruments of God, we should grow beyond the shojo (limited, selfish) attitude some of us may still have of praying only for our individual happiness.

Johrei in a Broader Sense

Service for Meishu-sama's movement is the greatest form of Johrei. Meishu-sama once stated that even a small service, such as serving tea at a center, represented a blessing. In its true sense, the concept of Johrei is that whatever service we give for God's plan purifies us spiritually and brings us into a happier state before we are even aware of it. Let us work together in beautiful harmony and cooperation for the cause of Johrei in its broadest sense so that we may be able to accomplish great things. Meishu-sama called his movement a spiritual fellowship of action. We are here, luckily guided to Johrei by God's providence at this unprecedented transitional period between the old age and the new age of Light. Let us

live in accordance with Meishu-sama's precepts of the laws of nature and do our humble part in the divine work of establishing paradise on earth.

The Power of Prayer

Let us live our faith in all of our daily activities. Most of the world today seems to be covered with darkness, and people are filled with despair. Only when the number of people who project love from the heart increases can the darkness be dispelled and the vibrations raised. It is our privilege and responsibility to create ever-higher vibrations of divine Light through sincere prayer and the giving of Johrei. Let the world of Light begin with each one of us.

The Secret of True Happiness

There is a great difference between abstract faith, acquired through study and mental effort, and faith acquired through actual experience. In times of difficulty the former may easily vacillate, but the latter will not waver whatever may happen. That is why it is so important to make every effort to manifest our faith in our daily lives, at home, at work, in business, or in talking with friends. We should reflect on our attitude every now and then and ask ourselves, "Am I on the right path? My mind filled with love for these people? Am I doing things in accordance with God's will? Is there some selfish motive lurking within me?"

Prayer and Action

The primary objective of Johrei is not so much the mere healing of physical illness as it is the awakening of the soul to the deeper meaning of life and the profound plan of God. Through faith, prayer, and action, we can be guided and raised to higher levels of consciousness whereupon we will experience true inner joy.

Constructive Living

We are all imperfect and make mistakes. The world is full of mistakes and contradictions and cannot be transformed overnight; however, we can help raise the spiritual vibrations around us step by step. As the new age dawns and the Light increases day by day, it will become easier for us to see the result.

Heart to Heart

Love dispels darkness. Love can dissolve any problems just as sunshine dissolves ice.

We believe Johrei is one of the greatest manifestations of the love of God working through humanity. God opened this wonderful way for us to channel divine Light with love. When the Light is channeled from the heart of one, it will reach the heart of the other. Love multiplies as it goes forth,

and the souls of both the sender and the receiver expand and grow.

Appreciation

When we learn to appreciate things, we will see how our lives begin to change. Higher, positive vibrations draw good things because the position of our yukon (the spiritual aspect of individuals which resides in the spiritual realm) is raised. We tune ourselves into a higher realm. Indeed, the world is a storehouse of God's goodness and beauty. It is up to us whether we bring it into manifestation. As we become more and more aware of our many blessings from God and express our appreciation for them, our consciousness is raised higher. This is the greatest blessing of all.

Love and Service

Meishu-sama opened for us the wonderful way of Johrei. Through Johrei and prayer for the welfare of others, we can truly live love and experience in increasing intensity the joy of giving ourselves in service. By doing this, we can dispel all our negative thoughts and can then radiate positive vibrations of love in all directions. When more and more of us live in this way, the world will change in proportion; it will become increasingly bright and happy, however dark it may seem to be now.

The new age is advancing, and the old order is rapidly giving way to the new. This is the age in which the spiritual will precede the physical so that a self-centered way of living will no longer be possible. Those who put the welfare of others before their own will be blessed more and more. This is the new order.

Love and Johrei

We, as a part of America and the world, must feel the responsibility for the clouds humanity has accumulated. It is definitely time for us to do something about them. With the sacred focal point, through which the Light of God can be channeled, we can take a truly vital part in the divine drama.

A God-Centered Way of Living

If we are determined to live in accordance with God's will and do our parts well in furthering the divine plan, God always opens a way for us, because God needs truly dedicated servers at this crucial point in time. By living with this attitude, we can always have perfect serenity of mind.