

**Greeting by Masaaki-sama**  
**Meeting with Members**  
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Thank you, Rev. Horacio. It is nice to meet all of you. Thank you for all the preparation.

I was very touched by what Rev. Horacio just said, and I am quite sure that Kyoshu-sama and Meishu-sama are both very happy to hear the determination that Rev. Horacio expressed. I have been trusting him and I am going to trust him from now on, too. And I hope all of you will trust him and walk forward together with him. That is my hope.

Meishu-sama was born in Japan in 1882 and he founded a religion in 1935 using the name of Kannon, or Avalokitesvara in English. Actually, from 1935 to 1947, before and during the war, he was not allowed to do much religious work, so he painted images of Kannon and distributed them to members.

After World War II, Japan was able to have freedom of faith. That was when he founded the religious organization called Nihon Kannon Kyodan, or in English, Japan Kannon Church. A year after, in 1948, he founded another church called Japan Miroku Church, or Japan Maitreya Church. But soon afterwards, in 1950, he merged these churches and stopped using the names Kannon and Miroku. He named his religious organization, World Church of Messiah, using the name Messiah.

He said that these two names, Kannon and Miroku or Avalokitesvara and Maitreya, merged and became Messiah. That is why he changed the name of the organization. And how he expressed it was at first, he thought there was the mask of Kannon. When he removed the mask of Kannon, the mask of Maitreya (Miroku) was there. When he removed the mask of Maitreya, the true face was there, and that true face was Messiah. This is how he explained the evolution of the divinity.

That was in 1950. Meishu-sama passed away five years after that in 1955. For the last five years of his life, he didn't change the name of the organization. He stuck to the name World Church of Messiah and moved forward his divine work.

In 1957, two years after Meishu-sama's ascension, those who were left decided to take away the name of Messiah from our religious organization. World Church of Messiah was changed to something like "World Salvation Church." Since then, our church has used this

name, not using the name Messiah.

I believe Kyoshu-sama, knowing this fact, felt the need to bring back what Meishu-sama did, because it was clear that the wish of Meishu-sama was to use the name of Messiah. And using the name of Messiah was part of the evolution of Meishu-sama. It was Kannon (Avalokitesvara) at first, but then it became Maitreya, and then it became Messiah. I think for Kyoshu-sama, that evolution of Meishu-sama is very important.

Of course, there are people who cannot straight away accept the name Messiah, but I think it is important for us to think of the evolution of Meishu-sama. The fact that Kyoshu-sama is now reminding us of the name Meishu-sama used, “Messiah,” means that the time has come when we really have to accept what Meishu-sama did.

After Meishu-sama passed away, I think people wanted to hide that name because the name was quite controversial, as Jesus Christ is supposed to be the Messiah. And if you said that Meishu-sama is the Messiah, then you would be in conflict with Christianity. I think it was better for that time, for the people who were left. It was important for them to take away the name and try to not be in conflict with other people. But for Meishu-sama, I think he was perhaps sad because it was the name he used for our church and after he died, it was changed.

Maybe Meishu-sama thought, “Why did you change it?” I think that the time was not ripe. Had we continued to use the name of Messiah, believing that Meishu-sama is the only Messiah, our church might have caught too much attention, maybe attacked by Christianity, or the like. We needed some time, and that’s why I think the name was changed by divine will. But then Kyoshu-sama came and is saying that it’s not only Meishu-sama who can become the true child of God, each one of us has to be that as well.

I think it is symbolic that Meishu-sama was born, as he says he is the Light from the East. He was born in Tokyo, which is the eastern part of the Far East, Japan. And he was born in the eastern part of Tokyo; he was born on the eastern edge of the world, which means that what Meishu-sama received is what all humanity received, because he received it at the edge. And if Meishu-sama received God’s message that you can be God’s child named Messiah, I think God wants to tell us through Meishu-sama that each one of us is destined to follow Meishu-sama and become what Meishu-sama achieved.

Of course, there are many ways to understand Meishu-sama’s teachings, and in Japan,

there are many churches that split off thinking that they know Meishu-sama's teachings better. This purification is the same thing, who understands Meishu-sama how.

What Kyoshu-sama is telling us is that we have to accept Meishu-sama one hundred percent. Until now we have been hiding this historical fact, the fact that Meishu-sama was born anew as the Messiah because it was inconvenient to say, because the word Messiah is very controversial. We have been hiding and we haven't been following Meishu-sama one hundred percent in that sense. We have been following eighty percent of Meishu-sama, ninety percent of Meishu-sama, but not really accepting his last achievement, which was to be born anew as a child of God.

So I think Kyoshu-sama received the will of Meishu-sama. Meishu-sama was telling Kyoshu-sama that "I want my followers to accept the whole of me, one hundred percent of me." Kyoshu-sama, accepting that message, is now asking that question to each one of us: "Do you want to follow Meishu-sama one hundred percent? Do you want to follow the totality of Meishu-sama? Not picking and choosing this part of Meishu-sama for your convenience, like, this sounds good to me so I only follow this part of Meishu-sama; this is convenient for me so I only follow this." I think what Kyoshu-sama is saying is that we can't do that. In that sense, what Kyoshu-sama has been preaching to us, and he has taught us many things, is a very simple message, "Do you want to become a child of God, like Meishu-sama did? Do you want to receive the name of Messiah and become a child of God?"

And the life of Meishu-sama also comes down to one point. It was after he achieved many things: he taught us Johrei, he taught us Nature Farming, Art. But then at last, what he did was become a child of God named Messiah. What Meishu-sama left and what Kyoshu-sama is now teaching us is the same thing.

With this new leaflet, if we really start to use the name of Messiah in the world, Kyoshu-sama thought that we can't escape from facing who Jesus Christ is, because Jesus Christ is supposed to be the Messiah in the world. Many people believe Jesus is the only Messiah. Until now, our church didn't have the answer to the question, "Meishu-sama is the Messiah, we get that, but who is Jesus Christ? If Meishu-sama is the only Messiah who is Jesus Christ?" Christian people who became our members also suffered because they believed Jesus was the Messiah, and in our church Meishu-sama was supposed to be the

Messiah. Nobody really had the answer to this question. But, if each one of us has the soul named Messiah, there is absolutely no need to fight against Christianity. We don't need to say, "Meishu-sama is the only Messiah, so we can't work with Christianity." We don't have to do that anymore.

As Rev. Horacio just read, I believe the name of Messiah will be able to unite not only Christianity, not only the people of our church, but to unite all humanity as one. That is why I think towards the end he says going beyond the boundaries of religion, race, and nationality is if we are united as one with the name of Messiah – that's the only possibility. So I believe that this is a huge message for not only us, but a huge message for the Christian people and also for all humanity. It is a huge message, this message in the new leaflet, and I am really proud to be serving Meishu-sama through this work.

Maybe many people will deny this message, or negate it, but I really believe that Meishu-sama has prepared some people who understand this, because one day this is going to happen. One day Paradise on Earth will actually be constructed through the name of Messiah. I believe in it.

I'm quite sure Rev. Horacio has the determination to carry forward this divine work of Meishu-sama, this true divine work of Meishu-sama, and I hope to walk this path together with Rev. Horacio and all of you from now on. This is what I said in Germany this September, and what I am going to tell all the people I meet. And if you could receive this message and believe in this message, I am really looking forward to moving forward with all of you. Thank you.