

TERMINOLOGY

This is a general list of the terminology used by *Ōyamanezunomikoto Shinji Kyōkai*. Please note that the definition of some of the terms will differ from the normally accepted definition found in dictionaries.

Aiju Onreisai

The ceremony held on December 1 to reflect on our life for the past year based on the *Shinji*; and through this self-reflection, to purify our *kokoro* so that we can continue our spiritual growth into the following year

Aiju Onrei Shinja Sanpaiji

The month of December, which is the time to self-reflect on your life for the past year and to continue the spiritual growth that you achieved this year into the following year

Airei no Gi

The ceremony where *shinja* reflect on the past year to see if they have lived their lives according to the guidelines given by *Kami* at the beginning of the year and to express their gratitude and spiritual growth they have achieved—what they have become aware of and how they have improved their way of life—to *Kami*; this ceremony is held daily during the period known as *Kōju Shinja Sanpaiji* that starts from September 23 and ends on November 15. *Shinja* are asked to submit the *Onrei Gokigansho* form (the *kigan* of gratitude to *Shinkon*) prior to attending this ceremony.

Anmyōden

The dais known as the seat of the *hotoke* or ancestors where *shinja* can pay their respects to their deceased family members; located in the *Shinjitsu-no-Michi Kaikan*

Anmyō no Ma

The dais or the seat of the *hotoke* or ancestors of *shinja* at the *Hikari no Sato* and the *Hikari no Yakata* where *shinja* can pay their respects to their deceased family members

Chokushi

The Direct Messenger, who was the spirit and incarnation of *Ōyamanezunomikoto* and the highest of all the *Shisha*; the role and position that *Kami* gave only to *Tomomaru-hime Sensei*

Chokushi no Ikō

The light that shines forth from the *Shinkon* of *Ōyamanezunomikoto*; the power of *Kami* that is the source of life; the *unmei* of *Shinkon* to save people at will

Daishin

Tomomarusainomikoto, the *Kami* in the inner circle of *Ōyamanezunomikoto*, the guardian of the church

Daishin Tanjō Kinensai

Ceremony held on October 29 to commemorate the birth of *Daishin*, or the return of *Tomomarusai Sensei* to the world of *Kami* as *Daishin* after he completed his mission as *Shisha* on October 29, 1988

Goshintai

A talisman where the spirit of *Ōyamanezunomikoto* has been sealed for *shinja* to *kigan*

Gyokunōhōju

The funeral and vow made by surviving family members when the soul departs; this ceremony is based on the principle about sending off the soul at the time of death when *Shinkon* guides the departed soul to the spiritual world prior to the funerary ceremony. *Kami's Shisha* will conduct the rite of sending off the departing soul known as *Mitama Okuri*, and deliver the vow by surviving family members that they will follow in the spiritual footsteps of the deceased and the hope that the deceased family member will be reborn into a life of happiness.

Hikari no Sato

The name of a major facility of *Shinsōhonbu* that consists of the interment and training facilities where humanity's *kokoro* and souls are saved

Hikari no Yakata

The branches of *Shinsōhonbu*; the regional centers of salvation that house the spirit of *Shinkon*

Hotoke no Michi

The path of our ancestors that teaches the *kokoro* of respect and gratitude that we should have towards our parents, ancestors, and those who support us; to discuss all matters with parents and those in senior positions and to act accordingly. The behavior and actions taken should not be a cause for worry, but joy and peace of mind.

Hito no Michi

The path of human beings that teaches the correct *kokoro* and behavior that is needed to live in society; to have

gratitude to those who support us, to abide by the general rules of common sense in society, and to maintain harmony with others

Jittai

The positive and negative physical and emotional traits such as disposition and personality that are inherited from parents and ancestors, which are also passed down to descendants; the movement of the *kokoro* according to these inherited traits

Kaiun

Achievement of happiness and prosperity when we live by *Kami's* teachings that draw out the good *unmei* that *Kami* has given each person; where the negative traits inherited from parents and ancestors are suppressed

Kami

Refers to *Ōyamanezunomikoto*

Kami, Hotoke, Hito no Michi

The most fundamental principles underlying the teachings of *Kami*, consisting of *Kami no Michi*, *Hotoke no Michi*, and *Hito no Michi*

Kami no Michi

The path of *Kami*, the correct *kokoro* and behavior you must have towards *Kami*; to live with respect and gratitude, to live your life together with *Shinkon*; to base all behavior and actions taken on the teachings of *Kami*

Kibō no Michi

The ray of light/path of hope revealed to us by *Ōyamanezunomikoto* through *Chokushi*; a principle of salvation, as well as divine power to save and grant happiness and prosperity to human beings who live according to the inevitability of their *unmei-jittai*

Kibō no Michi Gokigansho

A form, used to write down your thoughts and feelings when faced with serious problems and worry despite your daily *kigan* and *Kami's* teachings, which is submitted to *Kami*; *shinja* are encouraged to continue their daily *kigan* based on *Kami's* teachings and to strive and revitalize their *kokoro*.

Kigan

To speak your mind honestly to *Kami* about your troubles as well as your hopes and aspirations; to ask for a *kokoro* to abide by the teachings

Kigansai

The ceremony held on January 1 where *shinja* learn about the issues that will be faced in the coming year and to live a happy life based on the principles together with *kigan*

Kijirushi

The symbol of *Shinji Kyōkai* that symbolizes the *unmei* of *Chokushi* to save humanity; the symbol that indicates an *unmei* of salvation according to divine physiognomy; the church pin of *Shinji Kyōkai*; the symbol that appears through divine physiognomy on the forehead of those who have been recognized as *shinja* by *Kami* and promised true happiness and prosperity

Kōeisai

The ceremony held on May 1 where you reflect on how you have lived your life in the first half of the year and to renew your commitment to live according to the principles in the second half of the year

Kōei Shinja Sanpaiji

Refers to the month of May; the time to reflect on how you have lived your life in the first half of the year and to renew your commitment to live according to the principles in the second half of the year

Kokoro

The heart, the mindset, the thoughts and emotions that constantly move between the soul (*unmei*) and the physical body (*jittai*); if the *kokoro* is influenced by our temperament and other physical predispositions of our *jittai*, it becomes unbalanced; if it becomes one with our *unmei*, the *kokoro* becomes balanced and anchored

Kokoro no Michi (the path)

The principle about the path of the *kokoro* that all human beings traverse their entire life; it is the principle of *Kami, Hotoke, Hito no Michi* that *Ōyamanezunomikoto* revealed to the world through *Shisha*; your eternal soul and your life path continue on through your descendants

Kōju Shinja Sanpaiji

The period from September 23 to November 15; the time to thank *Kami* and our ancestors for the happiness and positive results that have been achieved by living by the teachings; the time when the above-mentioned gratitude is expressed in writing using the form, *Onrei Gokigansho*, which is delivered to *Shinkon* in a ceremony known as *Airei no Gi*; the time to express our

gratitude to our ancestors, when *shinja* and family members are also encouraged to visit *Shinsōhonbu* and *Hikari no Yakata* to show our ancestors how happily we are living as a family.

Kōmyōden

The seat of *Kami* that is located in the great and main hall of worship known as *Shinjitsu-no-Michi Kaikan* located at *Shinsōhonbu*

Kōmyō no Ma

Main place of worship at the *Hikari no Sato* and the *Hikari no Yakata*

Kyōkai Iwaibi

Monthly celebration days that are the 15th day known as *Seibi Iwaibi*, the 23rd day known as *Shinkon Tanjō Iwaibi*, and the 29th day known as *Daishin Tanjō Iwaibi*; these are the days when we are encouraged to visit *Shinsōhonbu* or the nearest *Hikari no Yakata* to express our respects and gratitude to *Kami*, *Chokushi*, and *Daishin*.

Kyōshu

The head teacher of *Shinji Kyōkai* who supports *Shinkon* and teaches us the teachings revealed by *Kami*; the present *Kyōshu* is *Tomomarukō Sensei*.

Mitama Okuri

One of the powers of *Kami* given to *Shisha* by *Kami* to send off the souls of those who have departed with the promise of rebirth

Murasaki no Kai

The celebration hosted by *Kami* to celebrate *Tomomaru-hime Sensei*'s designation as *Chokushi* on September 17, 1987.

Myōsei

The principle of rebirth; all living creatures are repeatedly born, live, and die in the hands of *Kami*; the human soul who lives their life together with *Kibō no Michi*, the source of *Kami*'s power, and whose life comes to an end in peace is guided by *Shinkon* and is reborn once again as a human being.

Nezutendōji Shinkonki

The generic name of the souls of the deceased that are protected in the hands of *Kami*, waiting to be reborn; the *shinshi* of the *Anmyōden*, the *Anmyō no Ma*, *Shingyoku no Sato*, *Shingyoku no Sono*; generally, *shinshi* is the name given to the deceased by *Kami*.

Onrei Gokigansho

The form written by *shinja* that is submitted to *Kami* during *Kōju Shinja Sanpaiji* that starts from September 23 and ends on November 15; *shinja* are asked to reflect on the past year to see if they lived their lives according to the teachings given by *Kami* at the beginning of the year and to express their gratitude and spiritual growth they have achieved.

Ōyamanezunomikoto

The *Kami* who is the highest of all the deities and unites them; the *Kami* who gave each human being their unique *unmei*, who established *Shinji Kyōkai* through *Kami*'s Messengers, *Tomomarusai* and *Tomomaru-hime*; and who continues to give humanity the *Shinji* through the *Shisha*

Ōyamanezunomikoto Shinji Kyōkai

The name of this church established by *Ōyamanezunomikoto* on September 23, 1953 through the Messenger, *Tomomarusai*

Ōyamanezunomikoto Koshōdōshi Chokushi no Mitama

The formal name of *Shinkon* who is both *Ōyamanezunomikoto* and *Chokushi*—two sides of the same coin; this name is recited at the beginning and end of your *kigan*.

Seibi

November 15, 1987; the day when it was revealed that the spirit of *Ōyamanezunomikoto* had been placed in *Tomomaru-hime Sensei* and her real *unmei* was disclosed.

Seibi Kinensai

The ceremony held on November 15 to commemorate *Seibi* (November 15, 1987) when *Chokushi*'s *unmei* was revealed and the path to true salvation was opened; where *shinja* express their gratitude, reaffirm their commitment to attain happiness and prosperity

Seishisha

The formal title of the designated Messenger of *Ōyamanezunomikoto*; the abbreviated title is *Shisha*; the current *Shisha* is *Tomomarukō Sensei*.

Shingyoku no Sato

The name of the interment facility at *Hikari no Sato*

Shingyoku no Sono

The name of the interment facility at *Hikari no Yakata*

Shinhōshi

The secretary general who supports *Shinkon*; the current *Shinhōshi* is *Tomomarusushō Sensei*.

Shinja

The person who believes in *Ōyamanezunomikoto* and lives a way of life that is one with their *unmei* based on the teachings; officially registered member of *Ōyamanezunomikoto Shinji Kyōkai*

Shinji

The principles and teachings that are the word of *Ōyamanezunomikoto* and given to us through *Shisha*

Shinjitsu no Michi

The principle that human beings, unable to escape the inevitability of their *unmei-jittai*, will experience happiness through *Kibō no Michi*, live a life without regrets, and will be reborn repeatedly into a life of happiness; the principle of true happiness and prosperity of human beings

Shinjitsu-no-Michi Kaikan

The name of the great hall of worship at *Shinji Kyōkai*, located at *Shinsōhonbu*

Shinkon

The spirit of *Ōyamanezunomikoto*, the supreme *Kami* placed in *Tomomaruhime Sensei*, the Direct Messenger; the power of *Ōyamanezunomikoto* which saves humanity's *kokoro*

Shinkon Tanjō Kinensai

The ceremony held on September 23 to commemorate the birth of *Shinkon* or the return of *Chokushi* to the world of *Kami* as *Shinkon*; the day when we express our gratitude, reaffirm our commitment to live by the teachings, give back to society and attain *kaiun*

Shinkikonshō

The power of *Kami* to purify and save the human *kokoro*

Shinnen Shinja Sanpaiji

The month of January; the month that marks the start of the new year; a time when we ask *Kami* for a safe and happy year and confirm *Kami's* guiding principles for the coming year

Shinshu

Administrator in charge of the organization and management of the church who supports *Shinkon*

Shinsōhonbu

The hallowed grounds where *Ōyamanezunomikoto* resides; located in Miyamoto-chō, Minami-ku, Yokohama City, Kanagawa, Japan

Shisha

The Messenger, designated by *Kami* and entrusted with the mission to save humanity.

Tomomaruhime

The name of the Direct Messenger designated by *Ōyamanezunomikoto* on July 1, 1975 who returned to the world of *Kami* on September 2002.

Tomomarusai

The name given by *Ōyamanezunomikoto* on September 23, 1948; the founder of the church who completed his divine mission as *Shisha* and returned to the world of *Kami* on October 29, 1988.

Tomomaru-kō

The name given to the current *Shisha* by *Ōyamanezunomikoto* on September 23, 1988 following his designation as Assistant Messenger on November 15, 1987; currently the *Seishisha* who was appointed by *Kami* on September 23, 2002.

Tomomarusushō

The name given to *Shinhōshi* who serves *Shinkon*; given the title by *Ōyamanezunomikoto* on November 15, 1998

Unmei

The unique strengths given to all things, including each human being by *Ōyamanezunomikoto*; the *unmei* of human beings is given at the time of birth by *Ōyamanezunomikoto*; it allows each person to be useful in society, to help others, and to live a life of hope, meaning, and purpose.

Unmei-jittai

The combination of the *unmei* (the unique strengths to contribute to the world that *Kami* has given to all things in nature), and the *jittai* (the inherent characteristics that each and every thing possesses). The world revolves as each *unmei-jittai* comes together.

In the case of human beings, every human being has been given an *unmei* at the time of birth to be of use to society and simultaneously inherit their *jittai* from their parents and ancestors; the *jittai* is a person's disposition, personality, physical makeup which are seen in all aspects of our lives; our *unmei* and *jittai* creates the movement of our *kokoro*; your *unmei-jittai* controls your life.