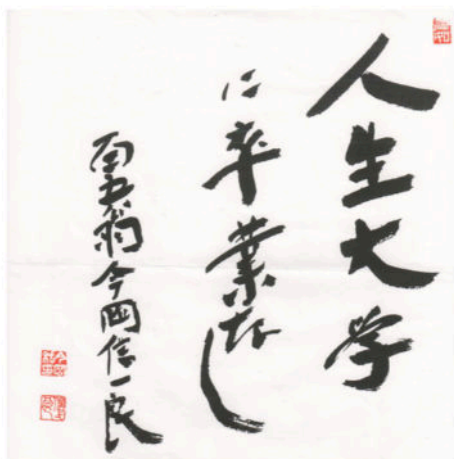


KIITSU KYŌKAI

(歸一教會)



"In the university of human life there is no graduation."

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‘Returning-to-One Gathering’ *Kiitsu Kyōkai* [帰一教會]

‘Kiitsu’ [帰一] means ‘returning to one’. In this context ‘kyōkai’ [教會] is best rendered not as ‘church’ or ‘congregation’ but as ‘gathering’: a community devoted to communal learning, moral–ethical cultivation, and the mutual exchange of ideas about a universal, dynamic, creative and liberative free-religion [自由宗教 ‘jiyū shūkyō’], rather than the transmission of fixed doctrines. Hence ‘Kiitsu Kyōkai’ is best translated simply as ‘Returning-to-One Gathering’.

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A short period of Seiza (Quiet Sitting)

Lighting of a candle

(said by the convenor of the gathering)

Mindful of truth ever exceeding our knowledge, and community ever exceeding our practice, reverently we meet together, beginning with ourselves as we are, to share the strength of integrity and the heritage of the spirit, in the unending quest for wisdom and love.

Our Principles of Living [Provisional]

(said by the convenor and all those who also wish to say them)

I have faith in (my) Self.

I have faith in Others.

I have faith in Cooperative Community.

I have faith in the trinity of Self, Others, and Cooperative
Community.

I have faith in the returning-to-one of life and nature—the Cosmic
Cooperative Community.

I have faith in the *Kyōkai*.

I have faith in *jiyū shūkyō*.

A short reading and/or talk by a member of the gathering

Music (optional)

**A time of free-flowing, open-minded
and open-hearted conversation**

**A moment of silence ended with
the following closing words**

(said by the convenor and all those who also wish to say them)

We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are and, renewed by their grace, begin to walk a path that is safer than the known way.

May we all be persistent in a universal, dynamic, creative, inquiring, liberative and free faith, and go forward for the purpose of realising the Kingdom of God, or Pure Land of Buddha, that is nothing but the Ideal Cooperative Community.

Amen.

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Our Principles of Living [Provisional] (with annotations)

I. I have faith in (my) Self

By awakening to the Agency, Creativity, and Sociality of the Self, I experience life as deeply worth living. Agency, Creativity, and Sociality may also be described as Humanity, Divinity, and Buddha-nature.

II. I have faith in Others

Others are neighbours who possess the Self as others. By having faith in the Self, I inevitably have faith in Others.

III. I have faith in Cooperative Community

Though Self and Others each possess unique individuality, they never exist in solitary isolation; rather, they inevitably give rise to mutual interdependence, solidarity, and Cooperative Community.

IV. I have faith in the trinity of Self, Others, and Cooperative Community

Self, Others, and Cooperative Community, while each retaining unique individuality, return-to-one/kiitsu. Therefore, there is no difference in priority or superiority among them; each always presupposes the other two.

V. I have faith in the returning-to-one of life and nature—the Cosmic Cooperative Community

The trinity of Self, Others, and Cooperative Community further returns-to-one (kiitsu) with all beings throughout Heaven and Earth, forming a Cosmic Cooperative Community.

VI. I have faith in the Kyōkai/Church

The Kyōkai/Church is a microcosm of the Cosmic Cooperative Community. Only by belonging to the Kyōkai/Church do I truly become myself.

VI. I have faith in jiyū shūkyō/free-religion

While placing trust in the Kyōkai/Church, the endless pursuit and improvement towards universal and ultimate truth is the core of religious life. Such a dynamic religion is called jiyū shūkyō/free-religion.

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