



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

April 2017

- 1 Sat -**Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama**
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage till 11 am
- 8 Sat -Church clean up for Grand Ceremony (8 am)
- 9 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *after service go to HNL Church
-Honolulu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Thr -**Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)**
天地金乃神様御大祭 *Naorai dinner follows
*Sermon by Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi (KC of Honolulu)
- 16 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *after service go to Waipahu
-Waipahu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 17 Mon-HCRP meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 21 Fri -Volunteer Act. @Wahiawa Gen Hosp. LTCF (10:45 am)
- 22 Sat -Mrs. Fusami Kudo's Presentation at Honolulu Church
(1:30 pm to 4:30 pm) By KMH *Light refreshments.
- 23 Sun -Mrs. Fusami Kudo's Presentation day 2—Q&A session
at Honolulu Church By KMH (9:30 -11:30 am)
-No Sunday Service (Let's go to Mrs. Kudo's presentation)
- 28 Fri -Church clean-up (2 pm)
- 29 Sat -Ehimemaru citrus tree maintenance (9 am)
-Chorus practice @HNL (2-4 pm)
- 30 Sun -**Monthly Memorial Service (9 am) 月例霊祭**
*Share Okage till 11 am

May 2017

- 1 Mon -**Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama**
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 7 Sun -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)

Sunday School Oath

I will advance my faith through understanding the Founder's teachings and will strive to become a more useful person to society.

Sincerity is the essence of my faith, and its basic principles are courtesy, kindness, and devotion in everything I do.



天地金乃神様 御大祭

Spring Grand Ceremony

For Tenchi Kane No Kami Sama

- When:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Place:** Konko Mission of Wahiawa
- Who:** All is welcome to attend.
- Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi (KC Honolulu)
- Memo:** Naorai fellowship dinner will follow
*Naorai dinner prep starts at 9 am. Please come to help ☺

The Spring Grand Ceremony is one of the two large services held on a bi-annual basis. We seek to acknowledge and revere the Divine Parent, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama—which is the ultimate energy source that sustains all life forms between Heaven and Earth. This includes the blessings of air, water, food, minerals and metals, bodily functions and life itself. Let's reserve this day for Kami-Sama. It's a very important day.

Konko Daijin's teachings... Speak ill of no religion. Everyone is a child of Tenchi Kane No Kami. Having different religions is the same as having children in different occupations. A parent may have a carpenter, a plasterer, a gambler and a merchant as his children. People may belong to different religions, but they are all children of Kami. We all have our personal preferences. Some like *soba* noodles, while others prefer *udon* noodles or something else. Because people like different things, do not criticize people's preferences. (GII Sato Mitsujiro 14-1,2)

Editor's thoughts: All religions seem to have their own way of spreading the faith. Some people go door to door, some have a portable speaker and preach to the general crowd. In Konkokyo we wait for people to come, or it is spread by word of mouth. And in Hawaii, we have been broadcasting the movie of our Founder every year on prime time KIKU TV annually. It's great that there is a wide plethora of religions and spiritual paths out there that can surely meet the spiritual needs of each individual. That's a wonderful thing!

Konko Mission of Wahiawa 7th Summer Ohana Camp



(Sat-Sun) June 17-18, 2017 @ Camp HR Erdman

Our theme will be ABC's of Konkokyo Part 7: Appreciation, Apology and Praying. \$20.00 for ages 19+, \$10 for 5-18, Free for 4 and under. Fee includes, all meals, snacks, activity fees, lodging. No refunds after 5/29.

Deadline: Sunday 5/21/17. Save the date!!

We hope you can join us ☺. Contact Edna for details: ednakazuko@hotmail.com or call (808) 223-3448. Forms are available. First 16 participants staying over will be accepted. Zippy's fundraiser tickets will be sold!

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2017

- 4/ -Zippy's Fund-raising for Summer Ohana Camp
 4/9 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
 4/13 Thr -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.
 4/16 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
 4/21 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 4/22 Sat -Ms. Fusami Kudo's presentation at HNL Church (day 1)
 4/23 Sun -Ms. Fusami Kudo's presentation at HNL Church (day 2)
 5/7 Sun -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
 5/12 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 5/14 Sun -Hilo Church Spring Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
 5/20 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
 5/29 Mon -Memorial Day Punchbowl/Mililani Memorial Park Visit
 6/7 Wed -KMH Missionary Women's Society Meeting, at Waipahu Church.
 6/9 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 6/17 Sat -7th Ohana Camp till 6/18 Sun
 7/14 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 7/16 Sun -KMH Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Hospital, 9:30 am
 7/23 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service/Back-to-School Service 9 am
 8/6 Sun -WGH annual volunteer activity at 10:00 am
 8/12 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
 8/18 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 8/20 Sun -44th Memorial Svc. for the Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama
 9/15 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 9/17 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.
 9/24 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.
 10/8 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
 10/13 Fri -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.
 10/15 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
 10/20 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 10/22 Sun -24th Annual HCRP Peace Prayer, Gedatsu Church, 4 pm
 10/29 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
 11/5 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
 11/17 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 11/25 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
 11/26 Sun -20th Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 11am
 12/8 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
 12/24 Sun -45th Year Memorial Service for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10:00 a.m.
 12/30 Sat -26th Annual Mochi Pounding

Happy Birthday

To all the people born in
 The month of April
 Please continue to receive
 Infinite divine blessings from

Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama &
 Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama



Alyce Yamamoto
 Kumiko Kaminaka

Andrea Toyofuku
 Donna Toyofuku

Jaeden Rego



Our annual Summer Ohana Camp Fundraiser Garage Sale was held on Saturday, March 18, 2017. The weather was fantastic and many customers came by. Thank you to all the church members who came to help set up shop. Also thank you to all the people who donated many goods for this garage sale. It was a great success!

Saturday, April 22, 2017

1:30-4:30 pm

At Konko Mission of Honolulu
 Speech in Japanese with
 English interpretation
 Q&A Session to follow
 Refreshments



Power of Gratitude

-How I survived terminal cancer-

A message of hope and healing with Mrs. Fusami Kudō,
 author of MIRACLE OF SWITCHING ON DNA

Sunday, April 23, 2017

9:30 am Interview

11:30 am Refreshments

At Konko Mission of Honolulu

Given a prognosis of only a month to live with terminal cancer, Mrs. Fusami Kudō describes her whirlwind experience beginning with the utter shock of the news and the transformation of her heart from pure hopelessness to gratitude.

Gratitude that wells from deep within can likely be the key to unlocking the dormant genes in our DNA. 95% of our genes remain inactive on a regular basis. Could activating even 1% of the inactive genes cause a miracle to happen?

A human being is a wondrous blessing and a miracle within a miracle.

Meet and hear this mother's inspiring true story of self reflection and divine healing. She thrives today, free of cancer and liberated from fear—through the power of gratitude.

"For every single strand of hair that fell out, I expressed my thankfulness—to all 100,000 strands of hair, I said, 'Thank you for having been my hair'"

Open to the public
 Free Admission!

All donations will go
 to the UH Cancer Center.

Event sponsored by the
 Konko Missions in Hawaii

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Happy April!! I hope this newsletter finds you in great health and happiness. Many things happened in March. My mom went to Japan for a week to see her aging mother who lived alone in Oita, Japan. She has turned 88 this year. Last year when I visited grandma's house with my husband, grandma was barely able to take care of herself. She lived in the middle of the woods in a single standing house, where her nearest neighbor was a half football field away. There are no street lights leading to her house. In the day time, we could enjoy the beauty of the nature that surrounds her house, but when night falls, the darkness and isolation eats away at your sanity. I couldn't quite figure out how she was not in a care-home when I saw her last year. Although my uncle tried to admit her into a care-home, she fell short of the requirements to be eligible. She was considered "Too able" to be admitted, even if she had dementia and lived alone. And the grace period to be admitted was at least 2 years, because care-homes are full everywhere.

However, this winter was too harsh for grandma. Her dementia worsened and her living conditions drastically declined. The house was trashed, grandma wasn't eating well, and it was starting to seriously take a toll on her health. Realizing what was going on, we strongly urged mom to go to Japan to take care of her and see how the situation actually was. In reality, 25% of the population in Japan is people who are 65 and older.

We were able to get mom to Japan on a discount flight. It was an okage. As we came to find out, the amount of okage (divine blessings) my mom and grandma received were phenomenal.

Mom arrived at Fukuoka airport and her younger brother was able to pick her up and drive her to grandmas' house. This was a huge blessing, because mom would have arrived at her mom's house past 1:00 am if she had to go there by train and taxi, from Fukuoka airport.

When mom arrived at her mom's house, grandma was ecstatic! Grandma was very thin and ill looking when mom first saw her. Many pots and pans were scorched black on the stove, and there were several

other fire hazards that my mom noticed when she arrived. She was in absolute shock at her living conditions. Every year, approximately 4,000 fires are reported in Japan just in the month of March. Many of the fires are reported start in homes with elderly people living on their own.

While my mom stayed at her moms' house, she cooked and cleaned the house. Grandma was so grateful and ate every morsel of food that was prepared. Mom bathed her mom and took very good care of her to the best of her ability.

Before my mom arrived to Japan, my uncle was aware that two rooms were available at the nearby care-home. But he was very doubtful that grandma would get in. My uncle and Mom were able to take grandma to the doctor's office once again to have her assessed. They described the living conditions and

several hazards that were found in the house. Grandma was clearly eligible to be admitted to a care-home. On regular terms, it would have taken at least a month or so, because of all the paper work and verification by social workers. However, when my mom mentioned that she was visiting from Hawaii, the doctor immediately made accommodations to accelerate the process of the paper work. The doctor made a direct phone call to the city county office to order a room for grandma. Amazingly, grandma was able to get into one of the empty rooms.

Two doctors had reviewed grandmas' living condition. The second doctor verified to the homecare nurses before their visit that she met criteria to be in a care-home. The two homecare nurses came by grandmas' house and assessed her living conditions. And without a doubt, they discovered many hazards and reconfirmed that it was absolutely necessary for grandma to be transferred to a care-home.

The two homecare nurses went to the care-home to talk to the manager of the facility about this emergent situation. Then my mom and uncle went to the care-home and were able to make arrangements immediately after. Then my uncle and mom went shopping for new necessities and a new futon for grandma and took it to the care-home on



Picture of grandma when I visited her last year.

that day.

The very next day, my mom was able to take grandma to the care-home by taxi, since uncle had to leave to Fukuoka for work. My mom got all her important belongings, change of clothes, and several pictures and our wedding album that grandma always keeps close to her heart.

Because of grandmas' progressing dementia, she was unable to recall current events even if they just happened a minute ago. However, her long-term memory was still quite sharp.

The nursing home that grandma got into was only 7 minutes away from her house by car. It is brand new facility with the latest care-home equipment and 24 hours nursing care. Every resident has their own private room. It was a true blessing that she was able to get in.

My uncle was astounded at how fast she was able to get the room. He had been trying to put her in a care-home on several occasions, but never met the criteria.

Whew! Now that grandma was successfully admitted, mom went back to the residence and stayed over for one more day before heading home to Hawaii. Now that she was alone in the house, my mom never felt more terrified and lonely. The darkness of the night felt like it was suffocating the house in the middle of the woods. And she mentioned that it was so quiet, that even the smallest sounds echoed throughout the house, and she became even more scared. She was so scared; she had to leave on the lights in the Kami and Mitama altar and leave on the TV and some other lights. Leaving on the altar lights made her feel very safe and protected. Unable to sleep, she cleaned more of the house to pass the time. That night, she only slept for an hour. Mom mentioned it was hard to believe grandma was living by herself for so long, and was ever so grateful to the doctor for the express process of care-home admission for grandma.

My moms' brother was ever so grateful and overwhelmed by this divine arrangement and divine blessing. My mom was convinced that her father's Mitama spirit and Kami-Sama was watching out for both grandma and my mom.

The next day, mom flew from Fukuoka airport to Haneda airport. And then from there, she took the bus to Narita airport. The transfer time was extremely tight. So tight, that mom arrived at the gate to board the plane to Hawaii just 15 minutes before boarding began! When my mom arrived at the gate, all the

passengers were already at the gate! Kami-Sama saved her in the nick of time. I am very grateful that my mom was able to come back home safely to share all the okage she received.

A couple days later, mom called grandma to see how she is adapting to the new living arrangements. Because grandma has dementia, she believes she is staying at a fancy Ryokan Inn, instead of a care-home and is totally enjoying talking to the other residents and eating the delicious meals served there. She said she is extremely well taken care of. And grandma was her lively self again. We are so happy for her.

My mom emphasized how important it is for caregivers to be mindful of being kind, compassionate and respectful of people with dementia. And treat them with dignity, just as if they did not have this condition. All are important human beings and precious children of Kami-Sama.

In changing the subject, the Konko Missions in Hawaii is sponsoring a free event that is open to the public. Mrs. Fusami Kudo from Kumamoto, Japan who will speak about her miraculous recovery from terminal cancer. She was only given one month to live. Through many hardships she was able to change her mindset from a negative one to a positive one. Please see second page for more details. I highly HIGHLY recommend you to attend this event. Please tell your family and friends. You will surely be glad that you came.

On Thursday 4/13 @6:30 pm, our church will conduct the **Spring Grand Ceremony**. By all means, please come to this very important ceremony, in honor and appreciation of our Divine Parent, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama. The sermon will be delivered by a special guest **Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi** (Associate Minister of the Konko Mission of Honolulu). Naorai dinner will follow.

Also, the 7th Summer Ohana Camp registration form is also out! We hope you can join that, too!! It will be June 17-18 (Sat and Sun) at Camp HR Erdman. Theme will be: Orei, Owabi, Onegai AKA: "Appreciation, Apology and Prayers." Zippy's fundraiser tickets to become available in April. Please ask me for more info.

Wishing you a great month!!

Aloha, Edna

