



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### August 2023

- 1 Tue -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Wed -KMH ZOOM Kyoten Study Group Session (5 pm)
- 4 Fri -Volunteer Activity at St. Francis (10:30 am)
- 5 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees mtg @HNL (10:30 am-3 pm)
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)  
-KMH Rotary Hanashikai on Zoom Host: Wailuku (10:30 am)
- 11 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 13 Sun -Monthly Svc. for Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am)  
生神金光大神様 月例祭 \*Share Okage till 11 am  
-Hawaii Gunpla Workshop (1-4 pm) @Kaneohe Library
- 16 Wed -KMH ZOOM Kyoten Study Group Session (5 pm)
- 18 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 19 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop at HNL Church (12 noon to 6 pm)
- 20 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 (9 am)
- 21 Mon -HCRP Mtg on ZOOM (6:30 pm to 7:30 pm)
- 25 Fri -KMH CEOC Meeting on ZOOM (3 pm)
- 26 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Mikan tree maintenance (9 am)  
-Ehimemaru Summer Ireisai and Ocean Safety Svc (10 am)
- 27 Sun -50<sup>th</sup> Mem. Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama @HNL (10 am)
- 30 Wed -KMH ZOOM Kyoten Study Group Session (5 pm)
- 31 Thur-Church clean-up (9 am)

### September 2023

- 1 Fri -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sat -3<sup>rd</sup> KMH ZOOM Gathering (1:30 pm-3 pm)
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share Okage till 11 am



### Konko Daijin's teachings...

It is said that an unpolished gem doesn't sparkle and is like an ordinary stone. One who practices faith must polish the gem in one's heart. Even ordinary steel can be polished to gleam like silver. Gold and silver as well, without polishing, won't shine. Man is the lord of all living things. Polish the gem in your heart and conduct yourself well in everything. Otherwise, people won't respect you, even if you think you're practicing faith. It is because of your self-centered faith. (*Gorikai I Yamamoto Sadajiro 53-2,3*)

**Editor's thoughts:** Diamonds and gems don't shine. They don't hold any light, but when light is flashed at it, depending on the polish and cut, it is capable of reflecting light magnificently. To me, the light symbolizes Kami-Sama and all the elements of the Universe. If there's no light to begin with, we can't see anything. A diamond would be meaningless. We can truly appreciate the brilliance of a diamond or a gem because of its clarity and finish, as well as the light that is reflected on it. Practicing to polish our exterior image may be important, but, polishing of the inner invisible heart is more important. And if we can acknowledge and appreciate that all we have are blessings from the Universe, our heart can reflect the beauty of it.

## 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.

## Hawaii Gunpla Workshop

Sat. 8.19.23

12 noon to 6 pm

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka & Michi's Toy Box

Konko Mission of Honolulu  
1728 Liliha Street

#hawaiigunplaworkshop



## 50<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service for the Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 10:00 am



The Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi first received teachings of the faith and mediation with the Rev. Masayuki Kodama. Through the tremendous blessings Haruko Sensei received, the Konko Mission of Wahiawa exists today, and her legacy continues. Let us remember the foundation of Haruko Sensei's blessings, and our blessings as well, by attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Memorial Service of the Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama. (*No Sunday Service at Wahiawa Church*)

## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2023

- 9/2 Sat -KMH ZOOM Gathering (1:30 p to 3 pm)  
 9/17 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Svc (10 am)  
 9/24 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)  
 10/1 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)  
 -Rev. Sugako Yoshino's 1-year Mem Svc (in conjunction)  
 10/8 Sun -140th Memorial for Ikigami Konko Daijin at Headquarters  
 10/13 Fri -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (6 pm)  
 10/15 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)  
 10/22 Sun -HCRP Peace Prayer at Gedatsu Church (4 pm)  
 11/5 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)  
 11/18 Sat -3rd International Yatsunami ZOOM Gathering (3-4:30 pm)  
 11/26 Sun -26th Mem. Svc for Late Rev. Kikue Kodama @HNL (10 a)  
 12/2 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Mtg @HNL (10:30 am to 3 pm)  
 12/9 Sat -KMH Head Minister's Mtg (10:30 am) @HNL Church  
 12/17 Sun -51st Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)  
 12/24 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)  
 12/30 Sat -32nd Annual Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)

## Konko Mission of Wailuku 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 6/18/23



## KMH Rotary Hanashikai ZOOM Gathering Hosted by the Konko Mission of Wailuku

**Theme:** Passing it on (to future generations)  
**Date:** Sunday, August 6, 2023 @10:30 a.m.-12 p  
**ZOOM ID:** 847 4142 7204 **PASSCODE:** 063254

## Happy Birthday

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



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

Colette Abe  
 Tamiko Yamamoto  
 Vinh Mitsuyuki Vo-Hiromasa

Pelia Akemi Pangorang  
 Masumi Furusho  
 Renee Yano



## 3<sup>rd</sup> KMH ZOOM Gathering 2023

*Konko Sama, Arigato Gozaimasu:  
 In Commemoration of the 140<sup>th</sup>  
 Memorial Year of Our Founder*

**Date:** Saturday, September 2, 2023

**Time:** 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

**Speaker:** Rev. Koichi Konko  
 (Head Minister: Konko Mission of Honolulu)

**ZOOM ID:** 813 0406 1344

**Passcode:** 178619

### Below is the schedule

- 1:00 pm -Open the ZOOM room
- 1:30 pm -Opening remarks  
 -Prayer
- 1:40 pm -Speech by Rev. Koichi Konko
- 2:00 pm -Q&A session
- 2:10 pm -Break out into groups
- 2:40 pm -Come back to the main room  
 -Group report till 2:55 pm
- 2:55 pm -Closing remarks and prayer
- 3:00 pm -End

**Please register by Sunday, August 27, 2023**  
 Email: [ednakazuko@hotmail.com](mailto:ednakazuko@hotmail.com) or text: 808-223-3448

## Autumn Garage Sale

Saturday, September 16 from 9 am to 2 pm  
 Proceeds will go to the Konkokyo Headquarters  
 Your help is greatly appreciated!

## Editor's Note



Special thanks to ChatGPT, an AI language model developed by OpenAI, for providing valuable insights and assistance in the creation of this article.

Dear Reader,

Happy August! As stores are now beginning to sell Halloween and even Christmas items, it really feels like the days are passing by too fast! August is officially Back-to-School season! Are you ready to go back? Whether you're a student, a teacher, a parent, or someone who works in education, this is a moment of new beginnings, fresh starts, and countless opportunities. In the walk of faith, we are all students and teachers whether we realize it or not. We are given a brand-new day to experience something new. Life teaches us so many lessons.

Back to school isn't just about getting back into the rhythm of classes, exams, and homework. It's about embracing a journey of growth and learning, both academically and personally. As we step into this new school year, I'd like to share a few reflections to guide us along the way.

**Embrace Curiosity:** Education is not just about memorizing facts and figures; it's about promoting a sense of curiosity. Never be afraid to ask questions, explore new subjects, and seek understanding beyond the surface. Curiosity is the fuel that drives innovation and personal development.

**Embrace Challenges:** Challenges are a natural part of the learning process. Don't be afraid of challenges; instead, see them as opportunities to grow stronger and more resilient. Every obstacle you overcome will shape you into becoming a better version of yourself.

**Embrace Collaboration:** We're all in this together. Education is a collective effort that involves teachers, students, parents, and the community. Embrace collaboration, support one another, and create an environment where everyone can thrive. When I was in school, I honestly did not like group work. I liked working alone. And every time we were forced into groups, my teammates would rely on me to do the bulk of the work, so it made me feel that it was better if I worked alone from the beginning. But as we step into the world beyond school, we will realize very soon that it is important to establish good, trusting relationships with people. Humans are social animals, and by collaborating effectively, we would be able to achieve the unachievable. You will begin to appreciate the perspectives of others. It's like combining the brains of many people—who knows what amazing ideas can come up?

**Embrace Failure:** Failure is not the end; it's a steppingstone to success. Don't be discouraged by setbacks; instead, use them as valuable lessons to improve and keep moving forward. Remember, every successful person has faced failures along the way. I too must confess that I failed a class in nursing school. It was the Nursing Research accelerated summer course that I took. I literally sat in front of my computer from dawn to dusk, researching and typing my reports away. My whole body ached, even my brain. On the last day of class, we were told our grade, and I, along with almost half the class had failed. I had a solid F! I was depressed and frustrated. I wanted to tell the teacher, "Do you know how hard I worked for this class?!" But of course, I just accepted the F and felt sad. However, the teacher told the class that she realizes that this class was a challenge. So, she would allow us to resubmit all our papers again with the proper corrections and

touch-ups. I didn't think it would change my grade, but I resubmitted my thick stack of papers to her homework collection bin. A couple weeks later, when I looked online for my final grade, that depressing F had turned into a solid B! I couldn't believe my eyes. I was so shocked and thankful. It pays off to be determined. I felt that the teacher was not necessarily checking to see how smart we were, but more so how determined we are. She wanted to see if we'd get easily discouraged and give up. My teacher shook the tree very hard, but I still clung on to the determination that if I'm going to be kicked out of nursing school, they will have to physically kick me out! Thankfully, I was able to proceed and graduate nursing school safely—that was 14 years ago! Receiving an F was shocking, but it was a shock that woke up some of my sleeping DNA, and it made me try harder.

**Embrace Imagination:** The mind is a powerful tool. Embrace your imagination, for it's the source of creativity and innovation. Dream big, and let your ideas take flight. You never know where they might lead you. Every man-made object is a manifestation of the human mind. How creative can humans be? The sky is the limit. When you need new inspiration, ask Kami-Sama and seek your answer from the Universe itself. You will be surprised at the answers you will receive.

**Embrace Empathy:** In the pursuit of knowledge, don't forget the importance of empathy. Understanding and caring for others makes us better human beings. Let's create a compassionate and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and appreciated. When we get educated at a school, we will gain a certain level of intelligence. But what's important after that is gaining emotional intelligence. It's kindness, compassion, and thoughtfulness that comes from the heart. I work in the hospital, but patients appreciate kind nurses. Nurses appreciate kind patients and doctors. Doctors appreciate kind patients and staff. Whenever we receive a new patient, the first thing that is usually reported during handoff is the temperament of the individual. It's very interesting. We weren't taught to report this bit of information, but to the staff, it will mean a world of difference. It can mean that their shift will be a good or bad one, just on this one factor, if they are nice or not. Even if the shift was busy, if the patient was nice, the shift feels worthwhile. But a mean and demanding patient causes much distress. The same can apply for a nice or mean nurse, and how the patient must endure with moody staff.

**Embrace Gratitude:** As we embark on this educational journey, let's not forget to express gratitude for the opportunities we have, and the blessing of being able to wake up, go to school, go to sleep and repeat that process day after day. Appreciate the efforts of those who support your learning and acknowledge the privilege of education.

Lastly, remember that education is not confined to teachers offering valuable lessons every day. Embrace every moment, cherish the friendships you make, and be open to the wisdom that comes your way.

Let's take on this new school year with enthusiasm, determination, and an unwavering commitment to learn and grow. May this be a year of great accomplishments, discoveries, and personal transformations. Have an amazing school year!

*Sincerely, Edna*

