



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

February 2011

- 1 Tue -**Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama Monthly Svc. (7:30 pm)**
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 a.m.)
-Origami class and Welcome lunch (after svc)
- 9 Wed -Rev. Todd Takahashi's Study Session @Center (8 pm)
- 11 Fri - Monthly volunteer activity @ Wahiawa Gen. Hospital
Long term care facility (10-10:45 am)
- 12 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
-Chorus Practice @HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 13 Sun -**Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin Monthly Svc. (9 am)**
-Share Okage Stories (till 11 am)
- 19 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
- 20 Sun -**Monthly Memorial Service (10 am)**
-Share Okage Stories (till 11 am)
- 26 Sat -Chorus Practice @HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 27 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Lay Member Testimonial by **Mrs. Mitsuko Suwa**
- 28 Mon -Church clean up (9 am)



March 2011

- 1 Tue -**Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama Monthly Svc. (7:30 pm)**
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
- 13 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service (10 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.

Happy Valentine's Day



Very special people in our lives.
Always there for each other in good times and bad.
Love is not so much about how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility.
Everyone is loved unconditionally by the Divine Parent
Night and day, someone, somewhere thinks about you.
True love resonates with the Universe.
In the laws of nature, every living creature needs love;
Not only humans.
Every day should be Valentine's Day

Konko Sama says...

"Practicing faith is not difficult. When you get up in the morning, give thanks and pray for a good day as if you are talking to your parents. When you go out, inform Kami that you are leaving and when you return, give thanks for returning home safely. Also, before going to sleep, give thanks for that day. This is practicing faith." (GIII Gorikai Shui 2)

What the editor thinks: We often wonder what Konkokyo is all about. And there is really nothing to it than to practice the faith in daily living. Ask yourself what you would do as a Konko believer. I'll give you a situation. You find spoiled food in the back of your refrigerator. The usual response would be, "Eww, gross, I'm gonna toss this rotten garbage!" But as Konko believers we would instead apologize that we neglected the food, and throw it away with a more reverent attitude. Or, if we have a back yard, we'd give it to the germs and worms so they can feast on it instead, and then we'd also apologize that we let the blessings of the food spoil in our refrigerator. We put ourselves in the shoes of the spoiled food.

PICASSO BUNNIE 2011



The PICASSO Rabbit above was drawn part by part by the people who participated in the church New Year's Party. Can you tell who drew what? Great job everyone!

Wahiawa Konko Mission Annual Schedule at a Glance

3/6	Sun	-Church Member Testimonial by Ms. Jane Suwa
3/13	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service (10 am)
3/20	Sun	-Honolulu Church Spring memorial Service (10 am)
3/27	Sun	-Kuakini Medical Center Volunteer Activity (9:30 am)
4/10	Sun	-Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
4/13	Wed	-Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service (6:30 pm)
4/17	Sun	-Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
4/24	Sun	-Church Member Testimonial by Ms. Doreen Hirota
5/8	Sun	-Church Member Testimonial by Mr. Randy Furusho -Hilo Church Spring Grand Service (9 am)
5/15	Sun	-Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
5/30	Mon	-Punchbowl Cemetery Visitation
6/4	Sat	-Wahiawa Church Garage Sale (9 am-2 pm)
6/5	Sun	-80 th Anniversary of Konko Church of San Francisco (11 am)
6/9	Thur	-Faith Enrichment Study Tour in Konko thru Fri 6/17
7/9-10	Sat-Sun	-Wahiawa Church Retreat at Camp Erdman
7/13	Wed	-KMH Missionary Women's Society Seminar at Wailuku
7/17	Sun	- Kuakini Medical Center Volunteer Activity (9:30 am)
7/24	Sun	-Back to School Service (9 am)
8/21	Sun	-Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama's 38 th Memorial Svc. @HNL
9/4	Sun	-Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa General Hospital (10 am)
9/18	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
9/25	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
9/29	Sun	-19 th Birthday of the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
10/9	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
10/13	Thur	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service (6:30 pm)
10/16	Sun	-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/6	Sun	-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/13	Sun	-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/27	Sun	-14 th Memorial Svc. for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
12/18	Sun	-39 th Memorial Svc. for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)
12/25	Sun	-End of the Year Service (9 am)
12/30	Fri	-Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding 8 am



**Please be informed that the year schedule is subject to change.*



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Happy Birthday

To all the people born in February

Please continue to receive

Infinite divine blessings from

Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and

Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

Chad Pangorang

Elima Pangorang

Masataka Yano

Nancy Ohata

New Year's Party 1/23/2011



Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

Beginning this year, we decided as a church to have the lay church members deliver their personal testimonials of the blessings they receive in their lives. Mrs. Trisha Adkison was the very first to volunteer to share her Okage (blessings) on Sunday, January 30th. I highly recommend you to read the Wahiawa Church Bulletin publication for the full coverage. I realized that the person who shares the testimonial receives Okage, as it is a time to reflect upon the blessings from the past and remember in great detail what specific blessings Kami-Sama bestows upon us. And of course, we as the listeners also receive blessings. Throughout the year, we will have several other church members share their testimonials. Please see the Annual Schedule, as we have the names already posted. Come and listen to their testimonials.

The same time last year, we were busy as bees trying to prepare for the church's 70th Anniversary, which was held on March 14, 2010. Can you believe that a year has already passed? Amazing! This year marks 71 years since the founding of our church in Wahiawa. I sometimes ask myself how this church was able to remain in operation for so long. It's not like we have a large congregation. We are nestled in a residential area, and many do not even notice that our little structure is a church. Through these 71 years of the church's history, people have been coming and receiving divine blessings, or food for the soul. It's just like a cozy restaurant that existed for a long time. If the food and service is not satisfying the customer, the restaurant will not even last a year before it has to close down. Somehow, through the blessings and guidance of Kami-Sama, this church has been allowed to continue its operation. We have every potential in the world to expand as a church. The future is something to really look forward to.

Right at the beginning of the year, I caught one of the worst cases of the flu. I had all the symptoms of the flu. I had a pounding headache, dizziness, sore throat, chills, night sweats, painful joints, hacking cough; fever of about 103F, nausea, stuffy nose, and all that good stuff. I felt so sick; I had to remain in bed for about 3 days because if I stood up and walked around, I would feel like throwing up. I thought I had the bird flu or some other crazy illness.

It got so bad; I was considering going to the doctor's office to have myself checked out. But then again, I kept assessing myself and see how much of this sick I could handle. I was also thinking about all those tests, chest x-ray and other things that the doctors may do if I do go there, so I thought I'd stay home and let Kami-Sama do the healing. Nurses make the worst patients!

I felt so miserable because I have not caught a flu this bad in the longest time. I forgot how it felt to be sick—how it feels like to be a patient. Although I did not go to the hospital (thank goodness), my mother was my nurse and I was the patient. She used to be a registered nurse with the Japan Red Cross before becoming a minister, and I think she is the greatest nurse in the world.

I am a nurse who works on the medical surgical/oncology (cancer) unit. I help take care of patients who are

very sick and in a lot of pain. Through my flu, I truly feel that Kami-Sama gave me the opportunity to become the sick patient, so I can get a feel of how the patients in the hospital feel. Of course the patients in the hospital are in a worse situation. They do not get much privacy; some patients have to share a room with another. They get a cocktail of medicine. They get shots, blood draws, and sometimes bad news from the doctor that their illness is incurable. These people are encountering stress beyond what their minds can handle.

I guess when we are always healthy, it's hard to empathize with people who are not healthy. We take for granted our natural body functions. We take for granted the fact that our body's immune system is always trying to protect our bodies. We take for granted the fact that our body tries to keep our body in perfect balance.

I feel that the mistake that many people make when they get sick is that they say they are going to "fight it". Fight the cancer, fight the flu, fight fight fight. But try to think about it. What happens when we fight with people? They will fight back with all their might. I think the same thing can apply to illnesses within our bodies. If we fight it, it will fight back, and sometimes we end up losing. Problems can be solved very effectively without having to fight. Kami-Sama gave each of us the amazing ability to heal itself. Sometimes we need medical assistance to get better. This is also a blessing. Regardless of how new or improved medical technology gets, Kami-Sama is ultimately the one who can heal us. Also our state of mind greatly facilitates our healing or decline.

I am very thankful to Kami-Sama for my good health, and its natural ability to heal itself from within. I am also thankful to Kami-Sama for keeping my family members healthy as well. Every day, I am able to enjoy meals with my parents, laugh at jokes, and share Okage (blessed) stories of our day. This is the moment of the day that I cherish the most. If one of us is sick in bed, the dining table is so quiet and sad. And no matter what feast is prepared before our eyes; it does not taste as good as it would if we were all able to enjoy it in good health. Like the Founder, Konko Daijin always said, "Good health is the foundation of all things." We do not know what will happen to us or our loved ones tomorrow, or even the next minute. That is why it is so important to give thanks to Kami-Sama every single day. It's those regular, uneventful days in life that are the biggest blessings. When crisis occurs, we must direct our hearts to Kami-Sama first, instead of as the last resort. Actually, we must have our hearts directed toward Kami-Sama before anything even happens. Daily faith practice of being thankful for our blessings and daily communication with Kami-Sama is the way to go. Then, when something that happens that is beyond our control, Kami-Sama will be in control, and our hearts can be at peace in any situation. Just think this: Kami-Sama is our life GPS (Global Positioning System). Kami will help us go through life safely, and even find detours for us when the roads are blocked. If we always hold Kami-Sama in our hearts, we are never lost.



Aloha, Edna Yano