



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### February 2013

- 1 Fri -**Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama**  
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage stories (till 11 am)  
-1<sup>st</sup> International Sand-script Gathering @Keiki Beach  
Hosted by Rev. Drs. Leon & Linda Webber (4:30 pm)
- 4 Mon -HCRP Meeting @Gedatsu Church (cancelled)
- 5 Tue -Yano Sensei will attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
Tokiwadai Church in Tokyo, Japan (2/11/13).
- 6 Wed -15<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc. for the Late Mr. Dennis Tamashiro  
(10 am)
- 10 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \* Share Okage stories (till 11 am)
- 12 Tue -Faith Study Group @HNL Church (8 pm)
- 14 Thu -Happy Valentine's Day! 
- 15 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 16 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)  
-KMH General Mtg @ HNL Church (1:30-4 pm)
- 17 Sun -**Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin**  
(10 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭  
-Share Okage stories till 11 am  
-Lunch with Rev. Drs. Leon & Linda Webber and friends
- 18 Mon -President's Day Holiday
- 23 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)  
-Chorus practice @HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 24 Sun -**Monthly Memorial Service (9 am)** 月例霊祭  
-Share Okage stories (till 11 am)
- 28 Thu -Church clean up (9 am)



### March 2013

- 1 Fri -**Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama**  
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sat -KMH Missionary Women's Seminar @ Waipahu Church
- 3 Sun -Sunday Svc (9 am). Share Okage stories (till 11 am)  
-Happy Girl's Day!!

**Konko Daijin says...** "We cannot help but think about our future since we are human beings. However, as we cannot control our future, it is also useless to worry about bad things that may occur. Wondering what we should do about things that only Kami knows are 'worrying.' You worry because you do not depend on Kami. You will have no worries if you receive divine virtue by practicing faith. (GIII, Jinkyukyogoroku 43)."

**Editor's thoughts:** This is a teaching for me, because I am famous for worrying. Sometimes I get tormented by my own worries. I of course need to rely on Kami-Sama. Every day is a day I can practice faith and pray.

## 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.

*Love is unconditional, Love is caring.  
It does not seek reward or recognition.  
To be loved is a blessing. Cherish those  
who love you, and know you are always  
loved by Spirit. Happy Valentine's Day!*  
(Feb 14<sup>th</sup>). -Rev. Lisa Uzunoe (Portland Church)



New Year's Party 2013 PICASSO SNAKE



**General Meeting and New Year's Party 2013. Drew Picasso Snake, Hit the Dragon Piñata, BINGO, Ono Food and**



# Happy Birthday

To all the people born in February  
Please continue to receive  
Infinite divine blessings from



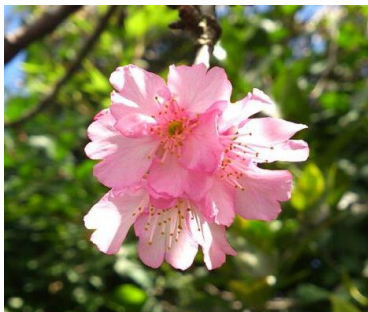
Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and  
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

Nancy Ohata Elima Pangorang Chad Pangorang



(Below) The KMH/KCNA Missionary Women's Society Seminar was held at Honolulu, Church from 1/25-27/2013. Including guest ministers from Japan, 21 people attended. "Go Missionary Women Power!!" Reiko sensei and Edna attended from the Konko Mission of Wahiawa.

## The Webber's are back from Alaska!



### Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2013

- 3/2 Sat -KMH MWSS @Waipahu Church
  - 3/17 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service 10 am
  - 3/24 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service 10 am
  - 4/7 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
  - 4/13 Sat -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service 6:30 pm
  - 4/14 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
  - 5/5 Sun -Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa General Hospital (10 am)  
-Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
  - 5/12 Sun -Hilo Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
  - 5/27 Mon -Memorial Day cemetery visitation
  - 6/8 Sat -Garage Sale for Ohana Camp
  - 6/22 Sat -3<sup>rd</sup> Ohana Camp at Camp Erdman
  - 7/14 Sun -Back to School Service 9 am
  - 7/21 Sun -KMH Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Hospital 9:30 am
  - 8/21 Wed -Youth Camp from Japan, thru 8/26 in Wailuku
  - 8/25 Sun -Rev. Masayuki Kodama's 40<sup>th</sup> Memorial @HNL 11 am
  - 9/8 Sun -Volunteer activity at Wahiawa Gen. Hospital LTCF 10 am
  - 9/15 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am
  - 9/22 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am
  - 9/29 Sun -199<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Founder, Konko Daijin
  - 10/3 Thur -Konko Daijin's 130<sup>th</sup> Memorial Grand Svc in Japan
  - 10/6 Sun -Church clean up for Autumn Grand Service 8 am
  - \*10/11 Fri -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service 6:30 pm**
  - 10/13 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
  - 10/20 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
  - 10/27 Sun -21<sup>st</sup> Annual HCRP Peace Prayer at Gedatsu Church 4 pm
  - 11/10 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
  - 11/17 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
  - 11/24 Sun -Rev. Kikue Kodama's 16<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc. @HNL 9 am
  - 12/22 Sun -Rev. Haruko Takahashi's 41<sup>st</sup> Memorial Svc. 10 am
  - 12/29 Sun -End of the Year Service 9 am
  - 12/30 Mon -Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding 8 am
- \*Please note, the Grand Service in October this year will be on Friday, the 11<sup>th</sup>; not the usual 13<sup>th</sup> of October. Due to the 130<sup>th</sup> Memorial.**

### 1st Annual Keiki Beach Sandscript Gathering 2013



Rev. Drs. Leon & Linda Webber and their friends, Rev. Tom & Nicky Chittick arrived on February 1<sup>st</sup>, during our Monthly Appreciation Service. They also hosted the 1st International Sand-script Gathering on Keiki-Beach, on the North Shore of Oahu. It's soo nice to see them again!! Writing words, names and prayers on the sand canvas. Collage on the right beautifully created by Rev. Dr. Leon Webber.

## Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I hope this newsletter finds you in great health, overall stability and peace. January safely passed and we are already in February. Happy Valentine's!! Let us reflect on this special occasion—not necessarily as a day to give and receive delectable chocolates and red roses...but as a time to reflect on the reason why you are with who you are. Remember the good times and appreciate the blessings of the present.

From January 25-27 last month, I attended the 4<sup>th</sup> KMH/KCNA (Konko Missions in Hawaii/Konko Churches of North America) Joint MWSS (Missionary Women's Society Seminar). The theme of our seminar was, "Revealing the Faith of the Pioneer Ministers: Missionary Women Power!" 「初代の信心を今に現そう：女性パワー！」. It was held at the Konko Mission of Honolulu. There were 19 missionary women plus two male ministers who accompanied their wives on this trip, which included participants from the mainland, Hawaii, and Japan. (The men were not allowed to join most of the seminar) ☺. And powerful we are!! We really enjoyed sharing our faith with each other. Through this seminar, I truly felt appreciative of the Pioneer women missionaries of Hawaii and the Mainland.

During WW2, the male head ministers had to be taken to the internment camps on the mainland, and repatriated to Japan during the war. For 8-10 years, the head ministers were away from their families. The Hilo Church sensei had 10 children, and the wife watched them throughout these harsh times by herself. Rev. Kikue Kodama of the Honolulu Church had 6 young children and she had to raise them while her husband was absent. During WW2, her husband, Rev. Masayuki Kodama was repatriated to Japan, and at that time, he went to see Konko-Sama the 3<sup>rd</sup> to receive guidance on what they should do with the mission in Hawaii. To that, Konko-Sama III replied, "You can pull your family out of Hawaii and return to Japan." However, his wife, Rev. Kikue Kodama was firm in her conviction to not leave the islands and abandon the church and the many members. Had she agreed to return to Japan, the Konko Missions in Hawaii would not be here today. It was a very critical point of the organization in Hawaii, but all the women missionaries kept the faith firmly and never

gave up. I felt energized by the women missionaries of today. Staying over at the Honolulu Church during this seminar, I felt the strong prayers of the Mitama Spirits of the Pioneer missionaries.

My mom who is the current KMH MWSS chairperson stated an important message in her greeting speech for all women. "The Founder said, 'Women are closer to Kami. Faith starts with a woman.' Women are just like the Earth, and Men are just like the Heavens. If women can remain stable, the family harmony can be maintained. Men, although they may cause a storm

from above, if women can be the ground and support the living things that live on it, everyone will be safe. However, if women are not stable, it will be like a constant earthquake. And no matter if you are indoors or outdoors, we can feel the insecurity and danger. When mother jolts, there will be no peace within the family. We must strive to be unconditionally loving and caring people, just like



*Missionary Women's Gathering in Hawaii in 1962 (L-R):  
Revs. Takaiyo Nakai, Fuji Nishida, Kikue Kodama, Haruko  
Takahashi, Sueka Sonoda, Setsuko Okuno with son Glen*

Mother Earth.

Just a couple days ago, I had a vivid dream. I had dreamt that I went somewhere, and forgot my handbag on a bench. Noticing that I had forgotten it, I returned, and could not find it. I assumed someone stole it. There was a nearby security kiosk, and I asked the security guards if someone had reported a handbag. To my surprise, they had it. But one arm of the little monkey keychain I have attached to it was missing. Needless to say, I was grateful that I was reunited with my bag. I do not know if the contents of my bag were still there, but the dream ended before I got a chance to look inside.

I woke up, and felt a bit uneasy about the dream, so I told my dad and mom about it. I also told them that we all need to be careful of our bags and belongings that day. I had to send my dad to the airport, as he went to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Konko Church of Tokiwadai, in Tokyo, Japan.

That evening, my mom called me from her Japanese school workplace, which is very near. She said she could not find her keys. She looked everywhere. She flipped her handbag inside out and could not find it. We looked in the car to see if it was still left in there, but could not see anything. My mom says she always leaves the keys in a certain pocket of the handbag. Since she could not find it, we started to worry that it might

have been stolen. I also mentioned about my dream earlier in the day, so my mom felt that “this must be it.”

Fortunately, one of the main staff members who work in the Kumon afterschool study hall happened to be there and opened the door to see if it was left in the classroom. We still could not find it. The staff member took out his cell phone and shined the flashlight beam into my mom’s car. Lo and behold, he finds a little green keychain in the crevice of the driver’s car seat and the door. He found it!!

I didn’t have a spare key, so there was no way I could open the door. My dad is the other person who would have the car key. But he happened to be in Japan! What to do, what to do. It left me no other choice but to call the locksmith.

I called and asked the technician if I could get an estimate on this task. He said, “It costs \$30-50 for this call, plus a ‘little extra’ depending on the difficulty of the task and the tools that I use.” I asked again, “On average, how much have you charged for these tasks?” And he replied the same thing that he would not know until he arrives. I also confirmed with him if I can pay by credit card, since I did not have cash on me that day. He said it was fine. So I said, “ok.” My mom and I waited an hour for his arrival.

He assesses the car door, and takes out his simple tools. Pops the door open in less than 2 minutes. He wrote the bill and handed it to us. “\$209.00!!! WHAT!!!!?” I was so shocked and very disappointed at the cost of this. I would have been happy if he told this to me before doing his job. Then I would have just rejected his service and pried the door open myself! It was getting late already, so I took out my credit card to pay. Then the technician states, “Oh, our credit card billing system is having some trouble today, and it is very slow. I would prefer you just pay by cash. I will follow you to the nearest ATM for this.” Another, “WHAT??!!” came out of my mouth. So, he followed me to the bank and I withdrew the cash and handed it to him and he left.

My mom and I returned home safely. I was still frustrated by this situation. But then I remembered the dream I had that day. Something unusual really did happen. It was no joke. Kami-Sama gave me a sign prior to something happening, so it gave us heightened awareness. Although our bag was not taken (knock on wood)—we were feeling the same tension as if someone stole our bag. Then my mom said to me, 「大難は少難」。Which basically means that Kami-Sama had turned a major misfortune into a minor one. She asked, “If you

were to choose having your handbag lost and tampered with, versus having to pay \$200 to have the car door opened, which would you choose?” If I must, I would definitely choose to pay the \$200 instead. If I had my bag taken, I would have to cancel my cards, get a new copy of my driver license, and various certification licenses. I would feel extremely violated and stressed out if that had to happen. But thankfully, it was something minor. No one got injured. So, it was a divine blessing in disguise. My heart became tranquil upon hearing this from my mom. This is what we call, “Saving ourselves with our own hearts.” Or the “Divine favor depends upon one’s own joyful and peaceful heart.” This is what it means to practice true faith. In times of frustration and stress, are we able to face our hearts to Kami? Or do we tend to take it out on others?—Ultimately compromising our own wellbeing and health.

But for us to be able to have a healthy mindset, it is important that we practice faith on a daily basis. By looking at situations on a faith based perspective. We cannot suddenly run the Honolulu Marathon without being physically conditioned. We must constantly exercise on a daily basis. Likewise, spiritual conditioning/training is very important. Chanting prayers, going to church and reading teachings are some of the exercises that we can do to build our spiritual muscles. But doing these exercises is useless if we do not apply them to better our lives. If we treat people with disrespect, hold a negative heart, waste resources and stress others out—chanting prayers will be of no use. Exercising on our own can be difficult, but if we exercise with family and friends, it will make it easy and enjoyable. In any case, our faith must parallel our lifestyle. I know it can be difficult at times, but as long as we strive to do so, it will begin to take shape.

Well, anyways, the following day, I went to ACE Hardware store to have a spare key made. It only cost \$3.09!! I should have made a spare key of that car a long time ago. Lesson learned. A \$200 loss cannot be compared to how many blessings we receive every single day. When my money has to be used in these unusual, unavoidable occurrences, I switch my mindset from feeling a great loss, to having a feeling that I offered the money back to the Great Universe for all my blessings. Money is made possible by all the elements of blessedness combined. Money is the property of Kami-Sama and is to be used wisely. Thanks for reading. Have a great February!

*Sincerely, Edna Yano*

