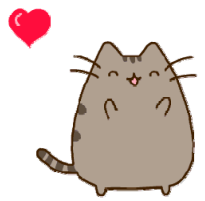




# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



Happy Valentines Day!

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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### February 2017

- 1 Wed -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 5 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage stories till 11 am
- 9 Thu -Ehimemaru Memorial Service at Kaka'ako (1:30 pm)
- 10 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 11 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
- 12 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 \*Share Okage till 11 am
- 14 Tue -Happy Valentine's Day!
- 18 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)  
-KMH General Meeting at Honolulu Church (1:30-4 pm)
- 19 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (10 am) 月例霊祭  
-Share Okage till 11 am
- 20 Mon -President's Day Holiday  
-HCRP meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 22 Tue -Rev. Rodney and Fong Yip comes for a visit (till 3/1)
- 25 Sat -Ehimemaru Monument citrus tree maintenance (9 am)  
-Chorus practice at HNL (2-4 pm)
- 26 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share Okage till 11 am  
\*Sermon by Rev. Rodney Yano
- 28 Tue -Church clean up (9 am)

### March 2017

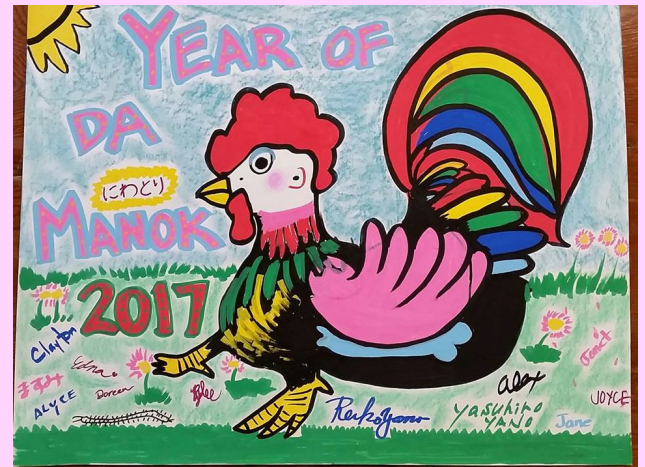
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- 18 Sat -Garage Sale for Ohana Camp Fundraising (9 am-2pm)

## 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.

## Picasso Rooster



On Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the church held the New Year's Party after the General Meeting. We each drew one body part of the rooster and we came up with this beautiful work of art! Thank you for joining! The artists are below.

**Konko Daijin says...** Request by saying, "Please forgive the irreverences of my ancestors. I will practice faith every day, so by the virtue of practicing faith, please take away my accumulated offenses." (GII Torigoe, Shirokichi 1)

**Editor's thoughts:** It's hard to accept the accumulated offenses of our ancestors as an inheritance. Actually we don't want to. Those are the kinds of things we want to cut ties with. However, interestingly, more and more scientific research is showing that the experiences of our ancestors' ties into the kinds of experiences we will encounter today. For example, if a great grandmother was a victim of abuse; her great-grand daughter might encounter depression for no known cause. But because of the chronic abuse great grandmother went through, that negative experience has been etched into the DNA

I Loved You Yesterday  
I Love You Still  
I Always Have...

I Always Will



Happy  
Valentine's Day

## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2017

- 3/10 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m. ❤️
- 3/18 Sat -Garage sale 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 3/19 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/26 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service, 10:00 a.m.
- 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 -7<sup>th</sup> 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 -44<sup>th</sup> 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.
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- 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 -24<sup>th</sup> 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 -20<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 11am
- 12/8 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m. ❤️
- 12/24 Sun -45<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/30 Sat -25<sup>th</sup> Annual Mochi Pounding
- 12/31 Sun -End of the Year Service, 9:00 a.m. ❤️



**Happy Birthday**

*To all the people born in February*

*Please continue to receive  
Infinite divine blessings from*

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

**Nancy Ohata • Elima Pangorang • Chad Pangorang**



Through the years we have known Drs. Leon and Linda Webber, they have introduced us to many of their wonderful family and friends as well. Above is a groupie shot with their granddaughter, Sawyer (front 2<sup>nd</sup> from right). She came to join us for our mochi roasting Sunday Service.



Two great friends of Drs. Leon and Linda Webber have made a visit to our church on January 20. Dr. Keith Wiger and companion, Jody Jenkins (with lei)



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Whacking the Piñata is our yearly tradition at the New Year's Party! We also celebrated January Birthdays!



## Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I hope this year is turning out to be a great year for you, even though it's only the beginning of the year.

February is the celebration of Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the time to really think about the people in our lives that we truly love and appreciate.

While reading Konko Teachings, I came across a passage that made more sense to me at this age, than when I was a bit younger. In the teaching, Konko Daijin says: *Request by saying, "Please forgive the irreverences of my ancestors. I will practice faith every day, so by the virtue of practicing faith, please take away my accumulated offenses"* (GII Torigoe, Shirokichi 1).

It's hard to accept the accumulated offenses of our ancestors as an inheritance. We downright don't want to. Those are the kinds of things we want to cut ties with. However, interestingly, more and more research in the field of epigenetics is showing that the experiences of our ancestors' ties into the kinds of experiences we will encounter today. For example, if a great grandmother was a victim of abuse; her great-grand daughter might encounter depression for no known cause. But because of the chronic abuse that the girl's great grandmother went through, that negative experience has been etched into the DNA and passed down to her.

Many people whose ancestors were survivors of the Holocaust experience depression and other negative experiences, and are susceptible to conditions like PTSD than people who are not descendants of Holocaust survivors. They themselves have never experienced the holocaust, but because their ancestors did, those atrocities have been etched into the DNA—affecting descendants down the line.

*Rachel Yehuda's team at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and the James J. Peters Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bronx, N.Y., and others had previously established that survivors of the Holocaust have altered levels of circulating stress hormones compared with other Jewish adults of the same age. (Scientific American, 2015).*

We know for a fact that physical features are passed down from generation to generation. Diseases and health conditions also seem to inherit themselves depending on how strong those traits were. A person's character and even abilities are passed down without realizing it.

My grandmother once told my mom, "There used to be an artist in our blood line." That may explain why we have such an affinity towards art.

Going back to the Founder's quote can imply that whatever experiences good or bad, that our ancestors in the past had experienced can affect the future generation. Somewhere along our family bloodline, there could have been a murderer, a criminal, an untrustworthy liar. I mean we all have countless ancestors. I'll take the random year of 1650 as an example. I would have 1024 ancestors that came before me. As we know each parent contributes 50% of our DNA. Our grandparents would contribute 25% (since we have 4 grandparents). 8 generations back from where I stand now, each of the 1024 ancestors contributes 0.0009765625% into my DNA. It's not much, but the cool thing is, it's not a 0%.

Because we are not aware of the experiences our ancestors went through, we do not know how much we have inherited.

This is what Konko Daijin was well aware of and so encouraged believers to pray for and request for forgiveness of any irreverences committed by them. Requesting for forgiveness is impossible once we die. But if we are fortunate, we can have our descendants and friends that are still alive to pray for forgiveness on our behalf. I also believe it is important to pray for our ancestors' salvation. They may have been through much hardship and stress that we are not aware of—pray that their hearts are now at peace.

There may be some ancestors in our bloodline that are feeling regretful for doing something bad. We can pray for their forgiveness and apologize on their behalf. Doing so, we can save the spirits of our ancestors and they will appreciate you very much. Doing so may also cause the negative aspects of our DNA that have been inherited by bad experiences of our ancestors to disappear or remain inactive.

I believe that being aware of our faults is important too. We must never blame our ancestors for negative experiences we may encounter. We must equally pray to Kami-Sama for the forgiveness of our own faults and apologize sincerely. We must take responsibility for our own actions and consequences.

Through our conscientious faith in Kami-Sama, we are given the power by Kami-Sama to reduce or even eliminate the root causes of accumulated offenses inherited to you. Our ancestors can be saved by the good actions of their descendants—I hope this makes sense to you.

Konko Daijin said, *"People talk about dying from disease, but even after the body dies, the disease may remain with the descendants. This is what people refer to as inherited diseases. If you practice faith, inherited diseases will be taken away. Everyone should practice faith and receive divine blessings so that inherited diseases will disappear and no bad seeds will grow"* (GIII Jinkyukyogoroku 74).

We know that so far that everything in this Universe is made of energy because everything is made of atoms. Our thoughts, words, prayers and actions all have an effect of the energy that makes up who we are. They also have an effect towards others around us. Just changing how we pray can make a big difference in the energy levels of our DNA—to the atomic level. By changing the make-up of our DNA, we have the power to determine the outcome of the lives of our descendants.

I am very grateful and feel absolutely fortunate that I was born from parents that are Konko ministers. They have taught me a tremendous amount of faith in both words and actions. I am a proud Konko believer. I am not a perfect human being. I have faults, too, but I sometimes wonder, "What kind of an Edna would I be if I were not Konkokyo?" My parents have taught me to become the fisherwoman of okage (divine blessings). I have a conviction that every problem can be overcome through the practice of the Konko faith. Its teachings are so profound and adaptable to this era.

Here, I would like to thank my great grandfather, Mr. Tōsuke Yano for introducing the Konko faith practice into the Yano family bloodline through encountering the Rev. Hidejiro Hosaka of the Kawanoishi Church in Ehime. It was a fortunate encounter and a twist of fate for him. I am so happy to have inherited this priceless faith, all the way from my great grandfather. To conclude, I encourage you to attend the Spring Memorial Service on Sunday, March 26 at 10 am. Honor your ancestors.

*Sincerely, Edna*

