



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

**All services will also be streamed on Facebook Live*

July 2022

- 1 Fri -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- Garage sale prep (9 am to 1 pm) *Musubi lunch
- 2 Sat -KMH Ministers' ZOOM Gathering (2-4 pm)
*Guest speaker: Rev. Masayuki Takahashi (Okayama Kyokai)
-Garage sale prep (9 am to 1 pm) *Musubi lunch
- 3 Sun -Summer Garage Sale! (9 am to 2 pm) *Prep 8 am *Curry lunch
-Deadline for "KMH ZOOM Gathering 2022" sign up
-No Sunday Service (Please come to our Garage Sale)
- 4 Mon -Independence Day HOLIDAY!
-Shingyō Kikan (Intensive Faith Practice Period till 7/31)
- 5 Tue -Tanabata Star Festival Craft Activity (10 am-12 noon) *Musubi
-KMH CEOC Meeting (3 pm)
- 6 Wed -HCRP Meeting at Palolo Hongwanji Temple (1:30 p)
-KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 7 Thur -Tanabata Star Festival
-Church clean-up (9 am)
- 8 Fri -Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa Gen. Hosp. SNF (10 am)
- 9 Sat -KMH ZOOM Gathering 2022 (1:30 pm to 3 pm)
- 10 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
- 17 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage till 11 am
- 19 Tue -Honouliuli Blessing Ceremony (10 am) *Edna Sensei will conduct
- 22 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 24 Sun -Monthly Mem. Svc & Back to School Svc. (9 am) *Okage
- 27 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 29 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 30 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Clean-up (9 am)
- 31 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage till 11 am



August 2022

- 1 Mon -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭

Konko Daijin's teachings...

Do not think of becoming rich in one year. The future is long. The small amounts you save will grow, but the money you gain in one stroke will soon disappear. Those with faith must not be greedy and selfish. You should not try to make money easily, as if you were grasping grain with a wet hand. You should become rich a year later than others.

(Gorikai III Konko Kyoso Gorikai 83-1,2)

Editor's thoughts: It is true that people who win great amounts of money through sweepstakes or the lottery experience bankruptcy, divorce, prison time and have even been murdered. This is especially true if they do not understand how to use and distribute money properly. People believe that money can buy happiness; but like a double edged sword, it can bring misfortune if one's intentions are not right.

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.



GARAGE SALE!!!

Sun., July 3, 2022 9 am-2 pm



BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE

Date: Sunday, July 24, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa

Who: For students and teachers

Memo: Please submit your back to school prayer. Sensei will pray for your academic success and a great school year!



KMH ZOOM Gathering 2022

The Blessed Nature of Water:

How to Connect to Kami-Sama Through Water



Date: Saturday, July 9, 2022

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Speaker: Rev. Yasuhiro Yano
(Head Minister: Konko Mission of Wahiawa)



ZOOM ID: 865 9788 4817

Passcode: 445380



Below is the schedule

1:00 pm -Open the ZOOM room

1:30 pm -Opening remarks

-Prayer

1:40 pm -Speech by Rev. Yasuhiro Yano

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

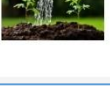
2:55 pm -Closing remarks and prayer

3:00 pm -End



Please register by Sunday, July 3, 2022

Email: ednakazuko@hotmail.com or text: 808-223-3448



Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2022

- 8/6 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church ZOOM
- 8/21 Sun -49th Annual Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama
- 9/5 Mon -KMH Kauai Gathering (Visit Hanapepe Church)
- 9/11 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai Mtg @HNL Church (10:30 am)
- 9/18 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/25 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 10/2 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 10/9 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 10/13 Thr -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (6:00 pm)
- 10/23 Sun -HCRP Peace Prayer TBD
- 11/6 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
-Late Rev. Kiyotaka Yasutake 30th Memorial Service
- 11/13 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 11/14 Mon-International Gathering at Gohonbu thru (TBD)
- 11/15 Tue -KMH 2nd Yatsunami Gathering on Zoom (5-6:30 pm)
- 11/19 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 11/20 Sun -90th Anniversary Celebration of SF Church (10:30 am)
- 11/27 Sun -25th Mem. Svc for Late Rev. Kikue Kodama @HNL (10am)
- 12/10 Sat -KMH Head Minister's Mtg (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 12/18 Sun -50th Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)
- 12/25 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
- 12/30 Fri -31st Annual Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)

Happy Birthday

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



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

Rev. Yasuhiro Yano
Rev. Dr. Leon Webber
Brent Abe
Jordan Yamamoto

Rev. Megumi Yano
Alan Katsura
Neal Abe
Clayton Matsuoka

Tanabata Star Festival Craft Activity

Date: Tuesday, July 5th from 10 am to 12 pm
Place: In the church basement hall *Musubi lunch
Memo: Come join us for our fun origami craft activity. We will prepare the bamboo stems, origami, scissors, pens and glue. Write out your wishes and let's pray for clear skies on July 7th Tanabata Star Festival Day!



Rev. Byron Ishiwata of the Konko Church of San Jose and Ms. Vivian Spies of the Konko Church of San Diego came to visit us on June 8.

Mr. Katsubito & Mrs. Yumi Onizuka came to visit us on June 23. They are members of the Konko Church of Hirao in Fukuoka, Japan.



We held the KMH BBQ and Beach clean-up event on Saturday, June 11th at Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park. The beach was surprisingly clean! 22 people attended.



Miss Heather Heimbach a graduate student at Princeton University came to visit us on June 27 to research about Konkokyo and okage received in the WW2 era for her thesis.



Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Happy July! We are officially past the halfway point of the year. June and July are so busy! My calendar is full! But being busy is a good thing. Always having something to do gives me energy and it enhances my spirit, even though I use energy. Couch potatoing is tiring and spiritually draining. It's good to get up and do something. Move your body while it can. Appreciate your abilities and those daily blessings.

Ever since the beginning of the pandemic, I have noticed a new norm. When people say bye to each other, they add "Stay safe." Even when the pandemic is becoming endemic, people still say "Stay safe." The pandemic I think, made us more aware of life's unpredictability. I think one of the most difficult part of the pandemic was for people who lost loved ones. They weren't allowed to visit a dying friend or loved one in the hospitals or hospice facilities because of the fear of transmission. This still continues in the more careful countries like Japan.

We do not know when our last day in our given body will be. But I feel it is so important to give thanks one day at a time for the life we are given. As my parents are getting older, I find myself telling them "Drive safely" even when they go to the neighborhood supermarket just 3 minutes away. And when they come back safely, I am thankful. Taking things for granted is something I have to remind myself not to do. The given moment is truly a divine blessing and a minute by minute miracle.

I want to share a conversation I had with one of my patients, as I work as a nurse at a local medical center in Hawaii. He was a bedbound individual, so he could not walk and move about freely. As some of you may know, I have been the one to initiate the conversation about mind over matter and talking to the body.

This patient started to talk about his physical therapist that works with him for rehabilitation. Here goes the conversation:

Patient: My physical therapist told me about mind over matter. And that it was important to talk to the body.

Edna: What words did the physical therapist tell you to use?"

Patient: Well, he said I gotta tell my arms and legs 'Move for me. Come on, get up and move.'

Edna: How would you feel if your boss told you, 'Come on, move it move it move it!' Would you as an employee feel happy to comply?"

Patient: No

Edna: Right?! So do you believe that is the right way to talk to your hard working body?"

Patient: No. So, what is the right way to talk to our body?"

Edna: Employees work harder when they are valued and appreciated. Wouldn't you work harder if your boss appreciated your hard work?"

Patient: Yes.

Edna: Tell your body "Thank you" for how many years of service it gave you. Tell it "I'm sorry" for all the times it's been abused and neglected. And tell it "I love you" and promise that you will take better care of it. You also have to recognize what the different body parts and organs do for you on a daily basis. We have all kinds of organs in our bodies, but many of us don't even know what it does for us, or where it is in our body.

Patient: (Wide eyed) OH!! That makes a lot of sense. I gotta change the way I talk to my body.

Edna: Yes! Glad you understand now. I gotta go and take care

of another patient.

Patient: You are welcome back in my room anytime!

One patient at a time, it is my wish to have them wake up to the amazingsness of their bodies and to have them speak kindly to it, with sincerity. Especially when their pain medications are not due yet, I kindly encourage the patient to talk to their problematic areas. Many people tend to blame things when they stop working. Like a blender, a car, their computer, their phone and even their bodies. They don't think to be appreciative of the good times spent in the past, and only complain about the present fact that "it's broken or diseased." Then they toss it out to the trash or feel hopeless. The negative energy emitted from their thoughts, words and actions add to the already broken things, making situations worse. Even when things break and can no longer be fixed, we should still say "Thank you." And if you gotta throw it away, say, "I'm sorry. But thank you for your service."

Healing takes place at the subatomic level. Everything is made of energy. Good thoughts, words and actions go a long way. If one can be in sync with the wavelengths and frequencies of the Universe, blessings can be received.

When you go into our church, you see a giant Gojinmon (Konko Crest). The backside is actually a mirror. Mirrors are used in Shinto Shrines as a symbol for us to reflect on ourselves, our hearts. Is our heart in line with the heart of Kami-Sama? Or are we just being selfish and just asking for favor after favor? The Founder, Konko Daijin said that the Divine favor depends upon our own heart. Pray on this very day.

This very moment. Whether one receives blessings or not depends solely on the individual. Your blessings will reflect the sincerity you offer to Kami.

Blessings have always been right under our noses, but it's we who have not recognized them as such. Konko Daijin has taught that the cause of suffering is our ignorance of divine blessings. Unless we understand what true blessings are, there will be no limits to the suffering and complaining we experience. On the flip side, if we do understand what true blessings are, you can imagine that your life will be so spiritually rich fulfilling. Practice putting forth your true and sincere intentions to Kami-Sama. Don't clap your hands and bow to the altar just out of formalities sake. Truly use that opportunity to communicate with Kami-Sama one on one. Value and appreciate all that Kami-Sama has blessed us with on a daily basis. Then, I promise you, your life will be worthwhile.

Attention students and teachers! It's that time again! Our Back to School Service will be held on Sunday, July 24 at 9:00 am. Let's pray for a safe and blessed new school year for all teachers and students. Write a back to school prayer memo and hand it to sensei on that day. Then he will offer it to Kami-Sama on the altar and pray for your academic success and a great school year.

Come join us on ZOOM for the Konko Missions in Hawaii ZOOM Gathering 2022! It will be on Saturday, July 9th from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. The topic will be: The Blessed Nature of Water: How to Connect to Kami-Sama Through Water. The speaker will be my dad, Rev. Yasuhiro Yano who is also the head minister of our church. Learn how water is viewed in Konkokyo. See the open invite on the first page of the newsletter! Take care and have a wonderful month in July!

Sincerely, Edna

