



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

June 2019

- 1 Sat -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage Stories till 11 am
- 6 Thur -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 7 Fri -Garage sale preparation (9 am)
- 8 Sat -Garage Sale (9 am-2 pm) *Prep 8 am
- 9 Sun -Monthly Svc. Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama (9:00 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 *Share Okage till 11 am
- 14 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @Wahiawa Gen. Hospital Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)
- 15 Sat -Church paint prep. Scrape old paint/sanding (9 am)
- 16 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Happy Father's Day! *Share okage till 11
- 21 Fri -CEOC Meeting @HNL (1 pm)
- 22 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
- 23 Sun -Monthly Memorial Svc (9 am) 月例霊祭 *Share Okage till 11
- 24 Mon -HCRP Meeting at Palolo Hongwanji Mission (1:30 pm)
- 28 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 29 Sat -Chorus Practice at HNL Church (2-4 pm)
-Ehimemaru Mikan tree maintenance (9 am)
- 30 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)-Rotary Hanashikai Gathering @ Wahiawa Church (10:30 am) *Light lunch will be served.

July 2019

- 1 Mon -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 4 Thur -Happy Independence Day! HOLIDAY
- 6 Sat -9th Summer Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman (till 7th)

Konko Daijin's teachings... Pouring water over the body for ascetic training is futile. Pour it over your heart instead. Pouring water over your body for thirty days in winter will only torture your body and make you ill. Doing such training and going to worship every day for a week because your wife or child is sick will all be in vain. Your body will only suffer. You cannot say that a person who pours water over his body is sincere. Nor can you say that a person who doesn't is not sincere. Konko Daijin despises ascetic fasting. Practice faith by eating and drinking properly and treating your body with care. (GII Sato Mitsujiro 18-1,2)

Editor's thoughts: I'm so grateful that we do not have ascetic practices like extreme cold self-tortures or fasting practices in Konkokyo. We also do not have dietary restrictions—except to not over eat and over drink. We are told to revere food because it came out of sacrifices of lives. Whether we are vegetarians or omnivores, life had to be taken in order to sustain our lives. We also try to make a conscious effort not to waste food. And if we must, we apologize to Kami and the food that is being wasted. Since we are a spirit that is incased in this physical body, we are told to take good care of it. The most important thing is to hold a sincere and kind heart. No matter how much someone goes to church and says they are practicing faith, it is equal to telling lies if they are always causing distress to their own family and others.

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.

Rotary Hanashikai Gathering

Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.

At Konko Mission of Wahiawa

(207 Muliwai Avenue, Wahiawa)

Sunday Service at 9 am



We will be reviving the Rotary Hanashikai again and we would like you to join us. Casual talk about the blessings you have received are the greatest indicators of faith. Share your passion with everyone. Lunch will be served. English and Japanese speaking is OK. Open to all ages. Non-members also welcome. Call 621-6667 for more info.



Konko Mission of Wahiawa 9th Summer Ohana Camp



(Sat-Sun) July 6-7, 2019 @ Camp HR Erdman
ABC's of Konkokyo Part 9: Treating All with Respect

Check in starts at 9:00 am (Eagle's Lodge)

The Camp will begin at 10:00 am.

*Camp form deadline: Sunday 6/16/19

Garage Sale

Saturday, June 8, 2019

9:00 am-2:00 pm

At Konko Mission of Wahiawa
Plants, clothes, kitchen goods,
sundries, household items, etc



Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2019

- 7/6 Sat -9th Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman (till 7/7)
- 7/12 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 7/14 Sun -KMH Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Hospital, 9:30 a.m.
- 7/21 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service/Back-to-School Service 9 a.m.
- 8/9 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 8/10 Sat -KMH Board Meeting at Honolulu Church, 10:30 a.m.
- 8/24 Sat -Hōtokusai Service for 90th Anniversary at Honolulu 2 p.m.
- 8/25 Sun -90th Anniversary of Honolulu Church, 10:30 a.m.
- 9/15 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10 a.m.
- 9/20 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 9/22 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service, 10 a.m.**
- 10/6 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 10/12 Sat -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.**
- 10/13 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 10/20 Sun -26th HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church 4 p.m.
- 10/25 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 10/26 Sat -115th Anniversary of Konko Church of Amagi, day 1
- 10/27 Sun -115th Anniversary of Konko Church of Amagi, day 2
- 11/3 Sun -90th Anniversary Celebration of Hilo Church, 11a.m.
- 11/8 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity, 10 a.m.
- 11/9 Sat -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 11/15 Fri -160th Anniversary of Konkokyo at Honbu Headquarters
- 11/23 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 11/24 Sun -22nd Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 9 a.m.
- 12/13 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 12/22 Sun -47th Memorial Svc. Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10 a.m.
- 12/26 Thr -Mochi pounding at Hilton Waikiki
- 12/27 Fri -Mochi pounding at Prince Waikiki
- 12/29 Sun -End of the Year Service 9 a.m.
- 12/30 Mon -28th Annual Mochi Pounding 8 a.m.



Happy Birthday

To all the people born in
The month of June
Please continue to receive
Infinite divine blessings from
Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama &
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama



Alexander Furusho, Jason Adkison, Jean Noguchi



Spring Grand Ceremony at Hilo Kyokai 5/12/19. Followed by Missionary Women's Society Seminar



On Saturday, May 25, the Ebime Kenjinkai held the 5th annual Ebimemaru Memorial Service and Prayer for Ocean Safety at the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park Memorial. Rev. Yasuhiro Yano officiated.



Congratulations Nicholas Furusho for Graduating Leeward Community College. He will be furthering his education at University of Hawaii West Oahu.



Happy Kanreki Birthday to Mr. Randy Furusho! Wishing you many more years of great health and happiness.



On Monday, May 27th our KMH annual Memorial Day grave visitation took place at Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific. At Punchbowl, we visited 30 graves and offered flowers and a prayer. In addition, we visited the Honolulu Memorial Park and Mililani Cemetery.

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

As Memorial Day just passed, I think about all the graves in the cemetery. I could imagine all these people hovering just above their graves, waiting for someone to come and remember them. Some tombs are decorated extravagantly with flowers, lei and snacks, while others have no one to remember them anymore. Some people in Hawaii place a canopy over their loved one's grave and have a family picnic, enjoying the cool summer breeze and being there in the moment with the spirit of the deceased, while eating their favorite foods. I personally think this is one of the great things about Hawaii. I believe that the spirits of the deceased would be extremely happy if their family came and had a Memorial Day picnic with them. How did you remember your loved ones on Memorial Day?



More often these days, I have come to a realization that we do not become a spirit after we die; but we are a spirit now. We came into this world and born into this body as an extension of a spirit.

Kids are taught from an early age that Heaven is above and we go there after we die if we are good, and go to Hell if we are naughty. Just ask any kid and they will say that. Even I said that as a little kid because of what I learned from my peers and cartoons on TV. When we have been programmed to believe this when we were little, it is very difficult to change our belief system. Kids believing this will then reach adulthood to believe the same with absolute conviction.

It is important to teach kids to be good, kind, honest, generous and to help others, but not for the purpose of going to a Heaven after we die. The reward for doing good should be to experience Heaven right here, and right now. Again, we have been blessed with this body to experience life as an enhanced spirit which has extraordinary and infinite capabilities. If you put your mind to a goal and are really determined, you will reach that goal. Nothing can stop you but yourself.

With this body, we can experience so many things! Like the taste of cold strawberry ice cream on a hot day and enjoying the crunch of the waffle cone at the end. We can't do those things when we die. We can touch, smell, listen, taste, see, feel, walk, talk and create things only because we have this physical body. We have nerve endings that convey the senses to our brains and it translates it into an experience. We can't feel the softness of a baby bunny when we become spirits. We can't feel pain either.

While we are alive we have been given the opportunity to make the best out of our lives as a spirit with a body. Having a body will enable us spirits to have an enhanced spiritual experience. We encounter happiness, joy, sorrow, rage,

confusion, depression, ecstasy, stress, jealousy, embarrassment, inspiration, loneliness, peace, pride, surprises, torment, exhaustion, pain, relaxed feelings, the 5 senses, etc. all because we have a physical body.

Because we have this body to experience all that the world has to offer, we should be maximizing our experience. It would be such a waste to not use it to its fullest potential. When we die, we part from this suit that gave us the ability to experience so many things. And we are set free again into the realms of the Universe. When our spirit is set free, we would be spirits who had experienced a true Heaven, where we learned the taste of chocolate on our taste buds, the sweet smell of tuberose on our noses, the soul awakening sounds of music from the radio, the breathtaking sunsets on the horizon of the North Shore, the reassuring embrace from another human being that loved you so. We can't do this

without our physical body. How blessed are we to have this body? We came into this world out of a probability of 1 in 70,000,000,000,000 possible combinations. Surely it's no accident you were the selected one to come into this world with this spirit enhancing suit!

Don't waste another moment believing that one day you are destined to go to Heaven and believe that your current life is a living Hell. Because there is no better time than now to change our thoughts and perceptions to better ourselves and create great memories that we can keep for an eternity. Because once we part from our physical bodies, we are left only with the memories we have created. No one can take those memories away from you. You will then be the enhanced spirit. Our experiences remain with us for an eternity. Thus, to remain a happy spirit, we must be happy in our daily life. We must take good care of our body and maintain a positive heart and experience all that the beautiful world has to offer. Then we do not have to worry about what happens after your physical death. Your spirit will be set free with all the good memories you already created in the real Heaven, called Earth.

We are already through half of the year. I can't believe how fast the days are passing by. Our 9th Summer Ohana Camp will be held from July 6-7 at Camp HR Erdman in Mokuleia. The theme of our camp this year is "Treating All with Respect." This will be an interesting and meaningful camp. We are very fortunate and grateful that the **Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi** will fly over from San Diego to have his workshop ready for us again this year. We are very much looking forward to this camp. It's going to be a lot of fun! Thank you again for all people who have helped with our Zippy's Fundraiser event.

Wishing all dads a Happy Father's Day! Have a safe and fun summer break for all teachers and students!

Aloha, Edna

