



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### June 2024

- 1 Sat -Monthly Svc. 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
- 5 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 7 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)  
-Church clean-up (9 am)
- 9 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share Okage
- 16 Sun -Monthly Svc for Ikigami Konko Daijin Sama (9 am)
- 19 Wed-KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 21 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 22 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop @HNL Church (12n-6p)
- 23 Sun -Monthly Mem. Svc. (9 am) 月例霊祭 \*Share okage
- 24 Mon-KMH CEOC Meeting on ZOOM (3 pm)
- 28 Fri -6<sup>th</sup> Konko Sama Birthday (Rev. Hiromichi Konko)  
-Church clean-up (9 am)
- 29 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Mikan tree maintenance (9 am)
- 30 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Okage sharing

### July 2024

- 1 Mon -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 4 Thr -Happy Independence Day HOLIDAY!
- 5 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
- 6 Sat -KMH Beach Clean-up and BBQ at Haleiwa Alii Beach Park (10 am to 2 pm)
- 7 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Tanabata tree decoration (after)

**Konko Sama Says...**The foundation of faith is to be in harmony with one's family. (*Gorikai III Shinkun 2-1*).

**Editor's thoughts:** If one is not in harmony with their family, can they call themselves a Konko believer/practitioner? I love a story that the founder once told a believer who wanted more virtue. This follower claims that he can gain virtue by going deep in the mountains and doing ascetic practices and putting his body through torture, eventually surviving on grass and bark in the mountains. And the founder told him, such practices are unnecessary and harmful to for the body. Rather than doing ascetic practices in the mountain, he told him to do ascetic practices of his heart, by not complaining of unsavory meals that his wife may make for him. Just something as simple as practicing gratitude amongst the family members is practicing faith. However, for many, even, myself, doing this is difficult. But it is good to be aware, and good practice to incorporate gratitude and be in harmony amongst our family.

## 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.



*Memorial Day 2024: The Konko Missions in Hawaii ministers and members visited Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific for the annual Memorial Day grave visitation and prayer. (May 26) Mahalo!*

## HAWAII GUNPLA WORKSHOP

# SAT. 6.22.24

# 12 PM-6 PM

Konko Mission of Honolulu  
1728 Liliha Street

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka  
& Michi's Toy Box



\*BUILD BY WILLIAM



#hawaiiGUNPLAworkshop



## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2024

- 7/6 Sat -KMH Ohana Program, Haleiwa Beach picnic (10 am 2 pm)  
 7/17 Wed -50<sup>th</sup> KMH Missionary Women's Meeting, Honolulu Church  
 7/20 Sat -KMH Ministers Gathering 2 pm to 4 pm  
 7/21 Sun -Back-to-School Service 9:00 am  
 8/3 Sat -KMH Board Meeting 10:30 am @Honolulu Church ZOOM  
 8/4 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai @HNL 10:30 pm on ZOOM  
 8/25 Sun -51st Memorial Svc for the late Rev. Masayuki Kodama 9 am  
 9/7 Sat -KMH Faith Enrichment Gathering on ZOOM (1:30 p-3 p)  
 9/15 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Svc 10 am  
 9/22 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Svc at 10 am  
 9/29 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Memorial Svc (10 am)  
 10/6 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Honolulu at 11 am  
**10/13 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Wahiawa at 5 pm**  
 10/20 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Waipahu at 11 am  
 -HCRP Peace Prayer, 4 pm?  
 10/27 Sun -120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Amagi Church (11 am)  
 11/3 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Hilo Church 11 am (Yano attends)  
 11/10 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Wailuku 11 am  
 11/16 Sat -KMH 4<sup>th</sup> International Yatsunami (Zoom 3 pm HST)  
 11/23 Sat -KMH Board Meeting 10:30 am @Honolulu Church  
 11/24 Sun -27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama 10 am  
 11/30 Sat -KMH Rummage Sale @Waipahu Church (9 am to 1 pm)  
 12/15 Sun -52<sup>nd</sup> Mem Svc for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10 am  
 12/22 Sun -End of Year Service 9 am  
 12/30 Mon-33<sup>rd</sup> Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am till pau)



## Happy Birthday

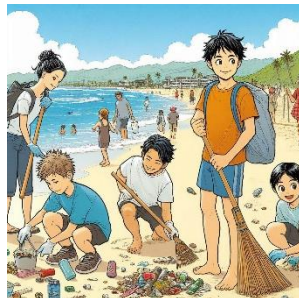
To all the people born in June  
 Please continue to receive  
 Infinite divine blessings from  
 Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and  
 Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

**6<sup>th</sup> Konko Sama (Rev. Hiromichi Konko)**  
**Alexander Furusho**  
**Jason Adkison**



## KMH Summer Beach Cleanup & BBQ

- When:** Sat., July 6, 2024 from 10 am-2 pm  
**Where:** Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park  
 (Near Haleiwa Jodo Mission)  
**Who:** All is welcome to join us  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Clean:** Let's pick up trash and keep Mother Earth clean!  
**Food:** The Konko Mission of Wahiawa will prepare the food. We will need approximate headcount by Sat. 6/29. Feel free to bring food to share.  
**Memo:** You may bring beach gear, fishing gear and canopies and beach chairs. Please take note, that you may enjoy water activities such as swimming and fishing, but you are doing so at your own risk. Konko Missions in Hawaii will not be responsible.



**Deadline to  
 RSVP is Sat.  
 6/29/24 Please  
 contact Edna  
 (KMH CEOC  
 Secretary) at (808)  
 223-3448**



Reiko sensei and Edna sensei and Ms. Kaoru Makiguchi went to St. Francis Hale O Meleana for the Japanese Program on May 3, 2024. Mahalo!

## Get your Gojinmon (Konko Crest) Decal today!

\$1.00 per decal. Stick them on your car, smartphone, water bottle, etc. May this Konko decal remind you of your daily blessings. 2X2 inches in gold weatherproof vinyl. Ask Edna Sensei if you would like to purchase a decal. Email: [konkowahiawa207@gmail.com](mailto:konkowahiawa207@gmail.com)



## Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I hope you are doing great! I know students and teachers must be happy now that the school year has ended and they are on summer break. I remember when I was a student, from childhood to college, summer break was always something I looked forward to. What will you be doing this summer? My husband, two of our karate students, and I will be going to Japan! This time, we are going to explore the Tohoku region (Northern Japan) and will visit Tokyo towards the end. I will share details of our trip in the July newsletter, so stay tuned.

This month, I want to talk about maintenance. If you think about it, everything needs maintenance, from tangible objects to even intangible elements like our spirit, emotions, memory, mind, and relationships. Nothing lasts forever, but one thing is for sure: if things are maintained well, they will last longer than if not maintained at all.

I had to get my 2011 Honda Fit checked out for a full diagnostic workup. The car's suspension seemed rattly, the brakes were squeaky, and there was an intermittent smell of burning coming from the air conditioner vents. I took it to a nearby car repair shop, but they couldn't determine the cause of the burning smell because it only occurred intermittently. When the smell wasn't present during their assessment, they couldn't identify the problem.

I purchased this Honda Fit back in 2011, soon after the 3/11/11 great earthquake in the Tohoku region of Japan, which subsequently caused a monstrous tsunami and a nuclear explosion and meltdown in Fukushima, Japan. I bought the car because it was an import from Japan, and I had a strong desire to help Japan in some way. By purchasing a Japanese import, I believed I was helping. LOL!

I adore my Honda Fit, and I still do. But after 13 years, having to park it out in the hot sun on the side of the street, it has taken a beating and clearly shows some wear and tear. It's beginning to require repairs here and there. Since my husband drives my Honda more than I do, I was concerned about the burning smell from the vent. So, I did what I didn't want to do: I took my car to the dealership repair center, where costs are prohibitively high. Just to diagnose my car, I had to pay a whopping \$253.40. And boy, does it have problems! I have been lax in car maintenance for some time, only changing the oil once a year and occasionally replacing the cabin air filter. After reviewing the diagnostics, if I had the dealership repair all the problem areas, the total would come out to a staggering \$7,726.96! Who would want to fix an old car for such a high price? It's tempting to use that money for a down payment on a new vehicle. That's the strategy. But again, if you love your car or anything else, you will maintain it well to avoid such high costs all at once.

Thankfully, my brother David Sensei is the handyman in the family, so I begged him to fix this car that I love so much. I bought the parts at a reasonable price at a nearby car parts shop, and the car is now waiting to be fixed.

Faith is similar to maintaining a car. When we first encounter faith, we may feel ecstatic and attend church more often. We seek prayers, read various Konkoko materials, and feel good about our faith. Yet, as time passes, we may reach a plateau and not feel as appreciative of faith as we did initially because everything may be going well, and there may be no problems to pray desperately about.

As we distance our hearts and bodies from the Kyokai (Church), our spiritual connection with the Life Force may weaken. Like Wi-Fi connectivity bars, our ability to recognize blessings may diminish, leading us downhill. It's not that Kami-Sama has cursed us, but our lack of care and inability to recognize blessings put us in a rut. Without regular faith maintenance, we become numb to the blessings surrounding us. Even if extraordinary miracles are happening all around us and within us every second, we fail to acknowledge and appreciate them. Even amidst crises and problems, we still receive divine blessings. Making an effort to acknowledge and appreciate those blessings amidst hardship leaves room in our hearts to continue receiving blessings.

Just like my car, if I had maintained it earlier and more regularly, it probably wouldn't have so many problems. I see classic cars running perfectly fine because their owners invest love, care, and regular maintenance.

Relationships are also similar. To maintain a good relationship, we must be mutually respectful, kind, and caring to one another. Our words must match our actions. If we say, "I love you," do our actions reflect it? Do we say thank you to each other daily? We made it a rule in the house to say thank you for chores like cooking, cleaning, fixing things, taking out the trash, doing the laundry, vacuuming, etc. Saying "thank you" is good practice and a good phrase for maintaining a happy and healthy relationship.

In conclusion, the importance of maintenance extends far beyond just keeping our cars running smoothly. It encompasses our faith, relationships, and overall well-being. By consistently investing time and effort into maintaining what we value—be it our vehicles, our spiritual practices, or our connections with loved ones—we ensure their longevity and vitality. Just as my Honda Fit requires regular check-ups and care to function properly, our faith and relationships need ongoing attention and appreciation to thrive. As we head into the summer and look forward to new adventures, let's remember to maintain and cherish the important aspects of our lives, ensuring they continue to bring us joy and fulfillment for years to come.

Sincerely, Edna

