



Wahaiwa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

March 2012

- 1 Thur -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm).** 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sat -Happy Girl's Day!! Hinamatsuri**
- 4 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am).** Share Okage stories (after svc)
- 5 Mon -HCRP Meeting at PL Church (1:30 pm)**
- 9 Fri -Volunteer Activity @Wahaiwa General Hospital Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)**
- 10 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)**
- 11 Sun -Monthly Service for the Founder Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama (9 am)** 生神金光大神様 月例祭
-Share Okage stories (after svc)
- 14 Wed -Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi's study session @ Center (8 pm)**
- 16 Fri -Garage Sale Preparations (9 am)**
- 17 Sat -Church Garage Sale (9 am- 2pm)** Prepare at 7:30 am
- 18 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)**
-Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service (10 am)
- 24 Sat -Church clean up for Spring Memorial Svc. (9 am)**
- 25 Sun -Annual Spring Memorial Service (10 am)**
-Naorai Lunch will follow
- 31 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)**
- Chorus practice @HNL Church (2-4 pm)

April 2012

- 1 Sun -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (9 am).** 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 6 Fri -Church clean up for Grand Ceremony (8 am)**
- 13 Fri -Wahaiwa Church Spring Grand Ceremony (7:30 pm)**
-Naorai fellowship dinner will follow the service

Konko Daijin says... "There are people who worship at the entrance of the Hiromae because they just want to pay a short visit here on their way home. Since they consider coming here to worship as secondary, the divine blessings are not so much as they expect them to be. Even if you come on your way elsewhere, worship at the Hiromae believing you were able to come because Kami has arranged it. Then Kami will arrange for you to receive enough blessings.

(GIII Jinkyu Kyogoroku 155)

Editor's thoughts: Going to the Hiromae is much like going to your parent's house for a visit. I always go home feeling happy and blessed. Would you go to your parent's house and just say "hi" at the entrance and leave? Your parents would be puzzled. Kami may feel the same way too. Take a step forward by coming into the Hiromae to greet Kami-Sama. It makes more sense.

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.

Spring Memorial Service

Date: Sunday, March 25, 2012

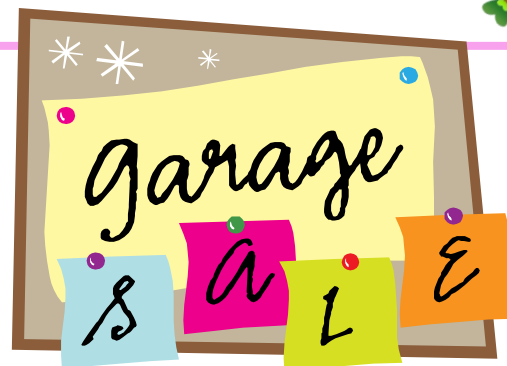
Time: 10:00 am

Place: Konko Mission of Wahaiwa

Lunch: Naorai fellowship lunch will follow

"Immortality is important for humans. Immortality is when others keep praying for you after you die."
(GIII Kondo Tsuru)

During the service, Sensei will be reciting the names of our revered deceased. Please let sensei know of any new people you would like to include in the main prayer.






Date: Saturday, March 17, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

White elephant items galore! We will have clothes, plates, cups, mugs, knickknacks.

The money raised will go towards funding the upcoming Ohana Camp from June 23-24 (Sat and Sun) of this year.

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2012

4/8	Sun	-Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
4/13	Fri	-Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service 6:30 pm 
4/15	Sun	-Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
5/6	Sun	-Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa General Hospital 10 am
5/13	Sun	-Hilo Church Spring Grand Service 11 am
5/19	Sat	-Rev. Rodney Yano graduation from SF University
5/28	Mon	-Memorial Day cemetery visitation
6/17	Sun	-Wailuku Church 50 th Anniversary Celebration 11 am
6/23-24	Sat/Sun	-Wahiawa Church 2 nd Ohana Camp at Camp Erdman
7/2-3	Mon/Tue	-KMH Missionary Women's Society Seminar at Wahiawa Church
7/15	Sun	-KMH Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Hospital 9:30 am
7/22	Sun	-Back to School Service 9 am
8/19	Sun	-Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama's 39 th Memorial Svc. @HNL
9/2	Sun	-Volunteer activity at Wahiawa Gen. Hospital LTCF 10 am
9/16	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am
9/23	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am
9/29	Sat	-198 th Birthday of the Founder, Konko Daijin 
10/7	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
10/13	Sat	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service 6:30 pm
10/14	Sun	-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
10/28	Sun	-20 th Anniversary HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church 4 pm
11/3	Sat	-Church Mini Bazaar (10 am- 1 pm)
11/11	Sun	-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
11/18	Sun	-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service 11 am
11/25	Sun	-Late Rev. Kikue Kodama's 15 th Memorial Svc. @HNL 9 am
12/16	Sun	-Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi's 40 th Memorial Svc. 10 am
12/23	Sun	-End of the Year Service 9 am 
12/30	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding 8 am



Picture from: <http://img01.ecgo.jp>

Happy Birthday

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

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

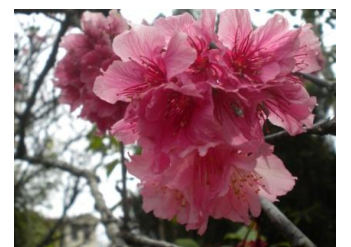
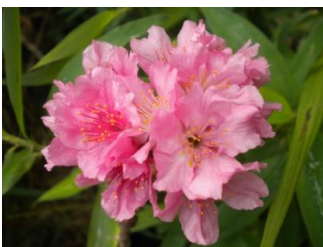
Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake
(Head minister of Amagi Church) 

Rev. Rodney Yano Jayden Adkison
Mitsuko Suwa Raymond Perreira
Yoshito Kanemitsu Maelani Rego
Rev. Edna Yano



Drs. Leon & Linda Webber of Anchorage Alaska (Good friend of Rev. Yoshikazu Matsuda in Japan) made a visit to the church in February. They joined us in making origami flowers, too. This marks their 5th visit! Drs. Leon & Linda have shared with us their experience as they visited Konko Sama last year at the Headquarters, Japan. See Bulletin for full story.

We went to Frankie's Nursery in Waimanalo. From left to right: Reiko Sensei, Alex Furusho, Yano Sensei, and Edna. See more pictures below. Sakura blossoms from our church yard.



Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

Happy March! I hope your days are going by as awesomely as they are going by for me. About every week, we at the Konkō Mission of Wahiawa have an Okage story sharing after the services. The children are especially willing to share their blessings that they received the week before. And as we go about sharing our blessings, we become more receptive to what Kami-Sama has to so generously offer to us on a daily basis. These are some of the words that the children say during our Okage sharing, "I am thankful that I was able to come to church this morning. I am thankful that I was able to spend time with my mommy and nana (Grandma). I am thankful that I got to be able to talk to daddy over the computer (Skype)—as he is working overseas." These seemingly regular things we get to do in our daily living are recognized by these children as divine blessings. We are filled with joy when we listen to everyone's blessed stories of the week and can't wait till the following week to share and listen. Moreover, we share our stories over juice and snacks, so it's very enjoyable.

As we regularly remain in sync with the blessings of Kami-Sama in our daily living, this becomes our basic element in the practice of faith. In order to practice faith, we have to think in faith. We come to a realization that Kami-Sama blesses us in so many ways.

My recent blessing I received was being asked to do some emergency chaplain service at work. I can't go into super details of what happened, but one of the patients passed away, and the family was devastated as this was sudden and unexpected. An emergency chaplain was contacted by the hospital to come by immediately to comfort the family and offer prayers for the deceased. More than an hour passed by. Close to two hours—and no one came by. My manager knowing that I am a minister said to the staff, "Hey, Edna can! Edna's a minister, she can do this." I first thought she must be kidding. But after waiting too long, I was officially requested to do chaplain service.

It was almost like a dream because I always wanted to become a nurse-chaplain, if there ever is such a thing. I felt so blessed that I have two hats; one as a nurse and the other as a minister. I was a bit nervous, but I felt Konkō Daijin's spirit by my side, so I asked for guidance as I offered my prayers. I was a bit worried too, as they do not know what kind of a religion Konkōkyo is. I gathered everyone around the deceased and shared my appreciation to Kami-Sama for allowing this person to live till the age she did in blessedness. Then I recited the

"*Sosen Sanji*" Mitama Prayer in Japanese as I know it from memory. I handed my contact information and informed them that they can Google Search it, as there is an abundance of information on our religion.

A prayer after the death of an individual brings a peaceful closure to the situation. The family was then willing to accept the situation and have the body taken away to the morgue. It is my prayer that the Mitama Spirit of that individual will continue to guide and protect the living family throughout their lives.

I realized that this may not be the first and last time I may be asked to do a prayer, so the very next day, I came to work equipped with my Voice of the Universe book and a mini prayer book as well, along with my church business card. At least, that way, I will be more prepared. I am looking forward to how Kami-Sama will be using me in the future.

This month we have the Annual Spring Memorial Service scheduled for Sunday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. We hold these larger memorial services twice a year. The other is in Autumn. Revering the deceased is an important part of being Konkōkyo. We love our ancestors and truly understand how they continue to support us, like how roots support the tree above. To some, it may seem *mendokusai* (burdensome) to have memorial services—until they realize just how important it is to do so. By remembering the deceased, you are doing them a favor. It is keeping them alive as a Mitama Spirit. The Founder, Konkō Daijin mentioned, "Immortality is important for humans. Immortality is when others keep praying for you after you die." (*GII Kondo Tsuru 1*).

Yes, we believe in immortality—eternal life. When no one remembers you anymore, that is when you ultimately cease to exist. We should keep our deceased family and friends in our conversations in a good way. Look back at pictures you have of them. Recollect those fond memories. Pray that their spirit is happy. Appreciate all that they continue to do for you in their spiritual form. Remember that they are by your side to guide and protect you. These Memorial Services are very important. Please come to attend with your family and friends in time and in person. Stay for the naorai fellowship lunch that will follow the service too.

I am wishing you a great month in March!! Come for our Garage Sale on Sat. March 17 from 9 am-2 pm to raise funds for our Ohana Camp in June (23-24). Save the date and join our camp ☺. Peace.

Aloha, *Edna Yano*