



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

March 2014

- 1 Sat -**Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama**
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
-KMH Young Adult Seminar @HNL Church (9 am-5 pm)
- 2 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am), Overview of March schedule
-Share Okage stories till 11 am
-Preparation for Garage Sale (after service) *light lunch
- 3 Mon -Happy Girl's Day!
- 7 Fri -Church clean up (9 am). Prep. for Garage Sale 1 pm
- 8 Sat -Fundraiser Garage Sale for Ohana Camp (9 am-2 pm)
- 9 Sun -**Monthly Service for Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama** (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭
-Share Okage till 11 am. Evaluation of Garage Sale
- 10 Mon -HCRP meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 14 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @ WGH/LTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 15 Sat -Church clean up for Spring Memorial Service (9 am)
- 16 Sun -**Annual Spring Memorial Service (10 am) 春季霊祭**
*Naorai Lunch will follow
- 23 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage till 11 am
-Honolulu Church Annual Spring Memorial Svc (10 am)
- 26 Wed -Prince Kuhio Day—Holiday
- 29 Sat -Chorus practice at HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 30 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Volunteer Activity at WGH
LTCF (10-10:45 am) *Lunch
- 31 Mon -Church clean up (9 am)

April 2014

- 1 Tue -**Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama**
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 5 Sat -Church clean up for Spring Grand Service (8:30 am)
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage stories (till 11 am)
- 13 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
-Naorai lunch will follow the service.

Konko Daijin says... "There are people who place the amulets and charms they received from shrines and temples on their doors as protection against fire and theft. I do not give such amulets or charms. After praying to Kami-Sama before going to bed, those practicing faith should check if all sources of fire are out, and if the doors are all locked. Then Kami will protect you throughout the night and you can sleep in peace," Konko-Sama often said. (GII Furukawa Konko 2)

Editor's thoughts: I think it's very important that we follow our gut instincts. If we think that a certain way home seems dangerous, don't go—even if it's a shortcut. People have to do what they have to do first, and then leave the rest up to Kami. Lock your doors at night. Don't keep valuables in plain view. Don't keep flammable materials where people could tamper with them. There is only so much that we can be careful of.

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.

春季霊祭 Spring Memorial Service

When: Sunday, March 16, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m.
Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa
Who: All is welcome to attend, since we all have ancestors that must be revered and remembered.

Memo: Naorai fellowship lunch will follow

"Immortality is important for humans. Immortality is when others keep praying for you after you die." (GII Kondo Tsuru 1)

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.

Happy Girl's Day! 3.3.14

Gentle in nature


Intelligent and wise

Respect them, and they will love you

Laugh with them; they love humor ☺



Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2014

- 4/5 Sat -Church Clean up for Grand Service (8 am)
 4/6 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
4/13 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
 4/18 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
 4/20 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
 -40th Memorial Svc. For Late Rev. Santaro Sonoda @WPU
 5/3 Sat -Rev. Rodney Yano & Ms. Fong Yip Wedding (11 am) 
 5/4 Sun -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
 5/11 Sun -Hilo Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
 5/18 Sun -Rev. Masahiko Yoshino's 1-year Mem. Svc. @HNL (11am)
 5/23 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
 5/26 Mon -Memorial Day cemetery visitation
 6/6 Fri -KMH Minister's Gathering @HNL (till 6/7)
 6/7 Sat -Rev. Michio Ide's (Yukuhashi Kyokai) Presentation @HNL
 6/12 Thr -KMH Missionary Women's Society Mtg @HNL (till 6/13)
 6/21 Sat -4th Ohana Camp at Camp Erdman (till 6/22)
 6/27 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
 7/11 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
 7/14 Sun -Back to School Service (9 am)
 7/13 Sun -Monthly Service and Back to School Service (9 am)
 7/20 Sun -KMH Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Hospital (9:30 am)
 8/15 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
 8/24 Sun -85th Anniversary Celebration of HNL Church and 41st
 Mem. Svc. Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama @HNL (11 am)
 9/7 Sun -WGH Bi-annual Church Visit (10 am)
 9/12 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
 9/14 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
 9/21 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
 9/28 Sun -Ikigami Konko Daijin Daisai Svc @Gohonbu, Japan
 9/29 Mon -200th Birthday of Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
 10/4 Sat -Church clean up for Autumn Grand Service (8 am)
 10/5 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
 10/12 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
10/13 Mon-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service (6:30 pm)
 10/18 Sat -HCRP Atomic Bomb Exhibitions @Palolo Hongwanji
 Temple (Through 10/26)
 10/25 Sat -110th Ann. Celebration of Amagi Church (thru 10/26)
 10/26 Sun -21st Annual HCRP Peace Prayer at Gedatsu Ch. (4 pm)
 11/2 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
 11/8 Sat -Church Mini Bazaar (10 am-1 pm)
 11/9 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
 11/23 Sun -Rev. Kikue Kodama's 17th Memorial Svc. @HNL (9 am)
 11/21 Sun -Rev. Haruko Takahashi's 42nd Memorial Svc. (10 am)
 12/28 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
 12/30 Tue -Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding (8 am)

Happy Birthday

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

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



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Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake

(Head minister of Amagi Church)

Rev. Rodney Yano

Maelani Rego

Rev. Edna Yano

Jayden Adkison

Jamie Rego



A Toritsugi Mediation Workshop was sponsored by the Apostles of Konko Daijin (AKD) from February 22-23, 2014. The Reverends Shōhei Tsuda (Amagasaki), Takuma Takebe (Kōrōen), Shūko Tsuda, and Ms. Miwako Yamanaka came all the way from Japan to accommodate the ministers of Hawaii who wished to receive critical lessons of Toritsugi Mediation.

GARAGE SALE!

When: Saturday, March 8, 2014 from 9 am-2 pm

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa

Memo: No foods will be sold. We will have white elephant goods on sale. The funds raised will be used for the Summer Ohana Camp on June 21-22 (Sat-Sun) at Camp Erdman



The Reverend and Drs. Leon & Linda Webber from Anchorage, Alaska joined us for a welcome lunch and origami paper folding session on Sunday, February 2. Since Valentine's was around the corner, we made origami lips, cranes and candy boxes. We really enjoy their visitation to Hawaii every year!!



The Konko Missions of Hawaii sponsored a one-day Young Adult Seminar at the Konko Mission of Honolulu on Saturday, March 1, 2014. A key topic that was discussed was the similarities of Konkokyo and the Hawaiian culture. Ms. Cheryl Tsuyuki shared her experiences and similarities of Konkokyo and the hula culture. We also talked about possible ideas for a Konkokyo Smart-phone app. And ways to survive in the event of a plane crash in the middle of the desert. What are priorities? The salt tabs go last, and the cosmetic mirror comes first!!

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I hope this message finds you in good health and overall wellbeing. It's already March! The Sakura tree in Wahiawa is near its end of full bloom! The weather is slowly getting warmer and it is beginning to feel like spring. Happy Hinamatsuri! (Aka: Girl's Day! March 3rd). Every week we talk about Okage-banashi (blessed tales of the week), that we have experienced. There is always something to share.

From February 22-23, the **Rev. Shōhei Tsuda** (Amagasaki Church), **Rev. Takuma Takebe** (Kōroen Church) traveled from Japan to California and Hawaii, to offer Konko ministers an intense workshop regarding Toritsugi Mediation. This had got to be THE most phenomenal, eye-awakening workshop I ever attended. We did role playing activities and case studies. The sensei taught us the dos and don'ts of Toritsugi Mediation. In ten years time, the number of people that have come to the Amagasaki Church has reached close to two thousand. He taught us how to become a better listener. Toritsugi is all about listening to people's distresses. And based on our own thinking we humans tend to jump to conclusions or make assumptions without trying to be empathetic and compassionate. This was the key I noticed in Rev. Tsuda's workshop. He also acknowledges that every encounter with a person who comes to seek mediation is a divinely blessed encounter, and that Kami-Sama has guided them to the church to be saved. Rev. Tsuda firmly stated that it is the responsibility of the sensei of the church to guide these people to receive blessings. So we must represent Kami best, starting with being a good listener like how our Founder, Konko Daijin was.

There are many distressed people in this world, who just need someone to listen to their problems and sincerely prayed for. I would really want to be able to model Rev. Shōhei Tsuda one day. He experienced many hardships in life, but through these experiences, I can see that he is genuinely radiating the love of Kami-Sama. It's no wonder so many people have been saved through his mediation.

I thank the **Rev. Todd Takahashi** of Honolulu Church who really worked many hours and gave all his effort in making this workshop possible in Hawaii. Originally, it was only going to be held on California, but through the determined will of Todd sensei and the prayers of **Rev. Shūko Tsuda** (Rev. Shohei's sister), we were able to experience a priceless seminar that will change our perspectives on Toritsugi Mediation forever. **Ms. Miwako Yamanaka** and Rev. Shūko Tsuda also came to the seminar as supporters for the workshop.



In changing the subject a little, I wanted to share a quick episode that happened at work recently. I work as a nurse in the hospital. A patient that was assigned to me happened to be in pain. I dispensed one tab of Percocet, which is an opioid controlled substance I get out of the Pyxis machine. Nurses have to put in an ID number along with a finger print each time we take out medications to give to the patients. We have to be extra careful when we take out an opioid controlled substance, because these are the drugs that drug dealers and drug addicts go for—and opioids offer excellent pain control.

I took one tab out and thought I had put it into my deep scrub pocket like I always do, so I can head on over to the patient and give the medication. At that time, four different people were calling me. A doctor was on the phone. A person from the lab was on the phone wanting to give me results from a patient blood test. One patient was calling for pain. And one person wanted to go to the bathroom. I was all flustered. For a second, I didn't know which to prioritize. They were all important. In the midst

of four people wanting me at once, I delegated the nurse aide to help the patient who wanted to use the bathroom. I told the ward clerk that I'd call lab back. I quickly answered the doctor's call first and then headed to the pt that was in pain.

I put my hand in my pocket to take out that tab of Percocet, but it wasn't there! My mind went blank. I was panicking. I can't go home until I find that Percocet!! I would have to call the nurse manager and the house supervisor. I would have to file an incident report. I was thinking of all the negative things that would happen if I didn't find it. Then I remembered to recite Konko-Sama's name. In time of emergency, one need not say, "Ikigami Konko Daijin, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama, please help me." Just say "Konko-Sama." Doing this suddenly made my "monkey-mind" very clear. I remembered that a few minutes ago, I threw away a few pieces of rubbish in the trash can. I highly doubted that I would throw away the narcotic, but I checked in the trash can anyways. Lo and behold, I found it!! I must have thrown it away with the rest of the rubbish when I was in the middle of being called by four people. I lost some concentration. Whew!! Sigh of relief. I immediately thanked Konko-Sama for clearing my mind and being able to find that one tab of Percocet.

To practice faith is to turn our heart towards Kami-Sama/Konko -Sama in whatever situation. Connecting to Kami-Sama is very much like connecting to wifi or the internet. If we are not connected, no matter how good a computer we may have, it will be useless in browsing the internet for information. Connecting to wifi usually requires a password. The password for Kami's wifi is "Konko-Sama." The Founder Konko Daijin related that when he dies, he will go wherever he is asked because his spirit will be one with the Universe. There are no barriers of distance, speed and time. We can immediately receive divine blessings.

This month, the church will be holding its Spring Memorial Service on Sunday, March 16 from 10:00 am. It's for our ancestors and deceased loved ones who have passed away. They have now become the invisible, yet vital root system of our family tree. Without them, we would not exist. Someone once told me, and I have also pondered upon this question myself—where do souls come from? Thousands and thousands of babies are born each day. Where do the dead spirits go and where do the new ones come from? Are we reincarnated? These are all questions that no one has answers to. However, the Founder mentioned that we are all part of the Universe. It's all an existence. It was neither created, nor destroyed. We are given the invisible soul from the Universe upon conception and when we die, the soul reunites with the Universe once again. Dying is when the body and soul separate. We are all products of our ancestors. We carry the DNA from tens of thousands of years ago. When we look into the mirror, there are some characteristics that resemble our mom's side or our father's side. Our ancestors play a vital role in the support of our family tree. If we are able to acknowledge this, we will no doubt thrive. If you have not already done so, please give the names of people you wish to remember at our Spring Memorial Service. Sensei will be calling their names during the main Saishi prayer.

The month of March will fly by very quickly, next will be April. On Sunday, April 13th, we will observe the Spring Grand Ceremony at our church at 11:00 a.m. It will be a morning service—as we usually have them at night. Let's attend this very important service in honor and appreciation of our Divine Parent, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama. Wishing you a Happy Girl's Day, Happy St. Patrick's Day and Happy Prince Kuhio Day! Let's have a great month in March.

Aloha, Edna Yano