



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

March 2015

- 1 Sun** -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama
(9:00 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Share Okage till 11am
- 3 Tue** -Happy Girl's Day!
- 5 Thur** -Church clean up (9 am)
- 6 Fri** -Preparation for Garage sale (9 am)
- 7 Sat** -Garage Sale (9 am-2 pm) *Preparations at 7:30 am
- 8 Sun** -Monthly Svc. For Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama
(9 am) 生神金光大神様月例祭 *Share okage stories till 11 am
- 9 Mon** -HCRP Meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 13 Fri** -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGHLTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 14 Sat** -Church clean up (9 am) *Chorus practice at HNL (2-4 pm)
- 15 Sun** -Annual Spring Memorial Service (10 am) 春季霊祭
*Naorai lunch will follow
- 22 Sun** -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service (10 am)
- 28 Sat** -Ehimemaru Monument clean up (9 am)
- 29 Sun** -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage stories till 11 am
- 31 Tue** -Church clean up (9 am)

April 2015

- 1 Wed** -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 4 Sat** -Church clean up for Grand Service (8 am)
- 5 Sun** -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Honolulu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Mon** -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)
*Sermon by Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi (Honolulu Church)

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.



CHURCH GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 7, 2015

9:00 am-2:00 pm

All proceeds will go towards the church educational fund and help with the

Summer Ohana Camp



Konko Daijin says... "Set your own due date to receive divine blessings, then give your requests. Ask to receive divine blessings within a week or within a day, or even right now. If there is no sign of blessings on your due date, request again. If there is still no sign, request for a third time. You must not give up. Request persistently and receive divine blessings." (GII Konko Hagio 13)

Editor's thoughts: When I work and meet my new patients for the day, I sometimes ask them what day they wish to get better and be discharged. They almost always reply, "That's the doctor's decision; not mine." I tell them, "It's actually up to you." Just recently I had a patient who came in for gastrointestinal bleeding. She jokingly wanted to go home the very next day, so I wrote it down on her goal board. Amazingly, her test results showed that she only had a minor ulcer and stomach irritations. So the doctor told her that she can indeed go home the very next day. She was ecstatic and mentioned, "Hey, you wrote that goal for me, and it came true!" Setting a due date is very important.

春季霊祭

Spring Memorial Service

When: Sunday, March 15, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.

Place: Konko Mission of Wahaiwa

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 Konko 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.

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2015

- 4/5 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
- 4/12 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
- 4/13 Mon -**Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service (6:30 pm)**
- 4/24 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 5/3 Sun -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
- 5/8 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 5/10 Sun -Hilo Church Spring Grand Service (11 am)
- 5/25 Mon -Memorial Day cemetery visitation
- 5/30 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting at Honolulu (10:30 am)
- 6/3 Thur -KMH Missionary Women's Society Mtg @Wailuku
- 6/12 Fri -KMH Minister's Gathering at Honolulu Church
-WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 6/13 Sat -KMH Conference at Honolulu Church
- 6/14 Sun -Kyodan Dokuritsu Kinenshiki at Konko Headquarters
- 6/20 Sat -5th Summer Ohana Camp (till Sun 6/21)
- 7/10 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 7/17 Fri -KMH/KCNA Joint Conference at CSU, CA thru 7/19.
- 7/26 Sun -Back to School Service (9 am)
- 8/15 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting at Honolulu (10:30 am)
- 8/21 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 9/6 Sun -WGH Bi-annual Church Visit (10 am)
- 9/11 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 9/13 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/20 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/29 Mon -201st Birthday of Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
- 10/4 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 10/11 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 10/13 Tue -**Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service (6:30 pm)**
- 10/23 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 10/25 Sun -24th Annual HCRP Peace Prayer (4:00 pm)
-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 11/8 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 11/11 Wed -KMH Pilgrimage to Headquarters (thru 11/15)
- 11/13 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 11/28 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting (1:30 pm)
- 11/29 Sun -Rev. Kikue Kodama's 18th Memorial Svc. @HNL (9 am)
- 12/11 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 12/20 Sun -Rev. Haruko Takahashi's 43rd Memorial Svc. (10 am)
- 12/23 Wed -Rev. Fumio Yasutake's 20th Memorial Service at Amagi
- 12/27 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
- 12/30 Wed -Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding (8 am)



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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

Maelani & Jamie Rego

Rev. Edna Yano



We welcome Drs. Revs. Leon & Linda Webber to Hawaii for their annual retreat on the North Shore. It was great to see them. They even brought their cute poodle, Rusty! We also had them pound Mochi for the first time. We are looking forward to seeing them again next year. Much peace and Aloha.



Rev. Hiroko and daughter Tomobo Yamada visited our church on 2/10/15. They have come to celebrate Tomobo's 20th birthday! The Yamada's have worked at the KMH Hawaii Center office in the past. At that time, Tomobo was only a toddler.



Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

Hello! How are you doing this month? I am thankful to be alive. I don't think I would have died, but it certainly felt like it when my parents and I had the worst flu we ever had last month (February). The cough is still lingering, but we have finally overcome this extra powerful bug. We all had days of high fever, nausea, dizziness, thick phlegm, headaches, night sweats, body aches, joint pain, sticky red eyes, extreme fatigue, and unrelenting cough. It had been a while since we all got this sick, and we have been able to appreciate the days we were healthy. My mom was the sickest of all, but she still didn't go to the doctors nor take any antibiotics. She was determined to get well using her own holistic approaches. I certainly was scared of her life at one point. At my sickest point, even I thought I might be dead the next morning. It was THAT bad. But through Kami-Sama's blessings, adequate rest and lots of fluids, we were all able to recover. We cannot be more thankful to the people who thought about us and prayed for our recovery. The kind e-mails, texts, phone calls and get well card. They meant so much to us. Just knowing that there are people thinking about and praying for us felt so good and heart-warming. It's a new experience to become the sick person. I realize that ministers pray for the church members when they get ill, but when our members and friends pray for us when we get sick, we felt the healing energy. And we really thank you.



Even in the condition of being sick, I could feel my immune system trying their very best to eliminate the pathogens in my body. I could feel the poisons being eliminated with every trip to the restroom. I was thankful for my parents and boyfriend who took very good care of me and tried to cheer me up. I was thankful for my bed and comforter, which I needed three layers of due to the chills I'd get from time to time. Amidst the feeling of being miserable and confined to bed, I tried to identify the many things I could still be thankful for. It felt good. I did my head to toe and internal organs appreciation prayer. I had all the time in the world to think about and pray for all the wonderful people in my life when I was in bed. The blessings of Kami-Sama were trying very hard to keep me alive.

I am thankful that I am 98% back to my original self again. Still coughing occasionally and my voice is a little raspy, but I have recovered till this extent. The Founder, Konko Daijin used to say, "Being cured is not the only thing to be grateful for. Always being in good health is" (GIII Konko Kyoso Gorikai 46). I can never agree more on this statement. Because majority of the year, I am healthy and happy. Maybe less than 5% of the year I'm sick or feeling miserable. 95% of my year goes by quite smoothly. No amount of money can pay for these blessings. I am thankful for the blessings I receive from Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (Deity of Heaven and Earth) on a daily basis. Thank goodness for good health again.

In completely changing the subject, I've been wanting to share a short sermon that the Rev. Yubun Narashiba of the Jodo Mission of Hawaii shared with us during the Ehime Kenjin-kai New Year's luncheon.

The Jodo Mission of Hawaii holds their yearly Bazaar in their premises. One day, Rev. Narashiba looked out from the window of the temple to watch the Bazaar scenery and the customers. He saw one of his temple members who is an elderly woman. In both hands were bags of items that she had bought at the Bazaar. She was done shopping and was heading out the main gate, wobbling unsteadily with the obviously heavy bags she was holding. Rev. Narashiba shook his head, sighed, and said to himself, "My my my,

why does she buy more items than she can hold?" Just as the lady was about to exit the front gate, he sees her put down the heavy bags and take a deep breath. She turned around toward the direction of the temple and took a sincerely deep bow. Then she turned around again, and carried her heavy bags of merchandise. As it turns out, that elderly temple lady holds on to the merchandise untouched in her house for an entire year and donates it back to the temple for the next Bazaar. And she re-purchases the same merchandise over and over again, so the temple can raise some funds.

Rev. Narashiba was shocked and ashamed at himself for not realizing her intent of buying so much at the Bazaar. At that moment, he felt defeated in his faith. He said, "That is an example of a true believer of faith that is higher than mine." She is an example of a black-belt faith practitioner.

Rev. Narashiba gave another inspiring story. It was about the difference between a cook and a chef. In January, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii holds their annual New Year's Ohana Festival. The Ehime Kenjin-kai group opened a food booth. Although my dad and I were not able to participate in that activity, we let the group borrow our huge church cooking wok, so they could fry their tempura. Their day ended with satisfied customers and no incidents. Everyone helped clean up and transported the items back to the temple. Our church wok was held at the Jodo Mission temporarily until we picked it up. Mr. Ogai, who is a retired chef in the Ehime Kenjin-kai followed Rev. Narashiba back to the temple. He requested to clean the wok. It was already wiped down and somewhat cleaned. Mr. Ogai wanted to clean it specially before returning it to us. Rev. Narashiba was shocked and amazed. He said to himself, "He is no doubt a true chef; a professional." Rev. Narashiba asked all of us during the luncheon, "Do you know the difference between a chef and a cook?"

When a cook and a chef are both given the same ingredients and same menu to make, the chef's one tastes way better than the one the cook prepared. It also looks better. When the chef washes the dishes and cleans the kitchen, it will also look way cleaner than when the cook does it. That's because the chef is putting more sincerity into his work. He puts his sincerity not only into his cooking, he puts it into everything, from preparations, cooking, serving the customer and cleaning up after everything is done. Such is a true professional and chef. So, when Rev. Narashiba witnessed the sincerity in every that Mr. Ogai presented from the whole set up till clean up of their food booth, he was convinced that he was a black belt level chef.

From these two stories that I heard, I learned a valuable lesson. It's to put true sincerity in every thought, action and word. It may seem impossible, but through practice and determination of wanting to improve ourselves, it is possible. The same could be applied in our practice of faith, in our work, in our relationships. We can all strive to be a little better each day, a little less wasteful, a little friendlier, a little more helpful, a little more appreciative, a little smarter, a little healthier. It's never too late to improve ourselves just a little more each day. Our souls were bestowed into this human body now for just a fraction of a fraction in the timeless Universe. While we live in the physical form, it is our greatest opportunity to level up and become amazing people before we return back to our spiritual state. We are given limitless potential from the Divine. That is something to be very excited about.

As I conclude my note, I would like to thank you for reading till the very end. See you at the Spring Memorial Service on Sunday, March 15 at 10:00 am. *Sincerely, Edna Yano*

