



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

*\*All services will be streamed on Facebook Live*

### March 2022

- 1 Tue -**Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm)**  
天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 3 Thur -Happy Girl's Day!
- 5 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 6 Sun -**Monthly Service for Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama (9 am)**  
-Rotary Hanashikai Meeting on Zoom hosted by Waipahu  
(10:30 am to 12 noon) \*E-mail us for the ZOOM link
- 11 Fri -KMH CEOC meeting on ZOOM (3-4 pm)
- 13 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)  
-Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service (10 am)
- 16 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5-6 pm)
- 18 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 20 Sun -**Annual Spring Memorial Service (10 am) 春季霊祭**
- 26 Sat -Ehimemaru Mem. clean up @Kaka'ako Park (9 am)
- 27 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share okage till 11 am
- 30 Wed -Church clean-up (9 am)  
-KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)

### April 2022

- 1 Fri -**Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm)**  
天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)  
-Honolulu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 9 Sat -Church clean-up for Grand Ceremony (8 am)
- 10 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Wed -**Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Ceremony (6:00 pm)**

**Konko Daijin says...** Having heard that I could see Konko-Sama anytime, I inquired him about it. He said, "After the sun sets, if you want to, you can see me. You can also see me after the sun rises. It will be a round thing rising above your head. Look at it and think that it is me" (*Gorikai II Mandai Mitsuzo 2*).

**Editor's thoughts:** The sun, moon and earth are things we take for granted daily. But without these three objects, we would not be able to live. The start of the food chain actually begins with the sun. The sun helps to grow plants and animals would eat the plants. I met a person who told me that he doesn't believe in worshipping God, but he worships the sun every day and says "Thank you" to it. He said that it's a fact that the sun sustains our life and we cannot live without it. I have also recently started to face towards the sun, moon and earth in thanks. The 3 treasures mentioned in Konkokyo are the Sun, Moon and Earth. We must not take for granted our daily blessings from the 3 treasures.

## 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 春季霊祭

**When:** Sunday, March 20, 2022 @ 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 by 3/18 (Fri).

## Kyoten Study Group Session

Wed 3/2/22 @5pm-6pm

Join us on ZOOM

Wed 3/16/22 @5pm-6pm

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Wed 3/30/22 @5pm-6pm

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Ms. Jean Kawabatsu and her Obana came for a visit to the Konko Mission of Wahiawa on Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2022

- 4/3 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 4/10 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 4/13 Wed -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Ceremony (6:00 pm)
- 4/16 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 5/1 Sun -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 5/8 Sun -Hilo Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 5/14 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church ZOOM
- 5/21 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 5/30 Mon -Memorial Day visit to Punchbowl
- 6/11 Sat -KMH Beach Clean-up BBQ (10 am to 2 pm)
- 6/18 Sat -Missionary Women's Meeting @Wailuku Church
- 7/2 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 7/9 Sat -KMH Hawaii Gathering (1:30 p-3:30 p)
- 7/24 Sun -Back to School Service (9 am)
- 8/6 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church ZOOM
- 8/14 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai Mtg @HNL Church (10:30 am)
- 8/21 Sun -49<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama
- 9/18 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/25 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 10/2 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 10/9 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 10/13 Thr -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (6:00 pm)
- 10/23 Sun -HCRP Peace Prayer TBD
- 11/6 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 11/13 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 11/14 Mon-International Gathering at Gohonbu thru (TBD)
- 11/15 Tue -KMH 2<sup>nd</sup> Yatsunami Gathering on Zoom (5-6:30 pm)
- 11/19 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 11/20 Sun -90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of SF Church (10:30 am)
- 11/27 Sun -25<sup>th</sup> Mem. Svc for Late Rev. Kikue Kodama @HNL (10 am)
- 12/10 Sat -KMH Head Minister's Mtg (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 12/18 Sun -50<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)
- 12/25 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
- 12/30 Fri -31<sup>st</sup> Annual Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)



## 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**  
**Keiko Toyoda                Maelani Rego**  
**Rev. Edna Matsuoka**

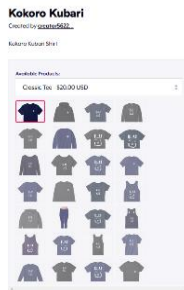
## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Spring Grand Ceremony For Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama

**Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2022 @ 6:00 pm**

**Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa**

**Memo:** Join us in person! Covid precautions have eased dramatically. And we will be able to attend without having to put on masks. We will be bringing back the Naorai fellowship dinner after the service. So we will begin the service a little earlier at **6 pm** instead of 6:30 pm. Let's honor and appreciate the Life Force, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama.

On February 9, 2022, the 21<sup>st</sup> Memorial Service for the victims of the Ehime Maru was held. Revs. Yasuhiro Yano and Edna Matsuoka attended the service with the Ehime Kenjinkai



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President's Day Garage Sale on 2/21/22 was a Great Success! Mahalo for all your help! We were able to raise \$1,206.59 which will help towards the fumigation of the church and residence on June 6<sup>th</sup> this year.



## Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

February went by in a flash! I almost forgot to publish my newsletter because I thought I had a few more days left till March. I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and overall well-being. I say that because it really is the most important thing—to be well.

With what's happening in the world right now, it's pretty depressing. Just when we thought we could see the light at the end of the tunnel with the pandemic, another dark and scary thing unfolds. The whole world is getting anxious with this one. As you all are aware by now of the invasion of Ukraine by Russia on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we see footage of attacks, damage to property and hurt people. Hundreds have already died from what we know, but these numbers may actually be worse.

In the most recent news, it said that a cyber-war has begun. And a highly tech savvy group called "Anonymous" launched some cyber-attacks on Russia. Ukraine is recruiting hackers to help protect critical infrastructure through their IT Army website! Wow! Cyber warfare can really mess things up. And this may be the new style fighting technique. Everything we saved online could be wiped clean, even our savings, 401k and investments. And our smart phones may no longer work anymore.

I was talking to some of my coworkers yesterday and they fear that WW3 is going to happen, so they withdrew a chunk of money from their 401K to have cash on hand. I told them that if there's a war, our American dollars may become useless. I knew we were all hoping the invasion wouldn't happen, but I knew it was going to happen. And there is no turning back because the damage was done and is still happening. With the amount of troops on both sides gathering at the border, with so much planning and action, there was no way it would only be for show. With that much effort and determination put into a goal, it's going to happen. No matter how bad or good the intentions are, there is no distinction for the universal energy. The side that has the stronger intent to carry out their plan is going to win. That is called "Isshin" or single-heartedness.

The world watches in shock. History is once again repeating itself. It's scary. There is no knowing if this will lead to WW3. Young men between the ages of 18 and 25 are beginning to freak out that this may lead into a mandated draft. The millennial combat battalion—can you imagine that? If we thought the pandemic was scary, this is indeed something far more frightening.

No amount of protest and prayer is going to immediately stop this conflict that is currently happening. I believe it was the same during WW2. I'm sure there were protests. I'm sure there were countless people who were praying for world peace and a cease of fire, but it ended with millions of lives being lost. And a broken world, which eventually rebuilt itself.

As a single human being, I cannot do anything to stop what is happening in Ukraine right now. I alone can't prevent what will happen next with this situation. I can't make a YouTube video saying "Stop this right now!" It would be like the efforts of a minnow trying to climb up the Niagara Falls. Whatever happens is going to happen. The future cannot be foreseen. This is indeed a scary time we are experiencing. But it makes matters worse if we just sit and worry about it day and night. It also makes

matters worse by not caring about what is happening there too. Being completely in the "I don't care, that's not my business" attitude is also harmful. We should all be genuinely concerned with what is going on throughout the world because we are living on one body called Earth. That's why I got a world map and a map of the United States and placed it on our dining room wall. So I can see when there is news about other parts of the world. I don't want to be ignorant. The maps also remind me that I am but a microscopic speck on this huge map, so it humbles me.

If there is inflammation going on in one part of the body, the whole body gets involved. This is truly an angry infection that's going on in Ukraine. If there is pain somewhere on your body, you feel it with your whole body and it affects your whole body. Feel the pain that is going on in the other parts of the world. Don't only be concerned about yourself. Don't have a careless attitude. At least give your thoughts and prayers to what is happening. Pray for peace to return.

In a teaching that Konko Daijin said "The way of the Universe is collapsing. Broaden the way. Teach the way which can help people in trouble. (Oboe Cho 20-16-2)." It's as if Konko Daijin was predicting the future.

With this new situation of uncertainty, I thought about the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi who is the founding minister of this

church. I also think of the other 1st generation sensei who experienced WW2 first hand and even been arrested and put into internment camps. There was one thing in common with all these sensei. Can you figure out what it is? It's their **unwavering faith** in Kami-Sama. That no matter what, they are relying on Kami-Sama to have their backs. They trusted in Kami-Sama

100%. Not 99.9%, they trusted in Kami-Sama 100%. Throughout all this uncertainty they were able to do that. Can we do that? Ask yourself.

It's not clear what's going to happen with this situation, but we must have unwavering faith in Kami-Sama no matter what. Faith is what's going to keep us sane. Faith is what is going to keep us strong, even if we end up losing everything. Faith is what enables us to rebuild what has been broken or lost. Faith enables us to heal when we get hurt. Faith enables us to look forward to the future and Faith has the power to see the light amidst the darkness. So no matter what happens next, keep the faith, trust in Kami-Sama and continue to pray. That's all we can really do at this time. I was reading an article about the situation in Ukraine. One Ukrainian said to the reporter "I don't care who wins, I just want to be able to smile with my family again." The situation is dire there. Be genuinely concerned.

Thankfully, in Hawaii we are safe where we are now, but we never know when situations will change. We must stay safe, stay alive and stay well. And don't stop being grateful for the blessings we are still given each day by the Life Force Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama. Don't take the current peace we have for granted.

March is the month of the **Spring Memorial Service**. We will conduct our service on **Sunday, March 20 at 10 am**. Please join us to honor our ancestors, family and deceased friends. When you make the sincere effort to connect with the Mitama Spirits, they will respond to you. Naorai fellowship lunch will follow. We hope to see you.

Have a fantastic month in March! Wishing all girls, a Happy Girl's Day!! *Sincerely Edna*

