



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

**All services will be streamed on Facebook Live*

March 2024

- 1 Fri -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sat -Little Star Dance Group Performs at Kuakini Auditorium 9:30 am and at Ala Moana Center Stage at 3 pm.
-Potluck Party @HNL Church with the dance group (5p-7p)
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) Happy Girl's Day!
-Hilo Church Spring Memorial Svc (11 am) *Edna Sensei will conduct the service.
- 7 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 8 Fri -St Francis Japanese Program (10:30 am)
- 9 Sat -Ehimekenjinkai Shinnen Enkai (11 am to 2 pm)
- 10 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭
-Rotary Hanashikai Meeting hosted by Waipahu (10:30 am)
- 13 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on Zoom (5-6 pm)
- 17 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Okage Sharing
-Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service (10 am)
- 18 Mon -KMH Rummage Sale Meeting @Waipahu Church (9 am)
- 21 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 22 Fri -KMH CEOC Mtg on ZOOM (2-3 pm)
- 23 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering on ZOOM (2 pm)
- 24 Sun -Spring Memorial Service (10 am) *Naorai lunch follows.
- 27 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on Zoom (5-6 pm)
- 29 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 30 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial clean-up at Kakaako (9 am)
- 31 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Okage Sharing

April 2024

- 1 Mon -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭

Konko Sama Says...People talk about great blessings, but blessings are merely the shadows cast by the sincerity of each person. Therefore, if you show great sincerity towards Kami, you can receive great blessings. You cannot receive great blessings with a little sincerity. The shadow cast by sincerity will follow the shape of sincerity. (Gorikai III Jinkyu Kyogoroku 21)

Editor's thoughts: People pray to Kami, God, Life Force, Universe, etc., seeking great blessings, miracles, and fulfilled wishes. Have you ever considered what kind of blessing Kami desires? I believe that Kami-Sama wants to witness sincerity in our words and actions. "Negau" means to request, and it also means to buy at a price. The greater the blessings one wishes to manifest, the greater our sincerity needs to be.

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.



2.13.24 Rev. Yoki Sekiguchi and his mother traveled from Japan to Hawaii for a visit. As a newly ordained minister, he is set to become the resident minister of Hilo Church in the near future.



Reiko Sensei and Edna Sensei went to the Hale 'O Meleana Assisted Living Facility at St. Francis on February 2nd. They shared a Japanese program of music, origami, singing, brain exercises, balloon tossing and storytelling. It is very rewarding to see the smiles of the residents there. Our next visit will be on Friday, March 8th at 10:30 am.

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2024

- 4/7 Sun -Spring Grand Svc at Honolulu Church 11 am
- 4/13 Sat **-Spring Grand Svc at Wahiawa Church at 5 pm**
- 4/21 Sun -Spring Grand Svc at Waipahu Church 10:30 am along with Rev. Santarō and Mrs. Sueka Sonoda's 50th Memorial Service
- 4/28 Sun -Spring Grand Service at Hilo Church 11 am
- 5/5 Sun -Spring Grand Service at Wailuku Church 11 am
- 5/11 Sat -KMH Board Meeting 10:30 am @HNL Church and ZOOM
- 5/12 Sun -Rev. Mitsumasa Yasutake's 15th Mem. Svc @ WPH, 9:30 am
- 5/18 Sat -KMH Ministers Gathering 2 pm to 4 pm
- 5/27 Mon -Memorial Day visit to Punchbowl
- 7/6 Sat -KMH Ohana Program, Haleiwa Beach picnic 10 am 2 pm
- 7/17 Wed -50th 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 -120th 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 4th International Yatsunami (Zoom 3 pm HST)
- 11/23 Sat -KMH Board Meeting 10:30 am @Honolulu Church
- 11/24 Sun -26th Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama 10 am
- 12/15 Sun -52nd Mem Svc for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10 am
- 12/22 Sun -End of Year Service 9 am
- 12/30 Mon-33rd Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church



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)



Jayden Adkison Keiko Toyoda
Maelani Rego Rev. Rodney Yano
Rev. Edna Matsuoka



Ms. Kazumi Ishii and 13 other dancers from the Kirakira Hikaru Arts Japan arrived safely from Tokyo 2.29.24. They danced at the Konko Mission of Honolulu and various places since about 10 years ago. They have returned and will be dancing at Ala Moana Center stage as well! Come cheer them on!

Kirakirahikaru Arts JAPAN Dance performance From Tokyo



2024.3.1 FRI Lanakila elementary school
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2024.3.2 SAT Kuakini Medical Center
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Ala Moana Center stage
Ala Moana Shopping Center

We are Kirakirahikaru Art's Japan from Tokyo, and we are here to express the soul of Japan. Please come and see our performance filled with smiles and the joy of dancing!





23rd Memorial Service Since Ehimemaru Accident 2.9.24



20th Year sister-city relationship gathering with Ehime Prefecture and Hawaii at Washington Place with Ehime Governor Mr. Tokihiro Nakamura 2.9.24



(Above) Dinner gathering with Rodney Sensei and his SF Kendo friends and Hawaii ohana 2.24.24



(Above) Shodō Lesson by Reiko Sensei and farewell party for Ebaben Ohana 2.25.24

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I hope you are doing well. If you can navigate each day without any worries, consider yourself extremely blessed. The late Rev. Matsutaro Yasutake once mentioned, "Worrying will shorten your life." Konko Daijin also emphasized, "Worrying will hurt your health and are irreverence toward Kami." (GIII Jinkyu Kyogoroku #42). Sometimes, we encounter stories where doctors give up hope on a person's recovery, yet that patient defies the odds and makes a complete recovery. How do you not worry when told by the doctor that your prognosis is poor? Our hopes would feel defeated.

The Founder, Konko Daijin, was one of those individuals who nearly lost his life at the age of 42, even with doctors giving up on him. I have personally witnessed several remarkable cases and would like to share one of them with you. We often come across miracle stories, and I truly believe this is one of them.

As some of you may know, I am a part-time nurse working in a medical-surgical oncology /hematologic /orthopedic unit. Being a nurse has been quite rewarding, especially witnessing the recovery of individuals and their return home. This year marks my 14th year in the nursing profession. Dealing with hematologic patients, we often encounter cases of individuals with complicated blood-related illnesses, the origins and cures of which remain elusive. Despite multiple blood transfusions, the blood counts fail to improve and drop the very next day. It is an autoimmune condition where the body attacks its own cells, posing complex challenges as these patients are highly immunocompromised and susceptible to critical illness.

One day, I had a patient who had been in the hospital for quite some time. Despite various treatments, her blood counts, like her hemoglobin, hematocrit, platelets, and white blood cell counts—showed no improvement. Just when we thought she was improving and might go home the next day, her counts dropped again, leading to the cancellation of her discharge. Following a lengthy discussion with the oncologist/hematologist, the patient informed me, "I was just told by the doctor that this is going to be my home." She was essentially told that she wouldn't be going home.

I felt as disappointed as the patient upon hearing this news. Doctors bear the responsibility of conveying prognoses, whether good or bad, and their words hold the power to make or break someone's day.

Witnessing her disappointment, I asked, "What do you want to do? I know the doctor said this will be your home but set aside what he just told you and concentrate on what YOU want to do." She replied, "I want my counts to recover and go home."

Her story reminded me of a young hematologic patient over a decade ago. I shared this story with her—the patient from ten years ago who showed no improvement despite numerous transfusions, even needing to transfer to the ICU. Her husband, desperate for prayers, approached me after learning about my dual role as a nurse and a minister. Despite bleak expectations, I had the opportunity to lead a universal prayer of healing and reconciliation, expressing gratitude and love to all the cells in her body. I asked the young patient the exact date she wished to go home, and she chose the day before Easter. I wrote that date on her patient plan whiteboard, advising her to focus on those goals. Miraculously, just a day after the prayer, her platelet count, which was at 1, doubled daily, and within a week, her blood work normalized, allowing her to go home on the day before Easter.

Sharing this story with the current patient, I sensed a spark of optimism. I encouraged her to concentrate on her desires, erased

the board, and asked her what she wanted me to write. Goal #1: Normalize all my counts. Goal #2: Go home exactly a week from today. I wrote the exact date on the goal board. I then encouraged her to communicate with her cells, emphasizing genuine sincerity in expressing appreciation, love, and apology. I briefly explained to her that we have approximately 1,000,000,000,000 cells per kilogram of body weight. We are basically a universe full of cells working hard for us every day. If we weigh 60 kg, we have about 60,000,000,000,000 cells! (*According to Dr. Kazuko Murakami—top geneticist*)

The patient asked, "Do you think I can go home in a week?" I responded, "I don't know, but put it out there in the universe." I advised her to read the goals with her eyes, believing that her cells would understand the message and work towards achieving those goals. The patient seemed excited, doing a hand shimmy from her head to her abdomen with a grin.

After being off for three days, I returned to work eager to check on her progress, but she wasn't in her room. Worried, I inquired with other nurses, and when the charge nurse arrived, she casually mentioned, "Oh yeah, she went home already." I couldn't believe it! Her counts had improved, and she was discharged just one day after our conversation. I am overjoyed for her. I hope she is just as mind blown as I am.

There is a Konko teaching that states, "Blessings are merely the shadows cast by the sincerity of each person." Her incredible recovery must have reflected the utmost sincerity she demonstrated in her prayers to the universe.

Konko Daijin advised: Set your own due date to receive divine blessings, then make your request. Ask for divine blessings within a week, a day, or even immediately. If there is no sign of blessings on your due date, request again. If there is still no sign, request for a third time. Do not give up; persistently request and watch for divine blessings (Gorikai II Konko Hagio 13-1).

There appears to be virtue in setting a date for something. You build more determination when you have a timeline to meet, as opposed to simply desiring improvement without a set date. The Life Force, Kami-Sama, wants to know when you desire your blessings. Write that date down along with your goals. As your eyes read it, your body will strive to meet those goals to the best of its capacity.

The same holds true for a vision board. Seek images or words from magazines, Google Images, etc., representing what you desire in your life. Affix them to a large sheet of paper and position it where you can view it daily. Also, include a date indicating when you wish to manifest your desires. Once your vision on the board is achieved, mark it with a happy sticker or a star, and note the actualization date. Always remember to express gratitude for what you already have, and refrain from dwelling on negative thoughts regarding what you lack.

Please mark your calendars for the important Spring Memorial Service on Sunday, March 24 at 10 a.m. We would not be here if it were not for our ancestors who came before us. Even non-blood related individuals have contributed to our existence. Remembering them means more than anything in the world to the spirits, because to remember means we are keeping them immortal. You are welcome to register the names of your loved ones with our church and we will be calling out their names during the service. If you also have a digital image of them, please email it to konkowahiawa207@gmail.com so we can add it to the digital picture frame and honor your loved one during the service. Wishing you all a happy month in March. Happy Girl's Day!

Sincerely, Edna

