



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

May 2011

- 1 Sun -Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama Monthly Svc. (9 am)** ☀️
天地金乃神様 月例祭. **May schedule overview and Sunday School Koinobori coloring. Brunch to follow.**
- 2 Mon** -HCRP Meeting at PL Church (1:30 pm)
- 4 Wed** -Rev. Todd Takahashi's Study Session @Center (8 pm)
- 5 Thur** -Happy Boy's Day! 🍡
- 7 Sat** -Church clean up (9 am)
- 8 Sun -Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama Monthly Svc. (9 am)**
生神金光大神様 月例祭. **Share Okage Stories**
-Lay member testimonial by Ms. Doreen Hirota
-Happy Mother's Day! Share Okage Stories 🌹
-Hilo Church Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 11 Wed** -Women's Club Mtg. Make eyelash lei (9:00 am)
- 13 Fri** -Monthly Volunteer Activity @WGH LTCF (10-10:45 am)
- 15 Sun** -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Wailuku Church Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 21 Sat** -Church clean up (9 am)
- 22 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (9 am)** 月例霊祭
-Meeting for Wahiawa Church Family Camp (after svc)
- 28 Sat** -Chorus practice @HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 29 Sun** -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage Stories (after svc)
- 30 Mon** -Memorial Day Holiday—Punchbowl & Mililani Visit
- 31 Tue** -Church clean up (9 am)

June 2011

- 1 Wed -Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama Monthly Svc. (7:30 pm)**
天地金乃神様 月例祭

Konko Sama says...

"Women are like the fields of the world. Fields must be well maintained in order to produce precious crops. What the chief retainer is to his lord's castle is what the wife is to her family's home. If the chief retainer is not good, the castle has difficulties; and if the wife is not good, the home will have difficulties." (III Konko Kyoso Gorikai 86)

What the editor thinks: Isn't it so good to know that Konko Daijin truly respected and understood women?! These teachings by Konko Daijin were more than 150 years old, and they can all apply in today's society. Women are like the Earth. No matter how harsh the heavens are with the wind, rain and thunder (Father's yelling)—Earth can bear it, and the living things can bear it, too. But when Earth itself shakes and rattles, the damage is far more devastating. This was apparent in the Japan Earthquake. It is very important for the woman of the household to be wise and strong-hearted—for this is the key to lasting harmony in the family.

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.

Happy Mother's Day

Mothers share a special bond with their children. Only moms can experience this gift. There is no one else quite like mom. Her wish is for her children to grow healthy. Everyone in this world was born from mom. Realize that Mother Earth is the same. 🌺

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Summer Ohana Camp

ABC'S OF KONKOKYO

- Date:** July 9 (10 am) – July 10 (2 pm), 2011 (Saturday and Sunday)
- Place:** Camp HR Erdman, Mokuieia
- Who:** Open to all ages
- Why:** To learn the ABC's of Konkokyo
- Fee:** \$10 for 18+, \$5 for 5-17, Under 4 FREE
- Contact:** Call 621-6667 or come to Wahiawa Church for more details. Forms available online at our website or at our church.

Please support this activity by purchasing Zippy's fundraiser tickets for \$7.00 each, which entitles you to: Chili, Portuguese Bean Soup, Spaghetti Sauce or Cookies! We will also have a Garage Sale on Sat. 6/4 from 10 am-2 pm. All forms and payment due on **Sunday, June 5, 2011.**



Wahiawa Konko Mission Annual Schedule at a Glance

6/4	Sat	-Wahiawa Church Garage Sale for Ohana Camp (9 a-2 p)
6/5	Sun	-80 th Anniversary of Konko Church of San Francisco (11 am)
7/9-10	Sat-Sun	-Wahiawa Church Ohana Camp at Camp Erdman
7/13	Wed	-KMH Missionary Women's Society Seminar at Wailuku
7/17	Sun	- Kuakini Medical Center Volunteer Activity (9:30 am)
7/24	Sun	-Back to School Service (9 am)
8/6	Sat	-Project C.L.E.A.N. Wahiawa District Park (7-11 am)
8/21	Sun	-Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama's 38 th Memorial Svc. @HNL
9/4	Sun	-Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa General Hospital (10 am)
9/18	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
9/25	Sun	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
9/29	Sun	-197 th Birthday of the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
10/9	Sun	-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
10/13	Thur	-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service (6:30 pm)
10/16	Sun	-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/6	Sun	-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/13	Sun	-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
11/27	Sun	-14 th Memorial Svc. for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
12/18	Sun	-39 th Memorial Svc. for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)
12/25	Sun	-End of the Year Service (9 am)
12/30	Fri	-Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding (8 am)



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Happy Birthday

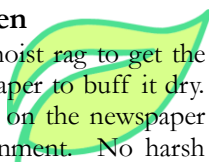
To all the people born in May
Please continue to receive
Infinite divine blessings from
Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

Rev. Sugako Yoshino (HNL)
AdaRae Perreira
Edith Noguchi
Nathan Noguchi
Channon Pangorang

Rev. Reiko Yano
Tevin Makishima
Linda Noguchi
Elmay Pangorang
Randy Furusho

Household Tip—Practice faith by being green

When cleaning windows, first wipe windows with a moist rag to get the heavy dirt and grime off. Then, get a sheet of newspaper to buff it dry. You will notice a streak-free, lint-free shine. The ink on the newspaper acts like a polishing agent. It's good for the environment. No harsh chemicals, safe on hands and you get a perfect shine! Try it.



Spring Grand Ceremony was held on Wed., April 13, 2011. Ms. Hope Morihara offered Kibimai Sacred Dance. Rev. Kei Kunito delivered the sermon.

Konko Sama says...

"If people prayed before taking medicine, blessings would be quick. Instead, however, they take medicine before praying, so there are no divine blessings." (*Gorikai III, Konko Kyoso Gorikai 47*)

「祈れ薬れにすれば おかげも早いが、薬れ祈れにするからおかげにならぬ。」

(金光教教典 金光教祖御理解 4 7)



What the editor thinks: It all makes sense if we think about it, because medicines ultimately work on living humans. If medicines worked on dead people, we would have many resurrections! What praying does for the body is it informs the soul, or the invisible aspects of our bodies to accept the medicine that is about to enter. It's asking permission. Much like a knock on the door before a guest comes in. If your body is aware that a medicine is entering, they will happily welcome it in; if not, it will just be regarded as an intruder and do more harm than good. Who or what is keeping us alive? Our heart pumps the blood to circulate oxygen and nutrition to all parts of our bodies. Our brain enables us to think. But what is this invisible element we call the soul? Where does the soul come from? We tend to pay too much attention to the physical aspects of the human body—the aches and pains, and not realize how much more important it is to pay attention to the invisible aspects. Our thinking is invisible, our feelings are invisible, and even the electric current that is flowing throughout our body is invisible. The physical world is directly connected to the invisible world. When we have too much stress in life, it takes a toll on our bodies. Stress is invisible, although it is visible when expressed as deep furrows between the eyes, mean look on the face, and an upside down smile. There is a study that shows 70% of placebo medicine is effective. This means, it's all in the mind. Our mind is invisible! Prayer is medicine for the invisible elements in life; medicine just assists with the physiological elements.

Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

How are you? Happy Boy's Day (5/5)! And Happy Mother's Day (5/8)! I hope that this newsletter finds you in excellent health and wellbeing. I know you are receiving blessings every single day. On May 1st we will have a Sunday School Koinobori coloring session after the monthly service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama, which starts at 9:00 a.m. To celebrate Boy's Day and Mother's Day, we will also be having a simple brunch on that day. We would really like you to join us, with your family. The picture of the Koinobori in the center was taken at our church.

Our church Spring Grand Ceremony, in honor and appreciation of our dear Divine Parent, Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama was observed on Wednesday, April 13. It was so good to see six little children attending this service with their parents. The Grand Ceremony is like our Easter Celebration. Children are our future, and living treasures of the world. They have infinite potential to become individuals who will contribute to society. It is Kami's joy to see children attending the church services and church functions. We thank Kami-Sama and Konko Daijin for enabling everything to work out in blessedness. We are happy for the congregation that made the time and reserved this day for our Divine Parent, Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama. As you go out of your way to prioritize Kami-Sama, Kami-Sama will also prioritize you.

To be a Konko believer is to take the teachings into action. There are many teachings from the founder. I know it's hard to follow them all, but if we can even keep one of the teachings to heart and apply it in our daily living; you will be able to see a positive difference in the outcome of things.

Our faith is challenged when we encounter difficulties in life. This is a divine blessing. Take the diamond for example. It took hundreds of thousands of years for a single diamond to be formed. And by far, it is one of the most precious stones on our planet. A diamond is pure carbon, which had received tremendous amounts of pressure. Throughout the life story of humans, we encounter a lot of different stressors—or you can call it pressure. You can regard these stressors as blessings because you are forming into a diamond. If the conditions of the environment are not right, a diamond is not formed; it just dissolves. A strong faith will enable us to handle the extreme pressures in life, so you can form into a diamond.

How we look at things in life will determine what path we go thereafter. Every challenge, every argument, every illness and every good thing in life as well, can be regarded as fertilizer for our souls to develop into well-rounded individuals. Everything has meaning in life. We need to constantly realign our hearts to be in line with the heart of Kami-Sama. Much like how the tires on our car need realignment from time to time. A renown Christian Evangelist pastor, Joel Osteen says, "Magnify God; not your

problems." When we can learn to appreciate all the blessings of Kami-Sama, rather than dwelling on negativity, we would be able to find ourselves at peace on Earth. Let's be professional Konko believers.

Have you ever wondered why we do certain things in Konkokyo, but do them because we were just taught to do so without even understanding the meaning behind them?

In Konkokyo, we clap our hands four times, but many do not know why. We wonder why and how we offer the Tamagushi evergreen stem during services. What is the meaning of offerings in Konkokyo? Is it to buy ourselves out of spiritual debt? Some of us are not able to distinguish the difference between regular Sunday Services and Monthly Services. Why do we have offerings of food in the altar instead of non-edible items like office supplies and toilet paper? What's the meaning of sipping sacred rice wine after the service? Why do we not fast? Some do not know the basic etiquette when entering a church; it's not their fault. They were never taught. As Maya Angelou (renown civil rights activist) says it, "I did what I knew how to do at that time, and when I knew better, I did that." Wouldn't you want to know a little more about our faith?

As a church, we came up with a perfect solution to that issue...it is to learn the fundamentals of our religion. This summer, we have an Ohana Camp scheduled for July 9th and 10th (Saturday and Sunday) at Camp H.R. Erdman in Mokuleia. The theme of our camp will be, "The ABC's of Konkokyo." Here, we will learn those little things of our religion that play a key role to becoming true Konkokyo believers. We'll learn about the: who, what, when, where, why and how of Konkokyo. We'll make it easy, so even little kids can understand. Even the seemingly complicated but actually simple procedure of offering a Tamagushi sacred stem—we will learn at the camp. A strong foundation of faith begins with a strong background of the simple things. Where would our future be as a Konkokyo community if we do not have the basics down? Let's be proud Konkokyo believers who have faith as well as some basic knowledge about the religion. We are truly looking forward to this event, and hope that you can be a part of this.

To help with the expenses of the Ohana Camp, we have Zippy's fundraiser tickets for sale at \$7.00. It will entitle you to a choice of chili, Portuguese bean soup, spaghetti meat sauce or fresh baked cookies. Also, on Saturday, June 4th, we will have another Garage Sale for this activity. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much in advance.

Memorial Day is at the end of this month, Monday, May 30. Take this day to visit the grave of your deceased relatives and friends. If their grave is somewhere far away—as on another island or country, you can pray from a distance too. Give them your time of day and appreciate all that they did for you and continue to do as Mitama Spirits. Happy May!

Aloha, Edna Yano

