



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

May 2014

- 1 Thur -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Fri -Rodney and Fong's Wedding Rehearsal
- 3 Sat -Rev. Rodney Yano & Ms. Fong Yip's Wedding! (11 am)
- 4 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Sermon by Rev. Rodney Yano
-Share Okage Story (till 11 am)
-Wailuku Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 5 Mon -Happy Boy's Day!
- 10 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
- 11 Sun -Monthly Svc. Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama
(9:00 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭
-Share Okage Story (till 11 am) Happy Mother's Day!
-Hilo Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 12 Mon-HCRP Mtg @Gedatsu Church (1:00 pm)
- 17 Sat -5th Memorial Svc. for the Late Rev. Mitsumasa Yasutake
At the Waipahu Church (11 am)
- 18 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-1-year Memorial Svc. for Late Rev. Masahiko Yoshino
At Honolulu Church (11 am)
- 23 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @Wahiawa Gen. Hospital
Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)
- 24 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
-KMH Board of Trustee's Mtg. @HNL (10:30 am-3 pm)
- 25 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (9 am) 月例霊祭
-Share Okage Stories and Camp details
- 26 Mon-Memorial Day— Visit Punchbowl National Cemetery
and Mililani Cemetery (Leave 7:30 am)
- 31 Sat -Kaka'ako Ehimemaru Monument Clean up (9:30 am)
-Church clean up (9 am)
-Chorus practice @ HNL (2-4 pm)



June 2014

- 1 Sun -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama
(9 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Share Okage Stories

Konko Daijin says... "Do not hesitate to go worshipping when it rains or when the wind blows. Enduring these hardships is a training to receive virtue". (GIII Konko Kyoso Gorikai 68-1)

Editor's thoughts: Sunday used to be a day dedicated to God. It was a day that business was closed, so everyone can go to church. These days, Sundays have become a rest day to sleep in a little longer, or go out and enjoy activities and games. Days dedicated to God have disappeared. We begin to lose blessings when we fail to acknowledge the source of blessings. If you cannot come on sunny days; come when it rains.

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 Boy's Day! 5-5-14

Boys be brave
Outstanding
Youthful
Strong-willed



Happy Mother's Day! 5-11-14

Mother is so caring
One and only mom
Mom knows best
Strong willed



Konko Mission of Wahiawa 4th Summer Ohana Camp!!



Date: (Sat-Sun) June 21-22, 2014

Place: Camp HR Erdman (Mokuleia)

Our theme will be ABC's of Konkokyo Part 4. \$20.00 for ages 19+, \$10 for 6-18, Free for 5 and under. Fee includes, all meals, snacks, activity fees, lodging. **Deadline: Sunday 5/25/14.** Save the date. We hope you can join us 😊. Contact Wahiawa church for details.



Help support the Ohana camp by purchasing Zippy's fundraiser tickets at \$8.00 each. Contact Wahiawa Church at 621-6667. Thank you!!

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2014

- 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)
 7/13 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 -22nd Annual HCRP Peace Prayer @ Palolo Hongwanji
 Temple (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)
 12/21 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 May
 Please continue to receive
 Infinite divine blessings from
**Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and
 Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama**



Rev. Sugako Yoshino
 AdaRae Perreira
 Edith S. Noguchi
 Nathan Noguchi
 Channon Pangorang

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

Spring Grand Ceremony was held in blessedness on April 13, 2014



Rev. Rodney Yano delivers the sermon.
 Ms. Keala Takahashi offers Kibimai



Alex's Offering

Alex Tsuyoshi Furusho is a 5th grader at
 Wheeler Elementary School. He has
 written a Haiku and drew a picture for
 Kami-Sama, as an offering.



Kami-Sama gives
 Wonderful Blessings to me
 How thankful I am



Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Happy May Day, Lei Day, Boy's Day, Mother's Day and Memorial Day!! Please join us again this year for our 4th Summer Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman, in Mokuleia. That event will be held from Sat-Sun, June 21-22. The deadline for registration is **Sunday, May 25th**. See front page for details. Registration forms are available at the church. Stop by and register today.

We would like to send out a big congratulation to our childhood friend, **Channon Pangorang**, who just got married last month, to the love of his life, **Rosalyn Gonzales**, on April 12th. It was just a day before our church Spring Grand Ceremony. My brother, **Rev. Rodney Yano** officiated the wedding that took place at the Hawaii Kai Country Club, in the Konkokyo faith tradition. It was a very beautiful and special wedding. We were friends with the Pangorang family since we were little children. I was about 4 years old. We used to play hide-and-seek, play video games and have the best of childhood memories with them. Now, we have all grown up in blessedness. It is our prayer that they will be able to maintain love, peace and harmony throughout their lives, as a married couple.

Up next is my brother, **Rodney's** wedding, to the love of his life, **Fong Yip!** I'm so excited for them. I know they planned super hard for this wedding, and I'm hoping for every bit of perfection for this possibly most stressful, yet happiest event in their lives. Their wedding will be on May 3rd. I will update you with the details in the June Children's Newsletter.

May 5th will be Boy's Day! In Japan it's Children's Day. Back in the old days, there was a high rate of childhood deaths. Children had poor immunity to diseases. Many were malnourished. When women gave birth, it was (and still could be) a life threatening event, where simple birth complications would mean that the baby and/or the mother could end up dying. So, a viable birth is something to be truly grateful for. Children's Day continues to be celebrated in Japan to serve as a prayer for all children to grow healthy and strong. The children of today will become our future leaders, doctors, teachers, and the workforce that will run the country.

May 11th is Mother's Day. I believe it takes special effort to be a mother. The mother has to carry the baby within her for around nine months. The growing baby takes up much space of her tummy, pushing mother's organs aside, pushing on top of her bladder. Then the baby is born, after much pain. Many sleepless nights and adjusting with the baby's sleep patterns. When the child can begin to crawl and walk, mother has new worries—worries that the child may pick up things from the floor and pop it into his/her mouth. She may also worry that they may get hurt, lost, or kidnapped. There probably is no stage in a mother's life that she will not be worried or concerned with her children. A mother will always be a mother even when the child is a full grown independent man/woman. People may think that the love of a mother ends when they pass away, but when they are in spiritual form, they are even more concerned about their children and wish to protect and guide them. So, Cheers to Children and

Mother's this May!

Memorial Day will be on Monday, May 26th this year. Every year, a group of church members and ministers make a visit to the 35+ graves at the Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific. We offer our thoughts and prayers for the continuous salvation of the spirits of the deceased who have been a part of our church organization. The Konko Mission of Wahiawa goes to visit several graves at the Mililani Cemetery as well. I think this is a very unique thing we do every year. I took my pedometer with me last year, and found that we walk several miles throughout the course of that day. It's a good feeling to walk around and memorialize the people who have passed away by visiting their graves.

The deceased have never gone anywhere. They remain in the realms of the Universe,

continuously guiding and protecting their loved ones, as direct agents of the Divine Parent, Tenchi Kane No Kami. Once the physical form disappears, the atoms of the individual do not vanish. It incorporates itself as part of the air we breathe, as the soil that the remains have been placed, and as water that any atoms mixes with. Everything that surrounds us is most likely made up of atoms that once belonged to a living organism or person. We are surrounded by spirits. Since our consciousness will continue to live on even after we die, it is important that we speak well of the deceased. It is also equally important to try to live a genuinely good and generous life—a life that people would speak well of us even after we die. I believe it is important to remember the following dates of the deceased, to think about them a little more than usual. That would be:

Memorial Day, their birthday and day they passed away. And for extra remembrance, it may be good to forward extra attention on Mother's Day, Father's Day or Children's Day. If we are memorializing our parents, we can add in our own birthday as a day to remember them, because they raised us to be the people we are today.

People say that wealth does not last past three generations. That may be true in theory—however; the Founder mentioned that if we take good care of our roots and give thanks, wealth, good human relationships and good health will last more than three generations. If we can pass on the values of memorializing our loved ones to our children and grandchildren, we can prosper for generations and generations. It is only when we forget about our roots of existence, we are no longer able to thrive. Take a beautiful sakura tree for example. We raise our heads high to view the pretty pink blossoms, but do we usually look at its trunk or the roots? We usually don't pay much attention to that part. The roots dig far into the soil. We cannot see the roots unless we dig a little. Roots; however, play a very important role in the health of the tree. Our ancestors play the same role in our lives. Revere the ancestors, and then we will naturally thrive. Wishing you an awesome month in May!

Aloha, Edna Yano

