



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

**All services will be conducted via Facebook Live due to COVID-19*

November 2020

- 1 Sun -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama
(9 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Okage sharing
-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 6 Fri -Garage sale prep (1 pm)
- 7 Sat -Garage Sale (9 am-2 pm)
- 8 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Okage sharing
-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 11 Wed -Veteran's Day Holiday *Veteran's Day Parade (10 am)
- 13 Fri -Konkokyo International ZOOM-Gathering (1:30p-2:30p)
- 14 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 15 Sun -Monthly Service for Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin
(9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 *Okage sharing
- 22 Sun -Monthly Memorial Svc 月例霊祭 (9 am) *Okage sharing
-Late Rev. Kikue Kodama 23rd Mem. Svc @HNL (9 am)
- 26 Thr -Happy Thanksgiving! Holiday!
- 27 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 28 Sat -Kaka'ako Ehimemaru Memorial clean-up (9 am)



December 2020

- 1 Tue -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama
(9 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Share Okage till 11 am

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.

Autumn Grand Ceremony safely held on Oct. 13, 2020



Konko Daijin says... "Since Tenchi Kane No Kami is the Parent Kami of this world, all people who live between heaven and earth are the children of Tenchi Kane No Kami regardless of whether they practice this faith or not." (*Gorikai III Jinkeyu Kyogoroku 32*)

Editor's Thoughts: I did not understand the meaning of this teaching when I was younger. But as I think deeply into this teaching, it is so true. Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama is the Divine energy that fills the universe. This energy gives us life, sustains it and takes it away in a full circle. It includes the air we breathe, the water that we drink and use, the sun that keeps us warm and offers light for us to see. It includes the functions of our organs and our gifted abilities. And it also includes the blessings of death and decomposition to make room for new life in this world. This Divine energy we call Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama has been here since the existence of time. It'll never disappear. The world around us will continually change, but the universe will be here forever. Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama has been giving blessings forever, before Konkokyo or any religion was even born.

GARAGE SALE



Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020

Time: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa (207 Muliwai Avenue)

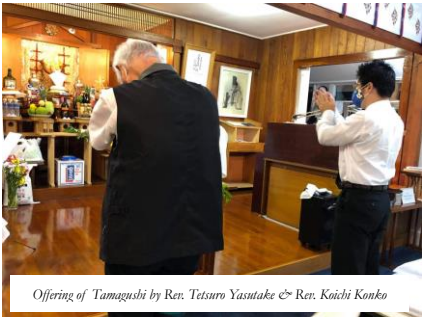
All proceeds will go to the Konko Mission of Wahiawa Educational Fund. We will be selling white elephant items, lots of clothes, books, CDs, plants, some craft items, and baked goods.

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2020

- 12/7 Mon -KMH Head Ministers Meeting
- 12/20 Sun -48th Mem Svc. for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10 am
- 12/27 Sun -End of Year Service at 9 am
- 12/30 Wed-29th Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church at 8 am



The Autumn Grand Ceremony was held in blessedness on Tuesday, October 13, 2020



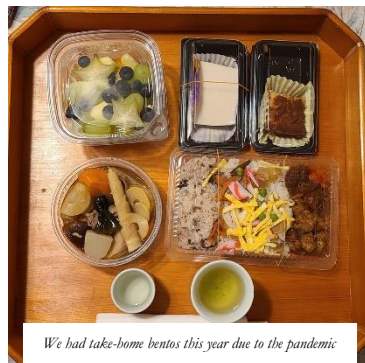
Offering of Tamagushi by Rev. Tetsuro Yasutake & Rev. Koichi Konko



Rev. Yasuhiro Yano delivers a message and mini sermon



Rev. Edna Matsuoka delivered the sermon

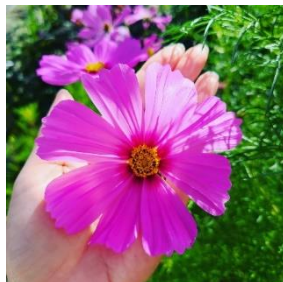


We had take-home bentos this year due to the pandemic



Cosmos

A lot of beautiful flowers have been blossoming in the church yard.



Happy Birthday

To all the people born in the month of November!

Please continue to receive Infinite divine blessings from Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama



Doreen Hirota
Sharon Toma
Merle Abe

Philip Oliveros
Jensen Toma
Lyann Makishima



Konkokyo 2020 International Gathering

(to be held virtually in English)

When: Friday, November 13

- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Hawaii Time)
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. (PST)
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (CST)
- 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (EST)
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. (Nov. 14, Japan Time)

Theme: **Konko Daijin's Faith**
-ŌseDōri (仰せ通り)

Reverently Do What Kami Says

Register by November 6th

Email your name and church to Rev. Koichi Konko at Konko-Honolulu@hawaii.rr.com

Once you register, you will be sent a link to the sermon by the Chief Administrative Director (with English subtitles). Stay tuned for more details.

And receive a free digital copy of the new biography about Konko Daijin...coming soon.



To participate You will need:

- PC/Tablet/Smartphone
- Web camera/ microphone
- Internet connection
- Email address
- Zoom App

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Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Happy Autumn! In great blessedness, our Autumn Godaisai (Grand Ceremony) was conducted smoothly, even amidst this pandemic. We conducted our service as an in-person and online attendance. This year, we did not have our usual Naorai fellowship dinner that follows after the service; instead, we made a take-home bento pack for people who were able to attend in person. A total of 13 people were present for the service, including the sensei. Below is my sermon, in case you missed it.

Good evening everyone. Thank you for attending our Autumn Grand Ceremony in person or via Facebook Live. Today's service is to remember, appreciate and honor our founder Ikigami Konko Daijin Sama.

Konko Daijin taught us in a quote: "At any rate, have the family get along well. Speak to one another politely. Don't say things that lack sincerity." (Oboecho 17-1-6). This is an especially important teaching as we all experience the lingering pandemic. Recently I was listening a radio interview about the struggles of the pandemic and learned what people are going through in their family lives.

The divorce rate in the United States is already quite high. According to the American Psychological Association, approximately 50% of married couples get a divorce. On top of this, due to the pandemic this year, divorce rates have skyrocketed. According to Legal templates, which is a company that provides legal documents, divorce rates were up 34% this year from March thru June, as compared to the same time last year. Spouses can't stand each other's company because the division of labor gets amplified—where one partner does more work around the house than the other, and so conflict happens. Other factors that led to divorce during the pandemic were the death of a loved one, loss of employment, financial strain, mental and physical illness, and homeschooling.

Parents can't stand taking care of their own children as many schools have begun online teaching and they have no choice but home schooling. Parents finally realize that what their teachers have been saying about their kid is true!

Going back to the division of labor. During the pandemic stay-at-home order, there was a person who started an argument with his spouse about trash. Like "why are you taking out the trash?!" Before, the other spouse wasn't home, so it was never a problem how the other took out the trash, or when the trash was taken out. Another couple started an argument with just the way one of them washed the dishes. Like "that's not how you wash the dishes!" And they fight about it. These little things really started to get on the nerves of some couples and so they decide that they just can't handle being with their partners.

So, there you have it. Spending time with each other doesn't necessarily help with the relationship; unless it's quality time we spend with each other.

Everyone has their own way of doing things and so during the pandemic, they really begin to stand out all of a sudden because they are spending more time with each other. Repeating Konko Daijin's teachings... "At any rate, have the family get along well. Speak to one another politely. Don't say things that lack sincerity" (Oboecho 17-1-6). A lot of times, we do not see people being kind to their own family members because we think they will forgive us. All the while, it is actually putting hairline cracks into their relationship and one day it'll collapse, like a dam collapsing. And it will be detrimental to a point of no return. Don't wait till that happens.

It's hard to be kind to your own family members especially if you were not exposed to kindness growing up. It's so important to be exposed to kind people. Because these are the kinds of people

we remember for the rest of our lives. And even when they die, we remember their kindness. In the end, kindness is what's really important.

During the pandemic stay at home mandate, my mom watched a lot of spiritual YouTube videos. And one of them was about a man who was in a bad relationship with his wife.

His wife would just tell him to take out the trash before heading to work. And he would respond with a grunt.

One day he was told to change the way he responded by a monk. And all it took was just one word for his spousal relationship to improve. Can you guess what that magical word is? That one word was **Hai!** Or **Ok!** So the next day, when the man was told by his wife to take out the trash, he responded with a high pitch Hai! Instead of grunting.

It changed the energy in the room to positive. And even the wife was pleasantly surprised. It's amazing how just one word can change everything.

Even the way you say it makes a difference. Pay close attention to your tone of voice as well. People asking the favor, please use one magical word that will also help in your household. "**ARIGATO** or **THANK YOU.**" How hard is it to say thank you?

Let's try to practice being nice to each other in our own family. If you can do this, you will be able to naturally treat others with kindness as well. Whatever you practice will become permanent. Request kindly, respond kindly and cheerfully, and thank kindly. Then it creates a nice closed circuit.

Don't just keep asking people to do things. Volunteer to do things. Respond cheerfully when someone asks you to do something. And say thank you to the person doing you the favor.

The same goes for making requests to Kami-Sama. We say, "Gimme this Kami-Sama! Gimme that Kami-Sama! Hurry up Kami-Sama and grant my request!" Kami-Sama always responds with a Hai! And your wish gets processed. And we get our prayers answered. But often times we don't even say thank you for the blessing we received. Kami-Sama is to be pitied.

The Grand Service or Godaisai is a service to dedicate your time to Kami-Sama to say Thank you for your blessings and for listening to our prayers.

Treat the people in your life like Kami-Sama. Greet each other in the morning. Say thank you more to each other. It may feel awkward at first, but you will get used to this and appreciate it. And your life will change.

You might be thinking "Edna, you told that sermon before." Yes, I did. I'm glad you remember. Remembering is no good, unless it is practiced in your daily life. Humans are creatures of habit. And habits won't change unless we make a conscious effort to change.

The Jesuits have a saying that goes, "Give me your boy till the age of 7 and I will show you the man." In Japan there is a saying that goes "*Mitsugono Tamashii Hyakumade*" meaning, "Anything you learned till the age of 3, stays with you till you are 100." Humans after the age of 7 cannot change their behavior unless the behavior is repeated over and over again. The other way is hypnosis, and I'm not going to go there LOL!

So, don't just know the teachings of Konkokyo. Practice them and let it help you in your daily life. Konkokyo's teachings are timeless and have helped many people for generations. Allow it to help you in your daily life. Thank you for reading.

The Church Educational Fund Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, November 7th from 9am-2pm. Thank you everyone for your generous donation of goods during this pandemic. We will have lots of items for sale, from household goods to some plants.

Have a wonderful month in November!

Aloha, Edna

