



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

October 2011


- 1 Sat -Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama Monthly Svc. (7:30 pm)**
天地金乃神様 月例祭.
- 2 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)**
-Share Okage stories
-KMH General Meeting at HNL Church (1:30 pm)
- 3 Mon -HCRP Meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)**
- 8 Sat -Church clean up for Grand Ceremony (8 am)**
-Tales of Toritsugi Mediation and Konko Daijin Movie
To air on KIKU TV from 7-9 pm
- 9 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)**
-Honolulu Church Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Thu -Wahiawa Church Grand Service (6:30 pm)**
-Guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi
-Kibimai by Ms. Hope Morihara
- 16 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)**
-Waipahu Church Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 19 Wed -Todd sensei's Study Session @Hawaii Ctr. (8 pm)**
- 21 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGH (10-10:45 am)**
- 22 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)**
- 23 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (9 am) 月例霊祭**
-Share Okage stories (till 11 am)
-HCRP Peace Prayer at Gedatsu Church (4 pm)
- 29 Sun -Chorus practice at HNL Church (2-4 pm)**
- 30 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)**
-Sunday School Pumpkin Carving (2 pm)
-Waipahu Church 3rd year Memorial Service for the
Rev. Katsuo Yasutake (10:30 am)
- 31 Mon -Church clean up (9 am)**



November 2011

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

Konko Daijin says...

All people are the children of Kami. There is no one who does not belong. (Gorikai II Sato Mitsujiro 12) 

Editor's thoughts: I was walking through my yard recently. We have countless plant species growing in our yard—from orchids to dandelions to japoticaba trees to milkweeds. Some may view the weeds as unsightly, but we let them grow. Our family views them as cute and they all coexist with each other. If we start being picky about the weeds that grow in our yards, it becomes a direct representation of how we view people as well. We would have the same mentality. Weeds would hold the same definition as useless people. Kami loves all. In my eyes, there is no plant that does not belong in our yard, although they need trimming at times.

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.

Konkokyo Movies on KIKU Television!!



Gather your family together with a bucket of popcorn because the cute anime "Tales of Toritsugi Mediation" and the live action movie of our Founder, "Okage wa Wagakokoro ni Ari" will be aired on KIKU Television primetime, **Saturday, October 8 from 7 pm-9 pm.** Enjoy and be inspired!

Autumn Grand Ceremony for Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin 生神金光大神様 御大祭

Date: Thursday, October 13, 2011

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Who: Open to the public.

Dinner: Naorai fellowship dinner will follow the service.

The Grand Ceremony is a very important service. "When practicing faith, there are more blessings which cannot be seen than those which can be seen. The blessings you unknowingly receive number more than the blessings you knowingly receive. If you think about it, you will come to realize the many divine blessings that you have received. If you can do this, you are a true believer" (Gorikai II Tsugawa Haruo 14). Let's acknowledge the daily wages that come from Kami-Sama. Mark your calendars and join us in celebrating the many joys of life.

Wahiawa Konko Mission Annual Schedule at a Glance

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 Mem. Svc. for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
12/18	Sun	-39 th Mem. 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)



Konko Sama says...

Tenchi Kane No Kami's body is Tenchi, the Universe. Kami does not dwell in a shrine. Kami dwells in a truly sincere heart and you will be able to receive blessings. (*Gorikai II Fukushima Gib'e 10*)

Editor's Thoughts: This explains why we do not carry amulets in Konkokyo. We already have one in our hearts. The invisible amulet in our hearts must be kept clean all the time if you want Kami-Sama to remain there.

Volunteer Activity At Wahiawa General Hospital 9-4-11



Happy Birthday

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



Rev. Heiki Konko

(5th Spiritual Head of Konkokyo)

Rev. Sachiko Yasutake

(Konko Church of Amagi)

Jill Michie Yano

Jane Suwa

Deborah Amado

Hugh Noguchi

Michelle Noguchi

Chason Pangorang



Autumn Grand Ceremony Schedule

Honolulu Church: Sunday, October 9 at 11:00 a.m.

Wahiawa Church: Thursday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Waipahu Church: Sunday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Wailuku Church: Sunday, November 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Hilo Church: Sunday, November 13 at 11:00 a.m.

Let's celebrate the Grand Ceremonies of our parent and sister churches!



PEACE PRAYERS

Homelessness in Hawaii 2011

Date: Sunday, October 23, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Place: Gedatsu Church of Hawai'i
6095 Summer Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i 96821
Going East, turn right on Kuliouou Rd. (Makai)
Keynote: Mr. Curtis McLean
Program: Peace Prayers by Various Faiths & Music Presentation

Dinner and refreshments after the Program

Come and see the creative artwork on the Peace Mugs!

Non-perishable food items will be donated to the Weinberg Village & Salvation Army



ALL ARE WELCOME!

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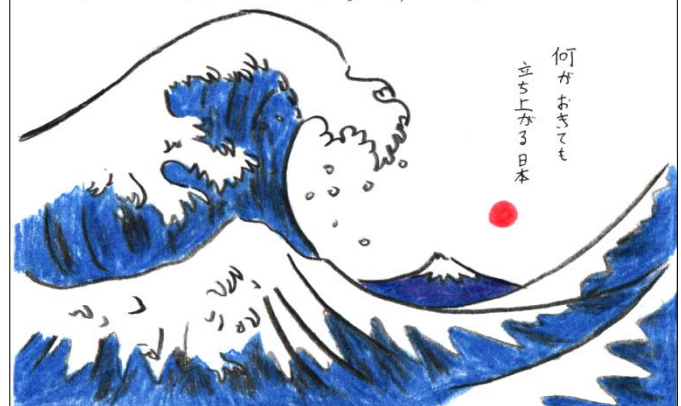
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I LOVE JAPAN AND I PRAY FOR THE COUNTRY OF MY ORIGIN ♥



Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

Happy October fest!! This month is Grand Ceremony Season. The Wahiawa Church Grand Ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 13th from 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars to attend this very important service. Take that initiative to request a day off from work on this day. This day is in appreciation of our lifeline as Konko believers. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi, who is an associate minister of the Konko Mission of Honolulu. He is the Rev. Haruko Takahashi's nephew. For those of you who do not know, the Rev. Haruko Takahashi is the Founder of the Konko Mission of Wahiawa. So, it is an honor to have Todd sensei come to be the guest speaker for the evening. I promise, you will not want to miss a minute of his sermon. The Kibimai sacred dance will be offered by Miss Hope Morihara, great granddaughter of Mrs. Mitsuko Suwa. Naorai fellowship dinner will follow the ceremony. Please come and join us. All is invited.

In celebrating our dear Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama, KIKU Television will be airing the Konkokyo anime, "Tales of Toritsugi Mediation" and also will be playing the live action movie of the Founder, "Okage Wa Wagakokoro Ni Ari." It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday primetime, October 8th!! Mark your calendars on this one, too. It's pretty amazing that we can have Konkokyo movies play on public television. It must be a dream come true for our Founder.

So, why is celebrating the Grand Ceremony so important to us? Well, it's our way of showing thanks in action for the many blessings that we receive. The Autumn Grand Ceremony specifically goes to celebrate our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama. Thanks to Konko Daijin, we have been introduced to the countless teachings that are adaptable in our everyday lives. Konkokyo abolished the thinking of referring to the days and directions and other superstitions of society. That's why at our church, we hold our Grand Ceremonies on the 13th of every April and October, even if it happens to fall on the Friday, the 13th, which is deemed an ominous day in western superstitions. In Konkokyo, ALL days are good—rain or shine. Konko Daijin also taught us that we are all children of Kami, thus we each hold the capabilities of becoming a living Kami through the practice of a sincere faith. In Konko Daijin's way of faith, there is no discrimination as to who can receive divine blessings. ALL living creatures in this world are Kami's beloved children, and there is no one that does not belong. These and many other teachings that make so much sense and is moral are possible because Konko Daijin dedicated his life to Kami-Sama and the teachings have been handed down from generation to generation.

It is essential to revere our Founder in this manner by attending the Grand Ceremony. It's a way to give back for all the blessings we receive. It's acknowledging the roots of a tree.

Speaking of roots, our ancestors are the roots of our family tree. Just last month, we had our Autumn Memorial Service, and I spoke about the importance of revering our

ancestors and deceased loved ones.

Some people may frown upon the tradition of ancestor worship, while some people value this tradition like a family heirloom tradition. In Konkokyo, when we die, our soul separates from the body and becomes one with the Universe. We become part of the air, water, sunlight, and everything else that makes up the Universe. It makes sense when our Founder, Konko Daijin said that upon calling his name, he shall come and help you wherever you may be. When we die, we also have the ability to do so.

What is life anyways? When did it begin? Was there ever a beginning? Is there ever an end? In my understanding, life didn't just begin when we were born. I don't think there ever was a beginning, nor is there an end. I think it's a continuum from way way back, till lord knows when. Our life is just an extension of our ancestors. That's what it is. Sometimes I sit alone in quiet reflection of my life till now, and also think about my parents. When I think that my parents will die one of these days, it makes me cry. I get worried about what will happen to the church. I get sad over the thought that I am going to miss their kindness, wisdom and their cooking too! The thought of losing my parents is unbearable because they are always so good to me. I'm getting teary-eyes just writing this article!

I know that they will be there in spiritual form, but I want to feel rest assured that some visible part of them will remain. I kept thinking and thinking the other day and Kami-Sama seemed to have inspired me. Before my parents are even dead, I have within me a part of them. I think like my father, talk like my mother, eat like my mother and pray like my father. I look like my mother, but have a touch of my father. So if they should die one day, all I need to do to meet them again is to look in the mirror. Where did I get the eyes that my mother has, which she claims came from her mother and her mother as well? The me I am today is just a continuum of my ancestors. That's how I know how important they are. Our behavior is also passed down from generation to generation. Through the practice of sincere faith, one can maintain the good elements of the family lineage and eliminate the unfortunate traits; even diseases that you may be claimed as being hereditary.

There is too much mystery in this world. Although we encourage people to practice faith, it is impossible to explain the benefits of doing so, until they can experience it for themselves. No one is there to practice faith with you. You, yourself has to be committed. Similar to how people cannot eat for you. You have to eat for yourself to gain the nutrition. Practicing faith is giving thanks.

Giving thanks to Kami-Sama should be a continuum. After all, we are given divine blessings on a continuum. People tend to stop giving thanks to Kami after receiving the blessings, but Kami never stops giving blessings. We need to be consciously aware of this. Sacrifice a little of your time and you will not regret it. Make that effort to attend the Grand Ceremony of your neighboring Konko Church.

Let's enjoy a great October! BTW, we will have a pumpkin carving on Sunday, the 30th at 2 pm. Join us!

 Aloha, Edna Yano