



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

October 2014

- 1 Wed -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 4 Sat -Church clean up for Autumn Grand Ceremony (8 am)
- 5 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 6 Mon -HCRP Mtg at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 10 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @Wahiawa Gen. Hosp. (10-10:45 am)
- 12 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Mon-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama 生神金光大神様 御大祭 (6:30 pm)
- 15 Wed -Rev. Reiko Yano will attend 110th Anniversary of Amagi
- 18 Sat -Church clean up (9 am)
-A-bombs Peace Exhibition at Palolo Hongwanji Temple (till 10/26). Please call for display dates and times.
- 19 Sun -Monthly Memo. Svc. (9 am) 月例霊祭 Okage (Till 11 am)
- 26 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-HCRP Peace Prayer at Palolo Hongwanji Temple (4 pm)
*Prayers by various faiths. Refreshments will follow.
- 30 Thr -Halloween Pumpkin Carving (5 pm) *Refreshments too
- 31 Fri -Church clean up (9 am) *Happy Halloween!!



November 2014

- 1 Sat -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage Stories (till 11 am)
- 8 Sat -Wahiawa Church Mini Bazaar (10 am to 1 pm)

Konko Daijin says... "Practice faith and accumulate virtue. Prudence (good judgment) is most important for those who have received virtue from Kami. Even when you are always prudent, you will lose that virtue if you have a complaining heart at the time of your death. For those who have practiced faith and received virtue, everyday prudence (good judgment) is important. Modesty at the time of death, as well is exceptionally important. At the time of death, be sure not to lose your faith."
(Gorikai 1, Yoshimoto Kichiyoe 1-4,5)

Editor's thoughts: This is an interesting teaching. I encounter many kinds of patients with my line of work. What kinds of behaviors do you think about when someone has dementia or Alzheimer's disease? A typical stereotype is they don't remember anything; they do unthinkable things like eliminating wastes and smearing their feces on their sheets and walls. And it's true; there are people who do this. What is so interesting about dementia and Alzheimer's is that an individual's true character is revealed in their temperament. Some are grumpy and they throw things at people. Some people, are very thankful, even if they are demented and forgot your name. They repeat "Thank you, thank you, thank you" for everything you do. It is so important to cultivate a good, appreciative heart while young and healthy, because this behavior has a tendency to come out in our demented state.

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 Founder Ikigami Konko Daijin

Date: Monday, October 13, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa

Sermon: Rev. Yasuhiro Yano

Kibimai Sacred Dance: Ms. Ke'ala Takahashi

Dinner: Please stay for fellowship dinner after.



Please join us in extending our appreciation to our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin. Many people have been saved through the Founder's teachings. He also has taught us of the divine favors of the Universe and its eternal life. Let us give thanks to the roots. Please make every possible effort to attend this important celebration. *Naorai dinner preparations for Godaisai begin at 9 a.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Halloween Pumpkin Carving

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2014

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa

BYOP: Bring Your Own Pumpkin!!

We will provide the tools. But if you have your own, please bring them too. Light refreshments will be served. Let's Carve our Jack 'O Lantern Have a safe and fun Halloween!!!

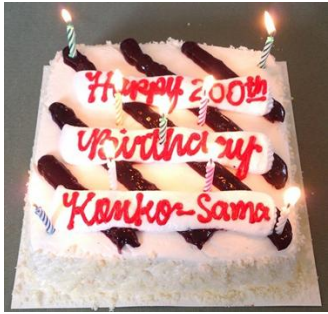


Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2014

- 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 200th Birthday Konko Sama! (Born 9/29/1814)



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

**Deborah Amado
Michelle Noguchi**

Jane Suwa

**Hugh Noguchi
Chason Pangorang**

Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama Trivia Challenge

On Sunday, September 28th in celebration of the Founder's 200th Birthday, we did a trivia challenge about the Founder. See if you can take the challenge. The correct answers are below. Good luck!

- 1) When is the Founder's Birthday
 - a) September 29, 1814
 - b) December 25, 1856
 - c) October 10, 1859
 - d) November 21, 1857
- 2) Where was the Founder born?
 - a) Okayama prefecture, Konko Town, Otani
 - b) Tokyo, Japan
 - c) Oita, Japan
 - d) Naha, Okinawa
- 3) What is the Founder's birth name?
 - a) Bunji Kawate
 - b) Genshichi Kandori
 - c) Bunji Akazawa
 - d) Konko Daijin
- 4) At what age did the Founder get adopted? (Kazoe-counting birth year)
 - a) 15
 - b) 14
 - c) 12
 - d) 11
- 5) When the Founder got married at 23, he married a woman named Tose.
 - a) True
 - b) False
- 6) At what age did the Founder almost die?
 - a) 60
 - b) 44
 - c) 39
 - d) 42
- 7) When did the Founder receive the Divine Call to him and his family? (Lunar calendar)
 - a) October 21, 1859
 - b) November 21, 1857
 - c) September 23, 1814
 - d) January 1, 1843
- 8) The Founder passed away on October 10, 1883 at the age of 70 (Kazoe-counting birth year)
 - a) True
 - b) False
- 9) What is the name of the current 5th Konko Sama?
 - a) Kagamitaro Konko
 - b) Setsutane Konko
 - c) Heiki Konko
 - d) Shijin Konko
- 10) The Konkokyo faith community was first established in Hawaii in:
 - a) 1926
 - b) 1847
 - c) 1900
 - d) 1941

Answer Key:
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MINI BAZAAR

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2014

Time: 10 am-1 pm

Memo: We will have garage sale goods, plants, crafts, some foods.



Wahiawa General Hospital Sunday Volunteer Activity



Thank you very much for coming to the Sunday Volunteer Activity program at Wahiawa General Hospital on Sunday, September 7, 2014.



Editor's Notes

Dear Reader,

Hello! I hope this message finds you in a state of happiness and overall wellbeing.

Just a couple weeks ago, our parent church, the Konko Mission of Honolulu held their Autumn Memorial Service at 10 am. My parents went straight to the Honolulu Church and I stayed back at Wahiawa Church to conduct the regular Sunday Service at 9 am. The plan for me was to remain home and not go all the way to the Honolulu Church to attend their service since I had to go to work a little later and I was quite exhausted from working the night before.

I talked to my mom about my tiredness. What she told me next was something that I really needed to hear. She acknowledged that I was tired and stressed out. But she told me that at least I made it to church. This is something that mustn't be taken for granted. "Even if you wanted to come to church, without receiving blessings, you would not even be

able to drive your car. Have you forgotten the back injury you had earlier this year? You were completely disabled from doing anything. You could not work; you could not even stand up. Remember the blessings of being able to do the things that you do. Remember to be thankful for the job that you have and the fact that you even made it to Honolulu Church safely today. Remember not to take these blessings for granted. I am only telling you this because I want you to be safe. I am only telling you this because I want you to receive all the blessings there are to receive from Kami-Sama. Sure, we get tired and frustrated at times, but that is no sign to start losing your faith and stop doing the things you were so dedicated to doing all these years. There has never been a service you were not able to attend. How blessed is this?" She further said, "Go to the services even if they may be boring. Go to church even if you are tired. No matter what happens, go to the church on a regular routine. It's like the Sun, Moon and Earth. They constantly give us tremendous blessings that enable us to live. The Sun doesn't stop shining no matter what. The moon will change the tides no matter what. The Earth will continue to provide us food, minerals, metals, air, etc. In this manner, we have to be somehow give thanks. We have to take action. We can do this in means of going to the Kyokai regularly, joining church clean ups, and helping out with activities. The greatest form of payback to the blessings of the Universe is to relay the message of what blessings are to people who still are not aware of them. People that end up doing these things will naturally receive blessings. People who cannot handle and just end up quitting will drop their blessings on road and lead to hardship."

It's not that Kami-Sama (the deity of Heaven and Earth) is trying to punish us. It's just that if we practice faith in Kami-Sama, we will naturally receive the best guided outcomes. Only when we've been in the faith for long enough will we finally realize what this is all about. So, as long as we are able to, if we can continue to develop our faith, the results will become apparent in the long run. It's the kind of blessing that will continue on for generations.

See Maslow's Hierarchy diagram on the left. Kami's blessings begin at the physiological level. These physiological needs are important. Without it, we cannot go any further in life. The blessings of Heaven and Earth sustain our physiological needs. Everything else on the pyramid is made possible though blessings from Kami.

That's where I would like to add in the importance of attending the upcoming Autumn Grand Ceremony. I am sure there are people who have been avoiding the Kyokai (Church) for various reasons. Some may not feel the blessings. Some may not feel gratitude or rewards of going to the Kyokai; go anyways. Perseverance is a key element to success. The Kyokai as a whole will rejuvenate with the unwavering heart of faithful individuals.

The Autumn Grand Ceremony is held in reverence and honor of our Founder, Ikgami Konko Daijin-Sama. This year, on September 29 marked his 200th birthday. Konko Daijin taught us the way

to live happily. He taught us the importance of having trust in the deity of Heaven and Earth (Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama). He taught us that life is not about suffering; but of joy and gratitude. He taught us that the future is nothing to be fearful of, but instead, something to look forward to. He taught us that divine blessings are available to everyone, equally, regardless of age, sex, creed, socioeconomic status, intelligence, etc. He is the one that taught us that blessings begin within our own hearts, and not some foreign source. I would like you to develop you own faith. Establish your own personal relationship with Kami-Sama and discover the amazing blessings that are custom made for you.

Please join us on Monday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. for the Autumn Grand Ceremony. Rev. Yasuhiro Yano who is the head minster of the Wahiawa Church will be speaking that evening. He just recently went on a pilgrimage to the Konkokyo Headquarters in Okayama, Japan. Kibimai Sacred dance will be offered by Miss Keala Takahashi (age 12). Naorai dinner to follow. See you! *Aoha, Edna*

