



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

October 2015

- 1 Thur -**Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama**
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Fri -HCRP Meeting—visit Honouliuli National Monument
(Meet at JCCH at 8:15 am—reserved people only)
- 3 Sat -Clean-up for Spring Grand Ceremony (8 am)
*Light lunch will follow
-Edna Sensei will go to Japan and return on the 11th.
- 4 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 11 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Tue -**Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)**
生神金光大神様 御大祭
*Naorai fellowship dinner to follow
- 16 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGH (10-10:45 am)
- 17 Sat -Chorus practice at Honolulu Church (2-4 pm)
- 18 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage (till 11 am)
- 22 Thur -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 23 Fri -Spiritual Development Workshop—Shintoku Kōshukai
With Rev. Mitsuko Yasutake of Chikushi Hongo, Japan.
@Honolulu Church (10:30 am-2 pm) *Ministers Only
- 24 Sat -Itsukushimi No Inori: Prayer for Peace @Honolulu Church
(10:30 am) *Light refreshments will follow.
-Joyous Gathering: Kōtoku No Tsudoi @Honolulu Church
Theme: Sparkling Energy. With Rev. Mitsuko Yasutake
(1:30 pm-3:30 pm)
- 25 Sun -**Monthly Memorial Service (9 am) 月例霊祭**
*Share Okage (till 11 am)
-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
-Annual HCRP Peace Prayer at Gedatsu Church of Hawaii
(4 pm). *Rev. Dr. Todd Z. Takahashi guest speaker.
- 31 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
-Happy Halloween! (Pumpkin Carving date TBA on Facebook)

November 2015

- 1 Sun -**Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama**
(9 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Share Okage (till 11 am)
- 8 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage (till 11 am)
-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (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

FOUNDER IKIGAMI KONKO DAIJIN

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa

Sermon: Rev. Akinobu Yasutake (Waipahu Church)

Kibimai: Miss Keala 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.

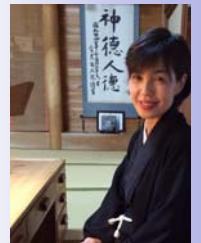
Itsukushimi No Inori Prayer for Peace

Date: Sat., October 24, 2015 @ 10:30 am

Place: Konko Mission of Honolulu

Guest Speaker: Rev. Mitsuko Yasutake
(From Chikushi Hongo Church, Fukuoka, Japan)

From 1:30-3:30 pm, we will be Having The "Joyous Gathering" where Mitsuko Sensei will be sharing her faith with the people who attend. Come join us! Be inspired!



Halloween Pumpkin Carving!!

Date and time to be announced. We hope you are looking forward to having another fun pumpkin carving with us. I will keep you updated on Facebook.



Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2015

- 11/8 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
- 11/11 Wed -KMH Pilgrimage to Honbu & Faith Training (thru 11/15)
- 11/20 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 11/15 Sun -Rev. Edna Yano will be speaking at the Wahiawa Hongwanji Temple on, "Gratitude and how it can affect our health in a positive way" (9 am)
- 11/28 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting (10:30 am)
- 11/29 Sun -Rev. Kikue Kodama's 18th Memorial Svc. @HNL (9 am)
- 12/11 Fri -WGH Monthly Visit (10 am)
- 12/13 Sun -Rev. Haruko Takahashi's 43rd Memorial Svc. (10 am)
- 12/23 Wed -Rev. Fumio Yasutake's 20th Memorial Service at Amagi
- 12/27 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
- 12/30 Wed -Wahiawa Church Mochi Pounding (8 am)

The Hawai'i Conference of Religions for Peace

Peace Prayer

Date: Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Theme: "One Heart-One Mind~In Gratitude"

The 70th Anniversary of the End of WW2 Event

Place: Gedatsu Church of Hawaii

6095 Summer Street, Honolulu, HI 96821

Phone: (808) 396-0363

Keynote: Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi (Associate Minister of Konko Mission of Honolulu/ Speaker at Honolulu'uli National Monument Blessing Ceremony)

Program: Peace Prayers by Various Faiths, Music and Hula

Memo: Dinner and refreshments after the Program. Come and see the creative artwork on the Peace Cups! **Please bring non-perishable food items.** They will be donated to Institute for Human Services (IHS) & Holunua Na 'Ohana (Weinberg Village Waimanalo)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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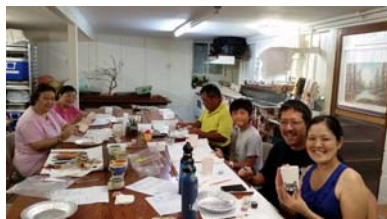
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Happy 201st Birthday Konko Daijin!



In celebration of our Founder, Konko Daijin's 201st Birthday, we had a little party at the church and painted Peace Cups afterwards on Sunday, September 27, after our regular service.



Happy Birthday

To all the people born in the month of October!

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



Konko Daijin says... "Offerings made from people's sincerity are accepted by Kami with pleasure, but Kami is not pleased by burdening people with compulsory donations and contributions." (GIII Konko Kyoso Gorikai 15). Konko Sama explained, "If there are donation placards, people will think that they also must donate money. This will stain their faith in Kami. That is why they are not put up, regardless of how large the donation is." (GII Yoshihara Ryojo 1-2,3,4,5)

Editor's thoughts: It is a great thing to be able to make offerings to Kami-Sama in any form. It could be an offering of time to help out the church. It could be attending the services. It could be monetary offerings. It could be what grew in your garden. It could be anything. All things are possible through the blessings of Kami-Sama, so what we offer is not actually ours. What we offer to Kami-Sama is just an acknowledgement of our blessedness. We are just giving back a portion of what has already been given to us. Kami-Sama doesn't want people to feel obligated for not being able to offer anything. Kami-Sama doesn't want to burden anyone. But as the Founder mentioned...what we do offer to Kami-Sama will not be without returns. The thought of wanting to give to Kami is what brings forth many more blessings.

Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

I hope this newsletter finds you well! As you may know already, October is the month for the all important Autumn Grand Ceremony, Aka: Godaisai. The Autumn Godaisai will seek to honor and revere our amazing Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama. He is the man that paved the way of light to people who were in darkness. His every teaching is very profound in meaning and universal. If you are a Konko believer, I am sure there is a reason for you to be involved. I am sure there was a time that you really felt saved and blessed to be a part of this faith. So, in gratitude, let us celebrate this day by being able to attend the Godaisai of your respective church.

Our church Godaisai will be held on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 pm. The special guest speaker will be the **Reverend Akinobu Yasutake** (Associate Minister of the Konko Mission of Waipahu). Please make every possible effort to attend this ceremony in time and in person. Naorai fellowship dinner will follow the service.

I would like to talk about choosing to be happy. This follows a very interesting encounter I had at work one day.

Once in a while, I am assigned to a very difficult patient. I would say maybe one in a thousand patients I help care for are categorized as being “very difficult.” We all had our shares of the “difficult patient.” Some swear and shout at our face. Some throw things and try to hit us. Some tell us to go to hell. It’s all part of the wonderful nursing experience.

I can’t mention names, but this particular patient I had was one that us staff wanted to avoid contact as much as possible because she would get very angry and keep questioning things that were beyond our scope of practice. Her eyes were fierce, and a deep furrow line went down the center of her forehead. Her lips pursed tightly and made for the angriest facial expression we had seen in a while. One day, I was just walking past the room. And she was sitting up in bed. My eyes met hers for just a second. She said, “Hey you!! Shut that damn door!!” I was quite frightened. I immediately walked back to the room and closed the door. I was not assigned to her, but I was already scared.

The following day, hoping not to be assigned to her—I looked at the assignment sheet, and sure enough, it was my turn to take care of her. I took a deep breath and just said a little prayer to Kami-Sama, so the day would go smoothly, despite the reviews made by other nurses who took care of her. Yes, it’s true. We nurses categorize patients: “Best patient” “Very difficult patient” “All of the above” the “Oh my God” patient, and etc. These short descriptions of

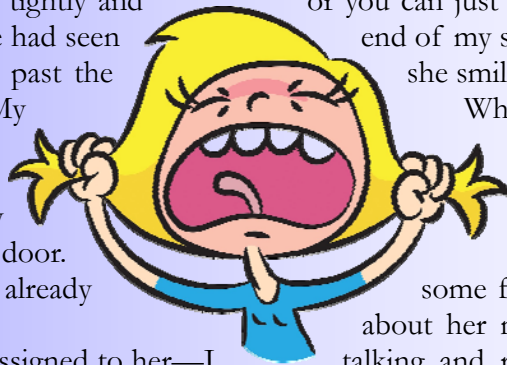
patients will kinda draw out what our 8-hour shift will look like. Nurses try to be very patient, but again, we are human, just like everyone else. And so if a patient gives us too much of a hard time, we get extremely stressed.

Anyways, this patient was categorized in the “Oh my God” description. The dayshift nurse who was handing her off to me had a hectic day because of this one patient—and we are usually assigned 5 patients. According to the day shift nurse, this patient was very demanding and always angry at everybody.

I braced for the worst, but prayed that Kami-Sama would help me get through this shift that hadn’t even started yet. I got report and went into her room to introduce myself. The usual, “Hello! I’m Edna and I will be your nurse for the next 8 hours.” The patient immediately darted her finger in my direction and said in a stern deep voice, “I’m going to be your worst patient. You’re going to suffer taking care of me. I am your patient from hell.” My eyes involuntarily widened and I was already getting that creepy crawly feeling of impending doom. But then I said, “No, you’re not. We’re going to both have a great day. I don’t believe that you’ll be my worst patient.” Then she said back, “Oh believe me. You’ll find out soon enough.” I felt like a mouse being preyed on by a snake. I was scared, but I had faith that this patient still had a spark of goodness in her, and I wanted that to shine through. Anyways, I threw her a curveball. “Do you want to be the worst patient ever? Do you want to be classified as the difficult patient by the staff? Tell me, do you want to?”

I then see her eyes involuntarily widen and her deep forehead furrow line disappear. She paused for a second, and calmly replied, “No.” “Then don’t,” I replied. “It’s a choice. You can choose to be the most difficult person, or you can just choose not to be. I believe that at the end of my shift, you will be my best patient.” Then she smiled for the first time.

When it was time for medications, I entered her room again. She was totally regular, mellow and actually smiling. Next time I went to her room to tidy up her blankets and offer some fresh water. Then she began to tell me about her many interesting life stories. She kept talking and releasing her treasured memories. We even got to joke around. Interestingly, I had the time to listen to her—for a good 30 minutes or so. She was able to stay calm and relaxed the entire shift. There were no episodes of rage. This further benefited her vital signs. Her blood pressure was perfect and no complaints of aches pains or any other discomforts. And at my final rounds for the evening, I was able to tell that patient,



“You were my best patient!” And we both laughed. And she said, “Well, I certainly had the best evening, thanks to you. My vitals certainly were the best this evening.” I was very touched by this patient.

Later that night as I came home safely from work, I went into the Hiromae and extended my heartfelt thanks to Kami-Sama for enabling another great shift and another great day.

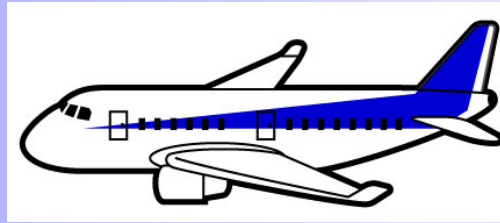
What was making this patient angry in the first place? There could be many factors. Being in the hospital should be stressful enough. Perhaps she needed someone to believe there could be some good in her because everyone else was talking negative about her. She might have been surrounded by too many negative factors in life. I would never know. But she was able to change her attitude immediately. I think that was the amazing part. I was even looking forward to seeing that patient again the next day. But she had already been discharged!

The potential of attaining happiness resides in every person because we are all given the heart of Kami-Sama. Sometimes it takes a little more effort than others. But the blessings are there, just like the inexhaustible energy of the Universe. It is our practice to realize and cultivate the many things to be grateful for in life. It is our choice to realize happiness.

The thing about our emotions is that whether we are happy or angry, these emotions are contagious. If we are always around happy people, we too can become happy. However, if we are always around angry, negative people—even happy people will get their energy stolen by the negativity, and they too become angry zombies. It’s just like getting a cold compress and putting it into a tub of hot water. The cold pack will soon get warm. The opposite can be said, where if you get one warm pack and put it into a tub of ice cold water, it’ll lose its warmth and become a cold pack sooner or later. Anyways, I hope you enjoyed this little episode.

On **Sunday, October 25, from 4:00 p.m.** the annual Hawaii Conference of Religions for Peace, Peace Prayer will be held. The location will be at the beautiful Gedatsu Church of Hawaii (6095 Summer Street, Honolulu, 96821). The special guest speaker will be

the **Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi** (Associate minister of Konko Mission of Honolulu). The theme of the peace prayer is, “One Heart-One Mind~In Gratitude.” This year’s peace prayer will acknowledge 70 years since the ending of WW2. I believe a total of 17 religious leaders of different faiths will be giving a brief prayer and message during the program. This interfaith gathering is



very unique and great to be a part of. So, please, by all means, join us for this event. Dinner and refreshments will follow the program. There will also be a display of Peace Cups. The **Rev. Tatsunori Kamiya** of the Gedatsu Church is a talented potter,

who hand spins cups on his potter’s wheel like magic. Come and see the finished pieces.

Every year, we pray for world peace. World peace can be achieved...but it has to begin with the efforts of each individual. A peaceful person can make a household



peaceful. The feeling of peace will spread to an individual’s friends and acquaintances, to their neighbors, to their classmates, and co-workers. We have to make a conscious effort to try to be peaceful individuals. This whole society, norms, rules and religions are all man made.

We can incorporate peace into it and make it into a society that cares for each other.

At the beginning of this month, I will be going to Japan with my boyfriend, **Clayton** and his family. This is their first time going to Japan. I was invited to be the translator and also to tag along in this adventure. I hope I can be of help. I am very excited about this trip. We have so much on our things-to-do list. I will also be going to the Konkokyo Headquarters to attend the Autumn Grand Ceremony on October 10 and visiting the Konko Church of Osaka on the 11th. I will be back on the 11th, too.

More stories ahead. Have a great month in October. I will also keep you posted on our Halloween Pumpkin Carving on Facebook.



Happy Halloween!

Aloha, Edna Yano

