



WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION CHILDREN'S NEWSLETTER



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

October 2018

- 1 Mon -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭**
- 6 Sat -Church clean up for Autumn Grand Ceremony (8 am)
-"Okage wa Wagakokoro ni Ari" *KIKU TV (7 pm-9 pm)
- 7 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Sat -Autumn Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)**
生神金光大神様 御大祭 *Naorai dinner will follow
- 14 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage till 10:15 am
-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 19 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @Wahiawa Gen. Hospital
Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)
- 20 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 21 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 (9 am)**
*Share Okage till 11 am
-25th HCRP Peace Prayer @ Honolulu Church (4 pm)
- 27 Sat -Ehimemaru memorial citrus tree maintenance (9 am)
-Chorus Practice at HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 28 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage till 11 am
-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 29 Mon -Halloween Pumpkin Carving (5 pm-8 pm)
*Light refreshments included. Bring Your Own Pumpkin
- 31 Wed -Church clean-up (9 am) *Happy Halloween!!



November 2018

- 1 Thur -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭**
- 3 Sat -Mini Bazaar & Rummage Sale (10 am-2 pm)
- 4 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *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.

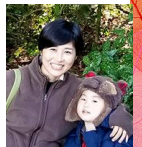
Sincerity is the essence of my faith, and its basic principles are courtesy, kindness, and devotion in everything I do.



Autumn Grand Ceremony

For our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa
Speaker: Rev. Seiko Konko (Of Honolulu Church)
Memo: Naorai fellowship dinner will follow



Let's honor and appreciate our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin for paving the Way of Happiness and Blessings for all of us by being here on time and in person for this Grand Ceremony. All is welcome! *9 a.m. Naorai prep help needed.

Halloween Pumpkin Carving

Monday, 10/29/18 from 5 pm-8 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

BYOP (Bring your own pumpkins)



Konko Daijin says... If the whole family is kind to one another and practices faith, their hearts will be in unison and all will be able to receive divine blessings. If the parents' and children's hearts are not in harmony, the family will not receive divine blessings. (GIII Gorikai Shui 18)

Editor's Memo: I noticed that for many families, the parents—especially the dad has absolute authority. And children are never to talk back to their parents. No "ifs", 'ands' or 'buts!'" Our family was different. Sometimes we did not agree with our parents. And we argued our point. My parents listened to try to understand our perspectives on different situations. And many times, they would understand where we were coming from. In Konkokyo, it's emphasized that if parents listen to their children, children will naturally listen to their parents. But unfortunately, some parents use too much force and not enough guidance—causing the child to encounter unnecessary difficulty in adulthood.

HCRP Peace Prayer

"Being Mindful and Appreciative of Food's Life Force"

Date: Sunday, October 21, 2018

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Konko Mission of Honolulu
(1728 Liliha St. Honolulu, HI)

Keynote: Mr. Glen Kila (Project/Program Director of Koa Ike)

Memo: Dinner and refreshments will be served after the program. Please bring non-perishable food items, as they will be donated to the Institute for Human Services and Holomua Na 'Ohana (Weinberg Village Waimanalo). Ask us for more info! All is welcome!

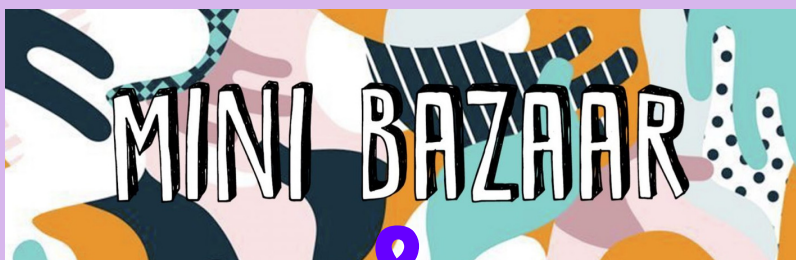


Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2018

- 11/3 Sat -Mini BAZAAR & Rummage Sale 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- 11/4 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 11/9 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 11/24 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 11/25 Sun -21st Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 9 am
- 12/7 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 12/16 Sun -46th Year Mem. Svc. Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/23 Sun -End of the Year Service 9:00 a.m.
- 12/30 Sun -27th Annual Mochi Pounding



In Loving memory of **Mrs. Hiroko Toyoda**
(Rev. Reiko Yano's sister), who passed away on
September 10, 2018 at the age of 68 in Oita, Japan.



Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018

Time: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa (207 Muliwai Avenue)

All proceeds will help in the operation and church maintenance of Konko Mission of Wahiawa. We will be selling white elephant items, plants, some craft items, and baked goods.

Konko Missions in Hawaii Young Adults Group fishing field trip to Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens 9/8/18. Good fun!



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)

Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi
Deborah Amado
Erik Miyasaka
Michelle Noguchi

Jane Suwa
Hugh Noguchi
Chason Pangorang
Jill Michie Yano



Editor's Note

Dear Reader, I hope this newsletter finds you in great health and overall wellbeing.

My aunt Hiroko Toyoda (Mom's older sister) passed away rather suddenly on September 10th at the age of 68. She lived with her family in Oita, Japan. Just last year on New Year's Eve, she suddenly collapsed of a stroke, leaving her left arm paralyzed. Thankfully she could still walk and function. Then in July of this year, she collapsed again. Doctors then found out that she had stage 4 colon cancer with metastasis.

She was feeling ok up to the point where doctors revealed her diagnosis. Being told she has stage 4 cancer was like a death sentence to her. The news shocked her so much, that it made her feel depressed. However, she still wanted to try to get better and go through chemotherapy and colon surgery which doctors were recommending. We thought she was going to be able to pull through this challenge because Aunt Hiroko was a powerful woman. Unfortunately, her condition did not improve and she was quickly turning for the worst.

Just a couple days before her passing, her mother made a visit to see her from the care home. Grandma is 89 and currently quite healthy.

Before Aunt Hiroko's passing, Uncle Asami (Hiroko's husband) would call us from time to time to update us on aunt's condition as she lay helpless in the hospital bed. Devastated by the prognosis by the doctors, he would express his sadness to my mom over the phone. 68 years is still quite young to go. We all hope to age till our backs bend forward, but sometimes, that's not the case. Life is so unpredictable.

In talking to Uncle Asami, my mom would tell him stories of times when Aunt Hiroko's life might have ended sooner. There were three big events in her life that were critical.

The first event was when Aunt Hiroko was about 5 years old. She developed a severe case of pneumonia and the doctor gave up hope for her. She was almost going to die. Her father prayed to Konko-Sama intently, and also her grand mother placed a moist hot cloth on her congested chest. The steam vapors helped to loosen the mucus of Aunt Hiroko, and she was able to receive a tremendous divine blessing of full recovery.

The second episode was when she was in middle school. They owned a dairy farm, and also had one labor bull to help cultivate the land. One day, the huge bull got loose and started to charge at Aunt Hiroko. There happened to be a hill, and so she sprinted toward it. She immediately ducked down and the bull jumped right over her and tumbled down the hill. Had she not ducked, she would have been killed in an instant.

The third episode was when Aunt Hiroko was in her mid twenties. She used to work at a department store. For some reason, she lost balance in one foot, and she tumbled down about 2 flights of stairs. She was knocked unconscious. But thankfully, she recovered from any injuries and she was able to work again.

While telling these stories to Uncle Asami, he was reminded of those episodes that Aunt Hiroko experienced, and deemed it was a blessing that Kami-Sama had saved her on numerous occasions. Living till 68 was actually an extension of life that we cannot give enough thanks for.

She was survived by her kind and caring husband, Asami and her two children.

My mother was able to attend her sister's celebration of life on September 12—just two days after her passing. She was surrounded

by family and friends and it was a beautiful ceremony conducted in accordance with the Konkokyo funeral traditions by Revs. Makoto and Shinji Mitsutake of the Konko Church of Tateishi.

Uncle Asami mentioned that Hiroko's last word to him was "Arigato (Thank you)." And then she passed away peacefully.

"Hiroko was my treasure" 「博子は、僕の宝でした」 said Uncle Asami during the brief eulogy. Everyone started to weep. I believe my aunt was very blessed to have married such a kind, caring and patient man. They were both blessed to have had each other.

At the end of the open casket ceremony, the family and friends all placed beautiful flowers into the casket like a bed of flowers and Uncle Asami walked toward Hiroko and gently lifted up his wife's head to give her a final kiss goodbye on her lips and sent her off in much love and in tears.

I have met with my Aunt Hiroko only 4 times in my life. So, I was not very close with her. But I do remember some good memories of when I did meet her. When I was little, and we'd go to Japan, she gave each of us a generously filled bag of Japanese candy—which we absolutely loved! She would also give the same amount and variety of candy to her own children at the same time she gave us the candy. In doing so, we could all enjoy candy and have a great time. She understood the hearts of young children well. She knew that her own children would feel envious if she gave candy to us, and not her own children. It made everyone feel equally happy. I want to thank her for showing to us her caring heart. I want to thank her for living 68 years. And I pray that her spirit is at peace. And most of all, I want to thank Kami-Sama for the life she was blessed with.



With this year's Autumn Memorial Service which was held on September 23, I listened for my Aunt Hiroko's name as Yano Sensei called out the names of the deceased. And as I heard her name being called out, I could sense a smile on her face. Immortality is important for humans. Immortality is when others keep praying for you after you die. (Gorikai II Kondo Tsuru 1). To be remembered after your passing is a joyous thing. Let's continue to remember our deceased loved ones.

As we cannot escape the ultimate truth, that we will all pass away one day, let us give thanks for this day, this day that our soul can live in this physical dwelling we have been blessed with. Let's take care of others and ourselves and make this life of ours worthwhile. Thank you.

October is Autumn Grand Ceremony Season! And also the month that KIKU TV will be airing the Konkokyo movie, Okage Wa Wagakokoro Ni Ari: Divine Favor Depends Upon Our Own Hearts." The live action movie of the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin will be aired on Saturday, October 6 from 7 pm-9 pm. By all means, please watch. You will learn what kind of a person Konko Daijin was. In honoring our Founder, Konko Daijin, Konko Churches throughout Hawaii will be holding their Autumn Grand Ceremony—Godaisai. Our church Godaisai will be held on **Saturday, October 13 at 6:30 pm.** Rev. Seiko Konko (*Associate Minister of Konko Mission of Honolulu*) will be the guest speaker. Naorai fellowship dinner will follow. Please attend this very important ceremony.

The 25th Annual Hawaii Conference of Religions for Peace HCRP will be holding its Peace Prayer at the Konko Mission of Honolulu on Sunday, October 21 at 4 pm. All is welcome. Our annual Halloween Pumpkin Carving will be held on Monday, October 29th from 5 pm to 8 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your own pumpkins BYOP. Have a Happy and safe Halloween!

Aloha, Edna