



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



Halloween

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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

October 2019

- 1 Tue -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 5 Sat -Church clean up for Autumn Grand Ceremony (8 am)
-"Okage wa Wagakokoro ni Ari" *KIKU TV (7 pm-9 pm)
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 8 Tue -HCRP Mtg at Palolo Hongwanji (1:30 pm)
- 9 Wed -Hula practice for 80th Anniversary (11 am)
- 12 Sat -Autumn Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm) 生神金光大神様 御大祭 *Naorai dinner will follow
- 13 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage till 10:15 am
-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 16 Wed -KMH 2020 Joint Conference Mtg@ HNL (6 pm)
- 17 Thr -KMH CEOC Mtg@ HNL (6 pm)
- 18 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 19 Sat -Preparation for HCRP Peace Prayer @HNL (10 am)
-Chorus Practice at HNL Church (2-4 pm)
- 20 Sun -Monthly Memorial Svc 月例霊祭 (9 am) *Share Okage till 11 am
-26th HCRP Peace Prayer @ Honolulu Church (4 pm)
- 25 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @Wahiawa Gen. Hospital Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)
- 26 Sat -Ehimemaru memorial citrus tree maintenance (9 am)
-Garage Sale for Clayton's Karate students (9 am-2 pm)
-Amagi Church 115th Anniversary *Yano Sensei will go
- 27 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage till 11 am
- 28 Mon -Halloween Pumpkin Carving (5 pm-8 pm)
*Light refreshments included. Bring Your Own Pumpkin
- 31 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am) *Happy Halloween!!

November 2019

- 1 Fri -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sun -No Sunday Service
-Hilo Church 90th Anniversary Celebration (11 am)

Konko Daijin says... People living between Heaven and Earth are Kami's children. If your body has pain or illness, it is difficult for you to work. Pray for physical well-being, diligence in your work, rich grain harvests, and for your horses and cows. Pray with sincerity for everything. (GIII Konko Kyoso Gorikai 51)

Editor's Memo: Back in August, the Rev. Kiyoji Konko came to deliver a presentation at the Honolulu Church 90th Anniversary. In his presentation he mentioned that there is nothing wrong with living in abundance. The key point is to remember that all that we have is through the blessings of Kami-Sama. It's alright to pray for anything great!

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.



Don't Miss Watching:

"Okage Wa Wagakokoro Ni Ari"
Movie about our Founder, Konko Daijin on KIKU TV. Saturday, October 5th
7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Autumn Grand Ceremony

For our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2019 @ 6:30 pm
Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa
Speaker: Rev. Akinobu Yasutake (Waipahu 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, 10/28 from 5 pm-8 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

BYOP (Bring your own pumpkins)



Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2019

- 11/3 Sun -90th Anniversary Celebration of Hilo Church, 11a.m.
- 11/8 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity, 10 a.m.
- 11/9 Sat -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service, 11 a.m.
- 11/15 Fri -160th Anniversary of Konkokyo at Honbu Headquarters
- 11/23 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 11/24 Sun -22nd Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 9 a.m.
- 12/13 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10 a.m.
- 12/22 Sun -47th Memorial Svc. Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10 a.m.
- 12/26 Thr -Mochi pounding at Hilton Waikiki
- 12/27 Fri -Mochi pounding at Prince Waikiki (10 am)
- 12/29 Sun -End of the Year Service 9 a.m.
- 12/30 Mon-28th Annual Mochi Pounding 8 a.m.



We pounded one batch of mochi on Sunday, September 1 and held a welcome luncheon with Revs. Drs. Leon and Linda Webber.



Congratulations to Channon and Rosalyn Pangorang on the birth of their beautiful baby girl!

Pelia Akemi Gonzales Pangorang

Born on August 27, 2019

7 pounds 7 ounces and 21 inches



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

Jane Suwa

Deborah Amado

Hugh Noguchi

Erik Miyasaka

Chason Pangorang

Michelle Noguchi

Jill Michie Yano

KONKO MISSION OF WAHIAWA
80th Anniversary Celebration
 "Thank you for the blessings till this day" 今日までの御礼
Sun., March 15, 2020 @ 10 am



80th Anniversary Fundraising Box



Funds will go towards 80th Anniversary Celebration and Church Repair Mahalo for your support!

In celebrating the Wahiawa Church 80th Anniversary, we have set up a Fundraising box. Funds that will be raised in this box will go towards the 80th Anniversary Celebration and much needed church repair and maintenance. Mahalo for your support!

HCRP Peace Prayer

"Compassion in Daily Lives"

Date: Sunday, October 20, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm

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

Keynote: Mr. Scott Nishimoto (Executive Director of Ceeds of Peace)

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. Ask us for more info! All is welcome!



Autumn Garage Sale!!



Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Time: 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Place: Wahiawa Church (207 Muliwai Avenue)

Let's help Clayton Matsuoka Sensei's Karate students go to Japan! We will be selling white elephant items, plants, some craft items, and baked goods. Please help if able.

Editor's Note

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

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 5 from 7pm-9pm. Don't Miss it! You will learn what kind of a person Konko Daijin was. To honor our amazing Founder, Konko Churches throughout Hawaii will be holding their Autumn Grand Ceremony—Godaisai. Our church Godaisai will be held on **Saturday, October 12 at 6:30 pm.** Rev. Akinobu Yasutake (*Associate Minister of Konko Mission of Waipahu*) will be the guest speaker. Naorai fellowship dinner will follow. Please attend this very important ceremony.

Konko Daijin really taught us that our daily blessings are the greatest blessings. And he also taught us that there are far more blessings that cannot be seen, than those that can. It's so true. The more you think about naming the people and things in our lives we are thankful for, it becomes countless. We are truly allowed to live in the midst of divine blessings. No matter how much thanks I think I am giving to Kami-Sama, it probably amounts to just a pinch of sand of all the sand on every beach and desert. But no matter how small that may seem in the eyes of Kami-Sama, it is still better to give thanks and acknowledgement, than to live in complete ignorance of blessings.

I once had a patient who had rectal cancer. Talking about the rectum may sound taboo, but that patient mentioned to me that he never understood how important the rectum was until he lost complete function of it. He was an intelligent man who was very successful throughout his life. He said that the rectum is like a reservoir to hold bowel movements until it is ready to come out. He said that his bowel habits became very inconsistent over the months. Sometimes he would be extremely constipated. Other days he would have explosive diarrhea. But when he lost complete bowel function of not being able to hold it in when he wanted to, that is when he got very concerned and went to get himself checked. He said, "Yeah, my bowel movements would just come out without warning. It was a terrible experience. But you know, young people like you would never know the pain and embarrassment of losing bowel function. Young people never realize just how important the rectum is. I only realize this now that I can't use it. I only realize this now that I have an artificial butthole on the side of my abdomen. Be thankful for your rectum."

He's right, I have given thanks for my intestines and my other parts of the body, but never specifically my rectum. His explanation to me was an eye opener. I have added the rectum to my body appreciation prayer.

This is the kind of ignorance people live in daily life. No one pays attention to parts of their body that are functioning perfectly. But people sure can complain to the body parts that are showing some signs of wear and tear.

The Rev. Masato Yoshino of the Konko Church of Hiraou often said that people who give thanks to the toilet every time they use it will never encounter bowel trouble. Have you ever given thanks to the toilet bowl or urinal? I bet you have said thank you maybe when you have been holding it in for the longest time. Because that is what I do! I don't say thank you every single time

I go to the bathroom. Sometimes I forget to be appreciative of my normal bodily functions and the toilet. But I have been trying to be more mindful these days of remembering to give thanks. I'm still forgetful. It's a practice. If no one taught me to give thanks, I would never think of giving thanks. So, I want to

thank my parents for instilling that value into my brain. Giving thanks is something we need to be taught and shown for it to become a practice of our own.

At my workplace, my co-workers complain of abdominal discomfort and constipation from time to time. I encourage them to talk to their stomach and intestines. I tell them to give thanks, praise for their tireless work, love and apology to whatever body part they have problems with. And also to give a gentle massage on their abdomen. I guaranteed that their bowels will be happy and they will no longer be constipated.

Just a couple days ago, another co-worker was constipated and bloated. I was washing my hands at the nurses' station when I overheard two nurses talking amongst themselves about this bowel issue. "Hey, did you talk to your intestines? That's what Edna taught me to do, and it works every time." A couple other people joined their conversation and stated, "Yeah, I did that the last time I talked with Edna, and it worked. I even tell my kids to do that." Then I joined in on their conversation and reiterated the lesson on appreciation.

I don't see why it wouldn't work. I mean, it's the difference between feeling appreciated or blamed. When someone gives thanks to you for doing something, you feel very happy and warm inside. When you get blamed for doing something unsatisfactorily—even though you tried your very best, you feel very sad, upset, and even your hands and feet get cold. Our body parts are just the same. Every body part is an integral part of our wellbeing. They work very hard in their own special way. You can't tell the lungs to do what the heart can do. You can't tell the intestines to do what your kidneys can do. So it is very important to give thanks to each body part and organ for their daily hard work. Reward them with your praise and love. Reward them by taking good care of your body, mind and spirit. And your body will deliver through to your final days.

The 26th Annual Hawaii Conference of Religions for Peace (HCRP) will be holding its annual Peace Prayer at the Konko Mission of Honolulu on Sunday, October 20 at 4 pm. Guest speaker will be Mr. Scott Nishimoto, who is the Executive Director of Ceeds of Peace. This year's theme is: "Compassion in Daily Lives." All is welcome.

Our Halloween Pumpkin Carving will be held on Monday, October 28th from 5 pm to 8 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Please bring your own pumpkins. Have a Happy and safe Halloween!

Aloha, Edna

