



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



Happy Grandparent's Day 9/10/17

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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### September 2017

- 1 Fri -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
- 4 Mon -Labor Day Holiday! Konkokyo Oahu Chorus Group 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Karaoke Fest (10 am-2 pm) @HNL Church
- 9 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 10 Sun -Monthly Svc. Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama (9:00 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 \*Share Okage (till 11 am)  
-Happy Grandparent's Day!  
-Honolulu Church Garage Sale (9 am-3 pm)
- 11 Mon -HCRP Meeting at Gedatsu Church (1:30 pm)
- 15 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity @Wahiawa Gen. Hospital Long Term Care Facility (10-10:45 am)
- 16 Sat -HCRP: Kaka'ako Waterfront Park Clean-up (10-11:30 am)
- 17 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)  
-Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Svc. (10 am)
- 23 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 24 Sun -Autumn Memorial Service 秋季霊祭 (10 am)  
-HCRP Peace Cup Painting (after svc)
- 29 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 30 Sat -Ehimemaru memorial clean-up (9 am)



### October 2017

- 1 Sun -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (9 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 7 Sat -Church clean up for Autumn Grand Ceremony (8 am)  
-Okage wa Wagakokoro ni Ari \*KIKU TV (7pm-9pm)
- 8 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)  
-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Fri -Autumn Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)  
生神金光大神様 御大祭 \*Naorai dinner will follow

## 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 Memorial Service

**Date:** Sunday, September 24, 2017

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. at the Wahiawa Church

**Memo:** Naorai fellowship lunch will follow

*Let us remember the very people who laid the foundations of our existence. We are here because of our ancestors. We must give thanks for this truth and honor their Mitama Spirit. Your presence at the service is important for the continual salvation of your deceased loved ones.*



## Autumn Grand Ceremony

**For our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama**

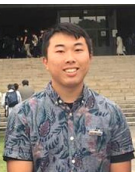
**Date:** Friday, October 13, 2017 @ 6:30 pm

**Place:** Konko Mission of Wahiawa

**Speaker:** Mr. Nicholas Jun Furusho

(He will be speaking about his recent spiritual training experience at Amagi Church, Japan)

**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!

**Konko Daijin says...** "After being saved from a desperate situation or misfortune, everyone says that they will never forget the blessings they received. However, people tend to be unaware of the divine blessings that they receive daily. Regardless if people are alive or dead, they are always receiving Kami's blessings. (GII Jinkyu Kyogoroku 90-1,2)

**Editor's thoughts:** There was a man who was dying from the end stage of cancer. In the moments he learned of his few months to live, he was distraught and angry at God. And he told the staff that took care of him, "God really screwed me over!" I felt sad for Kami/God when I heard this statement. For the 60+ years he's been given life, free will and daily blessings, he curses at Kami/God because of his condition. Certainly his cancer is nothing to celebrate, but what about all the blessings that were received till this point? People are ignorant of the blessings they have been receiving on a daily basis.

**Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2017**

- 10/8 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 10/13 Fri -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service, 6:30 p.m.
- 10/15 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 10/20 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 10/22 Sun -24<sup>th</sup> Annual HCRP Peace Prayer, Gedatsu Church, 4 pm
- 10/29 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 11/5 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service, 11:00 a.m.
- 11/17 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 11/25 Sat -KMH Board of Trustees Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 11/26 Sun -20<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama, 11am
- 12/8 Fri -WGH monthly volunteer activity at 10:00 a.m.
- 12/16 Sat -Mochitsuki demo at JCCH (First group 9:30 am)
- 12/24 Sun -45<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/30 Sat -26<sup>th</sup> Annual Mochi Pounding



Revs. Yasuhiro & Reiko Yano, Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Thank you for 40 years of service at Konko Mission of Wahiawa! Wishing you many more years of great health and happiness!

**Mr. Masataka Yano's 5<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service in Japan  
And appreciation pilgrimage for 40 years of church service for  
Revs. Yasuhiro and Reiko Yano since coming to Hawaii in 1977**



***Happy Birthday***

To all the people born in the month of September!  
Please continue to receive infinite divine blessings from  
Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama and  
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

Founder Konko Daijin (203<sup>rd</sup>)  
Rev. David Yano  
Hope Morihara and Stacey Toma



## Editor's Note

Dear Reader, I hope this September Children's Newsletter finds you in great health and happiness. I would like to give a shout out to my parents (Resident ministers of Konko Mission of Wahiawa), **Revs. Yasuhiro** and **Reiko Yano** on their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (September 23—Hawaii time), and also a big Mahalo to them for serving at the Wahiawa Church for 40 years (Since September 28, 1977).

My parents literally left Japan 3 days after they got married to fly to Hawaii to be the next caretakers of the church. I think it's a great milestone that they have come this far in their ministry. They were only 26 years old at that time.

This church has been open for 77 years. And it was possible because of dedicated people that wanted to keep the church open. Although the church hall doesn't overflow with members, the numbers of people that have been coming have been constant. People have come and gone, but a constant flow of energy still remains.

The Founder of Wahiawa Church, the **Rev. Haruko Takahashi** established the church on January 14, 1940. The original location was on 901 Kilani Avenue. On December 7, 1941, the U.S. was at war with Japan. All Konko Missions were closed and missionary work was prohibited. Post war, on January 1, 1948, Rev. Takahashi re-established the Konko Mission of Wahiawa at the current location, 207 Muliwai Avenue. Immediately after the passing of Rev. Haruko Takahashi on December 24, 1972, Rev. Takahashi's sister, **Shigeno Takahashi** watched the church for a few months until the arrival of a temporary minister; **Rev. Hiromichi Ishii** arrived. Rev. Ishii took care of the church until April 1976. In the months leading up to my parents' arrival, Rev. Haruko Takahashi's brother, **Mr. Thomas Takahashi** and his wife, **Tsuneko** took care of the church. My parents arrived in Hawaii on September 27<sup>th</sup> and stepped foot onto the soil of Wahiawa for the first time on September 28, 1977.

40 years went by in a flash for my parents. To give thanks to **Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama** and **Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama**, my parents went to Japan on an appreciation pilgrimage to the Headquarters Church in Konko Town. This event also coincided with grandpa **Masataka Yano's** 5<sup>th</sup> year memorial service in Oita.

My parents went to Japan from August 11-19. While they were gone, I stayed home to watch the church. It's not very easy to do what my parents do for the church on a daily basis. I had to be especially careful I didn't dose off because I didn't know when someone was going to come in through the front door of the church to pray.

Writing in the *Gokinen-cho* prayer log is also a daily task. There were a couple hundred names that my dad transcribes on the prayer log. There were several people who I have never met before. But as I transcribed the names of the

people I knew, their faces would come to my thought. Even people I do not think about regularly came to thought. And I think this is the good thing about writing out people's names in a prayer log. The moment we think about someone, we are forwarding energy of this thought into the Universe.

Producing a thought is much like producing cell mediators. Whether it'd be positive or negative thoughts, we are still producing cell mediators for that emotion. And depending on the type of cell mediator that is produced, the body as a whole will respond to that emotion.

Going back to praying or thinking about people or situations—the moment we do so, we are emitting energy. This energy can be read by Kami-Sama as a prayer. Thus, Kami-Sama responds accordingly.

While I was watching the church, I listened to one inspirational talk on YouTube three times. Search **“Bruce Lipton: The Paradigm Shift.”** He is a renowned cellular biologist who has manifested this new way of life that has completely changed his way of thinking. He emphasized that all people living on this Earth is a single organism called “Humanity.” We all have a role here. When you take a single human being and stand him/her in front of a mirror, what do you see? Do you see a single human being? Dr. Lipton sees a community of 50 trillion cells.

If you take a single human being, you can identify a Universe of different communities doing everything that a single cell does. The human body has a respiratory system, nervous system, musculoskeletal system, integumentary/exocrine system, digestive/excretory system, urinary system, immune system, cardiovascular/circulatory system, reproductive system and endocrine system. If you take a single human cell and study it, you will find the same systems in each cell.

A single human is made up of 50 trillion+ amoebas. The organism called Humanity is currently made up of 7.5 billion human beings. Dr. Lipton stated that the one thing that makes humans so unique and special

is that we have a consciousness.

He stated that the government of the body is our mind. An illness is just a feedback mechanism from the community of corrupt governance. Inflammation in our body is just like the violence that occurs throughout the world. If there were order in our governance, there would be peace. Similarly, if our mind is at peace, our cells will be at peace as well.

He mentioned that there was a clean-air act in California. The studies showed that they did a good job, but the overall quality of air was still bad—not because of the pollution that occurred in California, but because of the air that came from other third world countries. No matter how hard California as a state tried to keep their air clean, it made no difference on our planet as a whole because not everyone was on the same page. It doesn't matter if just one part of the world is



trying hard to keep their country in order. Because we are all one organism on a single planet, if one side of the world is polluted, the organism as a whole is polluted. He emphasized the importance of realizing that humanity is a single organism and that we have to work together in **collective consciousness** (a set of shared beliefs, ideas and moral attitudes which operate as a unifying force within society). We are all interconnected.

When we work together in collective consciousness, we will have the ability to do things we never knew was possible. Dr. Lipton takes the invention of the computer for example. It wasn't the invention of a single human being. It was actually the ideas of 50,000 inventions combined that created a single computer.

If something as amazing as a computer was created, there is definitely a solution for the many problems that we face in this current era. We can create world peace. We can think of ideas to solve homelessness or famine. With the combined effort of "like mindedness" for a single problem, it is possible. "Community has power."

Dr. Lipton asks if we are living the life that brings happiness back in. 90% of disease is due to stress. We are part of a Universal creation. If we recognize what our stressors are, make a conscious effort to remove yourself from that source of stress. Communicate with your consciousness. Consciousness is spirit. Spiritual connection means to be in communication with your consciousness 24/7; not just 1 hour a week during your Sunday Morning church services. This is practicing faith, as Konko Daijin also mentioned. The consciousness of a single person is to be in connection with the higher power.

But you notice there are many factors in our daily life that forces us to distance from our conscious thoughts. There is the media, movies, radio, social-media, commercials and just our busy lives in general. We were literally brought up to think a certain way and believe certain things. But is that way even correct? People were brought up to think that there is a heaven after we die. But the real heaven is actually right here, right now. When we die, our spirit separates from the biological body in which we were able to enjoy life as a human being. When we become spirits, we cannot enjoy the taste of chocolate! We cannot cuddle our pets and feel their warmth and softness. We cannot smell the delicious home cooking. And the reason for that is because it is only while we are living, that we can enjoy these things.

While we are alive, we are given a body so that the spirit can dwell in it. We have eyes to see beauty, nose to smell the goodness of fresh baked chocolate chip cookies. We have ears to listen to the birds chirping in the morning. We have taste buds on our tongue to enjoy all the flavors of the world. We have a sense of touch, to feel the warmth of our pets and loved ones. We have arms and legs to move at will. We have a brain to think, analyze, create and calculate. And we have a heart to sense, empathize, appreciate, apologize, love and relate.

There are infinite ways to enjoy life now. We must enjoy this moment and feel grateful. To be born a human being is a wondrous thing.

I remember **Mrs. Fusami Kudo's** talk a few months ago. She came to Hawaii as a guest speaker. She was diagnosed with terminal cancer but was blessed with complete remission after a change of thought. She remains cancer free for over 10 years.

Mrs. Kudo read a book published by **Dr. Kazuo Murakami**—a renown geneticist in Japan. And in the book it stated that all humans are born into this world out of a probability of 1 in

70,000,000,000,000.

So, what happens after we die? The Founder, Konko Daijin said that even he doesn't know. But said if we live a sincere, honest life when we are alive, there is no need to worry about death.

Konko Daijin did mention that death is when the biological body is separated from the spirit. The spirit will continue to live even after we pass. In other words, our consciousness will remain. So it's important to live a good life, so we will be remembered in a good way. It would be horrible to die having left only bad memories. While the people living continue to talk stink about an individual who has passed away. That is the definition of a true hell.

Because our consciousness remains after death, it is important to remember our deceased loved ones on a regular basis. Just a daily thought of them will keep their spirit happy. That's where I would like to remind you of our Autumn Memorial Service that will be held on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.** These bi-annual memorial services are special days that are reserved for the Mitama Spirits of the people that have passed. It's their grand ceremony. They have done so much for us. Let's give back to them by being present for this important service. Naorai lunch will also follow. Come with your family and friends. Have a great month in September!

-Edna

