

Konko Mission of Honolulu

2025 CHURCH SCHEDULE REMINDER



August 葉月

AUGUST Rotary Hanashikai (Wailuku) 8/3

3 Sunday Service – **Rotary Hanashikai** (10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon)

10 **Monthly Service** – Church Goyo

17 Sunday Service – **Corporation Board of Directors Meeting**

24 **Monthly Service, Monthly Memorial Service,
& Rev. Masayuki Kodama Annual Memorial Service**

Church Clean-up

31 Sunday Service – **Sunday Gathering**

Join Us for Rotary Hanashikai on August 3, 2025!



We warmly invite you to our upcoming KMH Rotary Hanashikai **on Sunday, August 3, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.**, immediately following our regular Sunday Service at 9:00 a.m. The discussion will be hosted via Zoom by the Konko Church of Wailuku. You're welcome to join us in person at the Konko Mission of Honolulu Social Hall, where we will set up Zoom, or participate virtually from home.

This gathering is an excellent opportunity to strengthen our bonds as Konkokyo believers and to further deepen our faith through meaningful discussion.

The discussion theme will be announced soon. We look forward to your participation!

Zoom Details: Meeting ID: 847 4142 7204, Passcode: 063254

July Sermon Summaries

July 20, 2025

In his sermon, Rev. Koichi Konko discussed the importance of nurturing faith and cultivating a sincere heart, especially during times of tranquility, rather than turning to faith only in moments of crisis. He emphasized this message using a passage from the "Voice of the Universe" (No. 218), reminding listeners that earnest believers who maintain faith regularly receive divine support in overcoming even severe illnesses and hardships.

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218 You should practice faith wholeheartedly while you are in good health and enjoying a tranquil life rather than starting after you are in trouble with illnesses or misfortunes. Kami will take care of you if you are an earnest believer. Kami will help you to overcome your critical illness and recover completely no matter how serious the condition may be. Enrich your faith.

Rev. Koichi highlighted a meaningful experience of Rev. Takeo Sato from the Geibi Church in Hiroshima, Japan. Rev. Sato, shortly after graduating from seminary in 2019, decided to cultivate vegetables himself as sincere offerings to Kami, rather than buying them reluctantly due to high

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prices. Initially, he thought gardening would be straightforward; however, the challenges proved to be considerable. He faced intense heat, requiring early morning watering before temperatures rose, and struggled with pests like caterpillars. Rev. Sato managed pest control by manually removing insects and using wood vinegar, a liquid byproduct from making charcoal. Wood vinegar not only prevented pests but also enhanced the microorganisms in the soil, thereby strengthening the plants.

Rev. Sato shared his observation about climate change, noting how longer hot seasons and shorter autumns—optimal periods for vegetable growth—have impacted farming. Conventional farmers rely increasingly on pesticides, chemical fertilizers, and greenhouses, raising vegetable prices.

Nevertheless, Rev. Sato's "Okage Farm" yielded an abundant, chemical-free harvest of about ten vegetable types. This success, he discovered, stemmed not from simply planting crops but from having rich, healthy soil. The lesson here, he pointed out, mirrors spiritual life: cultivating good soil is essential in gardening, just as nurturing a sincere heart is crucial in faith. Rev. Sato reinforced that even in challenging times, continuous prayer and faith can lead to substantial growth when the right moment arrives.

Rev. Koichi then shared another touching personal account involving a family live in Konko town—a husband, wife, and their one-and-a-half-year-old daughter. In late January, the husband experienced throat discomfort, and his young daughter fell ill, repeatedly vomiting due to norovirus. Soon after, both he and his wife also became ill, diagnosed respectively with COVID-19 and norovirus. Amidst this difficult period, a profound moment occurred: their one-and-a-half-year-old daughter, already recovered, gently comforted her suffering mother by rubbing her back and subsequently offering prayers at the home altar by herself. He was deeply moved by his daughter's innate kindness and spiritual growth, reflecting on how her small yet sincere actions demonstrated the true essence of Kami's heart.

Through these experiences, Rev. Koichi stressed that seemingly small actions and prayers could carry significant spiritual impact. He concluded by reiterating the earlier teachings: faith is not merely a reaction to trouble but a continual, proactive nurturing of the heart. By consistently enriching their faith, individuals prepare themselves spiritually, just as rich soil readies itself for planting. The sermon emphasized how maintaining sincere faith in peaceful times provides strength and resilience during hardships, underscoring that true spiritual growth emerges from continuous, heartfelt devotion and everyday expressions of kindness and gratitude.

<https://youtube.com/live/ul96x6oX6Hg>



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