



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



Happy 4th July Independence Day



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### July 2026

- 1 Wed -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Fri -St. Francis Japanese Program (10 :30 am)
- 4 Sat -Happy 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday, America!
- 5 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share okage
- 8 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Session on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 9 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 12 Sun -Monthly Svc for Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama 生神金光大神様 月例祭 (9 am)  
-Hula practice at Waipahu Church (2 pm)
- 16 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 17 Fri -KCNA Conference in Toronto, Canada till 7/19 (Edna attend)
- 19 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share okage  
-Hula practice at Waipahu Church (2 pm)
- 21 Tue -KMH CEOC mtg on ZOOM (9 am)
- 22 Wed -KMH Centennial mtg on ZOOM (5pm)
- 23 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 25 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop (12 noon to 6 pm)  
-Ehime Kenjinkai Ehimemaru Memorial Clean-up (9 am)  
-Ehimekenjinkai Picnic at Kaka'ako Waterfront (10:30 am)
- 26 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 \*Share okage
- 29 Wed -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 31 Fri -Hula practice at Waipahu Church (10 am)

HAPPY \*\*\*  
Independence  
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### August 2026

- 1 Sat -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭  
-KMH Board of trustees meeting on ZOOM (10:30 am-3 p)
- 2 Sun -Back-to-School Service (9 am) \*Share okage  
-KMH Rotary Hanashikai Host: Waipahu (10:30 am-12 n)

## 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.

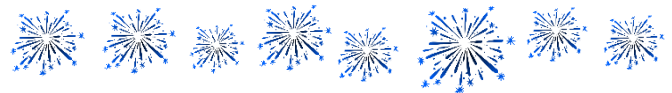
Sincerity is the essence of my faith, and its basic principles are courtesy, kindness, and devotion in everything I do.

## Konko Daijin's Teaching

There are many people who speak ill of others. If you are in such company, try to get away. Help people secretly. If you help people secretly, you will naturally receive Kami's blessings.

*(Gorikai II Ōkida Kisaburo 16-1,2)*

We are human, so there may be times when we feel the urge to criticize or speak badly about others. When such feelings arise, rather than spreading them through gossip, bring them to Otoritsugi and entrust them to Kami-Sama. As you receive Toritsugi and have your heart listened to, you will find relief and guidance. Over time, your heart will naturally change, and you will discover that the desire to speak ill of others no longer has a place within you.



## HAWAII GUNPLA/TCG WORKSHOP

SAT. 7.25.26  
12 PM-6 PM

Konko Mission of Honolulu  
1728 Liliha Street

#hawaiigunplaworkshop

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka & Michi's Toy Box



Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> Konko Sama, Reverend Hiromichi Konko on his 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Spiritual Head

## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2026

- 8/1 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @Honolulu Church ZOOM
- 8/2 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai at Waipahu Church (10:30 pm)
- 8/15 Sat -KMH Centennial Celebration at Ko'olau Ballroom  
6<sup>th</sup> Konko Sama and family will visit (11 am- 3p)
- 8/16 Sun -KMH Picnic at Ala Moana Beach (10 am-2 pm)
- 8/17 Mon -6<sup>th</sup> Konko Sama, Rev. Hiromichi Konko visitation to Wahiawa
- 8/23 Sun -53<sup>rd</sup> Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama (9 am)
- 9/5 Sat -KMH Faith Enrichment Program on Zoom (1:30p-3p)
- 9/9 Wed -KMH MWSS at Wahiawa (10 am-4 pm)
- 9/13 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/20 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)**
- 10/4 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Honolulu (11 am)
- 10/11 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Waipahu at (11 am)
- 10/13 Tue -Autumn Grand Service at Wahiawa at (5 pm)**
- 10/18 Sun -HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church (4 pm)
- 11/1 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Wailuku Church (11 am)
- 11/11 Wed -Gohonbu Appreciation Pilgrimage for KMH 100<sup>th</sup> (11/11-18)
- 11/14 Sat -KMH 5<sup>th</sup> Intl Yatsunami Gathering at Gohonbu (Pending)
- 11/22 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Hilo Church (11 am)
- 11/28 Sat -KMH Board Mtg (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 11/29 Sun -29<sup>th</sup> Mem. Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
- 12/20 Sun -54<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10am**
- 12/27 Sun -End of Year Service (9 am)**
- 12/30 Tue -35<sup>th</sup> Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)

Konko Missions in Hawai'i

**Centennial**

100 Years of Faith

Serving Kami and the People of Hawai'i  
1926-2026

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Ko'olau Ballrooms & Conference Center

**Sunday, August 16, 2026**  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Ala Moana Beach Park

Please scan the QR code to register for the centennial online! **Deadline Mon. 7/13/26**

Please RSVP for the KMH Centennial by Mon. 7/13/2026



Congratulations Reiko Sensei on 40<sup>th</sup> year ordainment! Congratulations Miss Reiko Inagaki (Edna's cousin's daughter) on your enrollment in Gakuin Seminary!



Konko Missions in Hawai'i Ohana Fishing event held on Sat. 6/20 at the Ali'i Agricultural Farm in Whitmore. 24 people attended the event!



## Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Omedetō gozaimasu! I am happy for the blessings that carried you here till this moment in time, even though it may have been a struggle.

My husband and I recently returned from our annual summer trip to Japan. As I sat on the airplane flying thousands of miles across the Pacific Ocean, I found myself thinking about something I often take for granted. And that is arriving safely.

Every time I board an airplane, I place my hand on the doorway and quietly tell the aircraft, "*Yoroshiku onegai shimasu.*" In a way, I am entrusting my life to the airplane, the pilots, the flight crew, and countless others involved in the journey.

When you stop and think about it, flying is a miracle. Hundreds, perhaps thousands, of people work behind the scenes to make a flight possible. Air traffic controllers, mechanics, engineers, baggage handlers, flight attendants, meal preparation staff, airport workers, and many others contribute to a safe and comfortable journey. Most of these people we will never meet, yet our lives depend on their efforts.

During our return trip from Narita Airport, a moderately strong earthquake struck nearby in Ibaraki Prefecture while we were boarding. Thankfully, our flight departed on time and we arrived home safely. That experience reminded me once again how much we rely on things beyond our own control.

While in Japan, we visited Nagoya for the first time and toured the Toyota Museum and the Toyota Commemorative Museum. I found it fascinating to learn that Toyota, one of the most recognized automobile companies in the world, originally began as a world renowned textile loom manufacturing company.

Toyota's motto today is "Start Your Impossible." I really like that phrase. Not finish your impossible. Not achieve your impossible. Just start. Take the first step. Everything has a starting point.

The museum explained how the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 revealed the importance of automobiles in delivering aid and helping people during disasters. At one time, about 90% of the automobiles in Japan were imported from America. Few could have imagined that Japan would someday become a global leader in automobile manufacturing. Automobiles back then were a symbol of status, today it's a necessity. But to get to this point people dreamed, struggled, failed, learned and tried again. And because they did, we are the lucky beneficiaries of their efforts today.

Learning that history made me appreciate my own car differently. When I got back to Hawaii and sat behind the steering wheel, I no longer saw just a vehicle. I saw generations of innovation, sacrifice, creativity, and perseverance. I saw countless people whose efforts made my daily life easier. I saw my car as a machine with a spirit—a Tamashii!

Then it hit me that the same is true for our own lives. Nothing we enjoy today suddenly appeared out of nowhere. The conveniences we enjoy today were born from someone else's struggles yesterday. This realization became even more apparent during another part of our trip.

While in Nagoya, I was able to visit the grave of my great-grandparents, Yoshiwa Tei and Yoshiwa Genroku (maternal great-grandparents). For more than a year, I had hoped to visit their grave someday. Through a series of unexpected connections, I was able to meet a relative in Toyohashi who

kindly took us there. In Konkokyo, we often use the word *arigatai*. It means more than simply "thankful." It refers to something that seemed impossible becoming possible. An unexpected blessing.

Standing before my great-grandparents' grave, I felt that sense of *arigatai*—like "Wow! I'm really here! This isn't a dream."

I felt especially connected to my great-grandmother. She was a nurse who cared for wounded soldiers during WWI. She went through a lot of hardship. Her daughter became a nurse. Then her daughter became a nurse. And now I am a fourth-generation nurse. I believe her influence continues to live on.

In fact, I learned that my great-grandmother strongly encouraged her daughter to become a nurse, even receiving harsh criticism and opposition for supporting that dream. Yet she remained steadfast in her conviction that nursing was a noble profession. Because of her courage, generations of nurses followed.

That experience left me asking a question: How much of what we call "my life" actually belongs to me? If you think about it, the language I speak was taught to me. The values I hold were passed down to me. The faith I practice was inherited from those before me. Even the body I live in came from generations of ancestors. So, what part of me is truly mine alone?

As we observe memorial services for people who have gone before us, we are reminded that our ancestors are not simply people who lived and died long ago. We shouldn't believe that one's legacy ends with death. In actuality, their sacrifices, hardships, prayers, and acts of kindness continue to bear fruit today.

Many people ask, "What have my ancestors done for me? And why do we even need to attend memorial services?" But a better question might be: What would my life look like if they had done nothing? The answer is obvious. None of us got here by ourselves, right? We are not self-made people. We are the product of our ancestors and upbringings. We are Kami-made people.

As young adults especially, we have a tendency to become arrogant and believe that success is something we achieve entirely on our own. But the truth is that each of us stands on the efforts, prayers, sacrifices, and dreams of countless people who came before us. That realization leads us to this question: What kind of ancestor are we becoming?

The choices we make today, the kindness we show, the faith we practice, and the values we pass on may influence people we will never meet.

Just as we have received blessings from those who came before us, I pray that we can become blessings for those who come after us. Wishing you all a wonderful month in July.

If you have not already done so, please RSVP for the Konko Missions in Hawaii Centennial Celebration by July 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held on Saturday, August 15, at the Ko'olau Ballrooms in Kaneohe (Glass Ballroom) from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., followed by a BBQ Picnic at Magic Island, Area 40, on Sunday, August 16, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please scan the QR code on the flyer found on page 2 to register. We have reached this historic milestone because of the faith, support, and dedication of people like you. The 6<sup>th</sup> Konko Sama, Rev. Hiromichi Konko will also be in attendance! We hope you will join us as we celebrate 100 years of blessings, gratitude, and community together.

Sincerely, *Edna*