Wahiawa Konko Mission
Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

November 2026

1 Sun -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama
(9 am) 天地金乃神様　月例祭 *Okage sharing
-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service (11 am)
5 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
6 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
8 Sun -Monthly Svc for Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am)
生神金光大神様　月例祭 *Okage sharing
11 Wed-KMH Kyoten Study Session on ZOOM (5 pm)
14 Sat -Rev. Masato Kawahatsu Celebration of Life Service at Konko Church of San Francisco (11 am-3 pm)
15 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Okage sharing
-San Francisco Church Grand Ceremony (1030 am)
19 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
20 Fri -Garage Sale Prep (1 pm)
21 Sat -Garage Sale (9 am to 1 pm)
22 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 (9 am)
-Hilo Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
25 Wed-KMH CEOC Mtg on ZOOM (5 pm)
26 Thr -Happy Thanksgiving HOLIDAY!
27 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
28 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop at HNL Church (12 n-6 pm)
-KMH Board of Trustee's Meeting (10:30 am) HNL
-Ehimemaru Memorial Clean-up at Kaka'ako WFP (9 am)
29 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Okage Sharing
-29th Memorial Svc for late Rev. Kikue Kodama at HNL Church (9 am)

December 2026

1 Tue -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様　月例祭 *Share Okage



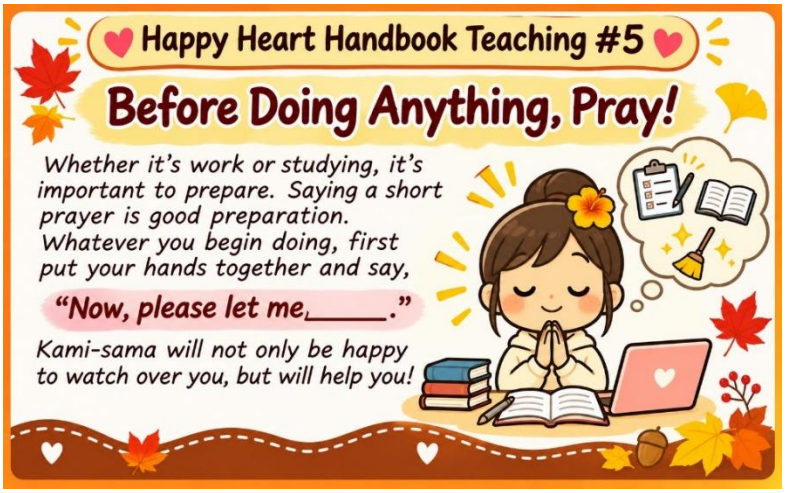
Autumn Grand Ceremony was held 10/13/26













HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church 10.24.26





The Keiki group from Ryugen Taiko performed at the Peace Prayer!



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In Loving Memory of

Rev. Masato Kawahatsu

Dear Konko Faith Family and Friends,

With deep gratitude for his life, faith, and many years of dedicated service, the family of Rev. Masato Kawahatsu and the Konko Church of San Francisco warmly invite you to a **Celebration of Life** in his honor on **Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 11:00 am.**

Rev. Kawahatsu peacefully passed away on **September 14, 2026, at the age of 80.** Throughout his many years of gōyo as a Konko minister in Japan, Hawai'i, South San Francisco, and San Francisco, he touched countless lives with his prayers, guidance, kindness, laughter, and compassion.

This is a public service, and we invite everyone whose lives were touched by Rev. Kawahatsu to gather with us in remembrance and gratitude, and to celebrate the many blessings we received through his life.

At the family's request, please send no flowers.

The family is accepting *Tamagushi-ryo* (offerings), which can be made out to Konko Church of San Francisco, in memory of Rev. Kawahatsu.

DATE:	**Saturday, November 14, 2026**
TIME:	**11:00 am – 3:00 pm**
LOCATION:	**Konko Church of San Francisco** 1909 Bush Street, San Francisco, CA 94115

Arigatou gozaimasu. Osewa ni narimasu. Omedetou gozaimasu.

Helpful Life Tip for November

Can't Fall Asleep? Try a Gratitude Body Scan!

Instead of counting sheep, try naming your body parts and saying "thank you" for what they did for you today. It's a simple way to calm your mind, feel grateful, and fall asleep peacefully!

How to Do It:

1. Get cozy in bed and take a few slow, deep breaths.
2. Starting from your head, slowly name each part of your body.
3. Say "Thank you" for its work today (for example: "Thank you, eyes, for helping me see!").
4. Continue all the way to your toes, then relax and let yourself sleep.



Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

Lately, I've been thinking about getting older. Not just myself, but watching my parents age, too. Have you ever noticed how life seems to come full circle? When we're babies, we depend on others for almost everything. Little by little, we learn to walk, talk, and take care of ourselves. But as we grow older, that process sometimes begins to reverse. Our balance changes, our bodies become weaker, we start getting forgetful, and things that were once easy become difficult.

Eventually, the children who were once cared for by their parents may find themselves caring for their parents instead. There is something both humbling and beautiful about this cycle of life. Recently, I experienced something frightening that made me appreciate this even more.

My parents have always been relatively healthy and independent, so I never imagined having to call an ambulance for either of them. But one day, my mom suddenly collapsed. She had been sick in bed with a high fever for about three days prior to collapsing and was feeling lightheaded and dizzy.

Thankfully, I happened to be off from work that day and was at Wahiawa Church that morning. Suddenly, my dad called out to me from the Hiromae, "Okaasan collapsed!" I sprinted over and found my mom lying on the floor.

She wasn't acting like herself. Her lips were turning blue, and when I checked her blood pressure, it was only 54/37! I was worried that it was a stroke or heart condition. As a nurse, I knew how serious that was for blood pressure to be that low. But in that moment, I wasn't thinking like a nurse. I was simply a frightened daughter, wondering, "Could this be it? Is my mom going to die?" I realized I was panicking. And when we panic we don't make good decisions. So, as I faced the altar, I took a deep breath and said "Konko Sama, please clear my mind so I can think straight." And I was able to focus! I immediately called 911 and relayed the situation.

Thankfully, after my mom got transported to the emergency room and received IV fluids, she began feeling much better. Tests revealed that she had influenza A and was severely dehydrated. Within a few hours, she was well enough to return home. By that evening, she was sitting up watching TV as if nothing had happened earlier that day! I was SO grateful to Kami-Sama!

What made this experience even more meaningful was the date. It happened on September 28, a very special day for our family. Exactly 49 years earlier, my parents, both just 26 years old, had arrived at Wahiawa Church to begin their new life of serving Kami-Sama in Hawaii.

Normally, we celebrate this anniversary with a delicious dinner prepared by my dad. But this year, our biggest celebration wasn't a special meal. It was simply having Mom home safely from the emergency room. And really, that was more than enough.

This experience also taught me an important lesson about faith. I had shared what was happening with a few people, and they began praying for my mom. Normally, I don't like troubling others with my problems, especially church members. After all, everyone has their own struggles, right?

But knowing that others were praying for her brought me an incredible sense of comfort. I still couldn't control what would happen, but I no longer felt like I was carrying that fear alone. It reminded me that faith was never meant to be practiced alone. Of course, we can always turn directly to Kami-Sama in prayer. But sometimes Kami-Sama's blessings reach us through the kindness of others. A phone call, a thoughtful message, or someone simply saying, "I'll pray for you," can mean more than we realize.

As my parents grow older, I know there may be more difficult moments ahead. More doctor visits, more worries, and perhaps more unexpected ordeals. I don't necessarily look forward to those things, but I am grateful that I have the opportunity to care for them. After all, these are the same people who fed me, carried me, worried about me, and stayed awake when I was sick. Now, little by little, our roles are changing. I think this, too, is part of Kami-Sama's wonderful arrangement.

We begin life receiving care. We grow up learning to care for ourselves. Then we learn to care for others. And someday, we may once again depend on someone else's helping hands. There will be times when we give help, and times when we need to receive it. Both are blessings.

Aging isn't just about losing our strength or independence. It can also teach us patience, compassion, humility, and gratitude. Most importantly, it reminds us how precious our time with the people we love really is.

That day truly scared me. But today, my mom is still here, and for that simple blessing, I am deeply grateful.

None of us knows how much time we have with our loved ones. So, while we have them, and while we ourselves are still able, let's cherish them, care for them, and never hesitate to tell them how much they mean to us.

And when life becomes overwhelming, remember that you don't have to face everything alone. Say "Konko-Sama," reach out to others, and allow yourself to receive the blessings that come through their love and prayers.

Sometimes, one of the greatest blessings isn't just being able to care for someone. It's knowing that we, too, are cared for.

As we welcome Thanksgiving this November, I hope we can remember that gratitude isn't only about celebrating the wonderful things in our lives. Sometimes, our deepest gratitude comes after experiencing something frightening, difficult, or completely unexpected.

We often give thanks for the big blessings: good health, happy occasions, delicious food, and time spent with family and friends. But I think we can also give thanks for the little things we sometimes take for granted. Hearing our parents' voices, sharing an ordinary meal, receiving a message from someone who cares, or simply waking up to another day together.

This Thanksgiving, as we gather around our tables, let's remember that the greatest blessings aren't necessarily the things on the table, but the people gathered around it. And even if someone we love can no longer be there, we can still give thanks for the precious time we shared and the love that continues to live in our hearts.

Let us remember to give thanks not only for the happy times, but also for the many life experiences we face that make us more resilient.

Thanksgiving isn't just one day of giving thanks. Through our faith, every day can become a day of Thanksgiving. Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, good food, good health, and, above all, hearts full of gratitude. Thank you always.

Sincerely, *Edna*