



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

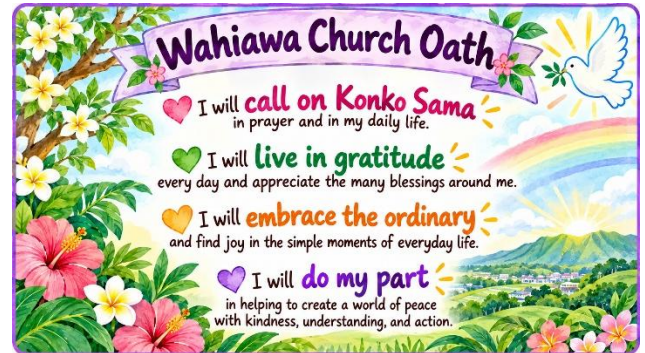
October 2025

- 1 Thr -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sat -Church clean-up for Grand Ceremony (8 am)
- 4 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *short service
-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 9 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
- 11 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *short service
-Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Tue-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (5 pm)
生神金光大神様 御大祭
-Naorai fellowship dinner will follow.
- 14 Wed-HCRP Meeting on ZOOM (10 am)
-KMH Kyoten Study Session on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 17 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop at HNL Church (12 n-6 pm)
- 18 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
- 20 Tue -KMH CEOC Mtg on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 22 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 24 Sat -HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church (4 pm)
- 25 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 (9 am)
- 28 Wed-Halloween Pumpkin Carving at Wahiawa Church (4 pm)
*Bring your own pumpkins. Light dinner prepared.
- 29 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 31 Sat -Happy Halloween!

HALLOWEEN

November 2026

- 1 Sun -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama
(9 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Share Okage
-Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)



Happy Heart Handbook Teaching #3

Turn the Trashcan into a "Thank-You" Box

We often complain, "Why is there so much trash?" But remember, nothing starts out as garbage. Things become trash only after we think they're no longer useful. So before throwing something away, let's say, "Thank you for helping me!"



HAWAII GUNPLA/TCG WORKSHOP

SAT. 10.17.26
12 PM-6 PM

Konko Mission of Honolulu
1728 Liliha Street

#hawaiigunplaworkshop

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka & Michi's Toy Box



Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2026

11/1 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Wailuku Church (11 am)
 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 -29th Mem. Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
 12/5 Sat -JCCH Mochitsuki 3 batches (10 a,11 a,12 noon)
 12/8 Tue -Gohonbu Appreciation Pilgrimage for KMH 100th (12/8-16)
 12/20 Sun -54th Mem. Svc for late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10am
 12/27 Sun -End of Year Service (9 am)
 12/30 Tue -35th Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)



Autumn Memorial Service was held on 9/20/26



The KMH Missionary Women's Society Gathering was hosted by Wahiawa Church on 9/9. We went to Haleiwa to eat garlic shrimp, make lei wili and talk story.



October HOUSEHOLD TIP

A brighter Halloween for longer!



Keep your jack-o'-lantern looking great for longer with a simple bleach dip!

1 MIX



2 DIP or RINSE



3 DRAIN & DRY



WHY IT WORKS:

The diluted bleach helps reduce mold and bacteria that can make your pumpkin rot faster.



EXTRA TIP:

Keep your pumpkin in a cool, shaded place when you're not displaying it—especially in Hawai'i's warm October weather!



SAFETY FIRST!

- Have an adult mix and handle the bleach.
- Use unscented household bleach.
- Never mix bleach with other cleaners.

Happy (and longer-lasting) Halloween! ♥

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I trust that your month in September went well. As I've gotten a little older, I've started to appreciate something I didn't really care about when I was younger: the blessing of an ordinary day. I wake up. I go to work or school. I come home, take a shower, eat dinner, go to sleep, and repeat.

Nothing exciting happened. But nothing terrible happened either. When I was younger, I don't think I appreciated those kinds of days very much. We tend to notice the big things—the exciting things, the miracles, the prayers that are answered exactly the way we hoped. Those are the moments when it is easy to say, “Thank you, Kami-Sama!” But lately, I've been realizing that some of the greatest blessings we receive may be the days when seemingly nothing happened at all.

Recently, while I was at work, my brother David texted me. Now, David usually isn't the one texting me. I'm the family texting chatterbox, and he's the quiet observer of my rants. So when I saw his name pop up on my phone, I wondered what was going on. His message basically said, “Just FYI, almost had an electrical fire in the basement. It's all good.” WHAT?! How do you casually follow “almost had an electrical fire” with “it's all good”? Earlier that day, David had been washing debris from hurricane Lala off the roof above our outdoor bathhouse at Wahiawa Church. Afterwards, he happened to go downstairs to the basement to look for something and grab an ice-cold drink from the refrigerator while he was down there. And thank goodness he wanted that beer!

While he was downstairs, he heard sizzling and popping noises. Then he smelled smoke and saw it coming from behind the blackboard next to the framed Tenchi Kakitsuke. He immediately ran upstairs, shut off the electricity at the main breaker, and grabbed the fire extinguisher. When he investigated further, he found water had gotten into the electrical wiring behind the board and the electricity had been arcing. He caught it before the wooden structure could ignite. When I heard the whole story, I got chicken skin thinking of what could have happened. And I kept thinking about all the little things that had to line up just right. David had to be there. He had to decide to go downstairs. He had to hear the strange sound. He had to smell the smoke. He had to notice it before it became a disaster.

And yes, we could easily say, “Wow, that was lucky.” But to me, it didn't feel like *just* luck. It felt like okage. Sometimes we imagine Kami-Sama's blessings as something being added to our lives. We prayed for something and received it. A new opportunity came along. Someone helped us when we needed it. Something wonderful happened. But how often do we thank Kami-Sama for the things that almost happened—but didn't? The accident that almost happened. The fire that almost started. The mistake somebody caught just in time. The strange feeling that made you double-check something. The unexpected delay that kept you from being somewhere at the wrong time. Or maybe even the random thought, “Hmm... lemme go grab a cold drink.”

We may call these things coincidences. But I sometimes wonder how many “coincidences” throughout our lives are actually blessings we never fully recognize. I felt Kami-Sama's

workings in what happened that day. I also felt the continued care of our Mitama Spirits—those who came before us and remain connected with this church, our families, and all of us. Of course, faith does not mean we can ignore the leaking water and say, “Oh well, Kami-Sama will take care of it!” No! We still have to fix the outlet and figure out where that water came from! We have to take care of what is placed before us. But even being given the opportunity to discover a problem before it becomes a disaster is something to be grateful for.

I think sometimes we expect divine intervention to look dramatic. We expect some huge miracle where everyone can immediately say, “Kami-Sama did that!” But maybe divine guidance is often much quieter. Maybe it comes through our eyes noticing something unusual. Our ears hearing something strange. Someone suddenly deciding to check on something. A person being in exactly the right place at exactly the right time. Thank goodness for our 6 senses that work properly. Always listen to your gut feelings.

We may never know how many times we have been protected, redirected, or guided without realizing it. And thinking about that has made me appreciate ordinary life so much more.

When I drive home safely after work—that is a blessing. When everyone in my family is okay—that is a blessing. When I check my phone and there are no emergency missed calls or texts—that is a blessing. When the church is still standing and we are able to gather together—that is a blessing.

And when I wake up tomorrow morning and nothing terrible happened overnight—that is a blessing too.

Faith isn't only about noticing Kami-Sama when something happens. Sometimes faith is learning to notice Kami-Sama when nothing happens.

As we enter October and prepare for our Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony on Tuesday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m., I hope we can gather with this kind of gratitude in our hearts. A Grand Ceremony gives us an opportunity to stop in the middle of our busy lives and recognize the blessings that continually sustain us—those we can clearly see and those we may never know about.

So please come and join us on **Tuesday, October 13 at 5:00 p.m. for our Autumn Grand Ceremony**. Following the service, we will have our Naorai fellowship dinner, and I hope everyone can stay, eat together, talk story, and enjoy each other's company.

Sometimes just being able to gather together like that is itself a blessing we shouldn't take for granted. Our dear friend Leon in Arizona has a saying that I really love: “Embrace the Ordinary.” I think there is a lot of faith packed into those three simple words. We don't have to wait for something amazing to happen before we feel blessed. Tonight, when you get home safely, say, “Thank you, Kami-Sama.” When you wake up tomorrow morning, say, “Thank you, Kami-Sama.” And the next time something happens that makes you think, “Wow, I got lucky!” maybe stop for just a second and think: “Wow...that was Okage (Divine Blessing).” Thank you, Kami-Sama, for the blessings I noticed today. Thank you for the blessings I didn't notice. And thank you for another wonderfully ordinary day. Wishing you all a fantastic month in October, and have a safe and fun Halloween Trick-or-Treating for all you kiddos out there.

Sincerely, *Edna*

