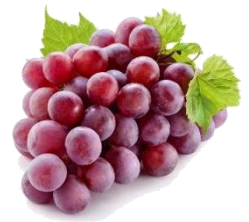




Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE September 2026

- 1 Tue -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 4 Fri -St. Francis Japanese Program (10 :30 am)
- 5 Sat -KMH Faith Enrichment at Honolulu and ZOOM
(1:30 pm-3 pm)
- 6 Sun -Monthly Svc. for Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama
(9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 *Okage sharing
- 7 Mon -Labor Day Holiday
- 9 Wed -KMH MWSS at Wahiawa (10 am-4 pm)
- 13 Sun -No Sunday Service (Let's go to HNL Autumn Mem Svc 10 am)
- 16 Wed-Kyoten Study Session on Zoom (5 pm)
- 17 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 19 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop @HNL Church (12 n-6 pm)
- 20 Sun -Autumn Memorial Service 秋季霊祭 (10 am) *Naorai
- 22 Tue -KMH CEOC Mtg on ZOOM (9 am)
- 26 Sat -Ehimemaru Clean-up (9 am) and HCRP Clean-up
(10 am-11 am) at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park
- 27 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Okage sharing
- 29 Mon-Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin Sama's 212th Birthday
-Church clean-up (9 am)
- 30 Wed-Kyoten Study Session on Zoom (5 pm)

October 2025

- 1 Thr -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
- 3 Sat -Church clean-up for Grand Ceremony (8 am)
- 4 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 11 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Tue-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (5 pm)

Happy Heart Handbook Teaching #1

Start like it's a game

You can do anything—pick up trash, clean up or do something kind that makes someone happy. But there's one rule: Do it secretly so no one notices! Don't do it for praise—just enjoy it like a fun little game from Kami-Sama. Let's start!

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.



6th Konko Sama and his family and Sensei from Gobonbu visit us 8/18!



L-R: Amagi Church Group: Hiroto Tsukamoto, Rev. Sachiko Yasutake, Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake, Rev. Nobue Yamane, Rev. Momoki Onizuka visit us 8/14!

HAWAII GUNPLA/TCG WORKSHOP

SAT. 9.19.26
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

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)
 10/24 Sat -HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church (4 pm)
 11/1 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Wailuku Church (11 am)
 11/14 Sat -KMH 5th 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 -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)

The 6th Konko Sama and his wife offers the Tamagushi



Konko Missions in Hawaii Centennial held on August 15, 2026 at the beautiful Ko'olau Ballrooms and Conference Center





KONKO MISSIONS IN HAWAII KMH FAITH ENRICHMENT GATHERING

Theme: Reflecting on How the Tenchi Kakitsuke
Is Received and Lived in Our Hearts

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 5, 2026**

**1:30 - 3:00 PM
90-MINUTE GATHERING**

KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU
1728 LILIHA STREET •
IN PERSON & ZOOM

ZOOM MEETING ID: 889 0866 7563 PASSCODE:655926

REFLECT • SHARE • LIVE

REFLECT Read the Tenchi Kakitsuke quietly and choose one phrase that especially speaks to your heart today.

SHARE Listen to how the same teaching has guided others through different ages, experiences, and circumstances.

LIVE Consider how you can put the teaching into practice in your daily life and faith from this day forward.
"Which line of the Tenchi Kakitsuke speaks to your heart today?"

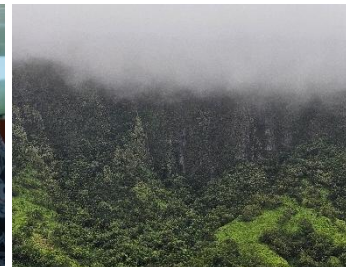
PROGRAM

- 1:30** Opening Prayer & Welcome
- 1:40** Presentation: What Does It Mean to Receive the Tenchi Kakitsuke?
- 1:55** Personal Reflection
- 2:15** Small Group Discussion
- 2:40** Group Sharing
- 2:55** Closing Reflection & Prayer

Bring an open heart. A copy of the Tenchi Kakitsuke will be provided for reflection.
All are warmly welcome to participate in person or via Zoom.

Day 2 picnic was cancelled due to hurricane, but we had a potluck on 8/17 at HNL instead

Join us for the KMH Faith Enrichment Gathering!



L-R: Roy Sensei, Todd Sensei, David Sensei, Rodney Sensei, Edna Sensei



Wahiawa Church used candles for blackout after Hurricane Lala



Wahiawa Church members helping to pack the centennial gift bags! Mahalo!



KMH Hula Gals! Mahalo for dancing! Y'all were fabulous!

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Cheee!! What a month, August!

First and foremost, I want to thank Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama and Ikigami Konko Daijin Sama for allowing us to safely conclude the Konko Missions in Hawaii Centennial Celebration on August 15 at Ko'olau Ballroom in Kāne'ohe.

Of course, it couldn't just happen normally. We had to have Hurricane Lala heading toward us at the same time! In the days leading up to the Centennial, I was watching that storm like a hawk. I kept checking the path, speed, timing, everything. But strangely, it seemed like Lala was taking its sweet time getting to O'ahu. It was hanging around the Big Island, and I remember thinking, "This storm is literally waiting for us to finish our Centennial!" Somehow, we were given a window.

The day of the event came. It was raining when we left for Ko'olau, but after coming through the H-3 tunnel, it was beautiful. The drive through the Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden detour was stunning, and many guests later said they enjoyed it too. Almost everyone made it safely, and the program went smoothly and on time.

Then, after the Centennial was over, hurricane Lala made its grand procession our way.

It was raining cats and dogs and the wind came howling through the blinds. I was worried our roof was going to fly off! There were road closures and power outages. Here in Wahiawa, we ended up without electricity for two days. Thankfully, our childhood friend Channon lent us his generator so we could keep our refrigerator running. Mahalo, Channon!

Looking back, I truly felt that Kami-Sama gave us a window.

This Centennial was no ordinary event. So many of us faced challenges, whether connected to the event or in our personal lives. There were disagreements, stress, unexpected changes, people getting sick, and moments when I wondered how everything would come together. But somehow, it did! My dad always says, "*Nantoka naru!*" Which means, "It will work out somehow."

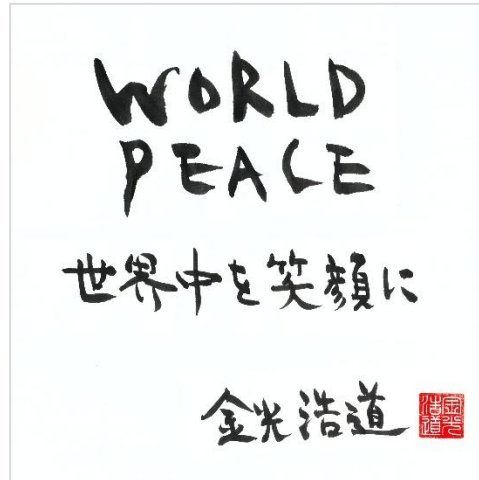
One of our greatest blessings was welcoming the 6th Spiritual Head of Konkokyo, Rev. Hiromichi Konko—Konko Sama—and his family. We were also grateful to welcome Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake and his group from Amagi Church.

During the Centennial service, I watched Konko Sama and his wife come forward to offer Tamagushi, and I remember thinking, *This is THE Konko Sama!* For people unfamiliar with Konkokyo, I sometimes explain that he is

basically like the Pope of Konkokyo. I was super grateful and stoked at the same time.

There was something else I noticed about him. He has a very calming presence. Whatever negativity I had been carrying suddenly seemed much less important. The best way I can describe it is that he was like a giant eraser of negativity. That made his Centennial message even more meaningful to me.

He wrote a calligraphy message just for the KMH/KCNA Centennial celebrations:



World Peace 世界を笑顔に —
(*Sekai wo Egao ni*) "May smiles fill the world."

It sounds simple, but I think it holds an important message.

When we hear "world peace," we usually think about wars, governments, or conflicts between countries. But how can the world be at peace if we cannot create peace among the people immediately around us?

Maybe world peace starts much smaller.

How do we greet people? How do we speak to our family? Do we help someone who needs it? Do we treat people, things, and ourselves with respect?

Kindness travels like the ripples in the ocean. If I make someone feel appreciated, perhaps that person goes home feeling lighter and treats someone else with more kindness. What's scary is that negativity can travel the same way.

A few days later, on August 18, Konko Sama and his family visited Konko Mission of Wahiawa. Almost exactly 26 years earlier, on August 17, 2000, his father, the 5th Konko Sama, Rev. Heiki Konko, had also visited our church. Two Spiritual Heads of Konkokyo have visited our little church in Wahiawa during my lifetime. What are the odds?

What touched me most was seeing Konko Sama sit on the seekers end of the Toritsugi meditation desk, while Yano Sensei sat at the Okekkai mediation desk. At that moment, hierarchy didn't seem to matter. It was simply about faith, gratitude, Toritsugi, and Kami-Sama. And he said "Konko Sama, Arigato gozaimasu!" (Thank you, Konko Sama!). It was so wholesome! It didn't matter who was sitting there, Konko Sama was respecting the mediator, and all the Konko Sama's that came before him—all the way back to the Founder. And they had been waiting for his arrival.

As we begin the next 100 years of Konko Missions in Hawaii, I hope we carry Konko Sama's message with us.

May we speak kindly. Offer help. Forgive. Show gratitude. Choose not to carry negativity forever. *Sekai wo Egao ni*. May smiles fill the world—one person, one act of kindness, and one smile at a time.

Sincerely, *Elena*