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PRAY IN ADVANCE

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SHORT TEACHING FROM VARIOUS MATERIAL

-We should realize the strength and power of praying.

-Severe misfortunes can be turned into minor ones. This is Kami-sama's work.

-We may feel powerless when we cannot control ourselves. We should depend on Kami, Divine Parent of the Univrese.

I received an e-mail from my wife two weeks ago. She wrote, "I have to make sure. I will see a doctor tomorrow to confirm. We may be blessed with a baby! But I'm worried and hope I won't have any disappointing news for you. I will e-mail you the result tomorrow." I was so happy that I got "chicken skin" and trembled with excitement. I tried to stay calm and re-read the e-mail many times. We have shared our hopes to have children. My wife is still waiting to receive her permanent visa and we don't know when she'll be able to move to Hawaii. This means we don't know where she will give birth, if we will have financial support, if we need extra paper work for the baby's status to live in Hawaii. We have been praying for the visa approval and to have children. And, we should continue to pray to Kami-sama and wait with a positive heart and attitude. We trust and believe in Kami-sama.

She e-mailed me the next day, which was Friday. She wrote, "I called the obstetric and gynecology office for an appointment, but they are unable to squeeze me in today. I was told to come on Monday." So we had to wait for a couple more days while we continued to feel both fortunate and nervous.

When she e-mailed me again, she said, "We received blessing with a baby! So happy! We should express our gratitude to Kami-sama and the Mitama-sama."

She is in the third month of pregnancy and the expected delivery date is way ahead. I cannot wait. She is experiencing morning sickness now but I hope she is okay and will get through this period without much discomfort. I heard of and saw pregnant women who had morning sickness. I know it is not an easy period for them. Each pregnant woman experiences different degrees of



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AUGUST SCHEDULE

Note: All church services will be held on Sunday, unless specified.

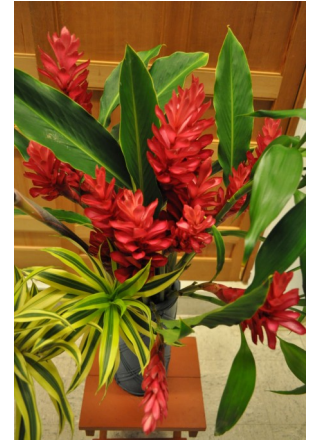
5 th	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for the Founder and Successive Spiritual Leaders Board of Directors' Meeting
12 th	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service
19 th	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for our Parent Kami & our Ancestors & Rev. Masayuki Kodama 39th Year Memorial Service
26 th	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service— Family Sunday
	10:00a.m.	Yard Sale

morning sickness. She said it wasn't easy but she feels gratitude because it means that our baby is growing. I feel sorry that I cannot help her. She is becoming a mother. How about me? Shouldn't I also be a participant in this event? I feel I have to do something to be a father. Especially because there is such a distance between my wife and the baby and me.

Last week the teaching at the night prayer session at 7:30 p.m. was, "Pray in advance for all things. Then ten years later, you will see how your requests are fulfilled. Pray three years in advance. When that prayer is fulfilled, you can say that it is what you had once prayed for." [excerpt from Konkokyo Kyoten GII: page 9 Aoi, Saki:4] I thought, "This is it!" I remember some Konkokyo ministers said that you can pray in advance for your child even before he or she is born. Pray in advance for your child so he or she can have the right job and marry the right person.

I am praying that our baby will grow healthy and my wife will have an easy delivery. I am praying that he or she becomes a healthy person physically, mentally, and spiritually. I am praying that our child will become a good, useful and helpful person in Hawaii. I also am praying that he or she will become a "Toritsugi Mediator" and help Kami-sama directly. Of course, it will all depend upon his or her choices. However, I feel blessed and happy to be allowed to follow in my ancestors footsteps, and I hope he or she will also follow in our predestined path. I hope he or she chooses to please Kami-sama and have a happy and joyful life.

I am preparing to be a good father through practicing Konko faith every day.



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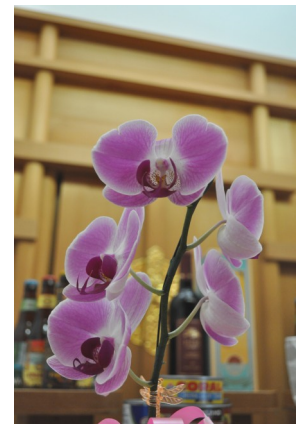
TEACHING FROM KONKOKYO "KYOTEN"

There was a man who often said that if one did not have an education, one cannot perform *toritsugi*. When I asked Konko-sama about this, he answered, "I am also uneducated and illiterate. Even a fool can perform *toritsugi*. As long as you have sincerity, you can save others. You may have an education, but without sincerity, you cannot save others. Having an education can wear you out. Even educated people suffer. Though I am illiterate, people still call me, 'Konko Daijin, Konko Daijin', and receive divine blessings."

[Konkokyo Kyoten Gorikai II: Aoi, Saki #8, Page 10, Konkokyo Honbu 1987]

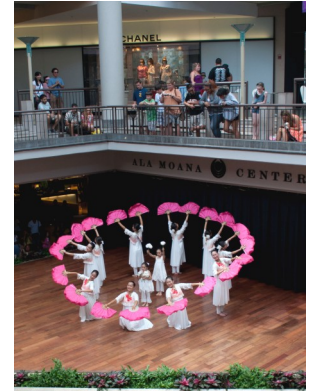
SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

2 nd	9:00a.m	Sunday Service & Shintokai Meeting, Birthday Sunday
9 th	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for the Founder and Successive Spiritual Leaders
16 th	10:00a.m.	Monthly Service for our Parent Kami and Autumn Memorial Service for our Ancestors
23 rd	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service— Family Sunday
30 th	9:00a.m.	Church Clean up for the Autumn Grand Service



**KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU, WAIPAHO,
WAHIAWA JOINT COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY**

We went to Hale Pulama Mau for our annual community service. The Little Star Dance group from Japan joined us this year and they performed several dances, too. We had refreshments at the Honolulu Church after the program. We enjoyed their performance and getting to know them. They also performed a 45-minute program at the Ala Moana Shopping Center that afternoon. They were very happy because they were able to perform their dances in Hawaii and have a good time with us. They expressed their strong hopes to come to Hawaii again.



Little Star Dance at Ala Moana Shopping Center

TEACHING OF REV. MASAYUKI KODAMA (11/15/1903-8/24/1974)
FOUNDING MINISTER OF KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU

The fact that Kami-sama is great, powerful, compassionate, and merciful, does not seem to insure our salvation.

It seems that we must have strong and deep sincerity that reveres Kami-sama as our Divine Parent, and have gratitude and faith in Kami-sama, even though Kami-sama may be wrong or unreasonable. Only then can we can find salvation.

If the universe was not too hot, nor too cold, if there were no wind storms, no rain storms, no earthquakes, no tsunamis, and all conditions were perfect, then humanity may be destroyed.

If seems that we must have deep sincerity to feel appreciation and gratitude to heaven and earth before we can find salvation, regardless if it is hot, or cold, or rainy, or windy, or if there are earthquakes or tsunamis.

The mere fact that the person we associate with is honorable and good does not insure that we will be happy.

It seems that we must have sincerity and be compassionate towards other people who may be bad or are undeserving before we can say that we are enlightened.

We cannot expect continued good health for we are eventually destined to die, so we must have deep faith and sincerity and be grateful even if we have frail bodies; then we can say that we are enlightened.

In life, we will face natural calamities and disasters, war, troubled, human relationship, sickness, death, and shortages of clothing, food, and shelter. We must have the sincerity to be grateful for such a life before we can say that we are enlightened.

Thus we can say that we are saved or enlightened when we have no dissatisfaction with Kami-sama, with heaven and earth, with people, and with our bodies. This sincerity towards Kami-sama, towards heaven and earth, towards people, and towards oneself, has the power to produce, build, and create wealth, good character, and health, and all the good things on earth.

Translated by Mr. Norman Kobayashi

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**WE ARE ALL BELOVED CHILDREN
ALLOWED TO LIVE IN THE DIVINE VIRTUE**

BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE 7/22/12

The Back to School Service was held on July 22, 2012. Not only students but also parents and grandparents wrote the special "Back to School Pledge" and prayers for their children and grandchildren before the start of the service and put them into an offering box. The box was placed on the Kami Altar during the service and the Reverends will pray for the students' pledges during the year. After the service, we enjoyed games and had lunch and refreshments.

YARD SALE

Yard Sale at Konko Mission of Honolulu, on the "I Love Liliha" town festival day.

Date: Sunday, August 26, 2012.

Time: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

The date of the Yard Sale was changed because "I love Liliha" town festival was changed from Saturday, 8/25/2012 to Sunday, 8/26/2012. Please remark your calendar.

The Movement for the Mutual Fulfillment of Kami and Me

Konkokyo started a new movement based on the current Konko-sama's statement in 2009 at the 150th Anniversary of the Establishment of Konkokyo, "Reflecting on what Kami requested of the Founder, which was received with great dignity, I pray that we practice in our daily lives '神人の道 *Kami-hito no michi*,' for Kami and people to be mutually fulfilled."

Below is the English version of "Kami Hito Aiyo Kakeyo Undo", translated by the Konko Missions in Hawaii.

I will seek and receive Mediation

I will realize the blessings of Kami

I will live a joyful life of appreciation

I will be one with Kami

I will pray for, help, and guide others

To actualize the Way of Kami and people

Let us practice Faith and get close to Kami-sama through actualizing the words of the movement.

