



## Airshio[e'rshio]

DECEMBER, 2013  
BY REV. KOICHI KONKO



### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

TEACHING FROM "KYOTEN"	2
POTLUCK LUNCH	2
TEACHING OF REV. KODAMA	3
KONKOKYO DECLARATION	4
THE MOVEMENT	4
END OF YEAR SERVICE	4
NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE	4
PLOTS	4

### SHORT TEACHING FROM VARIOUS MATERIAL

-Be a person who others will immediately be attracted to.

-Practicing faith is to polish our heart.

-As we gain our faith, Kami-Sama gives us tests of faith.

-When we have spiritual training, we also experience ascetics training. And we have ascetics training along with spiritual training.

## REFRIGERATOR PROBLEM, A LESSON LEARNED

A few weeks ago, I noticed that the temperature gauge in the refrigerator in the kitchen was high; it was not cooling properly. The refrigerator is for commercial use and it is very large with 4 doors. There is a cooling fan on the top with dials for adjusting the temperature. I tried to adjusted the temperature level, but I didn't understand the proper setting of the numbers. At first it seemed to work. The temperature went down to normal. I was relieved. But a couple days later the temperature went up again and the gauge of the temperature meter was at a danger level. That meant the air in the refrigerator was not cold enough to keep the food fresh. We had many food items in the refrigerator, such as fresh dairy products, vegetables, fruits, condiments and dressing. I started to worry that all the food would become spoiled very soon. I needed to find a way to fix it. While praying for a solution, I started to realize how much we depend on the refrigerator and how important it is in our daily life. We rely on the refrigerator to do its work but we must also appreciate how much it helps us every day. I was happy to realize this and could express my appreciative heart for the refrigerator.

I called the company that handles customer service. Nobody answered the phone so I left a message. Meanwhile, I remembered last time the refrigerator had the same problem, Rev. David Yano cleaned the cover of the fan on the refrigerator top and then the temperature went down. Maybe because the cover was plagued with dust, the fan could not blow properly, causing the refrigerator to overheat.

I, therefore, got a ladder and clean the cover of the fan on the top. There was so much dust on the cover, especially on one side where the fan sucks in air which looked plugged. I vacuumed the cover. I hoped every-



Cont. Next page

## 2014 JANUARY SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

Note: Church services will be held on **Sunday** at 9 a.m., unless otherwise specified.

1	<b>New Year's Day Service (Wed)</b>
5	Sunday Service – Shintokai Meeting
12	<b>Monthly Service</b>
19	Sunday Service – One for the Goyo:
26	<b>Monthly Service</b> <span style="float: right;">Sunday School</span>

thing would work out. Next day the temperature was still too high. I moved the milk and eggs to another refrigerator. I hoped the company would call me back, but they didn't. Whenever I went to the kitchen and saw the refrigerator, I would check the meter. I kept my feeling of gratitude in my heart for the refrigerator's many years of work.

One or two days later we were surprised; the gauge told us the temperature was good. It was working again and I felt happy and relieved. I also was happy for the refrigerator.

Through practicing faith I have learned we can feel appreciation even during difficult times. There is a relationship between difficult times and a grateful heart. When we encounter difficulties, we can realize the blessings we did not recognize during the good times. For example, when we close our eyes, we must depend on our other senses to manage the situation. Losing our eyesight can strengthen our other senses and it encourages us to develop other strengths in life. We can find what we should be grateful for and express our appreciation in difficult times. This appreciative heart gives us energy to move forward to get through the hardships. In times of hardship, if we can learn to appreciate blessings within the difficulties, we will receive divine blessings as well as divine arrangements to overcome the problems. I am very happy we have Kami-Sama who bestows blessings and love to everyone.



There is a relationship between difficult times and a grateful heart.

## TEACHING FROM KONKOKYO "KYOTEN"

*"Do as much as you can for others, and have a heart that cannot help wanting to give. Don't be concerned with only yourself," Konko-Sama advised.*

*He added, "As long as it is not constricting, give all you can." He repeated this so often that it made me think, "There he goes again."*

[Konkokyo Kyoten Gorikai II: Onichi, Hide #5, Page 164, Konkokyo Honbu 1987]

## POTLUCK LUNCH



On November 24, 2013, Konko Mission of Honolulu Shintokai held a pot luck lunch for Reverend Koichi Konko's appointment to the Head Minister by Konko-Sama, and to welcome Reverend Seiko and their son, Michio Konko. Reverends Konko

expressed, "Thank you very much for your time, consideration and thoughtful gifts. We enjoyed good food, games and lively conversation." Let us practice faith to direct our heart to Kami-Sama together.



## TEACHING OF BY REV. MASAYUKI KODAMA

### FOUNDING MINISTER OF KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU

#### Teaching #1 (January 22, 1968)

No matter how much human knowledge advanced and progressed, without the workings of nature, this knowledge can not be put to effect. In the same way, no matter how we tried to be religious, without Parent God, we would not receive any blessings.

Parent God is big and warm like a mother.

Parent God is strict like a father.

Parent God gave Konko-Sama the Divine Call or *Rikkyo Shinden*.

Because of Parent God we will receive blessings to the same extent and depth as we do *Shinjin* or Faith.

As Parent God has this warm and deep love for us we must have faith and sincerity in Parent God.

To come to church; to have a service; to work at an occupation; and to maintain good family relationship between husband and wife; and between parents and children; are all being sincere to Parent God.

Unless we had faith and sincerity in Parent God's love for us, we can not really find salvation.

#### Teaching #2 (April 1, 1967)

By having *Kami Gokoro* (Heart of Divine Parent) we are able to acknowledge Kami-Sama. By having *Kami Gokoro* we are able to pray, or *Onegai* (request). By having *Kami Gokoro* we are able to receive the blessings of health and wealth.

Once having attained *Kami Gokoro*, then regardless of what may happen after that, this *Kami Gokoro* cannot be lost. There will be no changes in *Kami Gokoro* even if one should become ill, or even if one should die, or even if one becomes destitute— this *Kami Gokoro* only causes our heart to overflow with gratitude.

Even if one receives blessings, if one has not fully grasped *Kami Gokoro*, which is the source of all blessings, it merely means that one has health or has become wealthy, but that is not enough.

It is far better to be struggling to attain *Kami Gokoro* even if we are always ill, or even if we have many problems.



In the same way, no matter how we tried to be religious, without Parent God, we would not receive any blessings.



**Konko Missions in Hawaii website**

**<http://konkomissionshawaii.org/>**

**KONKO MISSION OF  
HONOLULU**

1728 Liliha Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
Phone: 808-533-7173  
E-mail: Konko-Honolulu@hawaii.rr.com

**Daily Prayers:**

Weekdays 5:30 a.m.  
7:30 a.m.  
10:00 a.m.  
7:30 p.m.  
**Sunday** 5:30 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. (Subject to Change)  
7:30 p.m.



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

**END OF YEAR APPRECIATION SERVICE**

**Date:** **Sunday**, December 29, 2013

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

This is the service to express our appreciation for the blessings which we have received in 2013. Let us say thank you to Kami-Sama who bestowed blessings to us and the life we were allowed to enjoy in 2013. We also pray that we will have a good 2014.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE**

**Date:** **Wednesday**, January 1, 2014

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

This is the service to pray for New Year, 2014. We will have a refreshed life in 2014 with refreshed request to Kami-Sama as well as a heart of appreciation and reform to start a fresh new beginning on New Year's Day.

**PLOTS**

Konko Mission of Honolulu has 10 Plots in Hawaiian Memorial Park. If you are interesting in purchasing plots, please contact Rev. Koichi Konko.

**Konkokyo Declaration**

As humans, who are all allowed to live by the Great Universe,

We accept and respect all lives as being precious,

And pledge to manifest an ideal world where

Kami and people,

People and people, and people and all things

Live together through an Interdependent (*Aiyo kakeyo*) relationship.

**The Movement for the Mutual Fulfillment of Kami and Me**

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