



KONKOKYO

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SHORT TEACHING FROM VARIOUS MATERIAL

-May we have the ability to recognize our blessings, even small ones.

-Don't forget your pain in suffering and the pleasure as you receive the blessings. Keep in your mind how you received the blessings.

-People who practice Konkoko Faith share and relate their positive heart to others.

UNDERSTANDING HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

I had a great time everyday during my elementary school years because I had a best friend. We walked home from school together and we also played together after school. However, one day he suddenly stopped talking to me. He wouldn't answer me when I talked to him. I felt so sad and had no idea what happened. I still remember the feelings I felt at that time...how happy I was everyday and suddenly how sad I felt that day.

When we have a wonderful relationship with family members, friends, and people around us we feel joyful and happy. Without it, we feel sad and lonely. Having good relationships during our lifetime is of utmost importance to fully enjoy each day.

On that day, there was a very long period of silence as the two of us walked home together. I tried to have a conversation with him. No response. We walked through a short tunnel, walked up a slope, passed the stink pond, but still not a word from him. I was walking a little behind him. He suddenly turned to me and said. "See? Now you understand? You don't like this, either!" I was confused. I could not reply to his words. He continued, "You did this to me, too. When I talked to you, you ignored me." Then I remembered. I was reading a book in the class during break time, and I didn't answer him when he talked to me. He was hurt. I guess I was so absorbed in the book that I did not realize he was talking to me. I admitted I ignored him. He became frustrated because he thought our relationship had changed and I was reading the book during break time to avoid talking to him. It was supposed to be a "fun" time for us to talk, but it turned out to be a "hurting" time for him.

That was the saddest time in my school years when he didn't talk to me. I cannot forget the feeling. It was the first time I realized and learned the importance of human relationships.

He was sad and unhappy when I exhibited bad behavior towards him while reading the book. So he just wanted me to experience the same feeling. I thought he was

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FEBRUARY SCHEDULE

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

3		Sunday Service
10	10am	Monthly Service – General Membership Meeting (New Year Pot Luck Party)
17		Sunday Service – Corporation Board of Directors Meeting
24		Monthly Service – One for the Goyo Sunday School

the initiator, but for him I was the one who started it. Reading, even during the break period, is a good thing, and he actually was the one who tried to bother me. Actually, I may have more reasons to be upset. However, I did hurt him, which is a fact, and I was sorry. We each have our point of view, but we both felt hurt. Fortunately, we became close friends again soon after this incident.

When we have problems or conflicts with someone, we believe we are right and the other person is wrong. I believe, however, that both have their own point, most of the time. One may have more appropriate points than others, but the other may also have reasons. There is no person who is 100 % right or 100% wrong, in my opinion. More importantly, communication is the key to building or rebuilding relationships.

Another important factor in maintaining relationships is the act of apologizing. Ideally in a conflict, both should feel some responsibility to apologize if we want to solve problems and continue to have good relationships. It is very difficult for me, but I try to apologize first regardless if I believe I am right. I have a tendency to find reasons not to apologize. I need the help of the Divine Parent to be a broadminded person, and humble and sincere when apologizing.

The process of recovering and repairing relationships with people through Faith strengthens my relationship with the Divine Parent. Through these ways of practicing faith, I find that “invisible” Divine Parent can give us “visible” blessings in difficult times. As children of the Divine Parent, we must not cause unhappiness for the Divine Parent by arguing, fighting, or disliking each other. We should have good human relations with people around us and enjoy the best of life. I pray to practice Faith, improve my Faith and get support from the Divine Parent in order to have good human relationships.



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TEACHING FROM KONKOKYO “KYOTEN”

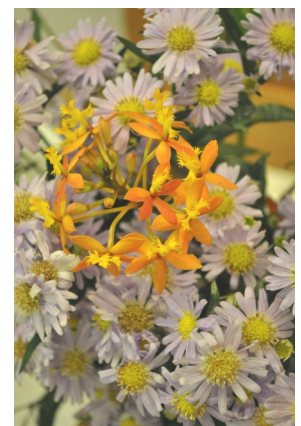
Don't be selfish or greedy. A way of life based on these traits does not last long.

[Konkokyo Kyoten Gorikai II: Ikeda, Tomisuke #4, Page 56, Konkokyo Honbu 1987]

MARCH SCHEDULE

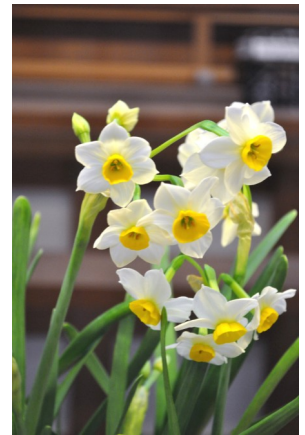
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3		Sunday Service – Shintokai Meeting
10		Monthly Service
17	10am	Sunday Service – Family Sunday
24	10am	Monthly Service & Spring Memorial Service
31	7:30am	Church Clean-up for Spring Grand Service Sunday School



THE JOINT KMH/KCNA WMSS 1/25-27, 2013

Konko Mission of Honolulu hosted the 4th Konko Missions in Hawaii/ Konko Churches of North America Joint Missionary Women's Society Seminar. Many of our members helped with the preparations of the seminar and participants from North America and Japan appreciated our hospitality. They also attended our monthly service on Sunday, January 27, 2013. We had the privilege of having Rev. Joanne Tolosa from the San Francisco church, Rev. Toshio Ota from the Lancaster church, and Rev. Masatoshi Shimanaka from Echigawa church in Japan each present a sermon for our monthly service. (Revs. Ota and Shimanaka are husbands of the participants.) Please click <https://www.facebook.com/Ikigami.Konko.Daijin> if you would like to listen to their inspirational sermons.



TEACHING OF REV. MASAYUKI KODAMA (1903-1974)

FOUNDING MINISTER OF KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU

We have life; we have our bodies; and we are able to live, all by the love and blessings of Divine Parent. How do we feel about this fact that we have life, bodies, and are living through the love and blessings of Divine Parent? What are we doing for these blessings? These are the questions which must be determined before every thought, every education, or any actions are begun, whether we are thinking or are aware that the proper thing to do is to live a religious way of life in appreciation for the blessings of the Divine Parent, and whether we are actually living such a life.

We may have illness or calamities upon us, but these are things which came after the blessings. The blessings preceded the illness or calamities therefore they (illness & calamities) do not lessen nor hinder the thankfulness, the goodness, and greatness of the blessings.

If we do not have religious belief in appreciation of the blessings of Divine Parent, the fundamental fact that we are living, then we cannot rightfully attain happiness.

Divine Parent says that Divine Parent wants us, beloved children, and Kami to prosper because Divine Parent teaches us that without beloved children there is no Kami, without Kami there is no beloved children, it is the interdependency of beloved children and Kami that make us all prosper. Therefore, we should gladly do all we can to make Divine Parent power be evident and emerge amongst humans. To do this we must pray, do business, do work, govern, educate, become parents and do our work as parents, children, husbands, wives, brothers, and sisters, and as humans.

Therefore the religious way of life, occupations, and family affairs, all became Goyo, duty for Divine Parent.

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

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

BAMBOO DANCE!!

Date: Sunday, February 24, 2013

Time: After Monthly Service

(Approximately 10:30 a.m.)

We will do bamboo dance for February Sunday School. It may be a little bit difficult for first time, but it will be easy once you practice. It will be fun! Please join us and have a good time! Everyone is welcome.

