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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

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SHORT TEACHING FROM VARIOUS MATERIAL

-We shall be ashamed when wasting food. May we apologize to the Divine Parent who provide food and life in order to sustain our life.

-It is difficult to receive the trust from the Divine Parent, but easy to lose.

-We should respect our body, mind, and spirit that we received from the Divine Parent as we were born.

A very very belated "Happy New Year" to all! I hope 2013 has been full of daily blessings so far. I apologize for sending this newsletter so late. This is still January's issue.

I started on this newsletter early in January, but somehow could not continue writing. "Why can't I write the article for January's newsletter? I know I am lazy about writing, but I also know I must write the article, too. Why can't I write something this time? I feel I am suffering." That was my honest feeling as I wrote this article. I am not good at writing; I forced myself to write something every time I worked on it. I normally find it difficult whenever I write, even when it's a letter to my wife.

Today I again had to force myself to write. "What should I do? Today is January 28...February is just around the corner."

Each time I work on the newsletter I pray to Kami-sama for help, but this time I did not established enough of a bond with Kami-sama. Kami-sama was not able to help me and it was my fault. Obviously I was not trying my best and I was also very busy this month, but that is just an excuse. I should apologize and ask Kami-sama that, although I am lazy and busy, please help me to complete the article and allow me to have the will power to write something important. I need more communication and bonding with Kami-sama.

When we encounter difficulties in our life, we try to do our best to solve the problems. However, we also need to communicate with Kami-sama to receive divine guidance, help, arrangements and virtue so that we can, not only solve problems, but also learn and gain something important. We can find the meaning of the experience, and advance ourselves. We live with Kami-sama so it is natural to look to Kami-sama



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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

when face with problems. If we push Kami-sama away, Kami-sama cannot help us. Kami-sama would say, "He or she doesn't need my help. I understood."

We have to decide so many things in our lifetime and we think we must make the decision. But I believe we need Kami-sama's help to decide. Kami-sama guides me in many ways as I pray. I just need to be careful not to miss anything Kami-sama plans or arranges for me.

The year 2013 is my special year. This year marks my five straight ancestors' anniversary. It will be the 1 year memorial in June for my father, 35 years for my grandfather, 50 years for my great grandfather, 120 years for my great great grandfather and 130 years for my great great great grandfather. According to one of my aunts, my grandfather left from his parents' home and established their branch 70 years ago. Therefore, this year is the 70 years' anniversary for my family and home. My wife and I are expecting a baby boy in March. Also, it will be 10 years since I moved to Hawaii from Japan in April.

This year is something special for me, and a good opportunity to strengthen my bond with and become closer to Kami-sama. I must look to Kami-sama and learn, actualize, and share the Faith with the Founder of Konkokyo, Ikigami Konko Daijin. I want to make Kami-sama, my ancestors, and my son happy through my faith life.



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TEACHING FROM KONKOKYO “KYOTEN”

“Even while giving the *Rokkon* Prayer, worldly thoughts enter my mind, making me lose my concentration. Did this ever happen to you?”, I asked Konko-Sama.

He answered, "Yes, that also happened to me. When it stops, it means you are a kami (living god)."

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

MARCH SCHEDULE

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

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



SHIDE MAKING

13 volunteer members made *shide* as *goyo* on January 13, 2013. *Goyo* is offering our time in appreciation of the Divine Parent's blessings. *Shide* is the white zigzag paper attached to the *sakaki* twig for *Tamagushi* offering. You may see it in various services of Konkoko. The *shide* represents one's heart and prayer to the Divine Parent or to our ancestors.



TESTIMONY ON JANUARY 20, 13

Mr. Rodney Masumoto shared his experiences of taking care of his mother for a long time. He felt the difficulties and frustration of taking care of her. He was upset with God for allowing such a cruel illness to overcome her, she who so faithfully believed in God. Losing herself to the illness hurt him and also made him angry at her at the same time. He fortunately discovered poetry and began writing poems, which greatly helped him. He was able to manage his anger and frustration, and reconnect to the Divine Parent, source of our life. There were no changes in her condition, possibly worse, but he was, thereafter, able to take good care of his mother. Her passing was a very emotional time for him, but he now feels his mother's love and her spiritual help. He is aware of her *Mitama* spirit every day.

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TEACHING OF REV. MASAYUKI KODAMA (1903-1974)

FOUNDING MINISTER OF KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU

To do only as one thinks; to do only what one wants to do; to think only of one's welfare; and not take any advice from others, nor meddle in the affairs of others; are all a way of life with no sincerity or kindness.

In living a life based on sincerity and kindness one may think of one's own welfare but only after considering whether his action will hurt or harm or cause trouble to his friends or relatives and one listens with gratitude to any advice given him.

Thus by living such a life of kindness and sincerity one can come to understand "*On*(恩)", or beholden obligation. "*On*" goes a little deeper than gratitude in feeling and linger in time. For instance, for having been rescued or helped 20 or 30 years ago, one feels everlastingly thankful and feels the necessity to express his gratitude many many times.

Without this feelings of deep and lasting beholden gratitude, one cannot understand the "*On*" of Tenchi no Oya Gami Sama (Divine Parent of the Universe) and the "*On*" of Konko Sama's Toritsugi Mediation.

The heart that understands "*On*" creates the blessings or good health, creates the blessings of wealth; and creates the blessings of character. There is no way of creating blessings without the understanding of "*On*".

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

**SHINTOKAI (MEMBERS' ASSOCIATION) ANNUAL MEETING
AND NEW YEAR'S PARTY**

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2013

Time: After Monthly Service (Approximately 10:45 a.m.)

There will be a financial report for 2012 and the budget report for 2013 before potluck party. Let's enjoy bingo game and food to celebrate the New Year together!

Konko Mission of Honolulu Corporation Annual Meeting will be held on the same day with the Shintokai Annual Meeting.

Election of the Board of directors also will be held.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor (nominated member(s) must be present). Term will be 2013-2015 (two years term). Members presents can vote. No proxy is allowed. Financial report for 2012 and budget report for 2013 will be present.

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2013

Time: After Monthly Service

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

