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KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU



Short Teachings from Various Material

- Our heart and body want a place to rest sometimes.
- It is important to have kindness, which is being considerate of others.
- We need to know that everyone should have different values and favors.
- There are no differences between big incidents and the small ones. Everything is happening in the Universe.

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Keep an Open Mind!

Belated Happy New Year, everyone!

There are many celebratory events during this year. This year marks Ikigami Konko Daijin's 200th birthday commemoration, Konko Church of Amagi, our parent church's 110 year celebration, and the Konko Mission of Honolulu's 85th anniversary celebration.

This year is also something special for me. I will be 40 this year. It is called, "fuwaku 不惑" in Japanese. It came from a Chinese analects by Confucius, and the meaning is "without doubt," or "following the right course." I interpret the phrase to mean that a person who is 40 years old should be old enough to be open minded and not narrow minded, and can live without doubts and anxiety. I do not want to be a person who has doubts or is puzzled. I wish to have an open mind to have a happy and appreciative heart when I welcome my 40th birthday.



I experienced a "narrow minded" moment already this year. My son, Michio, had his ten months check-up on January 7th. Previously, we took him to a pediatrician last year on September 9th, his first check-up since my wife and Michio arrived in Hawaii. His pediatrician examined him, including his weight and height, and gave him a shot. His weight was 17 pound. The doctor said, "Your son is bigger than the average baby, even Caucasian babies. Just for your reference, he could be about 6'2" if he continues to grow like this." I said to my wife, "He could be over 6 feet since your brother is over 6 feet. My great grandmother's side of the family has tall members. I probably need to make him sit down when I scold him after he becomes taller than me, so I don't have to look up at him."

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February schedule

Note: Church services will be held on Sunday at 9 a.m., unless otherwise specified		
2		Sunday Service
9	10am	Monthly Service – General Membership Meeting (New Year Pot Luck Party)
16		Monthly Service & Monthly Memorial Service – Corporation Board of Directors Meeting
23		Sunday Service – One for the Goyo

On Michio's second doctor's visit on November 5th, his weight was 17 pounds, 13 ounces and the doctor said, "He could grow to 5'10". I said to myself, "Good, still taller than me." Then, his third visit was on January 7th. His weight was 18 pounds and the doctor said this time, 5'6". I had to say to myself, "Only 5'6"? That is my height!" My wife and I felt disappointed, although nobody really knows how tall Michio will be.

I realized quickly that I was complaining and being disrespectful by using the word "only", rather than appreciating the good health of my son. We use "only" sometimes to praise something or someone or to say something positive, but we also use "only" to express negative feelings or thoughts. As a result we may hurt people. I was narrow minded because I focused on the possibility that my son might not be tall and ignored the many blessings he has been receiving every day. I disrespected Kami-Sama and the blessings we received. I offended Kami-Sama.

The Fourth Konko-Sama's inspiring poem goes, "ここまでは 出来たとよろこぶべきことをこれしか出来ぬといひてなげくか", which roughly translated means, "We should rejoice in how much we can do, but we have a tendency to be disappointed for not accomplishing more." The Fourth Konko-Sama is saying to us that we have a choice to appreciate or to be disappointed for every experience in our life. One choice guides us to a happy life and the other choice takes us to a life of criticism or dismay. I want to choose appreciation and a happy life.

40 years old is still very young and I have many teachings and lessons to learn. I should have an open mind to learn all I can for my family and our future. There would be less doubts and anxiety because everything becomes a good opportunity to learn something to further my faith. I open my heart, to reveal Kami's heart within me, and live life with an appreciative heart to be happy. Kami-Sama, our Divine Parent of the Universe, will be happy for me.

Teaching from Konkokyo Kyoten

The more trouble and worry a child causes, the more compassion the parent has. Similarly, the more people do not understand Kami's heart, the more compassion Tenchi No Kami-Sama will have.

A child who asks his parent for something may be given something sweet. But a child beckoned by his parent may rebel and run away. The parent will then become compassionate and wonder how the runaway child is doing.

Tenchi No Kami-Sama feeling compassion for people is the same as parents feeling compassion for their children.

[Konkokyo Kyoten Gorikai II: Sato, Mitsujiro #3, Page 174, Konkokyo Honbu 1987]

March Schedule

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

2		Sunday Service – Shintokai Meeting
9		Monthly Service
16		Sunday Service – Family Sunday
23	10am	Monthly Service & Spring Memorial Service
30	7:30am	Church Clean-up for Spring Grand Service

Konko Missions in Hawaii Young Adult Gathering



KMH Young Adult Gathering
"Understanding Kami's Heart"
March 1, 2014 (Saturday)
9:00AM~5:00PM
@ Konko Mission of Honolulu
FREE TO ATTEND

*Partial Airfare subsidy for neighbor island participants

Join us as we deepen our understanding of the Konko faith through exciting discussions and fun-filled activities with our peers!

Continental Breakfast and Lunch included
Registration Deadline: February 21, 2014 (Fri.)
Please E-mail attendance confirmation to:
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Teaching of Rev. Kodama

Founding Minister of Konko Mission of Honolulu

In psychology, religious psychology, group psychology, child psychology, or in individual or collectivism, there is no description of the feeling of attaining the state where *Kami Gokoro* (Heart of Kami/God) is born within oneself and the feeling of living *Kami Gokoro*.

When *Kami Gokoro* is born within oneself:

One has the feeling that this is "*Makoto*," or truth;

One has the feeling that this is "*Jitsui*," or sincerity;

One has the feeling that this is "*Ikigami*," or living kami/god; and

One has the feeling that this is the real self, a self which is eternal together with heaven and earth.

This feeling can not be described in speech or words.

It is really very joyous and happy when one recognizes and realizes that through the blessings of *Torit-sugi* meditation this *Kami Gokoro* is born within himself and that he, himself, is eternal together with heaven and earth.

Coupled with this joyous realization, the joy of welcoming a new year makes this a doubly joyous occasion, so let us all strive to attain the state where *Kami Gokoro* is born within us, in the coming year and in the years to come.

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Essence of Practicing Faith of Konkokyo

- Good thoughts with a sincere and thoughtful heart and,
- Doing a good deed with a conscientious and kind heart and,
- Being honest all the time
- Trust and being trusted by Kami is the aim of Faith.
- We all are receiving daily blessings every moment; the blessings that we need at certain times are the result of practicing Faith.



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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

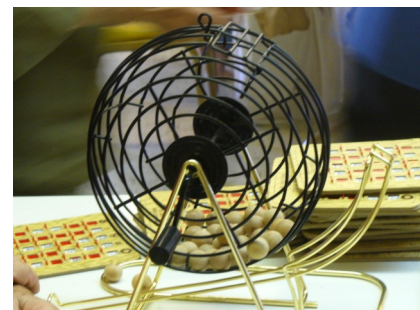
I will seek and receive Mediation
I will realize the blessings of Kami
I will live a joyful life of appreciation
I will be one with Kami
I will pray for, help, and guide others
To actualize the Way of Kami and people



General Membership Meeting and New Year Potluck Party

Date: **Sunday, February 9, 2014**
Time: **After monthly service at 10:00 a.m.**
(approximately 11 a.m.)

2013 financial report and 2014 budget report for Shintokai members' association will be presented at the general meeting according to the By-Laws of the Shintokai. We will enjoy door prizes, food and bingo games. Let us have a good time together as *ohana* to celebrate New Year!



Plots

Konko Mission of Honolulu has 10 Plots in Hawaiian Memorial Park. If you are interesting in purchasing a plot(s), please contact Rev. Koichi Konko.