



KONKOKYO

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## PLUM BLOSSOM

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### SHORT TEACHING FROM VARIOUS MATERIAL

-We should have a positive heart to learn anything. We should have a positive heart to practice Faith.

-There are many teaching, but it depends on each person to have the teachings come to life.

-Faith is flexible and each teaching can be interpreted or understood differently by each individual.

*Practice faith like a plum blossom rather than a cherry blossom. Cherry blossoms fall quickly. Plum blossoms endure the cold of winter and do not fall quickly. (Voice of the Universe, Page 83, Konkokyo Honbu, 1996)*

My wife wrote an article about us for the Konko Shinbun (Konkokyo's official newspaper published three times a month), in the issue dated June 2, 2013. Her article appears in the section called, "Mom's Treasure Box." I received an email from my mother. She said, "I read it." I did not know what she meant. I replied, "What did you read?" She explained to me about my wife's article. I was so surprised. I began receiving messages on Facebook from my Konkokyo friends in Japan about the article. I had not received the issue of the Konko Shinbun yet, but I looked forward to reading the article.

Seiko's article was about patience and blessings. I have roughly translated her article below.

*We were married three years ago, but we were able to live and be together for only the first 3 months. My husband is serving at the Konko Mission of Honolulu as a resident minister. We have applied for my permanent visa to move to Hawaii; however, we are still waiting for its approval. I asked myself why can't we be allowed to live together? Why does it take so long? I felt this didn't make sense and it was unreasonable.*

*I prayed sincerely everyday to Kami-sama. I requested that I be allowed to move to Ha-*



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## JUNE SCHEDULE

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

- 2 Sunday Service – One for the Goyo
- 9 **Monthly Service**–30 Days Memorial Service for Rev. Masahiko Yoshino
- 16 Sunday Service – Corporation Board of Directors' Meeting
- 23 Sunday Service – Shintokai Meeting
- 30 **Monthly Service and Half Year Appreciation Service**  
**50 Days Memorial Service for Rev. Masahiko Yoshino**

*waii soon and be able to work for the Konko Mission of Honolulu. But the visa never came. I tried to convince myself, "Kami-sama cannot use me yet because I am not ready, or good enough to serve." Somehow I stopped praying about the visa to Kami-sama.*

*Then, last June, I found I was pregnant. I was so happy. Although we could not see each other often, Kami-sama gave us a special blessing. I am not as young as most "mothers-to-be," so to have a baby, I felt this blessing was much bigger than I expected.*

*As I hold my three month old son in my arms, I am so in awe every day and appreciative for Kami-sama's mysterious work. I am moved by Kami-sama's love and power, which are beyond our understanding.*

*Now I always repeat, "Konko-sama, Konko-sama," and ask for Kami-sama's help because I am inexperienced and there are so many things to learn in raising a baby. I am trying to keep smiling and pray that my son and I will grow together.*

*And I am praying to Kami-sama that the three of us can live together very soon in Hawaii.*

I was very happy to read her article. We have to be patient, but it was difficult to follow U.S. Immigration's procedures and requests with a positive heart. There were endless paper work and documents to submit and were not given any completion date to receive her visa. I tried to believe we should accept and use this experience and hardship to raise ourselves and get special blessings. We have tried not to complain but, instead, gain faith from this opportunity. If Seiko had moved to Hawaii three years ago, she would not have had the chance to enter the Konkoyo seminary to learn more about the Konko faith. She had so many valuable experiences while staying in the Konko town as she studied to become a Konko minister. She has been able to stay at the Konko Church of Amagi, our parent church, as a training minister. She was able to deliver our baby in Japan and receive financial support from the city for the childbirth and raising the baby. Her parents are helping my wife and son. I also learned and practiced our Konko faith of staying positive and eliminating negative thoughts. We are able to have a stronger bond and we still feel we are newlyweds.

**LATEST NEWS TO THE READER.** Thank you for your prayers. My wife and son received their immigrant approval from the U.S Embassy in Tokyo. Seiko needs to received five more immunization shots before coming to Hawaii, which will be just around the corner for when we can live together.

**JULY SCHEDULE**

	Shingyokikan Renew Your Faith July 1-31
7	Sunday Service
14	10am <b>Monthly Service &amp; Back to School Service</b>
21	Sunday Service – Family Sunday: Community Service Day
28	<b>Monthly Service</b> – One for the Goyo



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## TEACHING FROM KONKOKYO “KYOTEN”

*Kami-sama takes away the poisons from your body gradually. It is a painful process. The pain will make you thin, but be patient. After some poisons are taken away, eat delicious foods to make your body strong again. Kami-sama will then take away more poisons until all have been removed. Since the roots of the sickness will be taken away, you will be able to live a healthy life.*

[Konkokyo Kyoten Gorikai II: Kondo, Fujimori #36, Page 101, Konkokyo Honbu 1987]



## SUMMER SHINGYO KIKAN 7/1/13—7/31/13

Summer Shingyo Kikan Will start from July 1, 2013 to July 31, 2013 It is the intensive period to encourage members to come to the church more often to develop the faith. Please make time to come to, pray at, and receive toritstgu mediation at the church.

## BACK TO SCHOOL SERVICE

Please attend the service to give appreciation for going to school, learning subjects and to request Kami-sama to have precious time in learning so that youngsters will be useful and helpful individuals in the society. This is for all students and also adults to pray for future generations. Refreshments will follow.

**Date:** Sunday, July 14, 2013,

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

## TEACHING OF REV. MASAYUKI KODAMA (1903-1974)

FOUNDING MINISTER OF KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU

It is right and proper to say thanks when something is done for you. If a person does not say thanks after something is done for him, he is mistaken.

If this is so, then, how much are we thanking our Divine Parent for having given us our lives, our bodies, and our abilities to breathe, and all of our body function?

Having received these blessings and not having any feeling of gratitude to Divine Parent, will lead us in the direction of misfortunes.

To find salvation we must start from this — give thanks for our blessings each and every day. To pray, to come to church, to do “goyo” and to attend church services, are ways to express our gratitude.

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

**50 DAYS SERVICE FOR REV. MASAHIKO YOSHINO**

**Date:** Sunday, June 30, 2013

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

(After the Half-Year Appreciation Service at 9:00 a.m.)

Reverend Tetsuro Yasutake from Konko Mission of Waipahu will be the Head Officiant for the service for the Reverend Masahiko Yoshino, assisted by Reverend David Yano. Refreshments will follow.



**LITTLE STAR DANCE PERFORMANCE**

Little Star Dance group will come to Hawaii this year, too. They will perform at the stage in the Ward Warehouse and at the social hall of the Konko Mission of Honolulu. They will also join our community service at Kuakini Hale Pulama Mau Auditorium.

**Ward Warehouse** (Ewa end of Ward Warehouse, ground floor, next to food court)

**Date & Time:** Saturday, July 20, 2013, 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Konko Mission of Honolulu**

**Date & Time:** Sunday, July 21, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.



**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