

# Airshio [e'rshio]

KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU



Short Teachings from Various Material

- There are no important roles and less important roles; all are precious in Kami-Sama's eyes.
- Everyone has roles and positions and they are all valuable.
- Everything is given by Kami-Sama to us. And there are reasons.
- Cherish all you have.
- Sincerity is very important to have a good life.

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## Happy to See Our Son Grow Up

Our son, Michio, will be 16 months old soon. I see him every day and I have moments of awe almost every day. I can find something new he can do or say which he couldn't before. For example, he can say "mango", he can climb up chairs, and he knows how to use a vacuum cleaner now. I am witnessing him growing up and I feel so happy. Kami-Sama is giving him the ability to grow up. I feel his tiny body is full of potential, blessings, and love from Kami-Sama. Kami-Sama is our Divine Parent. We should have the ability to grow up as beloved children of Kami-Sama. Kami-Sama must be happy to see that we are growing up as beloved children of Kami-Sama.



To grow up and be a better person to please Kami-Sama, we need to practice faith. To believe is one of the ways for practicing faith.

We believe in Kami-Sama as the Divine Parent who really wants to take care of us and make us happy. Believing in Kami-Sama makes us strong and encourages us to move forward so we can grow up. Kami-Sama is always with us to look after and guide us with unconditional love. Even when something bad happens, Kami-Sama is prepared for it and lets us grow with each incident. When my son is climbing up a chair, I stay by him to make sure he is safe. When he loses his balance, I am there to prevent him from falling. If we believe in Kami-Sama as the Divine Parent, we feel comfortable doing something new or challenging because we know Kami-Sama will be with us to support and show us the right direction. We just need to be careful not to miss the guidance, rather learn from it.

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## July Schedule

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

**Shingyo Kikan Renew One's Faith July 1- August 24**

6		Sunday Service
13	10am	<b>Monthly Service &amp; Back to School Service</b>
20		Sunday Service – Family Sunday: Community Service Day
27		<b>Monthly Service &amp; Monthly Memorial Service</b> – Shintokai Meeting

We also need to believe that “I am the beloved child of Kami-Sama”. We can trust our potential as the beloved child of Kami and it is powerful. Cheetahs can run fast. Swallows can fly fast. Cheetahs and swallows were born with the potential and ability to go fast. We, as the beloved children of Kami, have the genes and DNA to become true beloved children. We have the potential to use daily incidents to grow up to be better people. When we doubt ourselves or have low self-esteem, we should feel that Kami-Sama is right here for us because we are beloved children. We ARE NOT alone. Although we think, “Nobody cares about me and nobody helps me,” Kami-Sama is always here with us. We just need to believe and remember that.

Believing in others is also important. Other people are also beloved children as we are. Sometimes other people are difficult to trust. It is natural for people to have thoughts and opinions which are not the same as our own; thus we may have a hard time to believe or trust them. However, they are also beloved children of Kami-Sama, and have the potential to be good children. Although we cannot trust the person at the moment, we still can trust Kami-Sama within the person. Kami-Sama could be struggling to be born within the person to work with the person. We can support Kami-Sama within the person through believing the person is a beloved child. We cannot give up on Kami-Sama or stop believing in Kami-Sama. When we don’t believe others, that means we are not believing Kami-Sama within the person.

We can enjoy growing up with Kami-Sama so Kami-Sama is also happy. Continuing to grow up may not be easy because we face constant difficulties. That’s why we keep believing in Kami-Sama, believing our potential as beloved children of Kami-Sama, and trusting others because they are beloved children. That is very powerful and encouraging. We can continue our steps to be better children and have meaningful lives.

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## Teaching from Konkokyo Kyoten

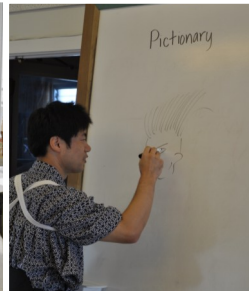
*"When I went to the Hiromae alone, Konko-Sama said, 'You really come to worship often, don't you? The divine blessings you receive will be as much as how often you come.' When I went to the Hiromae with many people, we did things such as stealing rides on the ferry or catching skylarks on the way. Then he said, 'You need not come from afar to worship. You can stay home and pray even to a wall.'"*

[Konkokyo Kyoten Gorikai II: Tomita, Tomi 1, Page 229, Konkokyo Honbu 1987]

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## Family Sunday Parents' Day Celebration

Parents' Day Celebration party was held after Sunday Service on June 1, 2014. We enjoyed “Pictionary” game and ate “ono” food together.



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## Shingyo Kikan

*Shingyo Kikan* is an intensive faith training period to renew one's Faith through attending church more often. It starts from July 1st. We extended the period to August 24<sup>th</sup> in celebration of the "85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Konko Mission of Honolulu" this year.

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## Back to School Service

**Date and Time:**        **Sunday**, July 13, 2014 at 10 p.m.

Back to School Service is the service for all students, their parents and teachers to appreciate the school life and pray together to Kami-Sama for their accomplishments for the coming school year. Let us pray for our youngsters and people who help the young to grow and become helpful, useful and responsible adults for the community. Games and refreshment will follow. *Tamagushi* twig will be offered to Kami-Sama by students in the service.

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## Teaching of Reverend Kodama

Founding Minister of Konko Mission of Honolulu

*Ikigami Konko Daijin Toritsugi no Michi* or the Way of life of Divine Mediation of Our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin is called Konkokyo.

How did *Ikigami Konko Daijin Toritsugi no Michi* come to be?

The blessings (*Okage*) to make a person who does not believe in prayers or wishes become one who prays intently both in time of need or illness as well as in time of smooth sailing.

The blessings (*Okage*) to make a person who does not believe in attending church become a good churchgoer.

The blessings (*Okage*) to make a person with many dissatisfactions and many troubles to become one who is not troubled or dissatisfied because he will make his troubles and problems be the foundations of future blessings.

The blessings (*Okage*) to make a person with no feeling of gratitude to become so that he cannot help but offer his thanks for the great love of our Divine Parent of the Universe as the base for his life, his body, his livelihood, his clothing, his food, his shelter, his occupation, and it's accompanying remuneration.

As symbols of gratitude to our Divine Parent of the Universe:

The blessings to want to help, to take care of, and guide children and youngsters.

The blessings to want to help to take care of old folks.

The blessings to want to help to take care of husband and or wife.

The blessings to want to help to take care other people.

The blessings to want to change a man who says he works for his money, to a man who works in gratitude for blessings of our Divine Parent of the Universe and who works so that people will be saved and for his salvation.

The blessings to make a man who finds dissatisfaction and faults with the minister to become a better minister.

The blessings to make a man who feels the inadequacy of the Konkokyo (or Church) to become a man who wants to make it a better Konkokyo.

To make us become like the above examples is the *Okage* of *Ikigami Konko Daijin no Michi*.

Let us receive bigger and broader *Okage* during the year.

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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

## Community Service Day

Annual volunteer activity with churches on Oahu will be held on Sunday, July 20, 2014. We will go to the Kuakini Geriatric Care Center and have 1 hour program for the patients. We will have the Little Star Dance this year, too. They will perform some dances in our program.

- Date:** **Sunday, July 20, 2014,**
- Time:** Gather at the Konko Mission of Honolulu at **9:00 a.m.**, then go to Kuakini Medical Center after a short prayer service.  
Program will start at **9:30 a.m.**
- Place:** Kuakini Geriatric Care Center  
—Hale Pulama Mau Auditorium



## 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.

## Little Star Dance

We welcome the Little Star Dance KiraKira Hikaru Arts Japan again. They are about 8 years old to adults. This is the third year and will be the last opportunity to enjoy their wonderful dances in Hawaii. Please come to see and feel their joyful energy.

**Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 11a.m. – 12noon**  
at Ward Warehouse Stage

**Saturday, July 19, 2014 at 3p.m. – 4p.m.**  
at Konko Mission of Honolulu

**Sunday, July 20, 2014 at 3p.m. – 3:45p.m.**  
at Ala Moana Center Center Stage

