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### SHORT TEACHING FROM VARIOUS MATERIAL

-Who likes not his business, his business likes not him. Love Kami and practice faith; Kami reciprocates with blessings

-Don't make teaching meaningless. Rather strive to actualize them.

-Konko Faith is not rigid and binding. Konko Faith is flexible and resilient.

## WORK WITH KAMI TO BE SAVED

I believe Kami-sama, Divine Parent of the Universe, saves people. It is easy for me to understand. Kami-sama's ability and power to save us is beyond our understanding. However, Kami-sama alone cannot save us. Kami-sama's divine blessings are fruits of collaboration between Kami-sama and people.

I recall a traumatic incident which occurred when I was about 10 years old. I remember saying, "Please help me, Kami-sama!" It came from the bottom my heart and was my first serious and sincere request to Kami-sama. I was alone and trying to climb a steep wall along the *Satomi-gawa* stream in Konkko town. The stream flows higher than the ground level so concrete tiles are used to brace the 15 feet high wall. I started to climb the wall from the bottom and was enjoying it at first, feeling good because it was quite easy. I soon began to realize that the higher area is steeper than the lower section and more difficult to climb. I got stuck before reaching the top, which is a paved road running along the bank. I was wearing slippers to play in the water. I said to myself, "Why did you start to climb this wall with slippers?" I could not keep the slippers on my feet. I had to pinch the wet straps tightly with my toes to prevent them from slipping away. It was slippery between my feet and slippers. I started to break out in sweat. I could not move at all. If I move my leg, I was sure I would lose my footing, my slipper and my balance. I knew wet bare feet didn't have enough grip. I saw a vision of me falling down to the bottom of the stream. I thought that perhaps I may be able to jump down. But I had to erase this thought as I glanced down. It was too high and there was a rock right under me. Too dangerous to jump down onto the rock. I had no idea what to do. I was scared. Nobody was around there. I then replayed the scene in my mind and reassessed my predicament. It was natural for me to look to Kami-sama.

After I said, "Please help me, Kami-sama," I felt a little calmer and could re-check the situation again. "I cannot jump down. How about above? Oh, I'm almost there. I have a bucket with water in my right hand and a rod with net to catch fish in the other hand. My slippers and my feet are still



Satomi-gawa

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## NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

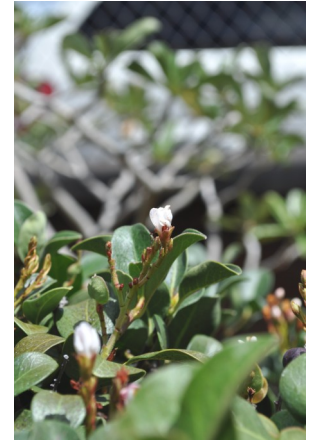
		11/11 Grand Service at Hilo, 11/18 Grand Service at Wailuku,
4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for the Founder and Successive Spiritual Leaders & <b>Shintokai Meeting, Birthday Sunday</b>
11 <sup>th</sup>	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service
18 <sup>th</sup>	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service & One for the Goyo
25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for our Parent Kami & our Ancestors & <b>Late Rev. Kikue Kodama 15<sup>th</sup> Year Memorial Service</b>

wet, but there is some grip with the slippers and feet. Calm down and just try to move your leg to the next tile, carefully. You did it! Try the other leg. Yes almost there. Almost there!" Thus, I was able to reach the road. I was relieved. I was saved.

I now feel Kami-sama responded to my request because I asked Kami-sama for help, and my request was sincere, pure and single-hearted. If I thought I could overcome this situation on my own because I felt confident, as I felt when I started to climb, Kami-sama would not help me although Kami-sama has great divine power. In other word, I was able to save myself because I turned my heart to Kami-sama and abandoned the challenge to get out the situation on my own. Kami-sama supported me to move my legs up one by one. Kami-sama and I worked together to save me.

Kami-sama's ways and blessings are beyond our understanding. I realize that being humble and believing Kami-sama's ways and blessings are necessary in directing our hearts to Kami-sama. As a result we shall receive divine blessings in addition to daily blessings. We are allowed to live with Kami-sama's virtue so that true gratitude actualizes divine blessings.

I frequently question myself, "How sincere, pure, honest, and single is my heart when making a request to Kami-sama? Am I turning my heart to Kami-sama?"



**TEACHING FROM KONKOKYO "KYOTEN"**

Konko Daijin's faith has flourished. By practicing faith, sake can cure sickness.

There was a person from near Ashimori Bitchu Province, who became an alcoholic. I, Konko Daijin, told him, "Offer Kami-Sama a cup of sake every day, and in the evening, drink that sake and receive divine blessings. You will be cured in thirty days."

He followed my instructions and received divine blessings. Alcoholism can be cured by alcohol. This is a teaching of Konko Daijin.

Anyway, practice faith. In the future, sake will be taxed, but people won't stop drinking sake. Everyone will say that drinking sake has become restrictive because of the high taxes. But people still won't stop drinking sake. Therefore, receive divine blessings through sake.

[Konkokyo Kyoten Gorikai II: Goka, Keishun #10, Page 40, Konkokyo Honbu 1987]

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**DECEMBER SCHEDULE**

2 <sup>th</sup>	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service & <b>Board of Directors' Meeting</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for the Founder, Successive Spiritual Leaders
16 <sup>th</sup>	9:00a.m.	Sunday Service
23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:00a.m.	Monthly Service for our Parent Kami and our Ancestors & <b>Family Sunday Year End Celebration Potluck Party</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00a.m.	<b>End of the Year Appreciation Service</b> & Year End Church Clean up
31 <sup>st</sup>	10:00a.m.	Mochi Making for 2012 New Year's Day Service (Mon.)



## DRUG EDUCATION & AWARENESS CLASS 2012

Mr. Gary Shimabukuro graciously made a presentation on October 21, 2012. His first presentation was in 2011. He spoke in depth about the many new critical drugs problems, such as synthetic drugs. Money is deeply involved with why these drugs have become a major crisis. Mr. Shimabukuro's knowledge about current drug problems in Hawaii is extensive and timely. We had a lively question and answer period after the session and participation involved both young and old.



## MANAGING BLOOD PRESSURE WITH HEALTHY EATING PLAN

Ms. Tsugumi Matsunaga was a guest speaker on October 28, 2012. This was her second presentation and for this occasion her topic covered "High Blood Pressure" and how to control and manage blood pressure with healthy eating plans and habits. She focused on sodium/salt intake how it affected the blood pressure. Controlling sodium intake is important for healthy blood pressure. We also learned how to read nutrition facts printed on labels on packaged and canned foods. After a very lively question and answer period, there were a number of requests from the audience for future subjects to be covered in her presentations.



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

FOUNDING MINISTER OF KONKO MISSION OF HONOLULU

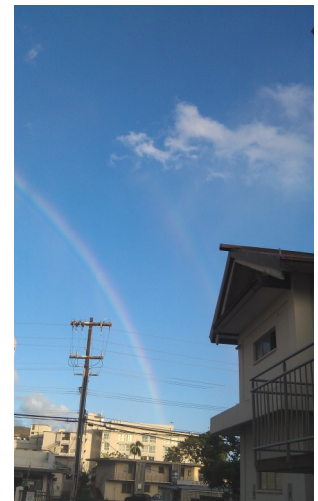
The love that animals have for their young ones and the love that humans have for their children are all received from the love of *Tenchi Kane No Kami*, Divine Parent of the Universe. We are protected day and night by Kami's love. We must consider ourselves fortunate. Kami loves all of us but Kami loves and worries, and is saddened all the more, by those of us who are unfortunate, or in trouble, or who have lingering illnesses. So we must apologize to Kami for being ill and in trouble, thus causing Kami to worry about us.

However, Kami further states that although Kami feels for us and guards us, Kami alone cannot save us, beloved children of Kami. To attain salvation, we must do our part.

- We must:
- 1 Give thanks;
  - 2 Apologize;
  - 3 Pray;
  - 4 Attend church;
  - 5 Think, and
  - 6 Work.

Otherwise, neither the beloved children nor Kami will be saved. Kami begs us earnestly and sincerely to do the above six things.

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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

**REV. KIKUE KODAMA 15TH MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**Date:** Sunday, November 25, 2012

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Kikue Kodama's 15th Memorial service will held on November 25, 2012 along with the Monthly Service. We will have some pastries and coffee down stairs after the service. Feel free to join us.

**ONE FOR THE GOYO**

**Date:** Sunday, November 18, 2012

**Time:** After Sunday Service (Approximately from 9:40 a.m.)

We will clean, weed, and trim trees in the church yard. Please bring your tools for yard work.

