



Konko Missions in Hawai'i

100 YEARS OF FAITH

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Continuing to Serve Kami
and the People of Hawai'i

1926–2026

AUGUST 15, 2026

KO'OLAU BALLROOMS
& CONFERENCE CENTER

WORLD
PEACE

世界中を笑顔に

金光浩道



6th Spiritual Head of Konkōkyō
Reverend Hiromichi Konkō



Opening Message

Continuing to Serve Kami and the People of Hawai'i

As we humbly celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Konkō Missions in Hawai'i, we offer heartfelt gratitude to Kami-Sama and to all the ministers, believers, and supporters who have helped sustain this faith community throughout the past century.

On September 5, 1926, the Hawai'i Konkōkyō Mamichi-Kai was established during the visit of Rev. Kōkichi Katashima, Secretary General of the Young Adults Association, who traveled from Japan to Hawai'i. Through gatherings, prayer, and conversations about faith, the Mamichi-Kai helped connect people and share the teachings of Konkōkyō throughout the islands. From those humble beginnings, the foundation was laid for the eventual establishment of Konkō churches in Hawai'i beginning in 1929.

Since 1926, Konkō believers across Hawai'i have continued to serve people through prayer, toritsugi mediation, sincerity, compassion, and gratitude. Through times of hardship and times of joy, generations of ministers and believers devoted themselves to helping others while sharing the blessings and teachings of the Konkō Faith.

As part of this centennial observance, the Sixth Spiritual Head of Konkōkyō, Rev. Hiromichi Konkō, graciously wrote a commemorative calligraphy piece expressing the prayer, “World Peace — 世界中を笑顔に” (“May Smiles Fill the World”). In today's world, where division, conflict, loneliness, and uncertainty continue to affect so many lives, these words remind us of the importance of kindness, compassion, understanding, and mutual support. They beautifully reflect the spirit of the Konkō Faith — to pray for the happiness of others and to help bring peace beginning with the people around us.

This centennial is not only a celebration of history, but also a reaffirmation of our mission moving forward. We remember with appreciation the founding ministers and early believers whose faith and sacrifices planted the seeds for future generations. We also give thanks for those who continue to support and nurture our churches today.

As we step into the next century, may we continue to serve Kami and the people of Hawai'i with humility, sincerity, and a grateful heart, while working together toward a world filled with peace, gratitude, and smiles.

With deepest appreciation,
Konkō Missions in Hawai'i
1926–2026

The Mamichi-kai

Rev. Kōkichi Katashima



The first Mamichi-kai altar



Centennial of the Propagation of the Konkō Faith in Hawai‘i

Rev. Roderick Hashimoto

KCNA Chief Administrative Minister



On the sacred occasion of the Centennial of the propagation of the Konkō Faith in Hawai‘i, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i. This significant milestone invites us to pause with deep reverence and gratitude, and to reflect on the

enduring path of faith cultivated over the past 100 years.

From the earliest days, ministers and believers brought the Konkō Faith to the shores of Hawai‘i with sincere hearts, guided by an unwavering trust in Tenchi Kane No Kami, our Divine Parent of the Universe. In a new land, far from their place of origin, they devoted themselves to the quiet and steadfast work of faith—sharing the teachings, offering prayers, and serving others so that all people might come to receive divine blessings. Their efforts were grounded not in ease but in perseverance, humility, and a deep sense of purpose.

To have sustained and nurtured this faith across a full century is a remarkable and sacred accomplishment. The ministers and believers of Hawai‘i have, through generations, safeguarded the Konkō Faith with sincerity and devotion. Their lives reflect a continuous practice of faith rooted in gratitude, prayer, and the spirit of mutual dependence—an understanding that we live, are sustained, and are guided through the workings of Tenchi Kane No Kami. Through this relationship, divine blessings have unfolded naturally, radiating outward and taking root within families, communities, and the broader mission field.

The legacy of these one hundred years cannot be measured simply by time. It is found in the countless lives that have been comforted, guided, and transformed through faith. It is present in the continued vitality of the Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i and in the enduring spirit of those who have received and carried this faith

forward. What we witness today is the living expression of the pioneers’ prayers and aspirations.

At the same time, this centennial is not only a moment of reflection, but also one of awareness. We who gather in this time are reminded that receiving faith also entails a responsibility. Just as those before us entrusted this path to future generations, we too are called to live with sincerity, to deepen our faith in our daily lives, and to share its blessings with others. In doing so, we participate in the ongoing unfolding of this sacred work.

It is my sincere prayer that the Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i will continue to flourish, guided by faith in Tenchi Kane No Kami, and that future generations will look back upon this centennial as a moment of renewed commitment and gratitude. May the light of the Konkō Faith continue to shine brightly, bringing comfort, guidance, and blessings to all.

With deepest respect and appreciation, I once again offer my heartfelt congratulations to all ministers, believers, and supporters of the Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i. Your devotion stands as a testament to the enduring power of faith.

Sincerely,

Rev. Roderick Hashimoto

*Chief Administrative Minister
Konkō Churches of North America
And Head Minister of the
Konkō Church of Vancouver*

100 Years of Konkō Faith Propagation in Hawai'i:

With Gratitude for the Past and Prayers for Future Growth

Rev. Kazumasa Tsukamoto

Director of Konkōkyō International Center



Congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i. Having received the vast blessings of Tenchi Kane No Kami-sama, we are deeply grateful and humbled to be able to serve this commemorative Grand Ceremony on such a significant milestone, together with the presence of Konkō-sama and his spouse.

Each of us believers, connected through the divine bond established by the Founder, aspires to contribute to the realization of “True World Peace,” which is the Wish of Tenchi Kane No Kami-sama and successive Konkō-samas. With this in mind, we aim to think globally while acting locally, working together to contribute to society.

In the book “Konkōkyō's 50 Years in America,” the words of the Fourth Konkō-sama are recorded: “真心の道を迷わず失わず末の末まで教え伝えよ (Faith is Like A Sacred Fire. Hand It Down From Generation To Generation, Without Losing It.)” Now, fifty years later, we can truly feel that the passionate efforts of our predecessors have borne fruit. The faith of this Way has been transmitted, expanded, and inherited, allowing us to celebrate this centennial milestone.

As part of the Konkōkyō International Center's initiatives, we have created an English version of the Headquarters publication Happy Heart Handbook. This booklet presents Konkō faith in an easy-to-understand way, accompanied by charming illustrations, and encourages the practice of faith in daily life. It is prepared as a commemorative gift for this 100th anniversary in Hawai'i, and we hope it will be put to good use.

In closing, I sincerely pray for the continued growth and prosperity of the Hawai'i region, and for the further spread of a world of salvation through faith in Konkō Daijin here in Hawai'i.
Thank you very much. Mahalo.

**ハワイ布教百年
～今日までの御礼と今後の発展を祈る～
塚本一眞師（金光教国際センター所長）**

ハワイ布教百年、誠にありがとうございます。
天地金乃神様の広大なお恵みを頂いて、百年という、またとない大きな節年に教主金光様ご夫妻のご臨席を賜り、記念大祭をお仕えさせて頂けること、有難く勿体なく存じます。教祖様の御縁に続く私たち信奉者ひとりひとは、天地金乃神様と歴代金光様の願いである「世界真の平和」に向けて、グローバルに考えて、ローカルに活動し、共に世のお役に立たせて頂きたいと願っております。

『北米・ハワイ布教50年史』には、四代金光様の書「真心の道を迷わず失わず末の末まで教え伝えよ」が掲載されており、50年経った今、まさに先人の方々の布教情念が実を結び、お道の信心が伝わり拡がり、信心が継承され、こうして百年の節年を迎えることができたのだと思います。
このたび、国際センターの取り組みとして、本部発行『こころの練習帳』の英語版（Happy Heart Handbook）を作成しました。この冊子は金光教の信心が可愛いイラストと共に分かりやすく書かれており、日常の中で信心実践を促す内容となっています。ハワイ布教百年の記念品としてご用意しておりますので、活用して頂けると有難いです。

最後になりましたが、ハワイ区域の益々の発展を祈念いたしますと共に、ハワイの地で金光大神様の信心による助かりの世界が拡がることを切に願い、ご挨拶とさせていただきます。
ありがとうございました。マハロ。

Congratulatory Message

Konkō Church of Amagi
Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake



Congratulations! It is truly a blessing that the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i Centennial Celebration will be observed in the presence of our Spiritual Leader Konkō-Sama and his family.

When we turn our eyes to the world today, we see many lives lost to war and economies unsettled by uncertainty.

The Founder taught:

“It is by divine blessing that the sun shines upon us; it is by divine blessing that the rain falls. Human beings live within blessings and exist within blessings.”

We all live between Heaven and Earth, and both Hawai'i and Japan exist within this same universe of divine blessings.

For one hundred years, the faith path that enables us to receive blessings wherever we may be has been faithfully passed down and carried forward in the land of Hawai'i, allowing countless individuals to receive divine grace. We are reminded of the importance of continuing to share and connect this faith for generations to come.

As we embark upon a new second century, it is my heartfelt prayer that even more people may be guided, helped, and blessed through this Sacred Way.

金光教甘木教会
安武道義師（教会長）

おめでとうございます。教主金光様ご家族様のご臨席をいただきまして、ハワイ布教100年祭がお仕えになりますことは、まことにありがたいことです。

世界に目を向けますと、戦争で多くの命が奪われ、経済も不安定の今日です。

教祖様は、「お天道様のお照らしなさるのもおかげ、雨の降られるのもおかげ、人間はおかげの中で生活をし、おかげの中で生きている」とみ教えされております。

私たちは、天地の間に生きており、ハワイも日本も天地の中であります。

どこでもおかげを頂くことのできるお道の信心が、ハワイの地で100年の間繋がり、多くの方がおかげを蒙られてきました。そしてこれからも、伝え、繋がって行くことが大切だと思わされます。

新たな2世紀に向けて、どうぞ1人でも多くの人が助かれることをお祈りいたします。

Congratulatory Message

Konkō Church of Okayama Chūbu
Rev. Naritsugu Matsuyama



Congratulations on reaching the milestone of the 100th anniversary since the establishment of the Konkōkyō Hawai'i Mamichikai as a faith-seeking organization in Honolulu, O'ahu. I feel deeply grateful that this has been made possible solely through the dedicated efforts of the ministers in the Hawai'i region who have strived to teach and pass on the faith of Konkō Daijin-Sama.

Within these 100 years of missionary work in Hawai'i, you have gone through many great hardships. It was not always a time of peace—there were periods of war and various struggles—but you were able to overcome them. More recently, shortly before the passing of the former Head Minister of the Hilo Church, I was deeply concerned about the future of the church. However, with the support of many people within Konkōkyō, it was truly a blessing that, at just the right time, a capable successor was found. In this way, each church in the Hawai'i region has passed through both severe trials and divine blessings and has now arrived at this 100th year of mission.

From here on, with the combined strength of all the ministers and believers of each church, I pray that you will continue to manifest the workings of Kami-Sama more and more, grow and develop further, and keep serving both Kami-Sama and the people of Hawai'i in this land for years to come.

金光教岡山中部教会 松山成嗣師（教会長）

このたびは、オアフ島ホノルルに、求信組織として金光教ハワイ真道会が結成されてから100年という節目の年を迎えられ、おめでとうございます。これはひとえに、ハワイ区域における各先生方の、金光大神様の信心を教え伝えたいとのご努力の賜物だと、ありがたく思います。

ハワイ布教100年の歴史の中には、大変な苦難を通してこられました。必ずしも平和な時ばかりではなく、時には戦争で、さまざまな苦労もありましたが、それを乗り越えることが出来ました。また最近では、ヒロ教会の前教会長が亡くなられる少し前、教会の将来を大変心配しましたが、金光教内の多くの人々の助けもあり、ちょうどいい時期に良い後継者に巡り合うことができたのは、有り難いことです。

このように、ハワイ区域の各教会は、大変な試練とおかげの中を通り、現在は布教100年の年を迎えることができたのであります。

これからは、各教会の先生方を始め、信者さん一同のお力で、ますます神様のお力を現し、発展していき、このハワイの地で、これからも神様とハワイの人々のお役に立ち続けていかれることを、祈らせていただきます。



A Special Message from
Governor Josh Green, M.D.
In Recognition of the
Konko Mission in Hawai'i
Centennial

August 15, 2026



On behalf of the people of Hawai'i, I extend a warm aloha and congratulations to Konko Missions in Hawa'i, its members, honored guests and community supporters who are all gathered to celebrate the highly anticipated Konko Missions in Hawai'i Centennial event.

Over the past 10 decades, Konko Missions in Hawa'i, which is rooted in the Konkokyo faith in Japan, has successfully thrived through a network of six main churches on the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Kaua'i and O'ahu. Konko Missions in Hawa'i is known to have cultivated the cultural and spiritual needs of early Japanese immigrants working as plantation laborers. Today, its members of the faith continue their devotion and commitment to embrace all individuals with sincerity, compassion and appreciation.

I want to convey mahalo nui loa to Konko Missions in Hawa'i which has made a profound impact on our communities throughout the state to elevate humanity. I commend the members of Konko Missions in Hawa'i who serve as models, inspiring future generations to live life daily with honor and respect. Best wishes on this special 100th anniversary celebration.

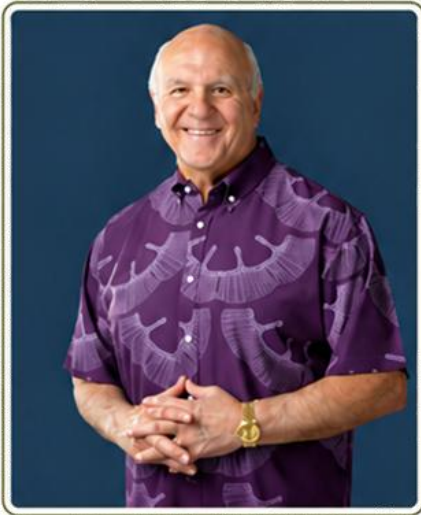
With warm aloha,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i



In Appreciation:

Konko Missions in Hawai'i is deeply grateful for the opportunity to share the Konko Faith throughout the islands over the past 100 years.



In recognition of this milestone, we humbly receive the Mayor's Award of Recognition, presented by the City and County of Honolulu, with sincere appreciation for the continued support of our community.



Mayor's Award of Recognition

Konko Missions in Hawai'i

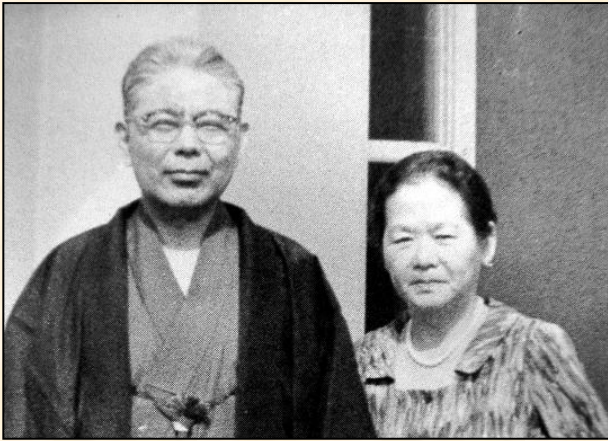
In recognition of the 100th Anniversary of Konko Missions in Hawai'i and its dedicated ministry, spiritual leadership, and enduring contributions, we honor your steadfast commitment to fostering interfaith cooperation and spiritual growth across our community.

Done this 15th day of August, 2026, in Honolulu, Hawai'i.



Rick Blangiardi, Mayor
City and County of Honolulu

Founding Ministers of Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i



Revs. Masayuki & Kikue Kodama
Konkō Mission of Honolulu (Since 1929)



Revs. Yoshifusa & Fuji Nishida
Konkō Mission of Hilo (Since 1929)



Rev. Tetsuzō Kiyotsuka
Kona Propagation Hall
(Since 1936)



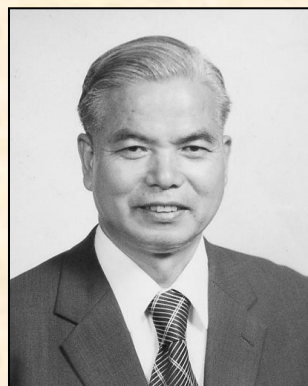
Rev. Santarō & Mrs. Sueka Sonoda
Konkō Mission of Waipahu
(Since 1938)



Rev. Haruko Takahashi
Konkō Mission of Wahiawa
(Since 1940)



Rev. Kiku Horibe
Lihue Propagation Hall
(Since 1940)



Revs. Shōichi & Setsuko Okuno
Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē
(Since 1953)



Rev. Takiyo Nakai
Konkō Mission of Wailuku
(Since 1957)

Past

Konkō Missions in Hawai'i



Pilgrimage group to the Headquarters from Hawai'i



KONKŌ MISSION'S IN HAWAII KYOSO 100 NEN SAI 1983. 9. 29

Past

Konkō Missions in Hawai'i



In the past, entire flights were chartered for Konkōyō pilgrimages.

Konkō Missions in Hawai'i 70th Anniversary at Honolulu Church And Yatsunami Festival at Ihilani Resort and Spa 1996



Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i
KMH/KCNA Joint Conference August 11-13, 2000
Celebrating the 100th Year of Konkōkyō Independence



KMH/KCNA Joint Conference in Hawai'i at Camp Erdman 2010



KCNA/KMH Joint Conference hosted by Sacramento Church 2025



Konkōkyō International Gathering and Pilgrimage to Gohonbu in November 2019



Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i Young Adult/Family Gatherings



KMH Ohana Fishing event at Ho‘omaluhia Gardens



KMH Young Adult Gathering in Kona



KMH 2016



KMH Beach Clean-up and BBQ event at Haleiwa

Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i

Youth Activities and Events



KMH Gathering at the Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park



KMH Kaua'i Gathering



KMH Gathering at the Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park



KMH Ohana Fishing Day at Ali'i Agricultural Farms

KMH Memorial Day Visitation to the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl



KMH Chorus Group and Volunteer Activity at Kuakini Medical Center Auditorium



Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i Involvement in Hawai‘i Conference of Religions for Peace



Honouliuli National Historic Park Services and Ireichō Installation Ceremony at the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles



Rev. Edna Matsuoka and Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi (Head officiant) with U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewel for the Honouliuli National Monument Dedication Ceremony held on 3/31/15



Honouliuli Education Center dedication ceremony at Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i 10/22/16



Soil collected from all the internment camp sites in U.S.



Ireichō (The Book of Names) dedication ceremony at JANM, Los Angeles, held 9/24/22

Kibimai in Hawai'i since 1993



Edna danced kibimai at Wailuku Church 30th Anniversary 8/22/93



Edna with Rev. Kikue Kodama



Hope Morihara danced kibimai at Wahiawa Godaisai



Ke'ala Takahashi and Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi danced kibimai at Honolulu Godaisai



Ke'ala Takahashi danced kibimai at Honolulu Godaisai

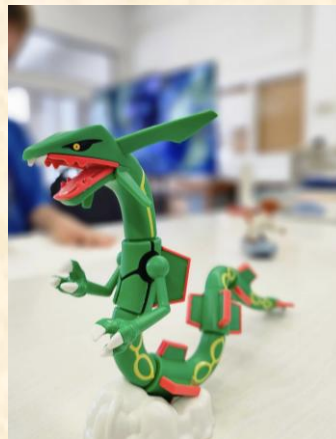


Hope Morihara and Renee Yano danced kibimai at Wahiawa 70th Anniversary

Gunpla Hawai'i Workshops at Honolulu Church



Hosted by Mr. Clayton Matsuoka since 2022



Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i

Missionary Women’s Society Seminars Throughout the Years



Pioneer Ministers’ Wives Seminar in 1962 at Honolulu Church
(L-R): Takiyo Nakai (Wailuku), Fuji Nishida (Hilo), Kikue Kodama (Honolulu), Haruko Takahashi (Wahiawa), Sueka Sonoda (Waipahu), Setsuko Okuno (Hanapepe) and her children Karen and Glen.



Konkō Missions in Hawai'i BAZAAR



Important Historical Milestones of Konkōkyō in Hawai‘i

- 1926 September 5** Hawai‘i Konkōkyō Mamichi-Kai was established during the visit of Rev. Kōkichi Katashima, Secretary General of the Young Adults Association, who traveled from Japan to Hawai‘i.
- 1928 July 14** Rev. Masayuki Kodama from Amagi Church, arrived in Hawai‘i and began missionary work at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rintaro Inouye, located at 1851 Liliha Street, Honolulu.
- 1929 August 1** Rev. Yoshifusa Nishida from Dairen Church, arrived and began missionary work on Pu‘ueo Street in Hilo, Hawai‘i.
- August 27** Konkō Mission of Honolulu was established with Rev. Masayuki Kodama serving as its Head Minister with wife, Rev. Kikue Kodama.
- 1930 May 18** Konkō Mission of Hilo was established with Rev. Yoshifusa Nishida serving as Head Minister with wife, Mrs. Fuji Nishida who arrived in 1930.
- 1933 October 4–16** A pilgrimage group traveled from Hawai‘i to Japan to attend the Founder’s 50th Year Memorial Service.
- 1935 October 23** Ms. Haruko Takahashi and Mr. Tetsuzō Kiyotsuka were ordained as Konkōkyō ministers.
- 1936 June 8** Rev. Tetsuzō Kiyotsuka began missionary work in Captain Cook, Kona, Hawai‘i.
- 1938 June 27** Rev. Santarō Sonoda began missionary work at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mukai in Waipahu, O‘ahu.
- 1940 January 14** Konkō Mission of Wahiawa was established with Rev. Haruko Takahashi serving as its first Head Minister.
- Rev. Kiku Horibe began missionary work in Līhu‘e, Kaua‘i.
- 1941 December 7** With the outbreak of World War II, all Konkōkyō Missions in Hawai‘i were closed and ministers were interned at sites on the mainland, Sand Island and Honouliuli.
- 1953 June 17** Rev. Shōichi Okuno began missionary work in Hanapēpē, Kaua‘i.
- 1954 July 4** Rev. Setsuko Okuno joined missionary work with her husband, Rev. Shōichi Okuno
- 1957 July 1** Rev. Takiyo Nakai began missionary work in Wailuku, Maui.
- 1959 September 7** Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i sent a pilgrimage group to Japan to attend Konkōkyō’s 100th Anniversary Celebration.
- 1960 August 6–7** An All-Hawai‘i Seminar for leading members was held in Honolulu.
- 1964 March 1** Rev. Yoshie Yamanaka came to Hilo Church from Japan to assist at Hilo Church.
- 1963 March 16–17** Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i held a meeting in Honolulu for its women ministers.
- April 13** Konkōkyō Spiritual Head, Kyōshu Setsutane Konkō (3rd Konkō Sama) passed away.
- September 13** Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i sent a pilgrimage group to Japan for the Founder’s 80th Year Memorial Service.
- November 5** Rev. Henry Tamotsu Uyeno (Konko Church of Kalihi) passes away.
- 1966 October 1** Dedication Service was held for the new Konkō Mission of Honolulu. Officiating at the service was Rev. Fumio Yasutake of Konkō Church of Amagi, Japan.
- 1967 November 11** Rev. Kiyotaka Yasutake came to the Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i for administrative missionary work.
- 1968 September 8** Rev. Takiyo Nakai of Wailuku Church passed away.
- 1969 October 7** Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i sent a pilgrimage group to Japan for Konkōkyō’s 110th Anniversary Celebration. Approximately 80 members attended.
- 1970 February 10** Rev. Kiyotaka Yasutake was installed as Head Minister of Konkō Mission of Wailuku.
- October 10** The first All-Hawai‘i Konkōkyō Shintokai Meeting was held in Honolulu.
- December 19** Rev. Kiku Horibe of Līhu‘e, Kaua‘i Propagation Hall passed away.
- 1971 September 10** A pilgrimage group from Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i attended the Autumn Grand Festival at Konkōkyō Headquarters in Japan.

- 1972 December 24** Rev. Haruko Takahashi passed away at the age of 62.
- 1973 January** Ms. Frances Takahashi (Honolulu Church), and Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Tsuneko Takahashi (Honolulu Church) served as caretaker of Wahiawa Mission.
- March 2** Rev. Hiromichi Ishii arrived in Hawai'i and assumed administrative leadership of KMH and also helped keep the Konkō Mission of Wahiawa open.
- August 24** Bishop Masayuki Kodama (Honolulu Church Head Minister) passed away at age 69.
- August 18–19** The All-Hawai'i Konkōkyō Youth Seminar was held in Honolulu. Mr. Shigetoshi Higuchi coordinated the event.
- October 1** A pilgrimage group was sent to Konkōkyō Headquarters in Japan for the Mediation Hall Dedication Service and the Founder's 90th Year Memorial Service.
- December 9** Rev. Masato Kawahatsu arrived to serve as minister of Konkō Mission of Waipahu after serving two years as Assistant Minister at Konkō Church of San Francisco.
- 1974 January 21** Rev. Santarō Sonoda (Waipahu Church Head Minister) passed away in his hometown of Kumamoto, Japan at the age of 84.
- February 2–3** The All-Hawai'i Konkōkyō Shintokai Convention was held in Honolulu. Mr. Shigetoshi Higuchi served as chairman.
- June 14–21** Eight representatives from Konkō Missions in Hawai'i attended the Konkōkyō Seminar on the Mainland at Yosemite National Park.
- August 17–18** The All-Hawai'i Konkōkyō Youth Seminar was held in Waipahu with Rev. Michitaka Kōda of Japan as guest lecturer. Mr. Tamashiro served as chairman. The first Ministers' Wives Seminar was held at Hilo Church with five participants.
- 1975 March 3** The All-Hawai'i Konkōkyō Shintokai Convention was held in Wahiawa. Mr. Thomas Takahashi was elected chairman.
- April 1** The first Hawai'i Konkōkyō Newsletter was published.
- August 1–15** Young representatives from Hawai'i attended the Konkōkyō Junior Association Convention in Japan.
- 1976 February 28** Mr. Fujioka and Mr. Inao arrived in Hawai'i to help organize the Hawai'i Shintokai.
- March 6** Rev. Yoshie Yamanaka weds Rev. Makio Nagai in Japan.
- April 30** The Rev. Hiromichi Ishii (Ōguma Church) returned to Japan. Mr. Thomas T. and Mrs. Tsuneko Takahashi (Honolulu Church) served as caretakers of Wahiawa Church.
- August 21–22** 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i was held at Farrington High School Auditorium.
- August 20–23** The first Youth Goodwill Group (Shōnen Shōjokai) visited Hawai'i. The home-stay program was started.
- 1977 May 14** Opening Service for the new Wailuku Church was held. Rev. Fumio Yasutake of the Amagi Church officiated.
- June 11** Rev. Makio Nagai arrived at the Hilo Church.
- June 25–26** The Hawai'i Shinto Taikai was held at Hanapēpē.
- September 27** Rev. Yasuhiro Yano and wife, Mrs. Reiko Yano came to the Wahiawa Church.
- September 30** Rev. Masato Kawahatsu was named Head Minister of the Waipahu Church.
- November 7** The annex to the Hilo Church was constructed.
- 1978 Aug. 11–12** Shinto Taikai was held at the Honolulu Church. The second Goodwill Mission from Japan participated in the conference.
- August** Rev. Masato Kawahatsu and six boys and girls from Hawai'i participated in a joint youth conference in Japan.
- August 24** Rev. Masayuki Kodama's 5th Memorial Service was observed.
- November 5** The Konkō Mission of Waipahu celebrated its 40th Anniversary.
- 1979 January 18** Rev. Yasuhiro Yano was appointed Head Minister of the Wahiawa Church.
- June 16–17** The 6th All Hawai'i Konkōkyō Conference is held at Hilo Church.

- 1979** **October 10** The Konkō Mission of Honolulu celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Rev. Fumio Yasutake of Amagi Church officiated.
- November 10** The Konkō Mission of Hilo celebrated its 50th Anniversary. Rev. Narimichi Matsuyama (Okayama Chūbu Church) officiated.
- 1980** **March 8** Revs. Tetsurō and Mitsuko Yasutake arrived at Waipahu Church.
- April 5** Head Minister of Waipahu, Rev. Masato Kawahatsu, was reassigned to San Francisco.
- April 19** Rev. Tetsurō Yasutake was appointed as Head Minister of the Waipahu Church.
- August 2–3** The Hawai‘i–North America Joint Conference was held at Camp Erdman.
- 1981** **April 2** Rev. Yoshifusa Nishida, Head Minister of the Hilo Church, passed away at age 91.
- May 28** Rev. Fuji Nishida was named Head Minister of the Hilo Church.
- June 13–14** The Hawai‘i Shinto Taikai was held at Wailuku.
- Aug. 22–25** The third Youth Goodwill Mission visited Hawai‘i.
- October 4** Rev. Masahiko and Rev. Sugako Yoshino arrived at the Honolulu Church.
- October 12** The Wahiawa Church celebrated its 40th Anniversary. Rev. Fumio Yasutake of Amagi Church officiated.
- November 17** Rev. Akinobu Yasutake came to the Waipahu Church.
- November 23** Hurricane Iwa devastates the island of O‘ahu, Ni‘ihau and Kaua‘i.
- 1982** **January 29** Rev. Tetsurō Yasutake was appointed Head Administrator in Hawai‘i.
- June 26–27** The Youth Seminar was held at the Waipahu Church.
- July** Hilo’s Church Hall is completed.
- Aug. 13–17** The fourth Youth Goodwill Mission paid a visit to Hawai‘i.
- December** Rev. Michiaki Ōbuchi (Nagasaki Church) and Rev. Hōdō Motohara (Daionji Temple, Nagasaki) presided over the Remembrance and Apology Ceremony at Pearl Harbor.
- December 23** The 10th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi was observed.
- 1983** **June 10** Ms. Noriko Yasutake was ordained minister.
- August 1–15** Twenty-three boys and girls participated in the Youth Convention held in Japan.
- August 24** The 10th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Masayuki Kodama was observed.
- September 26** Seventy-six members from Hawai‘i joined a pilgrimage to Japan to participate in the 100th Memorial Service for Founder, Ikigami Konkō Daijin-Sama.
- 1984** **February 18** The Rev. Miyoko Yasutake (Toyohara Church before marriage) came to Waipahu Church.
- March 11** The 10th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Santarō Sonoda was observed. Rev. Fumio Yasutake officiated.
- June 23–24** The Hawai‘i Shinto Taikai was held at the Wahiawa Church.
- August 20–25** The fifth Youth Goodwill Mission came to Hawai‘i.
- August 27–28** The Hawai‘i–North America Kyōmusho Meeting was held in San Francisco.
- 1985** **February 18** Teachers’ Study Seminar was held, with Rev. Yuasa conducting the session.
- June 10** Mr. Mitsumasa Yasutake (Waipahu Church) was ordained minister.
- August 10–12** The Second North America–Hawai‘i Joint Conference was held in Seattle.
- August 24** Mrs. Reiko Yano (Wahiawa Church) was ordained minister.
- November 17** The first meeting for the 60th Anniversary of Konkōkyō in Hawai‘i was held.
- 1986** **January 8** Rev. Tetsurō Yasutake (Waipahu Church) was re-elected as Chief Administrative Minister for a second term. Rev. Kiyotaka Yasutake (Wailuku Church) was appointed Assistant Chief Administrative Minister.
- February 5** The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held in Honolulu.
- February 5–6** Hawai‘i–North America Kyōmusho Meeting was held in Honolulu.
- March 29** The 5th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Yoshifusa Nishida was observed.
- August 9–10** The 60th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i was held at Konkō Mission of Honolulu, with a reception at the Pacific Beach Hotel. Rev. Tetsurō Yasutake officiated at the service. Rev. Yoshitaka Ōkubo from Gohonbu attended.

- 1986 August 10** The 60th Anniversary Celebration Picnic was held at Ala Moana Beach Park.
- October 7–21** Eight people made a pilgrimage to the Headquarters Church in Okayama, Kokura Church, and Amagi Church in commemoration of the 60th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i.
- 1987 February 15** The Sunday School Leaders’ Seminar was held at the Waipahu Church.
- Feb. 17–19** The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held at the Portland Church.
- March 14–15** The KMH Youth Seminar was held at the Hilo Church.
- July 18–19** The last KMH Convention was held at the Hanapēpē Church.
- August 16** Rev. Yoshitsugu Fukushima lectured in English on the newly published *Scriptures of Konkōkyō* at the Honolulu Church.
- August 21–23** Rev. Sugako Yoshino and three other members of the Honolulu Church attended the KCNA Conference held in Ontario, Canada.
- 1988 Feb. 16–18** The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church.
- June 26** The 50th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Mission of Waipahu was officiated by Rev. Fumio Yasutake.
- July 11–25** Rev. Tetsurō Yasutake and six other members made a pilgrimage trip to Japan in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Waipahu Church.
- July 28–31** The 7th Konkōkyō Goodwill Mission Troop made a visit to Hawai‘i.
- July 29–31** The KMH-Japan Youth Seminar was held at YWCA Camp Kokokahi.
- August 9–12** Rev. Yasuhiro Yano attended the FTS held at the San Francisco Church.
- August 17** Rev. Mikio Seto lectured on the *Tenchi Kakitsuke* at the Honolulu Church.
- August 18** Rev. Mikio Seto met with local ministers at the Honolulu Church.
- August 24** The 15th Memorial Service of the late Rev. Masayuki Kodama was observed at the Honolulu Church.
- Sept 19–Oct 2** Thirty people, led by Rev. Yoshino, made a pre-celebration pilgrimage to Japan for the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Honolulu Church.
- 1989 March 19** The 15th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Santarō Sonoda was held.
- August 5** The KMH Youth Seminar was held at Ala Moana Hotel in the Garden Lanai Room.
- August 20** The 60th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Mission of Honolulu was observed at the Honolulu Church, with a reception at Honolulu Country Club. Rev. Fumio Yasutake officiated the service.
- August 22–24** Rev. Akinobu Yasutake and Mr. Roy Yasutake attended the FTS held in San Francisco. They also attended the KCNA Conference held from August 25 to 27.
- October 4–18** The Rikkyō 130th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Honbu Headquarters was organized.
- November 10** The 60th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Mission of Hilo was officiated by Rev. Kokusei Konkō.
- 1990 January 28** Rev. Masahiko Yoshino became Chief Administrative Minister of Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i. Rev. Tetsurō Yasutake retired from the position after serving two terms, totaling eight years.
- February 7–9** The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held at the Waipahu Church.
- March 11** The 50th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Mission of Wahiawa was officiated by Rev. Fumio Yasutake. A reception was held at Dot’s in Wahiawa.
- May 13** Mr. Roy Yasutake stayed at the Headquarters Church to study for three months. Revs. Masahiko Yoshino and Kiyotaka Yasutake attended the “Sekai Fukyō Kyōgikai” meeting held at the Headquarters Office in Konkō Town.
- June 8–10** The Second KMH Youth Faith Training Seminar was held at Camp Timberline.
- June 15–18** Mr. Shigetoshi Higuchi and Mr. Glenn Yabuki attended the FTS held in Fresno.
- July 27–29** The 3rd KMH-KCNA Joint Conference was held at YWCA Camp Kokokahi.

- 1990 August 17–20** The 8th Konkōkyō Goodwill Mission Troop members stayed in Hawai‘i.
- Sept. 8–9** The 17th Women’s Missionary Meeting was held at the Wailuku Church.
- 1991 January 10** Rev. Kagamitaro Konkō, Fourth Spiritual Head of Konkōkyō, passed away.
- March 27** Rev. Heiki Konkō became the Fifth Spiritual Head of Konkōkyō.
- March 30** The 10th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Yoshifusa Nishida was held.
- March 31** The KMH Food Fair was conducted at the Waipahu Church for the planned young people’s trip to Japan.
- May 28–30** The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held on Maui.
- June 14–16** The KMH Youth Retreat was held at the Honolulu Church.
- June 18–22** Rev. Reiko Yano and Mr. Todd Takahashi attend the FTI held at Fukuda Cabin in Lake Tahoe.
- July 6-7** KMH MWSS 18th Gathering held at Wahiawa Church
- August** August 1991 thru April 1992 Mr. Todd Takahashi (Honolulu Church) studied at the Konkōkyō Research Institute.
- August 7** Revs. Yōichi Kikugawa and Motomasa Konkō from the Headquarters Office met with local ministers at the Honolulu Church.
- Nov. 15–17** Osaka Konkō Gakuen students were home-stay guests with O‘ahu church members.
- Nov. 23–24** Rev. Michio Miyake from Konkō Church of Tokiwadai officiated at the 50th Year Memorial Service for World War II casualties at the National Cemetery of the Pacific and the Arizona Memorial.
- November 25** The Inter-Religious Conference on World Peace was held at the Honolulu Church.
- 1992 January 15–17** The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held on Maui.
- January 25** Rev. Fuji Nishida passed away at the age of 90.
- March 28–29** The KMH Planning and Steering Committee held a meeting at Sheraton-Makaha Hotel to improve KMH activities.
- April 2** Rev. Makio Nagai is appointed as Head Minister of Hilo Church.
- April 15–16** Revs. Yoshino and Kiyotaka Yasutake attended a meeting on world propagation at Honbu Headquarters.
- May 15** Mr. Roy Yasutake (Wailuku Church) and Mr. Todd Takahashi (Honolulu Church) entered the Konkōkyō Seminary as trainees.
- May 24** Rev. Mitsumasa Muta from Mojikō Church met with local ministers at the Honolulu Church.
- June 16–21** Rev. Reiko Yano and Mrs. Nancy Yamanaka attended the FTS held at Lake Tahoe.
- June 18** Rev. Mitsumasa Yasutake married Rev. Mayumi Horiuchi in Japan.
- July 26** The Ho‘omaluhia Botanical Garden Hike was conducted by the KMH Social Committee.
- August 8–9** The 19th Women’s Missionary Meeting was held at the Hilo Church.
- September 11** Hurricane Iniki devastated Kaua‘i.
- December 6** Wahiawa Church beings its annual New Year’s Mochitsuki Tradition.
- December 20** The 20th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi was held at the Wahiawa Church.
- December 27** Rev. Kiyotaka Yasutake of Wailuku Church passed away at the age of 50.
- 1993 February 7** The KMH Faith Education Committee organized Mr. Matt Harding’s speech at the Honolulu Church.
- March 5–6** Rev. Yukio Kawakami from Honbu Headquarters lectured on *Saishiki* ceremonial procedures at the Honolulu Church.
- March 7** The Diamond Head Lookout Hike was held by the KMH Social Committee.
- March 29** Mr. Roy Yasutake (Konkō Mission of Wailuku) was ordained as a Konkō minister.

1993	April 15	Rev. Roy Yasutake and Mr. Todd Takahashi completed their studies at Konkōkyō Seminary.
	April 24	Church members on O‘ahu joined the “Keep America Beautiful” community clean-up program coordinated by the KMH Community Service Committee at Neal Blaisdell Park.
	May 23	The KMH Faith Education Committee organized Mr. Henry Smalls’ presentation at the Honolulu Church.
	June	Mr. Todd Takahashi (Honolulu Church) trained at the San Francisco Church till August.
	June 14–19	Mr. Todd Takahashi, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Yamanaka, Mrs. Yukie Kobayashi, and Rev. Reiko Yano attended the FTS held at Pajaro Dunes in Watsonville, California.
	July 27	The KMH Community Service Committee conducted its first volunteer activity at the Long-Term Care Facility at Wahiawa General Hospital.
	August	Mr. Todd Takahashi (Honolulu Church) does goyō as one of the founding members of the Konkōkyō International Center.
	August 14–16	Amagi Church Youth Group members stayed with their home-stay families.
	August 15	The KMH Faith Education Committee organized a picnic at Magic Island with the Amagi Church youth group.
	August 16–18	The Hawai‘i and Amagi Church Joint Youth Camp was held at the Honolulu Church and YWCA Camp Kokokahi.
	August 22	Rev. Fumio Yasutake officiated at the 30 th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Mission of Wailuku. Miss Edna Yano (Wahiawa Church) performs Kibimai sacred dance for the first time at the anniversary.
	August 24	The 20 th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Masayuki Kodama was conducted at the Honolulu Church by Rev. Fumio Yasutake.
	September 12	Mr. Sato Sampei’s Charity Lecture was held at Ala Moana Hotel.
	October 3	The First Peace Prayer Gathering was held at Diamond Head Crater Park..
	October 10	Church members in Hawai‘i attended the 110 th Year Konkō Daijin Daisai Service held at the Headquarters Church in Konkō Town.
1994	January 9–11	The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held in Reno.
	January 29	Rev. Masahiko Yoshino was re-elected as Chief Administrative Minister for a 4-year term.
	March 6	The 20 th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Santarō Sonoda and Mrs. Sueka Sonoda was officiated by Rev. Masato Kawahatsu at the Waipahu Church.
	March 27	The KMH Social Committee conducted the Ewa Old Town Train Ride.
	March 30	Mr. Todd Zenji Takahashi (Konkō Mission of Honolulu) was ordained.
	May 15	The KMH volunteer activity at Wahiawa General Hospital was conducted.
	May 29	Rev. Yasushi Hata from Nihonbashi Church met with local ministers at the Honolulu Church.
	June 6–11	Mr. Ronald Yamanaka, Ms. Michele Fukawa, and Mr. Randy Furusho attended the FTS held at Woodlake Ranch.
	July 14	Rev. Mayumi Yasutake arrived at the Waipahu Church from Fukuoka, Japan.
	July 14–15	The 21st Women’s Missionary Meeting was held at the Waipahu Church.
	August 1	Rev. Todd Takahashi participated in the Konkōkyō Peace Activities Center in Thailand for the One-Month Research trip till August 30 th .
	August	Revs. Shōichi and Setsuko Okuno moved to Honolulu from Hanapēpē.
	August 6	Rev. Mayumi Yasutake registered as an Associate Minister at the Waipahu Church.
	August 13	The First Annual Yatsunami Festival in Celebration of the Founder’s Birthday was observed at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai‘i. Rev. Motoo Tanaka from Ōsaki Church was the main speaker.

- 1994 August 18–22** The 10th Konkōkyō Goodwill Mission Troop members from Japan conducted their home-stay program in cooperation with local church members.
- August 21** A joint picnic with youth members from Japan was held at Magic Island.
- September** Ms. Michele Fukawa studied at the Headquarters Church.
- September 18** The KMH Community Service Committee conducted a volunteer activity at Kuakini Hospital.
- September 25** The Closing Service for the Hanapēpē Church was conducted.
- November 27** The KMH Community Service Committee conducted a volunteer activity at Kuakini Hospital.
- 1995 January 17** The Great Hanshin Earthquake hit Awajishima and the Kansai area.
- Jan. 27–29** Rev. Reiko Yano of Wahiawa Church attended the fourth KCNA Ministers' Wives Society Meeting at the residence of Mrs. Phoebe Grange in San Francisco.
- Feb. 7–10** The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held in Portland.
- February 11** The Second Peace Prayer Meeting, initiated by the WCRP Hawai'i Chapter, was observed at the Church of Perfect Liberty.
- May 18–19** Rev. Miyoichi Kageyama from Minato Church in Awajishima met with local ministers at the Honolulu Church.
- June 12–17** Rev. Yasuhiro Yano joined the FTS held at Woodlake as an instructor.
- June 15–16** The 23rd Women's Missionary Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church. Rev. Nobue Saito from Kasaoka Church was invited as a guest.
- August 12** The Second Annual Yatsunami Festival in Celebration of the Founder's Birthday was observed at the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i. Rev. Alfred Tsuyuki was the guest speaker.
- August 13** The Aloha Peace Week Inter-Faith Gathering for Peace with Justice was observed at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park.
- August 15** The KMH Public Relations Committee conducted a volunteer activity for the annual Honolulu Floating Lantern Ceremony at the Ala Wai Canal.
- August 19** The 1995 KCNA-KMH Joint Conference was held at La Casa de Maria in Santa Barbara, California.
- August 26** Rev. Fumio Yasutake officiated the Kaidō Shunkō Hōkokusai Service for the newly completed Wailuku Church building.
- December 23** Rev. Fumio Yasutake of Amagi Church passed away at the age of 72.
- 1996 Feb. 13–15** The KMH-KCNA Administrative Office Meeting was held at the Pagoda Hotel.
- Feb. 28–29** Revs. Yoshino and Yano attended the first "Sekai Fukyō Kenkyū Kyōgikai" meeting held at the Headquarters Office in Konkō Town.
- May 27–Jul 31** Ms. Michele Fukawa went to the Headquarters Church and conducted an interview with the 5th Spiritual Head, Rev. Heiki Konkō for the Third Annual Yatsunami Festival.
- June 7–8** Rev. Yasuhiro Yano and Rev. Roy Yasutake attended the Ministerial Training Program meeting held at the San Francisco Church.
- June 27-28** KMH MWSS 25th Gathering held at Wahiawa Church
- August 16–19** The 11th Konkōkyō Youth Goodwill Mission Troop members stayed on O'ahu.
- August 17** The 70th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Missions in Hawai'i was observed at Konkō Mission of Honolulu. Rev. Masahiko Yoshino officiated at the service. Rev. Ryōko Katsura of Kokura Church was invited as the main speaker.
- August 18** The Third Annual Yatsunami Festival in Celebration of the Founder's Birthday was observed at Ihilani Resort and Spa.
- 1997 January** Rev. Todd Takahashi does spiritual training at the Whittier-Rose Hill Church under the tutelage of the Rev. Wakiko Igawa, and continues his education at California State University, Long Beach till June 2000.

- 1997 January 26** Rev. Shōichi Okuno, Head Minister of Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē, passed away at the age of 75.
- August 14** Rev. Kanae Yasutake transferred to Konkō Mission of Wailuku from Konkō Church of Yoshii in Fukuoka, Japan.
- August 17** The Fourth Yatsunami Festival was held at Ala Moana Beach Park.
- August 19–21** Youth Camp was held at Konkō Mission of Wailuku, Maui.
- September 1** Revs. Yoshitsugu Fukushima and Shinji Yamada, with their families, arrived in Hawai‘i to work as advisors and staff the KMH Administrative Office.
- November 28** Rev. Kikue Kodama, Head Minister of Honolulu Church, passed away at the age of 90.
- 1998 January 28** Rev. Makio Nagai was appointed Chief Administrative Minister of KMH.
- January** First KCNA/KMH Joint MWSS in San Francisco, California.
- July 17–19** Youth Gathering was held at Camp Erdman.
- August 16** The Fifth Yatsunami Festival was held at Konkō Mission of Honolulu.
- 1999 June 10** Mr. David Yano (Wahiawa Church) was ordained as a Konkōkyō minister.
- September 4** Youth Gathering was held at Konkō Mission of Waipahu and Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park.
- 2000 February 2** Rev. Saijirō Matsuda arrived in Hawai‘i to do goyō at Konkōkyō Hawai‘i Center.
- February 25** Rev. Yoshitsugu Fukushima was appointed Director of Konkōkyō Hawai‘i Center.
- March 12** 60th Anniversary of Konkō Mission of Wahiawa, reception at Dot’s in Wahiawa.
- August 11–13** The KCNA/KMH Joint Conference was held at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel. The 100th Anniversary of Konkōkyō Independence was celebrated with the presence of the Fifth Spiritual Head, Rev. Heiki Konkō, and his wife, Mrs. Yaeko Konkō.
- 2001 February 15** Rev. Kyōji Muta arrived in Hawai‘i for goyō as a staff member of Konkōkyō Hawai‘i Center.
- March 15** Rev. Shinji Yamada and his family returned to Japan.
- June 1** Mr. Rodney Yano (Wahiawa Church) was ordained as a Konkōkyō minister.
- July 6–8** Youth Gathering was held at Pu‘u O Hoku Ranch on Molokai.
- August 28** Rev. Megumi Yano (Ikemoto) transferred to Konkō Mission of Wahiawa from Shiranuhi Church in Fukuoka, Japan.
- 2002 May 31** Rev. Fukushima finished his term as Director of Konkōkyō Hawai‘i Center and returned to Japan.
- June 1** Rev. Kyōji Muta was appointed Director of Konkōkyō Hawai‘i Center.
- June 1** Mr. Alvin Yasutake (Wailuku Church) was ordained as a Konkōkyō minister.
- June 12** Rev. Masahiko Oka arrived in Hawai‘i to work as a staff member of Konkōkyō Hawai‘i Center.
- July 11–13** KMH Youth Gathering was held at Aloha Beach Resort Hotel on Kaua‘i.
- July 13–14** The KMH Conference was held at Aloha Beach Resort Hotel.
- September 24** Ms. Edna Yano (Wahiawa Church) was ordained as a Konkōkyō minister.
- 2003 January 24–26** 2nd KCNA/KMH Joint MWSS was held at the Honolulu Church and Pagoda Hotel.
- March 27** Rev. Saijirō Matsuda returned to Japan for one year.
- July 15–22** The Hawai‘i youth group traveled to Tokyo for the first KIYA Peace Prayer.
- July 20** The First Konkōkyō International Youth Assembly and Peace Prayer was held at Konkō Church of Tokyo, Japan.
- July 28** Youth Gathering was held at Konkō Mission of Waipahu and Hawaiian Waters Adventure Park.
- 2003 August 26** Rev. Kōichi Konkō transferred to Konkō Mission of Honolulu from Konkō Church of Amagi in Fukuoka, Japan.
- 2004 May 10** Rev. Saijirō Matsuda returned to Hawai‘i for another term.

2004	June 10	Rev. Kyōji Muta finished his term as Director of Konkōkyō Hawai'i Center and returned to Japan.
	June 11	Rev. Masahiko Oka was appointed Director of Konkōkyō Hawai'i Center.
	June 24-26	KMH MWSS 30 th Anniversary was held at Hilo Church and Hilo Hawaiian Hotel.
	July 2-4	Youth Gathering was held at Camp Timberline.
	July 17-18	The KMH Conference was held at Konkō Mission of Honolulu.
	August 21	The Second Konkōkyō International Youth Assembly and Peace Prayer was held at the USS Battleship Missouri. Rev. Kiyōji Konkō attended.
	August 31	Rev. Rodney Yano moved to Konkō Church of San Francisco for a three-year term as an Assistant Minister.
2005	February 19	Family Gathering was held at Konkō Mission of Wahiawa and Dole Plantation.
	July 21-26	The Hawai'i youth group traveled to Korea for the Third KIYA Peace Prayer.
	July 24	The Third Konkōkyō International Youth Assembly and Peace Prayer was held in South Korea. We also visited North Korea at the DMZ in Panmunjeom.
	August 5-7	The KCNA/KMH Joint Conference was held at Camp Angelos in Corbett, Oregon.
2006	January 1	The KMH website went live. Mr. Randy Furusho served as webmaster.
	April 26	Rev. Edna Yano gave the first invocation for the Senate at the State Capitol.
	June 16-18	KMH Youth Gathering was held at Camp Timberline. The theme was "One with Our Parent Kami."
	Aug. 18-20	The KMH 80 th Anniversary Conference was held at Konkō Mission of Honolulu, the Japanese Cultural Center of Hawai'i, and Ala Moana Beach Park. The theme was "Prosperity from Generation to Generation." Co-chairs were Rev. Kōichi Konkō and Ms. Paula Higuchi. Keynote speakers were Rev. Kōichi Konkō and Dr. John Tamashiro.
	November 8	The KMH Faith Enrichment Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church. Speakers were KMH young ministers: Revs. Roy Yasutake, David Yano, Kōichi Konkō, Alvin Yasutake, and Edna Yano. The theme was "More Konkōkyō!"
2007	Feb. 16-18	The KMH Young Ministers' Workshop was held at the Honolulu Church and Camp Timberline. Guest instructors were Rev. Toshiyuki Chigusa, Rev. Hironori Ushio, and Rev. Yujiro Tsukamoto of KYA.
	May 23	Rev. Edna Yano went to Konkōkyō Headquarters for a special three-month study program in the Konkōkyō Outreach Department.
	June 15-17	The KMH Summer Ohana Camp was held at Camp Olowalu, Maui. The theme was "Together with Kami."
	August 18	The KMH Get Together was held at the Honolulu Church. The theme was "Together with Kami." A stone painting activity was held at Lili'uokalani Park.
	September 1	The Headquarters Office in Japan appointed Rev. Saijirō Matsuda as Director of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i.
	October 27	The KMH Faith Enrichment Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Shinji Yamada. The theme was "World Propagation and KMH."
2008	Jan. 25-27	The KCNA/KMH Third Joint MWSS event was held in Gardena, California. The theme was "Motivation."
	February 4	The KMH Faith Enrichment Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Yukio Hiramoto of Kawanishi Church, Japan. The theme was "The Ways of Kami are Mysterious and Wondrous."
	Feb. 16-18	The KMH Youth Gathering was held at Camp Timberline with six staff members from the Konkō Youth Association of Japan.

2008	June 15	The 70 th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Mission of Waipahu was held at Pearl Country Club. Guest speaker was Rev. Masato Kawahatsu. The theme was “Inner Peace, World Peace.”
	August 16	The KMH Conference was held at the Waipahu Church. The theme was “Konkōkyō BIG BANG! The Beginnings of the Konkō Faith.” The chair was Aimee Yasutake. Guest speaker was Rev. Roderick Hashimoto (KCNA CAM)
	November 1	Rev. Katsuo Yasutake of Waipahu Church passed away at the age of 71.
2009	April 1	The Headquarters Office in Japan appointed Rev. Yomisu Ōya as Director of the Konkōkyō Hawai‘i Center.
	May 28	Rev. Mitsumasa Yasutake of Waipahu Church passed away at the age of 48.
	August 15	Ms. Edna Yano (Wahiawa Church), in representing the HCRP, performed the sacred dance of “Kibimai” as part of the International Academy for Intercultural Research at the Shidler School of Business at University of Hawai‘i.
	August 22–23	The 80 th Anniversary Conference of Konkō Mission of Honolulu was held at Dole Cannery Ballroom. Keynote speaker was Dr. Eri Yasuhara. The theme was “Celebrating the Passion, the Revival and the Faith.”
	Sept. 5–6	The KMH Ohana Camp was held at Camp Mokule‘ia. The theme was “Consideration.”
	November 1	The 80 th Anniversary of Konkō Mission of Hilo was held at the Hilo Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Shinji Yamada of Yokohama Nishi Church, Japan.
	Nov. 14–16	The KMH Faith Enrichment at Konkōkyō Honbu Headquarters held in connection with the 150 th Anniversary Celebration of Konkōkyō.
	December 8	The KMH Faith Enrichment Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Dr. Youtarō Miyamoto, Professor at Kansai University. The theme was “Let’s Narrate Our Own Sacred Stories.”
2010	March 14	The 70 th Anniversary of Konkō Mission of Wahiawa was held. The theme was “Kansha.” The Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake (Amagi Church) officiated the ceremony.
	June 18	Rev. Kōichi Konkō of Konkō Mission of Honolulu married Ms. Seiko Kitahara. Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake of Amagi Church officiated the wedding ceremony at the Honolulu Church.
	Aug. 13–15	The KCNA/KMH Joint Conference was held at YMCA Camp Erdman in Mokule‘ia, Hawai‘i. The theme was “Spiritual Investment.” The chair was Rev. Edna Yano. Keynote speakers were Rev. Mitsutoshi Horio and Rev. Todd Takahashi.
2011	June	Rev. Todd Z. Takahashi graduates with his doctorate: <i>Lessons Learned After Parting the Pacific: A Phenomenological Study on the Experiences of American-Born Ministers in Preparation for Real-World Ministry at the Konkōkyō Gakuin.</i>
	June 9–17	The KMH Konkōkyō Honbu Headquarters Pilgrimage Tour was organized by Rev. Yomisu Oya.
	June 17–19	The KMH Faith Enrichment Meeting was held. Speaker was Rev. Hiroshi Takebe of the Konkōkyō Research Institute.
	July 9–10	Wahiawa Church held its First Summer Ohana Camp. The theme was “ABC’s of Konkōkyō Part 1.”
	November 19	Rev. Yomisu Oya was elected the first President of KMH under the new bylaws.
	November 21	The Kaua‘i Gathering was held at Wong’s Restaurant in Hanapēpē. KMH bylaws were updated.
2012	June 1	Mrs. Seiko Konkō (Amagi Church) ordained a Konkō minister.
	June 17	The 50th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Mission of Wailuku was held at the Wailuku Church.
	June 23–24	Wahiawa Church held its Second Summer Ohana Camp. The theme was “ABC’s of Konkōkyō Part 2.”

- 2012 July 20–22** The KMH Young Adult Gathering was held at Pu‘u Wa‘a Wa‘a Ranch in Kona. The theme was “Blessings Surround Us.”
- 2013 January 25-27** The 4th KMH/KCNA Joint MWSS was held at the Konkō Mission of Honolulu.
- May 9** Rev. Masahiko Yoshino, Head Minister of Konkō Mission of Honolulu, passed away at the age of 82.
- June 22** Rev. Kōichi Konkō was installed as Head Minister of Konkō Mission of Honolulu.
- June 22–23** Wahiawa Church held its Third Summer Ohana Camp. The theme was “Blessed Food.”
- August 24** Rev. Seiko Konkō and her son, Michio, arrived in Honolulu, Hawai‘i.
- September 1** The First Itsukushimi No Inori Prayer for Peace by the AKD was held at the Honolulu Church.
- September 9** Rev. Seiko Konkō transferred to Konkō Mission of Honolulu from Konkō Church of Amagi.
- October 3** Thirty members from Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i attended the 130th Memorial Anniversary of Founder Konkō Daijin at the Headquarters Church in Okayama, Japan.
- October 28** The HCRP 20th Anniversary Celebration was held at Konkō Mission of Honolulu.
- November 23** Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi (Honolulu Church) and Rev. Edna Yano (Wahiawa Church), represent Konkōkyō at the Interfaith Reconciliation and Healing Ceremony for LGBTQ+ Community, held at St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral.
- December 2** Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi (Honolulu Church) and Rev. Edna Yano (Wahiawa Church) along with 18 other ministers from different faiths performed the San-san-ku-do, purification, and simple Konkōkyō style ceremony for the first same-sex wedding in Hawai‘i of Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kwong.
- 2014 February 22** The Toritsugi Instructional Workshop was held with Rev. Shōhei Tsuda of Amagasaki Church, Japan.
- May 3** Rev. Rodney Takashi Yano of Konkō Mission of Wahiawa married Ms. Fong Yip. Rev. Yasuhiro Yano officiated the ceremony at Hale‘iwa Ali‘i Beach Park.
- June 12-13** KMH MWSS 40th Anniversary held at Honolulu Church.
- June 21–22** Wahiawa Church held its Fourth Summer Ohana Camp. The theme was “Blessed Water.”
- August 17** The Second Itsukushimi No Inori Prayer for Peace by the AKD was held at the Wahiawa Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Blayne Higa of Moili‘ili Hongwanji.
- Oct. 20–24** The KMH Konkōkyō Honbu Headquarters Pilgrimage Tour was organized by Rev. Yomisu Oya.
- 2015 March 31** Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi (Honolulu Church) and Rev. Edna Yano (Wahiawa Church) conduct the opening ceremony for the Honouliuli National Monument.
- June 20–21** Wahiawa Church held its Fifth Summer Ohana Camp. The theme was “Blessed Earth.”
- June 27** The KMH Faith Enrichment Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Shinkichi Kawai of Nakano Church, Japan. The theme was “The Way of Faith: Walking with Kami.”
- July 5** The First KMH Women’s Gathering was held at the Wahiawa Church. Speaker was Mrs. Wanda Tamashiro.
- July 17–19** The KCNA/KMH Joint Conference was held at California State University Long Beach. The theme was “Let us help, guide, and pray for one another with a compassionate heart of Kami.” Keynote speaker was Lore Lapinsky.
- August 2** The Second Konkōkyō Women’s Gathering was held at the Waipahu Church. Speaker was Rev. Edna Yano.
- October 24** The Third Itsukushimi No Inori Prayer for Peace by the AKD was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Mitsuko Yasutake of Chikushi Hongo Church, Japan.
- Nov. 11–14** Twenty members from Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i attended the Faith Enrichment Gathering at the Headquarters Church in Okayama, Japan.

- 2015 November 15** The KMH Young Adult Gathering was held at Pu‘u Wa‘a Wa‘a Ranch in Kona. The theme was “Communicating with Kami.”
- 2016 January 1** The Headquarters Office in Japan appointed Rev. Kōichi Konkō as Director of the Konkōkyō Hawai‘i Center.
- January 23** Kibimai is performed for the first time in public on the island of Kaua‘i in the city of Līhue by Miss Keala Takahashi (Honolulu Church)
- March 27** The Third Konkōkyō Women’s Gathering was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Mr. Matthew Nagato.
- April 16** The KMH Young Adult Gathering was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Michie Kimura of Sako Church, Japan.
- May 17** Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi represents Konkōkyō at the Youth Summit on Japanese American Incarceration.
- June 18–19** Wahiawa Church held its 6th Summer Ohana Camp. The theme was “The Power of Prayer.”
- June 26** The KMH Faith Enrichment Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Hideko Konkō, Head Librarian at Konkōkyō Headquarters. The theme was “How Do We Practice Faith?”
- July 16** Rev. Edna Yano of Konkō Mission of Wahiawa married Mr. Clayton Matsuoka. Rev. Dr. Todd Zenji Takahashi officiated the wedding ceremony at the Honolulu Church.
- July 30** The KMH Faith Enrichment Meeting was held at the Honolulu Church. Guest speaker was Rev. Saijirō Matsuda of Minamimuro Church, Japan. The theme was “Prosperity from Generation to Generation.”
- September 4** 90th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i, held at Konkō Mission of Honolulu. Theme: Prosperity from Generation to Generation. Chair: Rev. Kōichi Konkō. Guest speaker: Rev. Michiyo Iwasaki.
- October 15** Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi represents Konkōkyō at the second Okaeri Conference.
- October 22** Honouliuli National Monument Education Center at JCCH Grand Opening Ceremony. The event was marked by a blessing ceremony performed by Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi and Rev. Edna Matsuoka.
- December 15** Rev. Edna Matsuoka performed the End of the Year Blessing at Honouliuli National Historic Monument.
- 2017 January 29** 4th Konkōkyō Women’s Gathering at Honolulu Church. Guest speaker: Mrs. Chie Kawahara (SF Church)
- April** Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi and niece, Miss Keala Takahashi, performed Kongōseki (Diamond) together at the Honolulu Church Grand Ceremony. It is the first time that a male has danced Kibimai outside of Japan for a ceremony.
- April 22-23** Mrs. Fusami Kudō of Kumamoto, Japan came to speak at Honolulu Church on her journey of cancer to spontaneous remission.
- June 10** KMH Young Adult Gathering in Ewa
- June 17-18** Wahiawa Church 7th Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman. Theme: Appreciation, Apology, Prayer
- September 4** O‘ahu Chorus Group 20th Anniversary at HNL Church. Sing Your Heart Out Karaoke Fest.
- 2018 January 12-14** KCNA/KMH 5th Joint MWSS at Portland Oregon.
- January 13** Ballistic Missile Threat False Alarm
- January 17** Ms. Dorothy Kyoko Kodama (eldest daughter of the late Revs. Masayuki and Kikue Kodama) passes.

2018	June 17	80 th Anniversary of Konkō Mission of Waipahu at Pearl Country Club
	July	First Shintoku Academy Class held at the Honolulu Church, sponsored by KMH.
	July 7-8	Wahiawa Church 8 th Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman. Theme: Ancestors
	July 29	KMH faith Enrichment Meeting at Honolulu Church. Guest Speaker: Rev. Alfred Tsuyuki (Konkō Church of Los Angeles)
	September 8	KMH Young Adult Fishing Gathering at Ho‘omaluhia Botanical Gardens
	October	Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi represents Konkōkyō at the third Okaeri Conference.
	December	Second Shintoku Academy Class held at the Honolulu Church, sponsored by KMH.
	December 14	End of the Year Appreciation Service at Honouliuli National Monument performed by Rev. Edna Matsuoka (Wahiawa Church). The first KMH Community Engagement and Outreach Committee was formed.
	December 28	Rev. Dr. Todd Z. Takahashi leaves for California where he will begin his new goyō in San Diego.
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2019	January 27	5 th Konkōkyō Women’s Gathering at Honolulu Church
	June 30	KMH Rotary Hanashikai Gathering at Wahiawa Church
	July 6-7	Wahiawa Church 9 th Ohana Camp at Camp HR Erdman. Theme: Treating All with Respect
	July 28	KMH A Day of Spiritual Growth gathering at Honolulu Church. Guest speaker: Rev. Amy Uzunoe-Chin (Portland Church and KCNA CAM). Theme: Why Me? Why am I Suffering?
	August 25	90 th Anniversary of Konkō Mission of Honolulu
	November 3	90 th Anniversary of Konkō Mission of Hilo
	November 14	Konkōkyō International Gathering at the Headquarters Church in Okayama, Japan.
	November 15	160 th Anniversary of Konkōkyō at the Headquarters Church in Okayama, Japan. 20 people attended from Hawai‘i.
2020	January 26	6 th Konkōkyō Women’s Gathering at Honolulu Church
	March 15	80 th Anniversary of Konkō Mission of Wahiawa at the church and reception at Dot’s in Wahiawa. Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake (Amagi Church) officiates the ceremony.
	March 18	All flights were shut down due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
	May 1	Rev. Mitsuko Yasutake passed away at the age of 86 and 5 months. Wife of Rev. Tetsurō Yasutake. (Waipahu Church)
	September 13	Rev. Makio Nagai (Head Minister of Hilo Church) passed away at the age of 87.
	November 13	Konkōkyō International Gathering held online for the first time.
	May 5	The first KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM was initiated.
	June 12	KMH Summer Beach BBQ was held at Haleiwa Ali‘i Beach Park.
2021	July 9	The first KMH Podcast, “Konkō Talk” was initiated By Rev. Koichi Konkō, Ms. Aimee Yasutake and Rev. Edna Matsuoka.
	July 17	KMH ZOOM Conference was held.
	November 15	1 st Konkōkyo International Yatsunami was held on ZOOM. Over 70 people attended.
	June 11	KMH Beach Clean-up and BBQ at Haleiwa Ali‘i Beach Park was held.
	July 9	KMH ZOOM Gathering was held. Theme: The Blessed Nature of Water.
2022	July 19	Rev. Edna Matsuoka performed a blessing at Honouliuli National Historic Site.
	September 5	KMH Kaua‘i Gathering was held.
	September 11	KMH Rotary Hanashikai Gathering held on ZOOM (Host: Honolulu)
	September 24	Rev. Dr. Todd Takahashi (San Diego) and Rev. Edna Matsuoka (Wahiawa) went to Los Angeles to attend the Irei: National Japanese American WWII Incarceration Names Monument Dedication Ceremony at Japanese American National Museum.
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- 2022** **October 15** 1st Gunpla Workshop initiated at Honolulu Church. Hosted by Mr. Clayton Matsuoka.
October 23 30th Anniversary of Hawai'i Conference of Religions for Peace at Gedatsu Church.
November 15 2nd Konkōkyo International Yatsunami Gathering held on ZOOM
December 18 50th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi.
- 2023** **January 6** Konkō Mission of Wahiawa started the monthly Japanese Program at Hale O Meleana St. Francis Residential & Memory Care Community.
June 17 10th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Masahiko Yoshino.
June 18 60th Anniversary of the Konkō Mission of Wailuku, Maui. Rev. Michiyoshi Yasutake (Amagi Church) officiates the ceremony.
August 8 Wildfires sweep through Lahaina, Maui, devastating the historic town.
August 27 50th Memorial Service for the late Rev. Masayuki Kodama.
September 2 3rd KMH ZOOM Gathering was held.
September 23 HCRP Interfaith Community Clean-up at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park.
October 11 Rev. Edna Matsuoka performs a Blessing Ceremony for the Honouliuli National Historic Site Plaque Dedication.
November 18 3rd Konkōkyo International Yatsunami Gathering held on ZOOM. 34 people attended.
- 2024** **February** Rev. Yōki Sekiguchi (Yao Church, Osaka) and his mother makes a visit to Hawai'i to talk about plans to become the next minister of the Hilo Church.
March 2 Kirakirahikaru Arts Japan performed at Ala Moana Center Stage
July 6 KMH Beach Clean-up and BBQ at Haleiwa Ali'i Beach Park was held
July 17 KMH MWSS 50th Anniversary Celebration at Waipahu Church.
July 22 5th Spiritual Head of Konkōkyō, Rev. Heiki Konkō passed away at the age of 89.
August 27 The Rev. Yoshie Nagai (3rd Head Minister of Hilo Church) passed away at the age of 94.
October 27 120th Anniversary of Amagi Church. Pilgrimage group from Hawai'i also attend.
November 16 4th Konkōkyō International Yatsunami Gathering held on ZOOM. 28 people attended.
November 30 KMH held its first ever Rummage Sale and Mochitsuki at Waipahu Church.
December 1 Rev. Yōki Sekiguchi is appointed the next resident minister of the Konkō Mission of Hilo.
- 2025** **February 7** Rev. Noriko Yasutake of Konkō Mission of Waipahu passed away at the age of 62.
May 17 10th Anniversary since dedication of Honouliuli National Historic Site. A historic tour was held at the Konkō Mission of Wahiawa.
June 18 Rev. Sachiko Yasutake attended the KMH Missionary Women's Society Seminar at Honolulu Church as the guest speaker. Her daughter Rev. Kyōko Yasutake accompanied.
July 4-6 KCNA/KMH Joint Conference was held at the Applegate Jesuit Retreat Center in Sacramento, California. Several people attended from Hawai'i.
August 16 10th Anniversary since dedication of Honouliuli National Historic Park. A second historic tour was held at the Konkō Mission of Wahiawa.
September 6 KMH Faith Enrichment Gathering on ZOOM and in-person at Honolulu Church. Theme: Faith in Time of Change. Speaker: Rev. Yōki Sekiguchi.
- 2026** **March 28** Hawai'i Women's Buddhist Association Conference at Ala Moana Hotel Rev. Edna Matsuoka presents a workshop *"Healing Through Gratitude: Living With Appreciation"*
August 15-16 100th Anniversary Celebration of Konkō Missions in Hawai'i, held at Ko'olau Ballrooms and Conference Center (Glass Ballroom) and Magic Island for BBQ Picnic. 6th Konkō Sama and his family attend. Theme: Continuing to Serve Kami and the People of Hawai'i.

Konkō Mission of Honolulu

Since August 27, 1929



Centennial Message
Rev. Kōichi Konkō (Head Minister)
Konkō Mission of Honolulu



I am deeply moved by the workings of Kami-Sama over the past 100 years for Konkō Missions in Hawai'i since the establishment of Hawai'i Mamichikai in 1926. Because of the blessings of Tenchi Kane No Kami and the guidance of the Mitama spirits of

our predecessors, we are now able to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i. The foundation of KMH was built by people who faced various hardships, encountered the faith of our Founder, practiced faith sincerely, received divine blessings, and accumulated virtue through their lives of faith. Because of their devotion and perseverance, we are able to enjoy the blessings of faith today, through both good times and difficult times.

As the Head Minister of the Konkō Mission of Honolulu, I have been blessed to serve Kami-Sama with joy. However, I also experience difficulties and moments of discouragement. During such times, I am often encouraged by the Founder's teaching:

“Those who believe in Kami are allowed to enjoy themselves in everything they do. Serving at the Hiromae is a pleasure. Merchandising and farming are also pleasures. Everyone between Heaven and Earth is delightfully and gratefully receiving pleasures.”

Because of the Konkō Faith, I feel fortunate to have a happy life with my family, church members, and fellow ministers. I truly believe that if we continue to practice this faith sincerely, we can find a way to get along with any person and face any situation.

I deeply appreciate the ministers and members who came before us—those who established our churches, supported them, struggled, rejoiced, received blessings, and shared their faith with others. Their lives prove that through faith we can endure hardships, be saved, and find joy.

Hardships are not something we wish for. They can burden us, cause suffering, and take away happy moments. Yet through faith, even difficulties can become opportunities to deepen our bond with Kami-Sama. They can lead us to greater blessings, more smiles, and a more grateful heart. In that sense, hardships can become blessings in disguise.

These 100 years were built one day at a time. Each ordinary day was actually a precious and special day that can never be repeated. I appreciate our predecessors for their decision to have faith in Tenchi Kane No Kami, to seek Toritsugi Mediation, and for sharing their stories of faith with future generations.

I feel very blessed to be here in Hawai'i with my family, fellow ministers, members, and Mitama-Sama as we celebrate the KMH Centennial Anniversary together. As one member of the KMH family, I would like to continue serving Kami-Sama with gratitude, striving to live a joyful life in return for the countless blessings and love we receive from our Divine Parent.

Past and Present

Konkō Mission of Honolulu

Revs. Masayuki and Kikue Kodama's times



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Konkō Mission of Honolulu Revs. Masahiko and Sugako Yoshino's times



Honolulu Church Snapshots



Current picture of the Honolulu Church



Revs. Kōichi and Seiko Konkō with son, Michio



90th Anniversary of Honolulu Church 2019

90th Anniversary of Honolulu Church 2019



Honolulu Church Snapshots



Mochitsuki at Honolulu Church



Memorial Day visit to National Cemetery of the Pacific



JCI Hawai'i Young Adults come to volunteer



Konkō Mission of Hilo
Since August 1, 1929



**The Meaning of Being Sustained:
A Heart that Seeks the Divine
Rev. Yōki Sekiguchi (Head Minister)
Konkō Mission of Hilo**



I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i. Having been appointed as Head Minister of the Konkō Mission of Hilo about a year ago, it is truly an honor to

stand at this meaningful milestone. I am deeply grateful for the divine guidance that has brought us to this day and for every step of the path that has been walked by so many before us.

In my own life of faith, what I value most is learning to find meaning in everyday life. When I first received Toritsugi, I was given a teaching that has stayed with me ever since:

“We do not live by our own power; we are being sustained by a Power beyond ourselves—by Kami.” Since then, I have often asked myself, “In this vast universe, how am I being sustained by Kami?” When we become attached to the idea that we are living only by our own strength, our view becomes narrow, and we easily fall into ego and self-centeredness. But when we shift our awareness to “being sustained,” our perspective naturally widens. The question changes from “What do *I* want?” to “What does Kami wish of me?” I believe this posture lies at the heart of faith—not relying only on our own emotions or reasoning, but trying to walk in harmony with the will of Tenchi Kane No Kami.

To me, faith is *Kyushin*—a heart that seeks the Divine. The will of Kami is not always clear, and answers do not always come right away. Still, we are never alone. When we realize that we are part of a vast, ongoing flow of life, a quiet desire arises to search for our role and the meaning of our existence within it.

At the same time, we must honestly acknowledge that for those facing deep suffering, even the idea of “being sustained” can feel painful. There are moments when gratitude or goodwill alone cannot reach a hurting heart. Sometimes, logic or well-meaning words only create more distance.

I believe that the role of a minister is to stand beside those who are suffering and to search for meaning together. My priority is the salvation of hearts—within society, within humanity, and especially among those who stand right in front of me. When I am able to be of service to someone and align myself with Kami’s wish, I feel the quiet joy of truly being alive.

In *Voice of the Universe* (387), our Founder teaches: “Giving a gift to a sick person is not the only way to visit them... speak so that their heart may be encouraged. There are many ways to help. Have faith in all things.”

These words remind us that there is no single path to salvation.

Viktor Frankl, the psychiatrist and author of *Man’s Search for Meaning*, once shared a story about a patient who called him late at night. After nearly an hour of conversation, the patient said, “I was saved not by the logic of your words, but by your sincere presence and the way you truly faced me.” This story beautifully shows that salvation often goes beyond words, reasoning, or even sympathy.

The path to salvation is not limited or fixed. It can be found in sincere listening, in shared silence, and sometimes in ways we never expect. There are countless possibilities—far more than we can imagine. Grounded in Gokinen (prayer) and Toritsugi, and trusting in these many possibilities, I will continue to walk my path of ministry here at the Konkō Mission of Hilo.

It is a true honor to be part of this centennial moment. Once again, I offer my heartfelt congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i.

Past and Present

Konkō Mission of Hilo

Revs. Yoshifusa and Fuji Nishida's times



Past and Present

Konkō Mission of Hilo

Revs. Makio and Yoshie Nagai's times



Past and Present

Konkō Mission of Hilo

Rev. Yōki and Ayaka Sekiguchi's times



Konkō Mission of Waipahu
Since June 27, 1938



**Greeting for the 100th Anniversary of
Konkō Missions in Hawai'i
Rev. Akinobu Yasutake (Head Minister)
Konkō Mission of Waipahu**



Congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i. Although we may speak of "one hundred years" in a single phrase, many difficult times occurred during that period, including the Pacific War. That we are able to celebrate this centennial is due, of course, to the blessings of Kami-sama, but also to the efforts and hardships of the founding ministers of each church, their successors throughout the generations, and the many believers who supported the churches from the earliest days. I believe we must never forget our deep gratitude to all of them.

The first time I visited Hawai'i was exactly fifty years ago, in 1976. At that time I was a second-year high school student. Through the benevolence of the second Head Minister of the Amagi Church, the late Rev. Fumio Yasutake, I was given the opportunity to become a member of "Kaigai Haken Dan," the first overseas delegation of the Konkō Boys and Girls Association. Together with the other members, I visited most of the Konkō churches in North America and Hawai'i. While in Hawai'i, we were also able to attend the ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i, which was held at Farrington High School. My father, Tetsurō, also attended that ceremony as part of a group from Amagi Church. Of course, at that time none of us could have imagined that one day both of my father and I would come to Hawai'i to serve as ministers of Konkōkyō.

Subsequently, in 1980, my father came to Hawai'i with my mother to assume the succession of the Waipahu Church. After several years of courtship, I married my wife in 1983. She had been a fellow member of the same delegation that visited North America and Hawai'i, and during that trip she was hosted by a family who are members of the Waipahu Church. That we would later come to serve at that very church, together with my parents and other family members, can only be regarded as a mysterious and wondrous arrangement of Kami-sama.

Furthermore, our second child was born in the year marking the 60th anniversary of the propagation of the Konkō faith in Hawai'i. In commemoration of that occasion, the second Head Minister of Amagi Church graciously bestowed upon the child the middle name "Kineko," written with the characters meaning "anniversary child" or "commemorative child." In this, too, I feel a profound and mysterious bond with the history of the Konkō faith in Hawai'i.

For many years thereafter, I had the privilege of assisting my parents in their ministerial service. During that time, my younger brother, my mother, and my younger sister passed away. As my father advanced in age, I succeeded him as a Head Minister of Waipahu church approximately five years ago. I cannot say that I have yet been able to fulfill my duties in a manner worthy of Kami's expectations. However, the Founder taught us: "Anything, no matter how small, is considered prosperous if it continues over time. Even a narrow road is prosperous if it gradually becomes wider by being used frequently. Do not let grass grow on the road." (III Jinkyukyogoroku 143)

With these words in mind, I hope to continue serving so that the Konkō faith in Hawai'i—built up through the hardships and dedication of our predecessors—will be carried forward, even if only little by little, toward its 110th and 120th anniversaries and beyond, and never allowing grass to grow upon the sacred path of Konkō faith.

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Konkō Mission of Waipahu



**Rev. Santarō &
Mrs. Sueka Sonoda
Founding Minister**



**Rev. Masato Kawahatsu
2nd Head Minister**



**Revs. Tetsurō &
Mitsuko Yasutake
3rd Head Minister with wife**



**Revs. Akinobu &
Miyoko Yasutake
4th Head Minister with wife**

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Waipahu Church Snapshots



5th Konkō Sama visits Waipahu Church August 17, 2000



Waipahu Church Snapshots



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Konkō Mission of Waipahu



Konkō Mission of Wahiawa

Since January 14, 1940



**In Celebration of the Centennial of
Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i
Rev. Yasuhiro Yano (Head Minister)
Konkō Mission of Wahiawa**



The visitation of the 5th Konkō-Sama, the late Rev. Heiki Konkō, and his wife to Hawai‘i in August 2000—marking the 100th Anniversary of the Independence of the Konkōkyō Religious Organization—was unprecedented in the history of the Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i.

It was a great blessing for local faith communities to welcome him to each church. Now, as we approach the Centennial Anniversary of Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i on August 15, 2026, it is once again a wonderful and unexpected joy that the 6th Konkō-Sama, Rev. Hiromichi Konkō, and his family will attend the celebration at Ko‘olau Ballroom and make visits to churches on O‘ahu. These occasions are rare and deeply meaningful for our community.

In September 1977, one year after the 50th Anniversary of Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i, my wife and I came to Hawai‘i to assume responsibility for the Konkō Mission of Wahiawa. The church had remained open for five years following the passing of its founding minister, Rev. Haruko Takahashi, in 1972. During that time, Rev. Hiromichi Ishii and members of the Takahashi family faithfully cared for the church. When we arrived, only a small number of dedicated believers continued to support its activities.

Over nearly five decades, we have not experienced a dramatic increase in congregation size. Since the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, people’s attitudes toward gathering have shifted, and attendance has declined across both religious and broader communities. In response, we began livestreaming services—weekly, monthly, and annual—as a way to stay connected, though we still reflect on how effective this has been in supporting faith.

When we began our missionary work, a major concern was transitioning to an English-oriented church to serve a changing population. Over time, we have made progress in this area. However, new needs have emerged. Today, many seek a church that is welcoming, comfortable, and approachable. Amid these changes, I often reflect on whether the heart of our faith—Toritsugi mediation—continues to function as it should. This shift in needs is not unique to Hawai‘i; it can be seen in other countries, including Brazil and Japan. In thinking about these changes, I am convinced that the teachings of the Founder, Konkō Daijin, remain essential to sustaining the faith. He taught, “If there is one true believer in a family, all the family members will become believers. If there is one such family in a village, all the villagers will receive divine blessings.” This reminds us that faith grows through sincerity, one person at a time.

The 4th Konkō-Sama, Rev. Kagamitaro Konkō, expressed this spirit through the phrase *sewani narur*: to give thanks for all that supports our lives. A heart that continually expresses gratitude brings forth peace. When we first arrived, we were told that this was America, not Japan, and that it would be difficult for ministers’ children to follow in their parents’ footsteps. Yet today, we have been blessed to see our children grow into ministers. Before our departure, my father compared our journey to sailing a small vessel into a vast ocean in search of treasure. After nearly half a century, I feel that we have found those treasures—in our children and in the believers who have deepened their faith.

As we commemorate this Centennial, my sincere wish is to witness people living this faith and to see the continued growth of our faith community in Hawai‘i.



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Konkō Mission of Wahiawa



Rev. Haruko Takahashi
Founding Minister



Rev. Hiromichi Ishii
Temporary Minister



Revs. Yasuhiro and Reiko Yano
Current Head Minister and wife



Haruko Sensei at the first site of her ministry at 901 Kilani Ave



Haruko Sensei (Center) with her family



Haruko Sensei (R) at the current church location

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Konkō Mission of Wahiawa



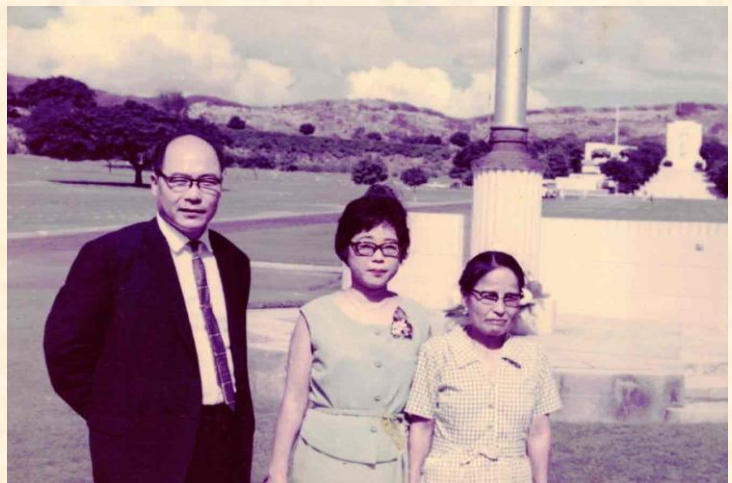
Haruko Sensei delivering a sermon at Wahiawa



Large ceremony held at Wahiawa Church



Haruko Sensei sitting at the Mediation desk



Haruko Sensei with Rev. Fumio Yasutake and his wife



Naorai fellowship after the ceremony in the church hall



Haruko Sensei with Rev. Masayuki Kodama and visitors from Japan

Wahiawa Church Snapshots



Wahiawa Church 1st Summer Ohana Camp 2011



Sunday School Pumpkin Carving 10/31/1992



Old Sunday School Memories



JCCH New Year's Ohana Festival 2026



Wahiawa Church Snapshots



5th Konkō Sama visits Wahiawa Church August 17, 2000

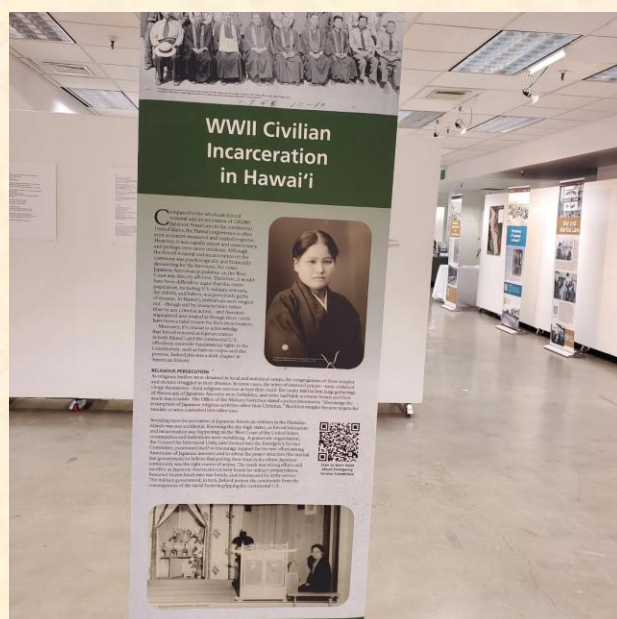
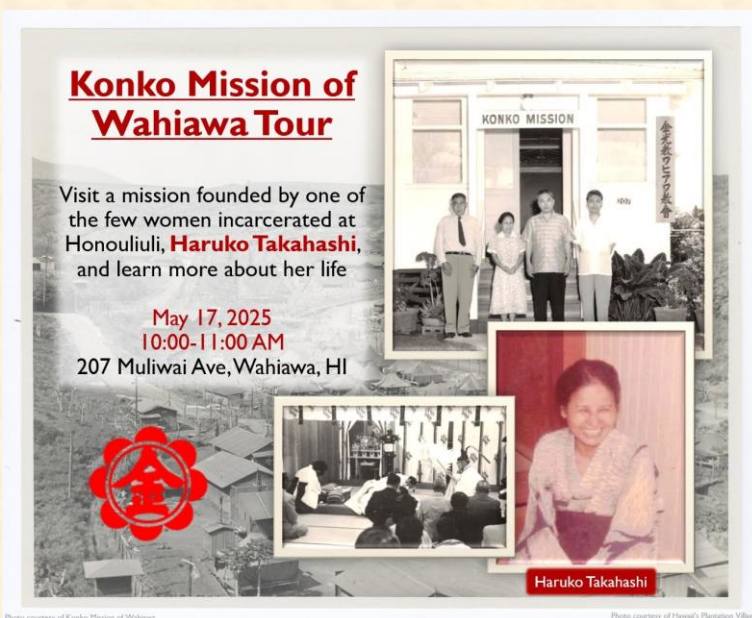


Konkō Mission of Wahiawa 80th Anniversary

March 15, 2020 at the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic



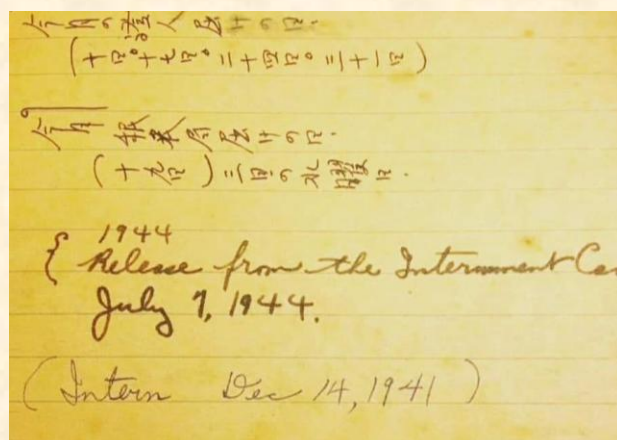
Honouliuli 10th Anniversary Tour at Wahiawa Church in 2025



**We came into this concentration camp for what reason?
It is just like dew on the ground.
We are stepped on.
We can't take our head up...**

We are born into this.

Written by Haruko Takahashi at Honouliuli Internment Camp



Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē
Since June 17, 1953



Rev. Shōichi Okuno
A Selfless and Compassionate Pioneer of the
Konkōkyō Faith

By Mr. Glenn Okuno



Rev. Shōichi Okuno was a selfless and compassionate teacher of the Konkōkyō faith. He devoted 44 years to saving people and propagating its teachings to the people of Hawai‘i. He served as Rev. of the Hanapēpē Konkōkyō Church and as Administrative Head of the Konkō Missions of Hawai‘i.

Rev. Shōichi Okuno graduated in 1949 from the Konkōkyō Theological Seminary. In 1952, he was sent on an assignment to Honolulu to assist in the compilation of a book of Konkōkyō teachings, *Yasutake Matsutaro Kyo Go Shu*. Upon its completion, he received divine guidance from the Third Konkō-sama to immediately open a Konkōkyō Church in Hanapēpē. Hanapēpē was a rural agricultural community on Kaua‘i with a diverse ethnic mix of different cultures and languages. He arrived in Hanapēpē on June 17, 1953. After a year of start-up challenges of the Church and stimulating tests of his faith, he was joined by his wife, Rev. Setsuko Okuno, on July 4, 1954, after she graduated from the Konkōkyō Theological Seminary. Together they pursued their challenging mission in Hanapēpē of saving people and propagating the teachings of Konkōkyō in Hawai‘i.

As the children of Rev. Okuno, the three of us have personally witnessed his selfless dedication and commitment to the divine mission that was bestowed upon him by the Third Konkō-sama. We have watched our father put his heart and soul into saving other people, enduring long hours of teaching, counseling, and praying without break, putting their needs before his own. The concept of a “vacation,” as known in our working careers, did not exist in his life.

Our father was very warm-hearted and not only physically strong with “big muscles,” but also skilled and strong-willed enough to endure many personal hardships and challenges in pursuit of his mission.

From the start, he faced very difficult conditions in Hanapēpē among unfamiliar multi-cultures and languages. Within those challenges, his mission was to save people and propagate the Konkōkyō teachings, in which he succeeded well during his 44 years.

After the conversion of two consecutive old houses into the Konkōkyō Church of Hanapēpē, Rev. Okuno built his third (and last) Konkōkyō Church of Hanapēpē with his own muscle and sweat, alongside its members. The large two-story solid wood and concrete structure was built to last, withstanding major floods and direct hits from Hurricanes Iwa and Iniki. Through each ordeal, Revs. Shōichi and Setsuko Okuno helped people endure throughout the trying aftermaths of each natural disaster.

In their mission, for members who could not drive or were inconvenienced in attending Church in Hanapēpē (west-side), Revs. Shōichi and Setsuko Okuno brought the Church to them. Specific locations in Koloa (south-side) and Anahola (east-side) were established to hold regular monthly services to accommodate members, in addition to individually requested services at homes and businesses.

In 1979, Rev. Okuno was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, but his strong will to battle and endure its degenerative symptoms for over 18 years allowed him to continue with his mission to help people. During his latter years, he relocated to O‘ahu for better medical attention, and despite the eventual decision to close the church in Hanapēpē Valley, the church operation still continues in Foster Village, O‘ahu, under Rev. Setsuko Okuno.

On January 26, 1997, at age 75, Rev. Shōichi Okuno passed on to become a “Mitama Spirit.” His passing was Kami Sama’s will and personal acknowledgement to Rev. Okuno, saying, “You succeeded in your Mission, Gokuro-sama deshita!”

The people of Hawai‘i, as well as each of his children, have truly been inspired by Rev. Okuno’s selflessness and compassion. He pioneered the faith of Konkōkyō in many people on Kaua‘i and throughout Hawai‘i. His Konkōkyō legacy and memories of his selflessness and compassion for people will live on in all of our hearts.

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Message of Congratulations
By Rev. Setsuko Okuno (Head Minister)
Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē

We celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i with divine blessings received in expanding our religion in Hawai‘i.

Since 1926, there were many changes over the generations in our society. And I wholeheartedly express my gratitude to Ikigami Konkō Daijin Tenchi Kane No Kami for allowing our Konkō religion to thrive in Hawai‘i. I also convey my deepest appreciation to our pioneering ministers, who dedicated their lives in establishing the foundation of our religion in Hawai‘i.

A brief chronology of
Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē

1952	Rev. Shōichi Okuno arrived in Hawai‘i.
1953	June 17, 1953—Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē established.
1954	Rev. Setsuko Okuno arrived in Hanapēpē.
1963	Massive flooding of Hanapēpē River. The people of Hanapēpē and the church received a miracle—no lives were lost.
1964	New church building completed.
1966	Monthly religious services begun at Anahola and Koloa.
1982	Hurricane Iwa caused major damage to the island of Kaua‘i.
1992	Hurricane Iniki devastated the entire island of Kaua‘i with landfall in Hanapēpē .
1994	Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē relocated to O‘ahu.
1997	Rev. Shōichi Okuno passed away.
1998	Kaua‘i Gathering Began
2026	74 th Anniversary of the establishment of the Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē

Throughout our lifetime, we encounter many challenges. Always be thankful for the life given to you by Kami-Sama, and transform your outlook on suffering into a heart of “Joy and Peace.” Welcome the future with a heart of “Thankfulness” as you recite daily the *Tenchi Kakitsuke*, the “Divine Reminder of Heaven and Earth.” Let us all pray with a single heart and great hope for a bright future.



Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē



Hanapēpē Church



5th Konkō Sama and his wife visit Hanapēpē Church



Rev. Shōichi Okuno and family



Rev. Yoshitsugu Fukushima, Rev. Makio Nagai
and Rev. Setsuko Okuno



Rev. Yoshitsugu Fukushima, Rev. Makio Nagai
and Rev. Setsuko Okuno with members of Hanapēpē Church



Konkō Mission of Wailuku

Since July1, 1957



Past and Present

Konkō Mission of Wailuku



Rev. Takiyo Nakai
Founding Minister



Rev. Kiyotaka Yasutake
2nd Head Minister



Rev. Hisayo Yasutake
3rd Head Minister (Current)

Message from Rev. Hisayo Yasutake

On the occasion of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i's 100th Anniversary of Propagation, to the Past, Present and Future generations of believers, CONGRATULATIONS!!!

In 1957, our founding minister, Rev. Takiyo Nakai began propagation work. Five years later the Konkō Mission of Wailuku was officially recognized as one of the Konkō Missions in Hawai'i.

Part of our mission is to “Pass on the Faith”, “through all generations”. To spread this way of faith. We have become too insular, trying to protect this church and avoided “being out in the community”. We need to change, evolve out of our comfort zone and become recognized as part of the community. Too many people on Maui have never heard of our church.

As part of the KMH Ohana, we will strive to respect and protect the efforts and wishes of the past generations, protect this church and connect to the future generations.



Wailuku Church Snapshots



5th Konkō Sama visits Wailuku Church



Konkō Mission of Wailuku

60th Anniversary Celebration on June 18, 2023



Current Ministers



Rev. Setsuko Okuno
Hanapēpē Church
Ordained 1953



Rev. Tetsurō Yasutake
Waipahu Church
Ordained 1958



Rev. Kanae Yasutake
Wailuku Church
Ordained 1960



Rev. Hisayo Yasutake
Wailuku Church
Ordained 1967



Rev. Yasuhiro Yano
Wahiawa Church
Ordained 1975



Rev. Doris S. Kodama
Honolulu Church
Ordained 1975



Rev. Akinobu Yasutake
Waipahu Church
Ordained 1981



Rev. Miyoko Yasutake
Waipahu Church
Ordained 1983



Rev. Reiko Yano
Wahiawa Church
Ordained 1985

Current Ministers and Transfers



Rev. Roy M. Yasutake
Wailuku Church
Ordained 1993



Rev. Kōichi Konkō Ordained 2000 and
Rev. Seiko Konkō Ordained 2012
Honolulu Church



Rev. David M. Yano
Wahiawa Church
Ordained 1999



Rev. Alvin N. Yasutake
Wailuku Church
Ordained 2002



Rev. Edna Matsuoka
Wahiawa Church
Ordained 2002



Rev. Yōki Sekiguchi
Hilo Church
Ordained 2022



Rev. Rodney T. Yano
(Wahiawa) Ordained 2001
Moved to San Francisco
Church in 2004



Rev. Mayumi Yasutake
(Waipahu) Ordained 1992
Moved to Arizona in 2020



Rev. Dr. Todd Z. Takahashi
(Honolulu) Ordained 1994
Moved to San Diego
Church in 2018



VOICES — OF — FAITH



*Personal Reflections from
Our Believers Across Hawai‘i*



Testimony for KMH Centennial

Ms. Janet Miyasaka

Konkō Mission of Wahiawa



My name is Janet, and my journey to Konkō Mission of Wahiawa began in 2014 when Jane Suwa invited me to attend a service. At first, I only went to keep her company. I saw it simply as a Japanese church and didn't expect much beyond spending time with friends. However, that small decision became a turning point in my life.

Around that time, I was going through a very difficult situation at work. A new supervisor had been promoted in my department, and from my own experience as a supervisor, I felt that she was not yet fully prepared for the role. This made my work environment stressful and uncomfortable. For over 20 years, I had never questioned my job, but this situation caused me to seriously think about whether I should continue. I even reached a point where I considered quitting.

During one of the church services, I heard a song called "A Shining, Shimmering Light." The lyrics spoke about finding light during difficult times, and in that moment, it felt like it was speaking directly to me. It reminded me that even when things feel overwhelming, there is still guidance and support if I am open to it. That experience helped me pause, reflect, and begin to shift my mindset.

As I continued attending, what touched me even more was the warmth of the community. I was welcomed with kindness, empathy, and understanding. Being there with my close friends made me feel even more comfortable. Over time, I became more involved—sharing lunches, participating in mochi pounding, helping with garage sales, and attending weekly services and gatherings. Visiting other Japanese churches with the group also gave me a deeper sense of connection. It started to feel like I had found a second home. Through these experiences, I began to approach my situation at work differently. Instead of feeling frustrated and ready to give up, I found myself becoming more patient and understanding. I learned to reflect instead of react. My heart felt lighter, and I was no longer carrying the same stress I once had. In time, the situation at work changed, and the supervisor eventually left the department. Looking back, I truly believe that coming to Konkō Mission of Wahiawa helped guide me through that difficult period. It wasn't just about the outcome, but about how my mindset and heart changed along the way.

What began as simply accompanying friends turned into something much more meaningful. Konkō Mission of Wahiawa has become a place of comfort, strength, and growth for me. Through faith and the support of this community, I was able to overcome a challenging time in my life, and for that, I am truly grateful.

Ending Statement:

"Through faith and the support of this community, I was able to overcome a challenging time in my life, and today I move forward with a renewed heart, stronger mindset, and deep gratitude for the guidance I found at Konkō Mission of Wahiawa."



**A Life of Gratitude and Service:
Remembering My Mother
Mr. Dennis Fukushima**



As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i, I would like to share about my mother, whose life was a quiet but powerful expression of faith, gratitude, and service. She was not someone who spoke often about her faith in words, but she lived it every day through

her actions, her care for others, and her dedication to the church and community.

My mother was a devoted believer who went to church almost every day. For her, faith was not something separate from daily life—it was the foundation of how she lived. She followed the teachings of Kami sincerely, always with a humble and grateful heart. She would often say that everything we receive in life is a blessing, and she showed that belief through how she treated others.

She cared deeply for people. Whether it was church members, neighbors, or even someone she had just met, she was always ready to listen, give advice, or offer support. Many people came to rely on her kindness and steady presence. Ministers, too, received her quiet support. She helped in ways that were not always visible—through small acts, thoughtful words, and a willingness to serve whenever needed. Looking back, I realize how much she contributed to the life of the church simply by being there for others.

Her spirit of service extended beyond the church. She was an active member of the Kauluwela Salvation Army Home League, where she participated in fellowship and outreach activities. She was also a member of the Lanakila Senior Center, where she enjoyed dancing hula, line dancing, and swing dancing. Even as she grew older, she remained active, joyful, and full of life. She was also involved with the Okinawa Club and volunteered as a helper at Foster Garden. These activities were not just hobbies for her—they

were ways to stay connected with people and continue giving back to the community.

My mother also had a lively and adventurous side. She loved to travel and visited Europe and Japan many times. Among all her destinations, she especially enjoyed going to Las Vegas. These trips brought her great joy, and she always returned with stories to share. She also loved music. She played the ukulele and harmonica, often entertaining family and friends. Even into her later years, she never lost her sense of fun and her desire to make others smile.

Another of her passions was gardening. She loved planting flowers and fruit trees, nurturing them patiently and watching them grow. I feel that this reflected her way of living—she planted seeds of kindness and care in the hearts of others, and those seeds continue to grow even now.

One of the most remarkable things about my mother was her vitality. She remained active and engaged with life well into her later years, and she was able to entertain and bring joy to others up to the age of 90. Her life was a beautiful example of how faith can sustain and energize a person throughout their lifetime.

As her child, I am deeply grateful for everything she taught me—not only through her words, but through the way she lived. She showed me that faith is not something extraordinary or distant. It is something we practice in our daily lives, in how we treat others, how we give thanks, and how we face both joys and challenges.

During this Centennial celebration, I feel that my mother’s life represents the spirit of so many who have supported Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i over the past 100 years. They may not always be in the spotlight, but their faith, dedication, and love have built and sustained our community.

I sincerely hope to carry forward her spirit of gratitude and service, and to continue living in a way that reflects the teachings she cherished so deeply.

Awakening to the Love of Tenchi Kane No Kami, the Divine Parent, and Opening the Path of Joy

Mrs. Reiko Motosue



In 2026, Konkōkyō in Hawai'i (Konkō Missions in Hawai'i) celebrates its one-hundredth anniversary. How grateful we are that Konkō Sama and his wife will visit Hawai'i in this commemorative year. In the early twentieth century, around 1910 to 1920, many Konkōkyō believers

migrated to the Pacific Coast of the United States and to Hawai'i. From overseas they sent numerous letters to the Headquarters in Japan, seeking faith guidance and advice on their circumstances as well as the expanding Konkōkyō community and gatherings.

In response, Rev. Kōkichi Katashima came in 1926 on a four-month visit to such as Seattle, Tacoma, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Hawai'i. Soon after, Mamichi-Kai gatherings were formed in various places, and from those gatherings Konkōkyō churches were established—Seattle Church, Los Angeles Church, and Honolulu Church.

When I reflect on this history, I feel deeply moved by the strong faith of those early believers. My own mother was one such person who sought spiritual relief amid hardship. Her faith has greatly influenced my life, and I wish to share her story.

My mother first came to Konkōkyō when my older brother fell ill with depression after his marriage. Desperate, she followed a friend to a Konkōkyō church. At that time, my parents were managing a growing business—tea sales, restaurants, coffee shops, and more. Although successful, the burden was heavy, and my brother's illness worsened, causing deep strain within the family.

My mother experienced many small but powerful blessings. One day, after feeling unwell from drinking, she placed sacred rice against her chest and prayed, "Konkō Sama, Konkō Sama." Soon she felt relief. Later, when large rats appeared in the shop and nothing worked to remove them, she received Toritsugi mediation, and from that very day, the rats disappeared.

Another time, while cleaning graves after a storm, she was attacked by swarms of mosquitoes. She prayed and recited the Oharai prayer, and the mosquitoes vanished. When they returned after she finished, she realized the greatness of the divine blessing. She wept with gratitude and resolved to rely on Konkō-Sama throughout her life.

Still, her son's illness did not improve, and her

struggles continued. In the midst of her suffering, the minister once told her: "Konkō Sama (Kami) cries together with you when you are in pain and sorrow." At those words, the heavy burden in her heart lifted. She realized that life was not made up only of hardship. There were countless blessings in daily life. Her son could sometimes go out to work and was protected from harm. Employees began visiting the church. Her granddaughter brought brightness into the home, and her daughters prayed sincerely for the family.

She reflected: "I tend to focus only on hardships and fail to give thanks. My faith is still insufficient." Through this realization, her heart gradually changed—from focusing on suffering to recognizing blessings and offering gratitude.

Eventually, after many difficulties, the family business was closed, yet it concluded with dignity and appreciation. Even her husband, who had not believed, began to attend the church, and her son also gradually returned. The seeds of blessings began to sprout.

Looking back on my mother's faith, my brother's illness, for which she prayed so earnestly, was never cured in his lifetime. However, her faith was polished and strengthened. Instead of focusing only on hardship, she learned to turn her attention to blessings, living with joy and gratitude.

My mother lost her father at the age of two, and her own mother was sent back to her hometown. Left without parents, she was raised by relatives and grew up without experiencing parental love. Through her faith, she awakened to the love of Tenchi Kane No Kami, the Divine Parent. From then on, she would often say, "My true parent is Tenchi Kane No Kami." I will never forget the sight of her offering heartfelt gratitude before the altar.

My mother passed away at the age of ninety. In her later years, even while bedridden, she continued to pray quietly. On the night she passed, there was a deep and peaceful silence unlike anything I had ever experienced. I felt, "My mother has truly been saved," and I was filled with gratitude.

I am now seventy-nine years old, blessed with my husband three daughters and seven grandchildren. I feel that my mother's joy in Konkōkyō continues to reach me from the spiritual realm. This is something I deeply treasure.

The joy of Konkōkyō that my mother finally reached after many hardships is something I wish to share with my children and grandchildren. Together, I hope we can experience this joy—living each day with gratitude, supported by the boundless love of Tenchi Kane No Kami, and opening a path of joy in our lives.

Why I Can't Quit Konkōkyō or Kami sama? By Mrs. Wanda Tamashiro

Konkōkyō has been a part of my life since the age of 2 until my present age of 80. Let me tell you how Konkōkyō has impacted and helped me navigate my life.

I've told this before, but Kamisama protected me from Sonoda Okusan and my mom's anger when I ran into the worship hall with dirty feet. When I prayed to Kamisama with my head on the tatami, they were tongue-tied.

Growing up in Kalihi presented problems for me because I was so much younger than my siblings. When my sister was away in college, I started kindergarten, and my parents were starting a poi factory and were working seven days a week, so they could not help me get ready for school. A 6th-grade girl who was supposed to take me to school suddenly skipped a grade to go to intermediate school. But Kamisama helped me adjust by giving me a friend whose brother unknowingly took me home too.

Kindergarten was such an adjustment. Kamisama helped me again. I never drank milk and did not like it, and I never knew how to take a nap. Now I am good at it. I had the kindest teacher, who allowed me to stay up to read, write, and draw during naptime and let me take my time to drink milk while the class was at recess. I found a friend who had to share milk with her twin every other day. She drank my milk every day. My teacher paved the way for me, and in first and second grade, I began to really love school. This may explain why I became a first-grade teacher for most of my career. Thank you, Kamisama.

When I was a student council vice president in my junior year of high school, I met John Tamashiro, the student body president of McKinley. We went on a two-week leadership conference in Oregon and Colorado. I didn't know it at the time, but years later, in our senior year at UH, we met again and decided to get married because John was going to be drafted into the Vietnam War. Well, John didn't serve because the doctor found some nerve rash on his palms. You can't carry a gun. Another of Kami's blessings.

Financial problems arose in my early years of marriage. I kept over drafting my accounts. I had never had so little money. But again, Kami intervened and helped me. My husband was fiscally frugal and sat me down to budget our money without scolding me. I had a friend who taught me to use one credit card for everything, but I had to pay it off at the end of the month. I found that this helped me save money and not run out at the end of the month. Kamisama again saved me.

When you have children, they get injured or sick. I had two boys who were very active. They suffered puka heads and had arthroscopic surgeries on their knees. But

the worst was when my second son, Joel, at age 11, contracted Kawasaki Syndrome. He had a fever that lasted for weeks, and his tongue became so red that he was hospitalized for 11 days. John and I took turns staying with him. When an aunty gave him \$10 for mimae, he sat up and told me to put it in his savings account so he would then have \$77.25. Thank you, Kamisama. He'll live!

As a teacher, a crisis moment occurred when a student with cerebral palsy collapsed after eating lunch. Kamisama answered my call to prayer by sending the principal, who gave her CPR and called for an ambulance. I remember calling Kawahatsu Sensei to pray for her. I know Kamisama helped to calm me so I could return to teaching the class. The next day, Emily's mom told me Emily wanted to go back to school.

A teacher has so much clerical work. At Waimalu School, where I retired, two grandmas who were retired secretaries and clerks came to volunteer in my classroom. They came for 8 and 12 years. They copied worksheets, collated students' storybooks, prepared art materials, science kits, fired clay, decorated bulletin boards, etc. They even helped the other teachers in the school. Their help came when I was going to take care of my parents. What a blessing they were to me and my students.

Again, Kamisama helped me. The church ladies, like Mrs. Shimai, Mrs. Ishii, and Okusan, came and stayed to take care of my parents while I worked. Then I came home from 4 to 7, making dinner for my parents. My son and daughter-in-law helped care for them at night. I was lucky enough to get four different caregivers to attend to my aging parents' needs. Getting the caregivers to extend their hours helped me when I had to take care of my in-laws. After my mother-in-law passed, my father-in-law came to live with us for the last year of his life. Caregiving took a total of 14 years, but Kamisama gave me so much support from helpers and even our children.

When our parents passed on, my two boys were able to inherit their homes, which is why they get to live in Hawai'i. Thank you so much, Kamisama.

Later in life, my husband had aggressive prostate cancer, and we wrestled with treatment options. Luckily, we had great doctors who helped us navigate this ordeal. My children were also such a support to us, especially my daughter. She is so caring and always patient in helping us.

John also had a minor stroke. Again, my son helped me, and Kamisama sent me to help him because he could not call for help. He overcame this incident, and so far, he is still okay. I am so grateful.

So, you see, I cannot give up on Kamisama or Konkōkyō, for throughout my life I have been receiving okage. *Doomo arigatoogozaimashita*. And *korekara mo doozo yoroshiku onegai itashimasu*.

Why I Am So Thankful to Kami Sama

By Dr. John Tamashiro



What I have to say now will sound exaggerated, but before I married Wanda in 1968, I was a “lost soul.” Several years before our wedding, I had stopped attending my neighborhood church, where I had socialized, studied the Bible, and worshipped Jesus Christ. This sudden rejection of Christianity started in college, when mediocre grades made me feel lonely and depressed. I lost confidence in myself and faith in God. I even turned away from two of my best friends, but fortunately, not from Wanda.

With her frequently at my side, time passed quickly. More than fifty years later, I still experience her Wa Ga Kokoro—her joyful, humble heart. In “down-to-earth” examples, what does Wa Ga Kokoro mean? It means she talks a lot, retelling the same funny stories about herself and her family (i.e., she is joyful), and she laughs at my jokes even when they insult her (humble). For all these years, she has been not only the mother of my three children, but also my caring companion—especially during hard times—and always my obliging personal chef, my soothing lover, and my cheerful fellow believer.

Her Wa Ga Kokoro spirit, expressed in these three roles, has helped me evolve into a more Aiyo Kakeyo person. In our kitchen, my chef works hard at cutting all kinds of vegetables for my favorite meals, while I slave at washing dishes and shelving pots and pans. On our love sofa, we often absorb each other’s favorite TV shows just to hold hands, snuggle, and sometimes massage our aches and pains. Finally, on Sunday

mornings, we do things together not as a plan, but as a natural extension of our domestic bonding. During services, we sit and recite together, sharing the same PRAYER BOOK. After the service, we munch on snacks at our mugicha table, while other husbands or their wives are usually too busy to do so.

How can I explain her Wa Ga Kokoro and our Aiyo Kakeyo? It is not easily or simply done. I will begin with a story heard more than once—from guess who? Wanda’s often-told story hints at the origin of her “happy camper” heart and suggests the formative roles of each parent in the process.

When Bachan (Wanda’s mom) retold her favorite stories to Jichan (Wanda’s dad), who had heard them too many times, Jichan, as the traditional head of his household, did not scold his wife or turn away. Instead, he smiled and held up his fingers to count how often he had been showered by her blessings.

His manner was clever, funny, and a gentle reminder to his laughing wife of what she already knew about her own shortcoming. She took Jichan’s subtle criticism good-naturedly.

If you can imagine how these two affectionate parents served as models of behavior to their youngest child and darling daughter, at a time when their business began to prosper, maybe we can begin to understand Wanda’s radiance and humility.

To end my essay at this point would give too much credit to the Tottori family. We should acknowledge that these three individuals worshipped at the Waipahu Konkō Mission, a church they attended regularly for decades—and Wanda for her entire life.

The principles of Konkōkyō are reflected in the lives of its true believers, as taught by the scriptures of the church, the sermons of its ministers, and the personal examples of themselves and their families. To the Yasutakes, Kawahatsus, and Sonodas—our Head Minister families over the years—I will always be grateful. And to Wanda, Jichan, and Bachan—where would I be without each of you?

A Heart of Gratitude for the Kindness I Received Mrs. Michie Fujimoto



My name is Michie Fujimoto, and my maiden name was Iwasa. From the age of 17 to 23, I worked for seven years at a textile factory in Takaya Town, Ibara City, Okayama Prefecture, owned by Mr. Doi. I was not a Konkōkyō believer, but Mr. Doi was a devoted follower of the faith. Looking back now, I realize that the kindness and care I received from him became the foundation of my happy life today.

On the very first day I entered the company, Mr. Doi told us, “Your parents and grandparents have raised you until now, so you should prepare for your own marriage expenses.” I accepted his words sincerely and tried to live by them.

The women’s dormitory was located near the factory. There were two dormitory buildings, one in front and one in back, with a courtyard in between and a large bathhouse nearby. The bath was beautifully tiled with a picture of Mt. Fuji, and there were several large aluminum tubs used for washing sheets. Each dormitory building had two floors with fifteen rooms upstairs and downstairs. The front building was for the early shift workers, and the back building was for the late shift workers.

After finishing work, we would eat lunch, clean our rooms, the bathrooms, and the bath area, and finish our laundry. Then, we had the opportunity to learn many things in classes offered by the company. We could choose from flower arrangement, tea ceremony, sewing, knitting, and other skills. These classes were held Monday through Friday. Weekends were free, and we could take the bus to Fukuyama to shop at Tenmaya Department Store. In the spring and autumn, the company arranged sightseeing trips by chartered bus to places such as Kyoto, Nara, Osaka, and Miyajima in Hiroshima. We always had delicious lunches and even received spending money. Employee trips were always enjoyable.

During Obon and New Year holidays, the company provided chartered buses to take us back home. I have fond memories of being able to spend time with my father, younger sister, and younger brothers before returning to the dormitory.

There was also a nearby home with a large lantern displayed outside that read “Highest Morality.”

One day, the dormitory supervisor invited me by saying, “Ms. Iwasa, would you like to come listen to a lecture on moral teachings?” I agreed and attended. Beautiful cushions were set neatly on clean tatami mats. I listened to a lecture by Mrs. Harumi Maeda from Tokuyama, who spoke about the “three virtues of women.” She taught us about having an honest heart, a kind heart, and inner beauty. Those words stayed with me.

There was another lesson that remained deeply in my heart: “Report, communicate, and consult.” My mother often said to me, “Michan, people are always looking at your heart.” I have never forgotten her words.

Years later, after I married and moved to Hawai‘i, I was able to purchase a condominium. I truly believe that this was possible because I followed the teachings Mr. Doi gave me when I was young. Since I was moving far away and would not be able to care for my parents directly, I gave them 3.5 million yen and told them to use it if they ever needed help. Later, when I was trying to purchase my condominium, my father sent that same money back to me through my younger brother, saying, “This is your money, and we have not used even one yen of it.” When I spoke with my younger sister, she told me she had also saved 3.5 million yen. She kindly agreed to lend it to me. With help from my siblings and an additional mortgage, I was able to buy my condominium and eventually finish paying the mortgage in 2011. Even now, I live there gratefully.

When I think back on those years, I feel deep gratitude toward Mr. Doi. He treated me like his own daughter and took such wonderful care of all of us. We enjoyed nutritious and delicious meals prepared under the guidance of dietitian Akiko Kosaka. Every day was happy and fulfilling.

Mr. Doi, thank you so much for everything you did for me. I will never forget your warm heart and kindness. Your care and guidance helped shape the person I am today, and I remain forever grateful.

The article above was written by my friend, Mrs. Michie Fujimoto. Although she is not a Konkōkyō believer, she worked for seven years as a factory worker at a textile mill owned by Mr. Doi. Mr. Doi was a devoted Konkōkyō believer. During those seven years, he treated her like his own daughter and cared for her in every possible way. Mrs. Fujimoto was raised and nurtured through his kindness and guidance. The foundation of the happy life she enjoys today was built through the support and compassion she received from him. This article is her heartfelt expression of gratitude to Mr. Doi. On the occasion of the Konkō Missions in Hawai‘i Centennial Anniversary, she wished to share her appreciation for his warm and caring spirit. —Mrs. Reiko Motosue

Mrs. Sharyn Hirata
Konkō Mission of Hilo



When we were children, my older brother and I were regularly taken to the Konkō Mission of Hilo by my parents to attend weekly evening services. At that time, both of us did not attend church for faith reasons, regarding these outings as merely things families do.

Services were conducted in Japanese. Even though my brother and I both attended Japanese language school after our regular school ended, we could not comprehend what was being read to us, chanted, or spoken by the minister. Yet, clearly Konkō faith was evident at home. We had a small altar on which my mom made rice and water offerings before breakfast. We also offered gifts we received, items bought as part of regular grocery shopping, and special meals such as birthday dinners and other occasions.

As I grew older, I asked my mom about how we began to believe in Kami-Sama and why we belonged to the Hilo Konkō Church. My mom once told me that my maternal grandmother's father was an Odaisan priest on Maui, and before he passed, he instructed my grandmother to join Konkōkyō. Even though this was an important family story, I struggled with the idea of the church. Unlike my classmates and friends, who were largely either Christian, Buddhist, or Catholic, I was the only one who went to the Konkō Church, and worse, I did not have enough information or knowledge to explain my religion. So I was mostly silent or a bit embarrassed when it came to revealing the church we belonged to.

Still, my mom and grandmother impressed me with their daily practice of Konkō faith. I gradually learned to pray to Kami-Sama, to ask for help from Kami-Sama when I needed it, and to express thanks for blessings. Particularly in my teens and early adulthood, I studied and read about other religions to be more like my friends; yet, I continued to attend the Hilo Konkō Church with and for my mother's sake. Because I

followed my mother and grandmother to church, I became more comfortable with the ministers at the church and their families.

I finally felt and understood how much the church was part of my core belief and faith as I matured as an adult and had my own family. Just as my family helped me to deepen my faith, my children – even as they too did not understand church services conducted in Japanese – grew up in the Konkō religion, developing beliefs that Kami-Sama hears their prayers and protects and guides them, along with the spirits of our late family members.

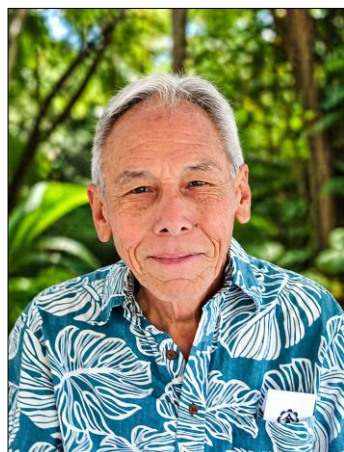
As I matured, I developed an understanding and trust in my relationship with Kami-Sama because I began to realize and appreciate the blessings and lessons that Kami-Sama gave to me. Increasingly, I valued things related to church, such as the establishment of a kami-dana (altar) in the home. I was happy to inherit a two-tier kami-dana that once belonged to my grandmother and now has a prominent place in my own home. I valued my personal relationships with the ministers of the church, who not only conducted mediation and otoritsugi for me and my family, but who also gave me encouragement, support, and guidance in my daily life. Gradually, I realized that the church is a core part of my life, giving me a foundation for how I live my life.

Currently, our Konkō Mission of Hilo is blessed with a young, dedicated Head Minister, born in Hawai'i but educated in Japan, who conducts services in English. He is committed to introducing Konkō faith to young and old and communicating in English for greater understanding. And, we look forward to growing our membership through the breakthrough in language obstacles.

So, although language presented a barrier to deep understanding of Konkō religion in my early years, the church continues to be a vibrant symbol of all that this religion represents. Through the examples of faith that church ministers and believers demonstrate, language barriers are overcome and will result in younger generations learning the deep meanings of faith and belief.

Now I can truly say with conviction, "I am a third-generation Konkō believer."

Mr. Michael Finn
Konkō Mission of Wailuku



I was born and raised a Catholic but had estranged myself from the Church when I was a teenager. I was introduced to Konkō Kyō by my future father-in-law quite a few years ago. I was curious about his devotion, as he would rise very early in the morning, go to

church, come home, and go to work by 7 a.m. When I asked him about Konkō Kyō's beliefs, he explained the basic Parent/Child or God/Human perspective of the Faith. "You must have a parent if you are a child, and to be a parent you must have a child." The parent always wants what is best for their children. Kami, our Parent, provides for us, and often we are ignorant or unaware of these Divine Blessings.

Our home was completely destroyed in the Lahaina Wildfire. We were fortunate that our family was unhurt, and we could find shelter, even if temporarily. I was shell-shocked but could function. I returned to work, and we tried putting together a strategy for the near and more distant future. We were fortunate to have had insurance, and there were so many donations and gifts; the "silver lining in the black cloud" came to be true! We've since secured a condominium in Wailuku and are progressing in the rebuilding process.

I admit I'm not very devout, and I have no way of knowing what can or will happen in my ignorance. I do feel Kami has provided for me and my family.

Sometimes the best action is patience, allowing divine favor to become discernible. Mediation can help us with awareness of these Blessings. On a dot of land in the middle of the Pacific Ocean exists the Wailuku Konkō Kyō Mission. It was and is a source of comfort. It is here at this Church that I can come for guidance and celebration.



Be One with Kami
Mrs. Karen Taniguchi
Konkō Mission of Waipahu

The tenet "Be one with Kami" is very special to me. It is the core of my Konkōkyō faith. I cannot explain what being "one with Kami" means, only that it is something that resides in my subconscious mind. I do not recite it as a mantra or pray to achieve it. But I know that I need to feed it. It is a guide for me, something that I need to nurture, like how I water and fertilize the trees and other plants in my garden. But as for my faith, there is no how-to-do plan, but I do feel that I nurture it by my actions, how I choose to live every day, as if it is being one with Kami, with Kami guiding me.

I once heard this phrase on a podcast, "How you do one thing is how you do everything." It's a philosophy of how one lives one's life. For me, making right choices is living with Kami. This is the beginning of "doing the one thing" and is the start of "doing

everything." "Right" is so subjective, but it reflects one's relationship with Kami. Choosing actions that make us appreciate rather than regret is a very powerful way to live one's life. Let us make a habit of expressing gratitude for the kindness that we receive every day and recognize and appreciate the mundane, daily life's blessings. We take for granted the things, the people, that surround us, which sustain our lives, make our lives content, and give us joy. Maybe we need to pause daily, look around us, take a deep breath, say, "Thank you," and smile. It fuels awareness of the goodness that fills our lives and brings us contentment. And this habit becomes a way of life. This is the feeding or nurturing of goodness we choose. However, there will be many times we choose an action we regret. Living with Kami helps us recognize when we choose poorly and apologize.

I want to be one with Kami. I want to feed this thought because it will guide how I do the one thing, and that "one thing" becomes the muscle-spiritual memory of how I do everything.

Mr. Anthony Nagano
Konkō Church of San Francisco



I am a remote believer who regularly attends services with the Konkō Church of San Francisco online via YouTube and quite regularly receives Toritsugi mediation via video chat apps like Zoom. I currently live in Anchorage, Alaska, but I grew up in Hawai‘i, specifically Wahiawa, for most of my life.

My story is a long one, but to summarize, I grew up in the Christian faith but eventually moved away from it due to a conflict between the doctrine of the church and my own personal beliefs that I developed. I had always believed that someone was out there. Growing up, I knew this someone as God, but as I continued to grow and learn, I'd heard others refer to this entity as the “Higher Power.” Nonetheless, even as I moved away from the Christian church, I never gave up the belief that there was someone there watching over me, guiding me, and protecting me. Over time, I referred to this entity as “The Universe.”

I came to the Konkō Faith during what I consider to be the lowest point in my life, after I had moved to Alaska. I experienced a number of hardships, financially and career-wise. On top of that, I experienced quite a bit of culture clash. I had never before felt so cut off, isolated, and alone. It was the lowest I had ever sunk in my life, to the point that I began to lose my faith in the Universe and question if maybe we were really alone. I prayed desperately for an answer, for a sign.

One day, I received a sudden inspiration to write a fictional story, something I like to do for fun, but something I hadn't done since I left Hawai‘i. Through my research for my character's story, I had to research Shinto, and in turn, I found Konkōkyō. Intrigued by this religion I had never heard of before, I dived into what information I could find about Konkōkyō, and I realized that everything that I personally believed all this time, for most of my life, aligned perfectly with the teachings and beliefs of the Konkō Faith. Suddenly, I knew that this was what I had sought all my life.

I felt like a prospector who struck gold after a long, arduous search. I had never felt so strongly about any other faith tradition as I did when I found the Konkō Faith, and I leaped into it as one would leap into a pool of water after traversing a desert. I was so hungry to learn more and to improve my faith and practice that I made every effort to attend services regularly online and participate in the faith study groups hosted by the Konkō Church of San Francisco via Zoom, and even to receive Toritsugi as regularly as I can, though my work schedule often limits me. Still, I am able to receive mediation at least every other week, sometimes more if my schedule allows.

With video chatting apps like Zoom, I have been able to receive Toritsugi from ministers from other churches too, and I feel that it certainly helps at times, getting different perspectives and interpretations through the varying situations and experiences that I encounter in day-to-day life.

Through the online chat app Discord, I've met a lot of other remote believers of the Konkō Faith from around the world, not just within the US or Japan. I have met believers from Indonesia, Russia, the UK, and Italy. Because of this digital age we live in, I personally think there will be more people coming to the Konkō Faith, and maybe they too may find the spiritual fulfillment that they have been seeking all their lives.

To conclude, since coming to the Konkō Faith, my faith didn't just renew itself — it grew. It became more enriched and honed than it ever was before in my life. I started to realize that I needed to experience those particular hardships in order to realize everything, to find the answers I sought, and to develop not just my faith, but myself as a person.

Since then, I have overcome a lot of those hardships. I got a stable job back in government service, and though my salary is meager, I have been able to provide for my mom and get by, and my life continues to improve as a result. I owe it all to Kami-sama for planting the seeds of inspiration that fateful night while I slept, which subsequently led me to find the Konkō Faith. For that, I am very grateful to Kami-sama for all the experiences in my life, both positive and negative, as they are all blessings when you think about it.

I am reminded of the first time I met Yano-sensei of the Wahiawa Church and was told that gratitude is central to this faith. I'm also reminded of Kawahatsu-sensei's sermons and how he chants “Arigatou” a thousand times a day. There is also a teaching that I feel is quite relevant. “A heart of true gratitude is the beginning of divine blessings.” — Gorikai III, Shinkun II-3

Konkō Mission of Wahiawa

By Mr. Bruce Yamamoto



*(L-R): David sensei, Bruce Yamamoto, Reiko sensei,
Edna sensei, Glenn Yamamoto, Yano sensei.*

I am Bruce Yamamoto, who has been a member of the Konkō Faith for over 71 years. I make it a start to every day to pray to Kami Sama for Divine Blessings for the world I live in and for all life on Earth. I pray for enlightenment to follow in His direction toward a healthy, safe, prosperous, and healthy life on Earth. Kami never seems to let me down and is always within my reach.

I am very grateful to have Rev. Yano and his family leading the way in my hometown of Wahiawa. The Yano family has always been available for special blessings and has supported our members and community for decades. They are a special blessing from Kami Sama.

With all of our love,
Bruce, Tamiko, Jordan, and Kiana Yamamoto



Konkō Mission of Wahiawa

By Mr. Clayton Matsuoka



Hello everyone reading this. My name is Clayton Matsuoka, and I'm here to tell you about how I was introduced to the Konkō Faith and what life is like being a believer. For those of you who don't know, I'm married to Edna Matsuoka. So, of course, she is the one who introduced me to Konkōkyō. I was invited to come to church by her, and I slowly started coming whenever she was off on Sundays. I got to meet all the members, and I enjoyed the Okage sharing times the most.

What is Okage, though? I know it means blessings, but lately, it's been tough to see all the blessings I've been lucky enough to receive. Before meeting Edna and learning about Konkōkyō, I never really thought much about the blessings that I received. I was never really aware that blessings were coming my way. Over the years, though, I've become more aware of all the blessings, big and small, that I have been blessed to receive. During tough times, it's still hard to see the blessings that are coming my way. This past school year was especially difficult, but support from church and friends helped me through it. Blessings indeed.

I believe the future of Konkōkyō is in the younger generations. We have to continue to reach out and do new things in order to encourage the younger generation to come out for church services and other functions. Fun activities designed for the younger generation would help in getting them to come to church.

Kami-Sama is Investing in Us
Rev. Edna Matsuoka
Konkō Mission of Wahiawa



As Konkō Missions in Hawai'i reaches its Centennial, I find myself thinking not only about the past one hundred years, but also about what this milestone means for those of us who have inherited this faith today. Preparing for the Centennial has been a tremendous blessing.

It has given me opportunities to look through old photographs, learn more about our history, and reflect upon the many people who faithfully carried Konkōkyō forward in Hawai'i. At the same time, the planning has not always been easy. There have been deadlines, unexpected problems, changes, disagreements, and setbacks.

During this time, I encountered another situation that became especially difficult for me. I became frustrated and discouraged, and at one point I was ready to simply walk away because I felt that I should not be doing things for Kami-Sama with an unhappy heart.

I told my parents how I felt, expecting them to understand and validate my feelings. Instead, my father firmly told me not to quit. He reminded me that after receiving so many blessings, I should not allow one difficult experience to make everything be in vain. It was not what I wanted to hear, but it was what I needed to hear.

His words made me think about why we sometimes quit so easily when something becomes unpleasant. I compared it to my workplace. I have experienced difficult situations there too, sometimes much worse, yet I continued. Of course, one obvious reason is that we get paid!

But then another thought came to me. Why do employers invest so much time and money in their employees? Because good employees are among their most valuable assets. They train and educate them, help them develop their skills, and prepare them to take on greater responsibilities. When employees feel that an organization has invested in them, they are often more willing to give their effort, loyalty, and care in return.

Then I realized: Kami-Sama has been investing in us too. We have been given life, protection, guidance, people who help us, and countless okage. We are being "paid" every day through blessings, stability, experiences, and opportunities for growth.

But Kami-Sama's investment in us does not come only through pleasant experiences.

Sometimes it comes through hardship. Sometimes it comes through disappointment, illness, financial difficulties, human relationships, or situations that test our patience. These experiences can become our shugyō—our spiritual training.

I think of the notches on a stalk of bamboo. The bamboo continues to grow upward, but the joints along the way give it strength. In the same way, perhaps the difficult points in our lives are not interruptions to our spiritual growth. They are part of our growth.

When everything is going well, it is easy to say we have faith. But what happens when things do not go our way? Do we walk away, or do we turn our hearts even more toward Kami-Sama? Those difficult moments are when we need prayer and Toritsugi the most.

While preparing for the Centennial, I spent many hours looking through old photographs of our churches. In some pictures, every pew and chair is filled, with people even standing along the sides.

Thousands of people have passed through our churches over these one hundred years. Many surely received tremendous blessings and even miracles of healing. Yet today, we also see empty chairs and smaller congregations. It made me realize that receiving a blessing is one thing; continuing the faith is another.

We are here today because there were people before us who continued despite hardship. They prayed, served, supported their churches, and passed their faith and stories to the next generation. When I compare their hardships with some of the challenges we experience today, many of our problems seem very small.

Their consistency became our blessing. Faith requires consistency. We cannot practice faith only when life is going well, be grateful only when we receive what we want, or serve Kami-Sama only when everyone around us is pleasant. Perhaps one of the greatest ways we can repay our blessings is simply to keep going.

The Centennial cannot be our finish line. We celebrate the first one hundred years so that we can begin the next one hundred.

Our predecessors probably never imagined us looking at their photographs and remembering them with gratitude a century later. They simply practiced their faith and continued.

Their faith became our inheritance. Now it is our turn. Let us remember our blessings, seek Toritsugi, remain consistent, and keep going. Kami-Sama has invested so much in us. May we become faithful stewards of those blessings and carry this precious faith forward for generations to come. The first one hundred years were entrusted to them. The next one hundred years are entrusted to us.

In Remembrance of the Ministers Who Have Passed Since 1992

With deep gratitude for their faith, guidance and unwavering service.



Rev. Kiyotaka Yasutake
Head Minister of the Konkō Mission of Wailuku, passed away on December 27, 1992, at the age of 50.



Rev. Shōichi Okuno
Head Minister of the Konkō Mission of Hanapēpē, passed away on January 26, 1997, at the age of 75.



Rev. Kikue Kodama
2nd Head Minister of the Konkō Mission of Honolulu, passed away on November 28, 1997 at the age of 90.



Rev. Katsuo Yasutake
Associate Minister of the Konkō Mission of Waipahu, passed away on November 1, 2008 at the age of 71.



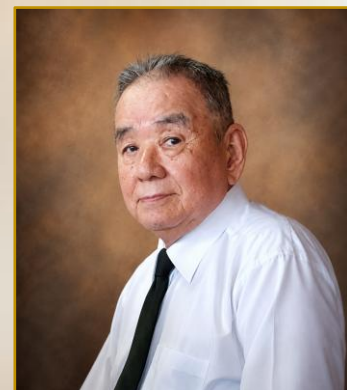
Rev. Mitsumasa Yasutake
Assistant Head Minister of Konkō Mission of Waipahu, passed away on May 28, 2009 at the age of 48.



Rev. Masahiko Yoshino
3rd Head Minister of the Konkō Mission of Honolulu, passed away on May 9, 2013 at the age of 82.



Rev. Mitsuko Yasutake
Associate Minister of the Konkō Mission of Waipahu, passed away on May 1, 2020, at the age of 86.



Rev. Makio Nagai
3rd Head Minister of the Konkō Mission of Hilo, passed away on September 13, 2020, at the age of 87.



Rev. Yoshie Nagai
4th Head Minister of the Konkō Mission of Hilo, passed away on August 27, 2024, at the age of 94.



Rev. Sugako Yoshino
Associate Minister of the Konkō Mission of Honolulu, passed away on October 3, 2022, at the age of 89.



Rev. Noriko Yasutake
Associate Minister of Konkō Mission of Waipahu. Passed away on February 7, 2025, at the age of 62.

KMH Centennial T-Shirt Contest Entries



Mahalo to everyone who submitted a t-shirt design for the contest! We truly appreciate the time, creativity, and thought that went into each entry. Congratulations to Rev. Rodney Yano, whose design was selected as the winning entry! We would also like to feature the other submitted designs in recognition of everyone's wonderful contributions.

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