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Let's Make Our Dream a Reality!

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Reported by Rev. Yujiro Tsukamoto

Konkokyo Youth Association of the Headquarters



This past February, from the 16th through the 18th on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii, a Leadership Training Camp was held at Camp Timberline. This camp was aimed at the young ministers and young believers of the Konkokyo Community in Hawaii. Six staff members from the Konkokyo Youth Association of the

Headquarters came to run the program.

Purpose of the Program:

Last year, the Konkokyo Youth Association (KYA) of the Headquarters replied to the faith community in Hawaii for the request of wanting to foster a youth program in the islands. The KYA leaders came for workshops last year to explain in detail the realities and tasks necessary to initiate a youth program in Hawaii. They also made it a hands-on learning experience.

Taking last year's workshop results into consideration, and hoping to step-up to the next level, KYA decided on an on-site training camp (Having the participants actually become kids, and getting the feel of how the staff runs the camp). Including the Rev. Jitsuo Akiyama, six staff members from KYA came to staff a program designed to have the participants assume the role of leading the next generation.

Furthermore, in having the staff lead as instructors, this business matter has been made official by the KYA as the "Leadership Training Camp," and full support has been offered.

Departure/ Arrival/ Preparations

Upon arrival to Honolulu on the morning of Febru-

ary 14, and after making a visit to the Konko Mission of Honolulu, a delegate council meeting was conducted with the director of the Hawaii Center.

During the meeting, the members reviewed the purpose of last year's meeting; the wishes of this activity; location of the camp; precautions of the activity; and sharing of roles. Following the discussion, the course material and various supplies brought over from Japan were checked.

The next morning (2/15) together with the local staff, the camp material and supplies for transport were loaded and the staff headed for the campsite. Upon arrival at the site, the camp was set up and additional supplies were purchased. A study of the site was done; a final equipment check was made and we were prepared for tomorrow.



Day 1

On the first day of the training camp, four members arrived in the afternoon. They registered in and an orientation session was held.

During the orientation, a detailed explanation was made regarding the purpose of this year's training camp; uniforms; troop structure and teamwork; craftsmanship, and discipline. A hands-on practicum was also included in the teaching.

Following the explanation, two separate groups were made and they came up with their own team name and team flag.

After that, everyone changed into their uniforms. We started off with a brief troop drill session to get into the conscious state of mind, and then the opening ceremony was conducted.

During the opening ceremony, KHC Director Rev. Matsuda stated, "It has been our challenge for many years to establish a program to nurture our young in the faith community. The young ministers of Hawaii have been



through many trials and errors for such a development. Since last year, we are very privileged and thankful to have made connections with the KYA of the Headquarters who have offered their insights for this leadership training camp. Our wish is to grasp an important element out of attending this training camp and look forward to establishing a KYA of Hawaii."

Following the greeting by the Director of KHC, the Troop Head added, "Please continue on to the next step. In anything we do, if we give up, nothing sprouts from there. It is important to maintain some sort of structure and move forward with our intentions. Though you may face many challenges in the future, let it all become assets to help in improving the structure."

The Beginning of the Training Camp

Following the opening ceremony, we moved into preparing for the barbecue dinner. For this camp, we took an approach of having the participants prepare the meals for everyone, including the staff.



Amidst the heavy downpour, after dinner, we had an activity to test our five-senses in the main activity tent. In this activity, the participants were given five challenges made to heighten our five senses (which are blessings given to us from Kami-Sama). Included were the sense of sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste. The five games were played against the two teams. The participants really got into the mindset of a minor and seemed to have enjoyed the activity, competing with each other.



Following that activity, during the staff meeting, we discussed how the participants enjoyed the intensity of the game. It was a productive day.

Day 2

For breakfast on day two, we made "Carton

Dogs" (toasting hotdogs in a milk carton). The wieners were placed in the buns, and wrapped in aluminum foil, placed in the milk carton, and placed in the fire. Everyone seemed to have had their fill while admiring the wonders of this type of outdoor cooking.



After breakfast, the morning assembly was held, which included the award presentation of the winning team from the previous day, and a morning game. For the award presentation, we had everyone implement a cheer that the KYA came up with, which went like this, "V-I-C-T-O-R-Y Bravo!"



The participants were a little hesitant to use the cheer in the beginning, but as the day progressed, their cheer got louder and they seemed to have taken in the ritual as something of their own.

In the morning, the participants did a scavenger hunt. In this activity our goal was to explore and learn the works of nature and its many mysteries. It was also intended to have the participants get the feel of being one with nature.

The participants teamed up again and were given a set time limit to find roughly 20+ treasures in the camp grounds. As soon as the teams found their list of items, we held a treasure show-and-tell session. The teams were evaluated based on their presentation delivery and contents.

In the afternoon, we transferred to a nearby beach and had an activity titled, "Pirates of Hawaii."

The activity, "Pirates of Hawaii" was an activity which included a series of games and (sand) construction. This activity was aimed to confirm and strengthen the bond between teammates.

Each team was given the instruction to make a sand boat. Upon completion, their team flag was stuck in the sand beside their boat and they played a game of "capture the flag." For that game, we brought over from Japan specialized paper goldfish



scoop nets, and water guns (squeezable empty mayonnaise and ketchup bottles). The object of the game is to put the scoop nets above our foreheads and try to shoot the other team member's scoop net with the water gun.

As the paper scoop net is torn by the force of the water, they are out. This turned out to be quite a serious battle game, with the staff also involved. In addition, we played a game of catching water balloons. This really put



into effort the meaning of teamwork.

We returned back to the campsite later in the afternoon and evaluated the beach activity. Following that, we ate curry for dinner and the teams began planning their campfire presentations.

Campfire

A campfire would normally take place around a fire-pit. We had everything set up for the campfire; the fire-pit was stacked high with fire wood, and just when we were about to start the campfire, it began to rain. We were anxious about the rain from earlier; however, in accordance with the judgment of the Troop Head, we cancelled the campfire at the fire-pit, and instead lit a torch head and held our little makeshift campfire in the main activity tent. The participants mentioned that they were somehow able to adapt to the sudden change in plans and carry out the activity.

In the silence of the night, we had a campfire entry with songs and presentations. The participants were picking up steam with their acts and enjoying themselves. The campfire solemnly came to an end as we listened quietly to the message of the fire master.



Day 3 (Last day)

We ate cereal for breakfast on the third day. Following that, we gathered for the morning assembly and morning game. Then we changed into field attire and began the last activity, which was a craft activity.

An explanation of using the small pocket knife and making rope knots were introduced during the craft session. An instruction on knife usage was intended for making your own set of bamboo chopsticks and a cup, for use during the lunchtime “*Somen-nagashi*. (Somen-

nagashi is a Japanese novelty eating style of picking up noodles that come running down a stream of cool water.)” An instruction on the rope work was intended to make a set of tripods to accommodate the gutter (to which the noodles would run downstream).

This activity was intended to polish one’s craftsmanship, staying keen to proper safety measures and helping each other out when they needed it. The participants all worked together. Their skills and imagination were spinning on full speed and they were each able to come



up with their custom-made chopstick/cup set and managed to assemble a set of tripods.

At lunch time, everyone gathered around the somen-nagashi stand and ate to their fullest stomach capacity. Someone voiced their opinion that this was the most delicious somen (noodles) they have ever eaten in their lifetime. The participants all had a blast and were very satisfied.

After lunch, we moved on to the next activity, which was to bring down the tents and clean up the site. First an explanation was given on how to efficiently clean up the site in the given time. Then everyone went to pack up their personal belongings and cleared up their immediate surroundings. Tents were flipped over, dried, and stowed away neatly and put aside. Each team was assigned a clean up task for the campsite. Everyone was able to efficiently pack up and clear the campsite within the time frame.

Closing Ceremony

The end to the lengthy training camp has approached. Before the closing ceremony, an awards presentation was held for skill accomplishment. The award presentation is intended to have the participants feel their accomplishment through challenging the various activities that were carried out during the training program and gaining recognition from the staff. The two teams were able to successfully accomplish the course material and were given a ribbon of achievement.



During the closing ceremony, the KHC Director, Rev. Matsuda stated, “From my heart, I would like to thank you for your tireless effort in putting together a program which was packed with ingenious ideas and energy. It was a very wonderful and unique experience,



with each activity having a significant meaning attached to it. Above all things, for us to just be able to witness the tremendous dedication and *goyo* (religious tasks) that the KYA staff had to offer was

a great privilege. It was very worthwhile to have the staff members come to Hawaii. The participants did voice their wish of wanting to establish a Konkokyo Youth Association in Hawaii. I truly feel that the opportunity has arrived for us to act upon this chance. In receiving so much support from the KYA of the Headquarters, I feel that establishing a KYA in Hawaii will be the greatest way to give back. Let's all work hard in making this dream a reality!" With these words, we believed that this training camp was a great success. The second outreach activity has come to an end.

Our Future Wish

In regards to the Konkokyo Community in Hawaii, there are many obstacles that must be faced for initiating development training programs like these. They include problems like how the churches are located so far apart on different islands, and other geographical difficulties. Other challenges include the language/culture barriers, and actual burdens that would be held upon by the young ministers in their busy schedules. The lack of human resources to support the young ministers as leaders is also a problem.

This time around, since the participants were able to



understand Japanese, it was faster to have them understand the purpose and meaning of the various activities, and the program overall ran smoothly. However, we believe that the next time around, we may have to face the language barrier as our challenge.



Finally, in counting last year's and this year's program, we have come to offer our support as our wish to repay all of the kindness and hospitality for the past 15 times that the Konkokyo Youth Goodwill Mission came to Hawaii. We are very happy and moved to witness Konko Daijin's faith spread to as far a distance as Hawaii and have many people saved. Amidst the language and cultural barriers, this virtue can be attributed to the strong prayers of Kami-Sama in wanting people saved and the dedication of the pioneering ministers who have taken this path. It is a virtue that is reflected in the hardships that they have gone through.

Through all of these endeavors, it is our wish to be able to continue supporting the establishment of a Konkokyo Youth Association that is suitable for the people of Hawaii. Through the program, we also wish for the development of new leaders who will lead the future and continue the legacy and prayers of the pioneering ministers.

(Translated by Rev. Edna Yano, KHC staff member)

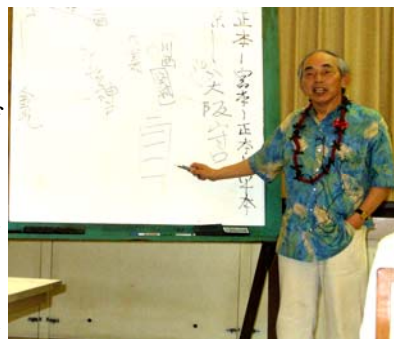
The Ways of Kami are Mysterious and Wonderous

By Editor

On February 4th the Konkokyo Hawaii Center held a Ministers Gathering, and 17 KMH ministers took part. To fulfill our Mission Statement, we ministers worked on, and continue to work on deepening a sense of faith, and continue seeking ways to fit into local cultures.

We invited Rev. Yukio Hiramoto, Head Minister of the Konko Church of Kawanishi, from Hyogo, Japan, to be our guest speaker on the theme: The Ways of Kami are Mysterious and Wondrous.

Rev. Hiramoto shared his dramatic life story with us. In 1945, American B-29s bombed his boyhood city, Osaka, and he became a war orphan. After the War, he got the runaround in a Christian orphan home, and he ended up



being adopted into a Korean family living in Hyogo. He went through extreme poverty and got into trouble.

Fate has guided him to discover Konkokyo when he was a junior high student, and he was saved. His life was greatly transformed by his meeting a wonderful minister named Rev. Tama Fujimura, who became a second mother to him.

What an amazing story! While Rev. Hiramoto was sharing his story with lots of big jokes, we ended up laughing and crying at the same time.

In our experience with Rev. Yukio, we learned that the meeting of Kami begins with the meeting of people. We sense Kami when we find love in people. Kami may actually have been revealed to Rev. Hiramoto through the love of Rev. Tama. So we, as Konkokyo ministers, have such a tremendous responsibility to inspire people to meet Kami.



Rev. Alvin Yasutake

- ☺ My honest impression was that the KYA staff was so well organized and prepared. Given little time to plan for this camp, I felt that they had everything done, and it all went smoothly. I also felt that this program was well planned for all ages to enjoy.
- ☺ I learned many things like what I should be prepared for; how to plan for upcoming events; how to sew my badges to my uniform and how to use some of the craft tools. I wish we could have had more time to talk and communicate with the staff on how we could start a youth organization.
- ☺ It was always my long-time wish to be able to start a youth organization in Hawaii, and have it keep running for generations. By doing so, we can one day go up to Japan to attend the *Zenkoku Taikai* (Konkokyo Youth Festival).



Rev. Edna Yano

- ☺ It has been my childhood dream to create a KYA program in Hawaii—at least at Wahiawa Church. Ever since I was a little child, I loved it when the KYA came on the big bus to our church. The navy blue uniforms made me feel envious because I wanted to be like them. I would have never thought that this little dream of mine would have come true 20 years later.
- ☺ I hope that this tradition will continue, and the youths of Japan and throughout the world will receive inspiration and become leaders of society with a good heart.
- ☺ Thank you for everything, from the official uniforms, special edition badges, t-shirts, fan, program notes, beautiful certificate, and *Jitsui* (sincerity) pin. Thank you so much for teaching us many creative games, activities and songs that can be used for the youths in Hawaii. Thank you for also making something as simple as eating somen noodles—into an incredibly fun activity. Somen noodles never tasted as good as it did that day!



Rev. Roy Yasutake

- ☺ I learned by the staff's example of how important organization is. There were never any doubts from me that the staff knew what they were doing and what was coming up. Everyone's tasks and responsibilities were well assigned and things ran so much smoother than our camps.
- ☺ I want to help build a youth organization that is tailored for kids in Hawaii and is a fulfilling function for participants, leaders, and parents alike.
- ☺ I resolve to always keep involved in the youth organization until I am asked to retire from it. I pray that the day will come when we can hold worldwide youth gatherings in the way that the scouts hold Jamborees. Thank you for sharing your wisdom, experience, energy and goodwill with us. I look forward to part three!



Mrs. Keiko Matsuda

- ☺ I believe that the leadership training camp was well prepared and the schedule ran smoothly with no lost time. I learned that good planning is very important!
- ☺ One thing that could have been improved is including us in the evening staff meetings.
- ☺ My vision for a KMH youth function is to set a clear goal (i.e.: to learn Konkokyo; to learn essential life manners) → plan well for it → be prepared! I would like to thank the KYA staff for sharing their information, their great effort, and cooperation.



Rev. Koichi Konko

- ☺ The best part of the training camp was to see into the dedication and passion of the KYA staff for the youth development program. It is very difficult to hold onto this passion unless we keep looking to the next generation, 30 years from now.
- ☺ I'll try to do my best to keep the motivation and passion burning for the youth in Hawaii.
- ☺ It would be great if we could realize a dream for a joint camp in Hawaii to be held in the near future, a collaborative function between KMH and KYA. Youth and staff from both Japan and Hawaii could get together here and camp out.



Rev. Saijiro Matsuda

- ☺ There are quite a few essential events youths can go through when camping out: learning survival skills, sharpening a sense of inspiration and imagination, developing a sense of teamwork and kindness, and cultivating a sense of Fun in Faith.
- ☺ With the KYA staff, we were able to learn how to inspire the youth to build up those essential senses. I believe that we took the second step to organize a KMH youth function.
- ☺ In addition to the necessity of clear visions and good preparation, I came to realize how much tireless hard work we need to dedicate to the youth function. But we've got to take it all upon ourselves to make our dream a reality.



The Third Joint Missionary Women's Society Seminar

By Rev. Edna Yano

Konko Mission of Wahiawa

I along with eight others from Hawaii attended the Joint Missionary Women's Society Seminar (MWSS) from January 25-27 at the Konko Church of Gardena. The attendees from Hawaii included Rev. Sugako Yoshino (Honolulu), Rev. Yoshie Nagai (Hilo), Rev. Hisayo Yasutake (Wailuku), Rev. Kanae Yasutake (Wailuku), Rev. Mitsuko Yasutake (Waipahu), Rev. Noriko Yasutake (Waipahu), Mrs. Keiko Matsuda (KHC), Rev. Reiko Yano (Wahiawa). There were 12 from North America and two from Japan. A total of 23 women attended the three day meeting in high spirits. It was nice that we could all express our faith stories to each other. The Konko Church is not only run by men. We are talking about dual power. Women missionaries and minister's wives are equally important in maintaining the church. This balance of power is what keeps the harmony in our faith.

I was asked to deliver a short 5-minute speech on the theme, "Motivation." My motivation is faith in our founder Konko Daijin, and our Parent God, Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama. Basically I would not be in existence if it were not for this faith. Last year (2007) is the year that I truly understood the importance of incorporating Kami-Sama into my daily living. Last year, I went to Japan physically alone. I was worried about everything. Especially about getting lost, since I am not good with directions. Then I asked my self, "Where is my faith? If I have faith, I shouldn't have to worry about anything." Then it suddenly hit me...the concept of making Kami-Sama my #1 buddy. I asked Kami-Sama to come along with me to Japan. Sure, Kami-Sama is everywhere. But I found out that there is a difference between knowing Kami exists and actually asking Kami for guidance.

Before this epiphany, when I went to places, I always gave a little prayer to Kami-Sama by saying to the altar, "I'm going to so and so...see you later." But I changed how I pray by saying, "I'm going to so and so...please come along with me." My golly, every trip will be a blessed trip, even if it's a trip to the post office a few blocks away! Kami-Sama will sit right next to me in the car. Kami-Sama will get me the best parking slot, and even help me to avoid accidents.

If I ask Kami-Sama to be with me, there will no doubt be divine blessings. But I must never forget the grace of Kami-Sama. I am thankful how Kami-Sama personally accompanies me every time. Kami-Sama will even help cook with me. And the food will no doubt turn out amazingly delicious. It's supposed to, because Kami-Sama helped cook it.

A 5-minute speech time limit was torture for me—because I love to talk. So, I just shared with everyone that making Kami-Sama your buddy will definitely change your life 180 degrees to the better. That about ended my short presentation. The other people who presented were Rev. Yoshie Nagai (Konko Mission of Hilo) "Laughter and a positive attitude is a key element to a great life." Rev. Masako Shimanaka of Konkokyo Ladies Network (Japan) stressed the importance of "Looking at the world and propagating the faith in a global perspective." Rev. Wakiko Igawa (Konko Church of Whittier Rose Hills) stated to "Keep a positive attitude, then positive things will follow." Mrs. Alice Kawahatsu (Konko Church of San Francisco) motivated everyone, that anything is possible with Kami-Sama's guidance. If we try new things, Kami-Sama will follow through with amazing results.

During the dinner party, KCNA presented a Konko quiz, regarding the history and teachings relating to our famous women figures of Konkokyo. It really made us think hard. And we enjoyed it very much. Rev. Masako Shimanaka and her daughter Ms. Michie Shimanaka shared with us the most challenging but fun game of trying to stand a drink bottle using a pole and a plastic loop. They also presented everyone a beautiful song from the Konkokyo Ladies Network entitled, "Tsumademo Dokomademo". Ms. Michie has a wonderful voice. The Hawaii team did a skit. Each of us did a short episode of the different types of mediation that we can receive at the Konko Church. We hoped to convey the message that Toritsugi mediation is not only meant for asking Kami-Sama for blessings or miracles, but we can also convey our happiness, gratitude, wishes, apologies, and so forth. Some of us acted as dogs and cats to give the skit some humor. Rev. Sugako Yoshino acted as the Toritsugi mediator and guided each member that came for mediation. It was a very memorable skit.

While in Gardena, Rev. Nobuharu Uzunoe (Gardena Church), Rev. Michie Uzunoe (Portland Church) and Rev. Hideko Oya (Sacramento Church) was very kind in driving us to Hollywood! It was exciting and fun. Standing to pose at the grand stairwell of the Kodak Theatre makes everyone look like a celebrity. I stood on the sidewalk of Hollywood Boulevard, took in a lungful of cool air and told myself "I'm standing where the celebrities get dropped off during the Academy Awards—awesome!"

I really enjoyed the MWSS in Gardena and would like to extend a great big Mahalo to Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama for a wonderful and safe trip, and all the MWSS members of Konko Churches of North America for warmly accommodating us from Hawaii. In 2013 the Joint MWSS will be held in Hawaii. I hope to be able to see all of you again.



KMH Local Church News

<p style="text-align: center;">Konko Mission of Honolulu</p> <p>January 1st 2008 New Years' Day Service 13th Sunday School "Ice-Skate" We went to Ice Palace and enjoyed ice-skating 27th Birthday Sunday Cerebration for members who were born in December and January. Also the 1st <i>Shintokai</i> (Members' Association of Konko Mission of Honolulu) meeting followed the Sunday Service</p> <p>February 10th New Year's Pot Luck Party 24th Board of Directors Meeting 27th Konko Mission of Honolulu 80th Anniversary Committee Meeting</p> <p>March 2nd <i>Shintokai</i> meeting and Birthday Sunday Cerebration for members who were born in February and March followed Monthly Service 9th Sunday School "Roots!" We learned that each one of us has over 2000 ancestors within 10 generations, so we appreciated that they are protecting us every day. We also enjoyed milk carton hotdogs for lunch 23rd Spring Memorial Service. Guest speaker was Rev. Saijiro Matsuda. He talked about "For Prosperity from Generation to Generation" 28th 4 members volunteered to do yard work for the plants outside of the church building</p> <p>April 5th Mochi Making for the Spring Grand Service 6th Spring Grand Service. Guest speaker was Rev. Yasuhiro Yano. He talked about "Orei"--Perpetually Expanding Expression of Thanks 16th Konko Mission of Honolulu 80th Anniversary Committee Meeting 27th Sunday School "Tie!" Learning how to tie knots and appreciate our ancestors knowledge</p>	<p>her son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Kim Taniguchi. However, Mako & Karen already had two other grandchildren, Jessie & Jaden Riedel who live in Portland, Oregon.</p> <p>Shinji & Evelyn Nakanishi are experienced Ojichan & Obaachan because one of their twin daughters, Michelle & her husband Jeffrey Sarae also had twins. Brayson & Brianna Sarae celebrated their 2nd birthday on February 10.</p> <p>Lisa Nakamura, our yoga teacher will be having a baby in October but she will still continue to teach. Thanks to the good benefits of Yoga and the blessings of Kami-Sama.</p> <p>Waipahu Kendo News Keone Rivers almost won the championship in the Seinenbu division in the recent Aiea Taiheiji Kendo Tournament. Furthermore, a second Kendo student, Gabriel Branco submitted a letter of character reference from the Kendo club for admission to the National Honor Society. We hope he makes it.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Konko Mission of Hilo</p> <p>Shinnenkai Annual Shinnenkai held on Saturday, March 15, 2008. Keirokai honorees are: Matsuyoshi and Shigeko Kimura, Masae Kobata, Claire Yahata, Minoru Shirai-shi, Kikuno Arakawa, and our own Yoshie Sensei. Great meal was prepared by our Shintokai President Ronald Inoue, and his able assistant Masahiro Nishida. Bingo games with many great prizes enjoyed by all!</p> <p>Shintokai meeting Shintokai meeting was held on Sunday, April 27, 2008</p> <p>Daisai Clean up Daisai cleanup May 3 and 4, 2008</p> <p>Annual Tenchi Kane no Kami Daisai To be held on Sunday, May 11, 2008. Luncheon to follow.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Konko Mission of Wahiawa</p> <p>Field Trip to Frankie's Nursery Many exciting variety of exotic fruits can be enjoyed at the Frankie's Nursery located at Waimanalo. After the Sunday service on January 6, we went for a field trip to the nursery.</p> <p>Condolences Mrs. Hilda Kazuno Yamamoto passed away on December 14, 2007 at the age of 83. A private service was held at the Mililani Memorial Mortuary on Friday, January 11 at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Church Picnic The Rev. Yukio Hiramoto and his daughter, Mikako of the Konko Church of Kawanishi (Hyogo, Japan) came to Hawaii, and joined us for the church picnic at Haleiwa Alii Beach Park on Sunday, February 3 from 3:00 p.m. Dr. Leon & Dr. Linda Webber from Anchorage, Alaska visited the Wahiawa Church and also joined us for the picnic. Dr. Leon Webber is a long-time friend of Rev. Yoshikazu Matsuda (Konko Headquarters) since college days at Meadville University.</p> <p>10th Year Memorial Service for Late Mr. Dennis F. Tamashiro The 10th Year Memorial Service for the late Mr. Dennis Fujio Tamashiro was observed on Wednesday, February 6 at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Waipahu High School Students Visit Wahiawa Church Seven history class students of Waipahu High School made a visit on Sunday, February 17, and joined us for the service. They wanted to find out about Japanese cultural traditions in the local communities. They stayed and talked with the membership until noon.</p> <p>Spring Memorial Service The annual Spring Memorial Service was held on Sunday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. Naorai fellowship luncheon followed the service.</p> <p>Wahiawa Church Grand Service The annual Grand Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami was held on Sunday, April 13 at 11:00 a.m. This is the first time we observed the Grand Service on a Sunday morning. The main speaker was Rev. Alvin Yasutake of Konko Mission of Wailuku. Rev. Edna Yano offered the Kibimai sacred dance. Naorai fellowship lunch followed the service.</p> <p>Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa General Hospital Rev. Reiko Yano, Mrs. Masumi Furusho, and son, Alex and other volunteers make a visit to the Wahiawa General Hospital Long-Term Care Facility on a monthly basis to entertain the people cared for at the facility. The quarterly visit to the facility was held on Sunday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Konko Mission of Waipahu</p> <p>70th Anniversary Celebration Join us in celebrating Waipahu Konko Mission's 70th Anniversary on Sunday, June 15, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Pearl Country Club. The Umisedo group from Okinawa will perform for us during our lunch and entertainment portion. Rev. Masato Kawahatsu, from San Francisco Church outreach ministry will speak about "Inner Peace, World Peace." Reservations are still being accepted by informing your sensei. Please let us know as soon as possible.</p> <p>Church Renovations Mako Taniguchi, Shinji Nakanishi, Yasutake Sensei, Takeo Yamamoto used their carpentry skills and fixed and replaced the bathroom and social hall doors, side porch and steps and are doing other necessary repair jobs in preparation for the 70th Anniversary.</p> <p>Big Bang Mayumi Sensei is also busy planning for the Big Bang Conference, which will be held in August. She is also busy caring for her cute Beagle son, Victor whom she calls her baby.</p> <p>New Ojichans and Obaachans Katsuo & Judy Yasutake welcomed their twin cutie granddaughters, Sabrina & Audrey on July 20, 2007. Their son and daughter-in-law, Kevin & Sarah Yasutake were the happy presenters.</p> <p>John & Wanda Tamashiro also welcomed their first grandson, Zane Juzo, Po-maikaiikaponon, Xu-jei, Raio Tamashiro on November 27, 2007. Their cutie patootie is the first child of son and daughter-in-law, Reid & Larrilyn Tamashiro.</p> <p>Karen Taniguchi has been working on the 70th Anniversary in the past few months and teaching us the hula for the 70th Anniversary with the help of sensei Edna Yano of Wahiawa Church (anyone is welcome to dance hula with us). Karen is now in Sacramento attending a baby shower of the first-born child of</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Konko Mission of Hanapepe</p> <p>Kauai Gathering To be held on May 25 at 10:00 a.m. at Wong's Chinese Restaurant in Hanapepe town. Revs. Setsuko Okuno & Saijiro Matsuda will fly in.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Konko Mission of Wailuku</p> <p>May 18, 2008 Our Spring Grand Service for Tenchi Kane no Kami begins at 11:00 a.m. The sermon will be given by Rev. Saijiro Matsuda, Director of the Konkokyo Hawaii Center.</p> <p>This year marks the 40th anniversary of Rev. Takiyo Nakai's passing. We will be observing her memorial rites in conjunction with our Autumn Mitama Matsuri on September 21.</p> <p>Our annual faith theme is a slightly modified version of last year's oath. "My faith practice goals" serves to remind us of the many ways in which we should practice faith.</p> <p>www.konko-wailuku.org has been recently updated. For more information please visit the site.</p>	

KMH Mission Statement

The Konko Missions in Hawaii addresses the spiritual needs of the people of Hawaii by promoting the Konko faith through a better understanding of the life and teachings of Konko Daijin, and through the practice of Toritsugi (Divine-Mediation).

2008 KMH Ohana Camp

Theme: Believing in Kami
When: June 20-22 (Fri-Sun), 2008
Where: Camp Timberline (Makakilo, Oahu)
Who: Open to all families
Fees: \$10 camp fee per person high school and above
\$5 camp fee per person below high school



2008 KMH Conference

Theme: Konkokyo Big Bang! The Beginnings of the Konko Faith
When: August 16 (Sat), 2008
Where: Konko Mission of Waipahu
Guest: Rev. Roderick Hashimoto, Chief Administrative Minister of the Konko Churches of North America
Who: Open to all ministers & members
Fees: \$10 for Adults
\$5 for all students and age 65+
Free for elementary & below and age 80+



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