



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### April 2026

- 1 Wed -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 
- 3 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
- 4 Sat -Church clean-up for the Godaisai (8 am)
- 5 Sun -No Sunday Service (Let's go to Honolulu Godaisai)  
-Honolulu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 12 Sun -No Sunday Service (Let's go to Waipahu Godaisai)  
-Waipahu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (10:30 am)  
-1-year Mem Svc for Rev. Noriko Yasutake (Waipahu)
- 13 Mon -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Ceremony  
天地金乃神様御大祭 (5 pm) \*Naorai dinner will follow
- 15 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on Zoom (5-6 pm)
- 17 Fri -Church Clean-up (9 am)
- 19 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 (9 am) \*share okage  
-KMH Centennial Hula Practice at Waipahu Church (1:30 p)
- 21 Tue -KMH CEOC Meeting ZOOM (9 am)
- 22 Wed -KMH Centennial Meeting ZOOM (5 pm)
- 25 Sat -Ehimemaru citrus tree maintenance at Kakaako (9 am)  
-Hawaii Gunpla Workshop at HNL Church (10 am to 6 pm)
- 26 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*share okage
- 29 Wed -Church clean-up (9 am)  
-KMH Kyoten Study Group on Zoom (5-6 pm)

### May 2026

- 1 Fri -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*share okage  
-Wailuku Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)

## Sunday School Oath

I will advance my faith through understanding the Founder's teachings and will strive to become a more useful person to society.

Sincerity is the essence of my faith, and its basic principles are courtesy, kindness, and devotion in everything I do.

## Konko Daijin's Teaching

There are many people who speak ill of others. If you are in such company, try to get away. Help people secretly. If you help people secretly, you will naturally receive Kami's blessings.

(Gorikai II Ōkida Kisaburo 16)

Spring Memorial Service held on Sunday, March 22, 2026



## Spring 2026 Grand Ceremony Schedule

### 天地金乃神様 御大祭

Honolulu, Sun 4/5 @11 am  
Waipahu, Sun 4/12 @1030 am  
Wahiawa, Mon 4/13 @5 pm  
Wailuku, Sun 5/3 @11 am  
Hilo, Sun 5/17 @ 11 am

## HAWAII GUNPLA/TCG WORKSHOP

SAT. 4.25.26  
10 AM-6 PM

Konko Mission of Honolulu  
1728 Liliha Street

f @ #hawaii-gunplaworkshop

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka & Michi's Toy Box



## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2026

- 5/3 Sun -Spring Grand Service at Wailuku Church (11 am)
- 5/16 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL and Zoom
- 5/17 Sun -Spring Grand Service at Hilo Church (11 am)
- 5/25 Mon -Memorial Day visit to Punchbowl (7 am)
- 5/30 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 6/20 Sat -KMH Fishing Day at Ali'i Agricultural Farms (10 am to 2 pm)
- 6/27 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 7/11 Sat -SF Church Summer Bazaar (Sun 7/12 is day 2)
- 7/17 Fri -KCNA/KMH Joint Conference in Toronto, Canada till 7/19
- 7/26 Sun -Back-to-School Service (9 am)
- 8/1 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @Honolulu Church ZOOM
- 8/2 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai at Waipahu Church (10:30 pm)
- 8/15 Sat -KMH Centennial Celebration at Ko'olau Ballroom (11 am- 3p)
- 8/16 Sun -KMH Picnic at Ala Moana Beach (10 am-2 pm)
- 8/17 Mon -6<sup>th</sup> Konko Sama, Rev. Hiromichi Konko visitation to Wahiawa
- 8/23 Sun -53<sup>rd</sup> Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama (9 am)
- 9/5 Sat -KMH Faith Enrichment Program on Zoom (1:30p-3p)
- 9/9 Wed -KMH MWSS at Wahiawa (10 am-4 pm)
- 9/13 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/20 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)**
- 10/4 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Honolulu (11 am)
- 10/11 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Waipahu at (11 am)
- 10/13 Tue -Autumn Grand Service at Wahiawa at (5 pm)**
- 10/18 Sun -HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church (4 pm)
- 11/1 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Wailuku Church (11 am)
- 11/11 Wed -Gohonbu Appreciation Pilgrimage for KMH 100<sup>th</sup> (11/11-18)
- 11/14 Sat -KMH 5<sup>th</sup> Intl Yatsunami Gathering at Gohonbu (Pending)
- 11/22 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Hilo Church (11 am)
- 11/28 Sat -KMH Board Mtg (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 11/29 Sun -29<sup>th</sup> Mem. Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
- 12/20 Sun -54<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10am**
- 12/27 Sun -End of Year Service (9 am)**
- 12/30 Tue -34<sup>th</sup> Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)

The **6th Konko Sama** will attend the **KMH Centennial** as well! Scan QR code for online registration. Paper forms available at church.

Konko Missions in Hawai'i

**Centennial**

100 Years of Faith

Serving Kami and the People of Hawai'i  
1926–2026

**Saturday, August 15, 2026**  
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Ko'olau Ballrooms & Conference Center

**Sunday, August 16, 2026**  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Ala Moana Beach Park

Please scan the QR code to register for the centennial online! **Deadline Mon. 7/13/26**



On March 1, 2026, Anthony Nagano from Alaska joined us for our church service and delivered his testimonial for how he discovered the faith. You can look on YouTube for his talk on our Konko Wahiawa YouTube Channel. He also created an English verse for the song Shinjin No Eiko which we have been practicing at our church.

### Shinjin No Eiko (Anthony Nagano Lyrics)

Heaven and Earth are both/ Intertwined in Kami's love  
 Love that grows and nurtures all/ As a parent rightly dotes  
 With hearts of gratitude/ Noble and true to all  
 Let us rejoice as one/ For the gift of life we have



On March 1, 2026, the Konko Mission of Honolulu Hosted a KMH Centennial fundraising concert by Tango Tricks and Blues. The amazing trio were: Gilbert Phillips (harmonica virtuoso), TG Engel (world class guitarist), and Crystal Phillipi (mezzo-soprano opera singer). It was a wonderful event!



## Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

March was a challenging month for Hawai'i. Many of us experienced torrential rain, and some areas—especially Waialua and Hale'iwa—faced devastating flooding. Countless still need help. On top of that, with the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, there's a sense that the whole world is a bit on edge, wondering what might happen next. Even so, I truly hope that all of you and your loved ones stayed safe through it all. And now, here we are—we've made it safely into the month of April.

We just had our Spring Memorial Service last month. And I would like to share the message I delivered that day.

Sometimes, we don't really stop to think about how many people have shaped who we are today. I had one of those moments recently. I almost couldn't attend this really important Spring Memorial Service because I was scheduled to work that day. I asked three coworkers if they could switch shifts with me... but none of them could. I even prayed about it, but honestly, I didn't know what else to do. It was also the same day as my grandma Minako's 1-year memorial service.

Then this random thought came to me—check the employee policy. So I did. And I found out that I could use bereavement leave up to one year of the passing of an immediate family member including grandparents. In our tradition, the one-year memorial is really important. It's kind of like a “first birthday” after passing. Because of that, I was able to attend the service.

I remember just feeling so grateful... and also amazed at how things worked out. It reminded me that even when something seems impossible, sometimes a path quietly opens up.

And that made me think about my grandma. My grandma Minako was a nurse during World War II. Her mother—my great-grandmother—was also a nurse who cared for injured soldiers. So nursing wasn't just a job in our family... it was something deeper. But it wasn't an easy choice for her. My great-grandfather, Genroku, didn't want my grandma to become a nurse because he knew how dangerous it was. He didn't want to lose his daughter, knowing she was going to be sent to the frontlines to care for the injured soldiers. When he found out his wife had encouraged her, he got so upset that he even slapped her, leaving a hand-mark on her face. That's how serious it was. But even with all of that, my grandma still chose to become a Japan Red Cross nurse.

Later, she told my mom that nursing is a noble profession. Because of that, my mom became a nurse too. And then my brother and I followed that same path. When I really think about that... I realize none of this just “happened.” The people before us laid the path. I like to think of it as “cobblestones.” Each person—our family, our ancestors, even friends—lays down these cobblestones through the decisions they make, the struggles they go

through, and the lives they live. And without even realizing it, we walk on them. So take a moment and think about your own life. Who helped shape you into who you are today? Maybe it's your parents or grandparents. Maybe it's a teacher who believed in you. Maybe it's a coach, a friend, or even someone who challenged you and made you stronger. And sometimes, it's people who are no longer physically here. Even though we can't see them anymore, they're still connected to us. Still part of our story. Still part of our path.

I like to think they're watching over us too... guiding us in their own way. (...hopefully not when we're in the bathroom.) There's a movie called *Coco* that talks about how we are truly gone only when no one remembers us anymore. I love that idea, because in many ways, it's true.

In our faith, we don't really focus on heaven or hell after death. We don't believe in being judged after we die. Instead, we believe that life continues—and that what we carry in our hearts matters.

If we carry anger, jealousy, or resentment, that doesn't just disappear. It stays with us. But if we choose gratitude, kindness, and growth... that continues too. So the real question is: What kind of life are you choosing to live right now? Because every single day, you're making decisions. Even small ones. Should I show up or not? Should I care or not? Should I try or just give up? Should I be kind, even when it's hard?

Those decisions might seem small, but they are actually shaping your life—and your future. My grandma chose to become a nurse, even when it was scary and people were

against it. Rev. Haruko Takahashi, the founding minister of our church, chose to become a minister even when she faced resistance too.

They didn't choose the easy path. They chose the meaningful one. And now... it's our turn. One day, we're going to leave behind our own cobblestones. Maybe for your younger sibling. Maybe for your future children. Maybe for someone you don't even know yet.

So what kind of path do you want to leave behind? Try to live in a way that someone else would be grateful to follow. Be kind. Be strong. Be thoughtful. And don't underestimate your normal, everyday days. Those days matter more than you think. Because it's not just the big moments that shape who you are—it's the small, ordinary choices you make every single day. As our dear friend, Rev. Dr. Leon Webber (in Arizona) messaged me the other day with a beautiful picture collage, “Embrace the ordinary.”

So, embrace your normal days. Speak kindly to yourself and your body. And remember—you are always being supported, even when you don't realize it. Because those ordinary days? They quietly become the path.

As the Spring Grand Ceremony season approaches, please mark your calendars for Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm for the Wahiawa Church service. Naorai fellowship dinner will follow and I will be the speaker for the evening.

Sincerely, *Edna*

