



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

August 2026

- 1 Sat -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama**
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
-KMH Board Meeting at Honolulu Church (10:30 am)
- 2 Sun -Back to School Service (9 am)**
-Rotary Hanashikai Gathering on ZOOM (10:30 am)
-Hula Practice at Waipahu Church (3 pm)
- 5 Wed -Rehearsal for 100th Ann. service at Honolulu Church (10 am)**
- 6 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)**
- 7 Fri -St. Francis Japanese Program (10 :30 am)**
- 9 Sun -Monthly Svc for Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama**
生神金光大神様 月例祭 (9 am)
-Hula Practice at Waipahu Church (2 pm)
- 10 Mon -KMH Centennial Committee Meeting on ZOOM (5 pm)**
- 12 Wed -Hula Practice at Waipahu Church (10 am)**
- 14 Fri -Amagi Church Oyasensei and his group visitation to**
Wahiawa in the morning (5 people)
-6th Konko Sama and his family will arrive at the airport.
- 15 Sat -KMH Centennial at Ko'olau Ballroom (Glass side)**
Registration starts 11 am. Service begins 11:30 am
- 16 Sun -KMH Centennial BBQ at Magic Island Picnic Area #40**
(10 am to 2 pm).
- 17 Mon -6th Konko Sama and family will visit Wahiawa Church in**
the morning around 11 am (8 people)
- 20 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)**
- 23 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 (9 am)**
- 25 Tue -KMH CEOC mtg on ZOOM (9 am)**
- 27 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)**
- 29 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop (12 noon to 6 pm)**
-Ehime Kenjinkai Ehimemaru mikan maintenance (9 am)
- 30 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share okage**
-53rd Memorial Svc for Rev. Masayuki Kodama@ HNL (9 am)

September 2026

- 1 Tue -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm)**
天地金乃神様 月例祭

Konko Daijin's Teaching

People who don't pray don't know what will happen in the future.
Practice faith, and Kami-Sama will guide you toward the right way.
Pray to Kami-Sama every morning to avoid mishaps.

(Gorikai II Onishi Hide 11)

None of us knows what today will bring. That is why beginning each morning with prayer is such a precious practice. When we sincerely pray to Kami-Sama, we open our hearts to receive divine guidance. Often, Kami-Sama protects us not by removing every difficulty, but by leading us to make wiser choices, avoid unnecessary mishaps, and find blessings even in unexpected situations. A few moments of prayer each morning can change the direction of an entire day. Place your trust in Kami-Sama, and let your first step each day be one of gratitude and faith.

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.



THIS MONTH!
It's Almost Here!

Konko Missions in Hawai'i
Centennial
100 Years of Faith
Continuing to Serve Kami and the People of Hawai'i

Saturday, August 15, 2026
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ko'olau Ballrooms & Conference Center
Glass Ballroom

Join us as we celebrate
100 years of Konkokyo in Hawai'i
through worship, fellowship, history,
music, memories, and gratitude.

We look forward to sharing this
once-in-a-century celebration
with you and your family.



JOIN US
the next day!

KMH Centennial BBQ Picnic
Bring your family and enjoy fellowship, food, and fun!

Sunday, August 16, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Ala Moana Beach Park – Area 40 (Magic Island)

See You Soon!
1926 – 2026
100 Years of Faith • A Century of Gratitude • A Future of Hope

HAWAII GUNPLA/TCG WORKSHOP

SAT. 8.29.26
12 PM-6 PM



Konko Mission of Honolulu
1728 Liliha Street

Facebook Instagram #hawaii-gunplaworkshop

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka & Michi's Toy Box

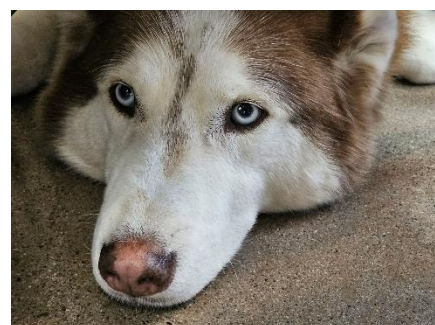
Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2026

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 (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 100th (11/11-18)
 11/14 Sat -KMH 5th 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 -29th Mem. Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
12/20 Sun -54th Memorial Svc for late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10am
12/27 Sun -End of Year Service (9 am)
 12/30 Tue -35th Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)

Konko Church of San Francisco Summer Bazaar held on 7/11-12



Rev. Masato Kawahatsu (South SF Spiritual Center) and Rev. Rodney Yano on the right.





The KCNA Youth Camp and Young Adults visited Toronto Church



Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Omedetō gozaimasu! I am happy for the blessings that have carried you to this very moment in time. The Konko Missions in Hawai'i Centennial Celebration is finally this month! That's right—we can't wait to welcome you to the Ko'olau Ballrooms & Conference Center (Glass Ballroom) on Saturday, August 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Centennial Service of Appreciation and Celebration will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m.

Then, the very next day, Sunday, August 16, we'll gather again for our Centennial BBQ Picnic at Magic Island, Picnic Area #40, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We hope you'll join us for this relaxed time of fellowship and friendship as well. What makes this Centennial especially meaningful is that the 6th Konko Sama, Reverend Hiromichi Konko, and his family will be celebrating with us—not only at the Centennial Service, but also at the BBQ picnic the following day. This is only the second time a standing Spiritual Head has visited Hawai'i. What a tremendous blessing it is to welcome Konko Sama and his family to our islands. They will also be visiting our church on the morning of Monday, August 17, and we hope you can join us in extending a warm Hawai'i welcome.

It is hard to believe that one hundred years have passed since Rev. Kōkichi Katashima established the Konkokyo Mamichi-Kai gathering in Hawai'i. By then, tens of thousands of Japanese immigrants had crossed the Pacific Ocean in search of a better life. Instead, many found long hours of difficult plantation labor, poor living conditions, and unfair wages. Life was far from easy. Many sought spiritual comfort through the Buddhist and Shinto traditions they had brought with them from Japan.

But among those immigrants were also Konkokyo believers. They longed to have this faith established in Hawai'i so that others, too, could receive spiritual guidance and salvation. What began as a heartfelt wish must have also been Kami-Sama's wish. That one wish became a reality as churches were established throughout the islands and countless people found hope through faith.

And here we are, one hundred years later. When we look back, we realize that the hardships, sacrifices, blood, sweat, and tears of those who came before us were not only for themselves—they were for us. They endured so future generations could live with greater opportunities, greater peace, and stronger communities. We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to those pioneers who planted the seeds of faith here in Hawai'i.

No Konko Church had an easy beginning. Every church struggled in one way or another. But what came first for those pioneer ministers was always the same: the sincere wish to save people. If even one more person could come to realize the blessings already surrounding them, then every sacrifice was worthwhile.

To me, the Konko faith has never simply been about having our wishes granted. It is about changing our hearts. It's like replacing our internal hard drive. We gradually build a spiritual foundation strong enough to withstand whatever life brings. We learn to shift from a heart that complains to one that recognizes blessings that were there all along, quietly waiting to be noticed. Faith becomes the cane that keeps us from falling when life becomes difficult. Rather than asking, "Why is this happening to

me?" we begin asking, "What is Kami-Sama teaching me through this?" Every hardship becomes an opportunity to grow, to polish ourselves, and to become just a little better than we were yesterday. That is the faith that crossed the Pacific Ocean. That is the faith we celebrate this month. 100 years of prayers, toritsugi and blessings!

We may not be a large, well-known church, but within our humble congregations we witness quiet miracles every day. We see lives transformed—not overnight, but through years of sincere faith and daily practice. These are the people who continue to think about the church, pray for its future, and carry the light of faith forward for the next generation.

The Konko faith itself is still relatively young—only 167 years old compared to many religions that have existed for thousands of years. Yet its teachings are timeless. In fact, I find Konko Daijin's teachings even more relevant today than ever before. In a world filled with anxiety, uncertainty, and constant change, these teachings gently remind us to return to gratitude, prayer, and the blessings of everyday life.

Last month, just one day after helping at the Konko Church of San Francisco Summer Bazaar with my husband, I traveled to Toronto, Canada, where I was honored to once again serve as the resource minister for the Konko Churches of North America Youth Camp and Young Adult Seminar. It brought me so much joy to see that the faith is very much alive throughout North America. Meeting members from different churches always renews my own faith and reminds me that although we may be separated by many miles, we are all walking the same path together.

While I was in Toronto, one church member shared something that really touched me. He said that whenever he passes a cemetery, he quietly puts his hands together in prayer. He thanks those who came before him for building the community during their lifetime. Then he prays that he, too, is contributing something meaningful to the community today—that he is adding to the foundation they left behind for future generations.

I had never thought of praying that way before. His words stayed with me long after our conversation ended. The next time I pass a cemetery, I think I'll stop and offer that same prayer of gratitude. It reminded me that every one of us is living because someone before us sacrificed, worked hard, prayed sincerely, and cared enough to leave the world just a little better than they found it. I think that is exactly what this Centennial wants us to reflect upon.

We gather not simply to celebrate the past, but to ask ourselves what kind of legacy we are leaving for those who will celebrate the 200th Anniversary someday. May we continue to be people who pray for others, notice the blessings hidden within ordinary days, and quietly become the reason someone else finds hope.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey of faith. Whether you have practiced this faith for many years or are just beginning to learn about it, know that there is a place for you here. Together, let us celebrate one hundred years of faith with hearts full of gratitude—and with the sincere prayer that the next hundred years will continue to bring salvation, hope, and blessings to all. I look forward to seeing you very soon. Omedetō gozaimasu!

Sincerely, *Edna*