



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### February 2020

- 1 Sat -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). Share Okage stories till 11 am  
-Ehime Kenjinkai New Year's Party (12:30 pm)
- 8 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 9 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 \*Share Okage till 11 am  
-19th Ehimeparu Mem. Svc at Kakaako WF Park (1:30 pm)
- 12 Wed -Re-carpeting of the church hall
- 13 Thr -KMH CEOC Meeting at HNL Church (5:30 pm)
- 14 Fri -WGH Volunteer Activity at 10 am \*Happy Valentine's Day!
- 15 Sat -KMH General Meeting @HNL Church (1:30-4 pm)  
-Church clean-up (9 am)
- 16 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share Okage till 11 am
- 17 Mon -President's Day Holiday
- 21 Fri -KMH Joint Conference Meeting at HNL Church (5 pm)
- 22 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am) -Chorus practice at HNL (2-4 pm)
- 23 Sun -Monthly Mem. Svc. (10 am) 月例霊祭 \*Share Okage till 11 am
- 29 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)

### March 2020

- 1 Sun -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (9 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Tue -Happy Girl's Day!
- 8 Sun -Rotary Hanashikai Gathering at HNL Church (9 am)  
\*No Sunday Service at Wahiawa Church

**Konko Daijin says...** When practicing faith, there are more blessings which cannot be seen than those which can be seen. The blessings you unknowingly receive number more than the blessings you knowingly receive. If you think about it, you will come to realize the many divine blessings that you have received. If you can do this, you are a true believer. (GII Tsugawa Haruo 14)

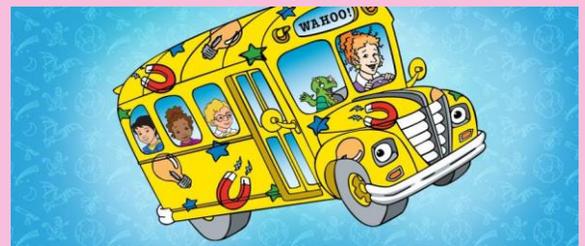
**Editor's thoughts:** When people speak of receiving blessings through practicing faith, they often times expect unbelievable miracles—without even being fully aware that their very existence from second to second is the actual miracle. People beg Kami/God to hurry up and cure their illnesses. They may even complain that Kami doesn't exist because they are not cured yet. If we practiced the Konko faith long enough, we will see the situation in a different light. Instead of complaining to Kami-Sama, we can appreciate all that we have been blessed with till this very moment. Instead of focusing on our immediate problems, we will be able to appreciate all that is still good and continue to have conviction that we will receive divine favor from Kami-Sama.

## 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.

## 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bus Schedule



*This bus schedule is for people who will be riding the bus for our Church 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Sunday, March 15, 2020.*

- 0800 -Bus arrives Honolulu Church
- 0810 -Bus leaves Honolulu Church
- 0840 -Bus arrives Waipahu Church
- 0850 -Bus leaves Waipahu Church
- 0930 -Bus arrives Wahiawa Church
- 1145 -Bus leaves for Dot's (5 min ride)
- 1515 -Bus leaves for Waipahu/Honolulu
- 1600 -Bus arrives at Waipahu Church
- 1630 -Bus arrives at Honolulu Church

## Picasso Rat



*On Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, the church held the New Year's Party after the General Meeting. We each drew one body part of the boar and we came up with this beautiful work of art! Thank you for joining! Artists below.*

## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2020

- 3/8 Sun -Rotary Hanashikai Meeting @Honolulu Church 10:30 am  
**3/15 Sun -80th Anniversary of Wahiawa Church at 10 am**  
 3/20 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 3/21 Sat -KMH Ohana Fishing Day at Hoomaluhia at 10 am  
 3/22 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service at 10 am  
 3/29 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service at 10 am  
 4/ -Zippy's fund-raising for Ohana Camp  
 4/5 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Service at 11 am  
 4/12 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Service at 11 am  
**4/13 Mon -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Service at 6:30 pm**  
 4/18 Sat -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Service at 11 am  
 4/24 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 5/8 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 5/10 Sun -Hilo Church Grand Service at 11 am  
 5/16 Sat -KMH Board Meeting @Honolulu Church 10:30 am  
 5/25 Mon -Memorial Day visit to Punchbowl  
 6/7 Sun -90th Anniversary of Konko Church of San Francisco  
 6/12 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 6/28 Sun -Kuakini Medical Center, volunteer activity at 9:30 am  
 7/17 Fri -KMH-KCNA Joint Conference till 7/19  
 -10th Ohana Camp join KCNA at Camp Erdman (7/17-19)  
 7/24 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 8/2 Sun -Rotary Hanashikai at Wahiawa Church 10 :30 am  
 8/8 Sat -KMH Board Meeting @Honolulu Church 10:30am  
 8/21 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 8/23 Sun -Annual Mem Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama at 9 am  
 9/7 Mon -Missionary Women's Society Meeting at Wahiawa Church  
 9/13 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service at 10 am  
 9/18 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 9/20 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service at 10 am  
 9/26 Sat -HCRP Interfaith Kakaako Waterfront cleanup at 10 am  
 10/4 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Service at 11 am  
 10/11 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Service at 11 am  
**10/13 Tue -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Service at 6:30 pm**  
 10/23 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 10/25 Sun -27th HCRP Peace Prayer (tentative) 4 pm  
 11/1 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Service at 11 am  
 11/8 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Service at 11 am  
 11/13 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 11/21 Sat -KMH Board Meeting @Honolulu Church at 10:30 am  
 11/29 Sun -Memorial Service for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama 9 am  
 12/7 Mon -KMH Head Ministers Meeting  
 12/11 Fri -Wahiawa General Hospital Volunteer Activity at 10 am  
 12/20 Sun -48th Mem Service for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10 am  
 12/27 Sun -End of Year Service at 9 am  
 12/30 Wed-29<sup>th</sup> Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church at 8 am



**Happy Birthday**

*To all the people born in February  
Please continue to receive  
Infinite divine blessings from*



**Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama and  
Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama**



**Nancy Ohata • Elima Pangorang • Chad Pangorang**

**New Year's Day Service 1/1/20**



**Yaki Mochi Sunday held on 1/12/20. Thank you all for coming! It was great fun!**





# Drawing the PICASSO RAT, Whacking the Piñata and playing BINGO is our yearly tradition at the New Year's Party!



## Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

I hope this year is turning out to be a great year for you. January was already a very eventful month as the pictures depict. We are only a month away from our church's **80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration! Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 10 am.** The bus pick-up schedule is on the front page for your reference. We thank Kami-Sama for all the blessings that lead up to this point. We thank Konko Daijin-Sama for initiating the Konko faith. We thank the Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi for initiating this Wahiwawa Church through the blessings she had received. And we thank all the ministers, church members and friends who have supported this church in one way or another. I can't wait to celebrate this 80<sup>th</sup> with all of you! See you soon!

I would like to share a Konko teaching with you: "When practicing faith, there are more blessings which cannot be seen than those which can be seen. The blessings you unknowingly receive number more than the blessings you knowingly receive. If you think about it, you will come to realize the many divine blessings that you have received. If you can do this, you are a true believer." (*GII Tsugawa Haruo 14*)

One day, I was given the opportunity to take care of a patient who had gone blind in one eye. There was a piece of gauze that was loosely taped above his right eyebrow and when he turned his head, it would just dangle. It seemed like a nuisance so I offered to secure it to his cheek. Rather than a simple declination to my offer, he rudely said, "What difference would it make! Stop it!" Whenever the staff came in to do something for him, he would get upset. He just wanted to be left alone in peace. Later on in the night, I had to come in to flush his PICC line (Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter)—this is an IV line that goes through the larger arm veins toward the main chambers of the heart. PICC lines need to be flushed regularly to prevent the tip of the catheter from forming blood clots. He yelled at me, "Someone already cleaned my PICC! Don't you nurses ever document your work?!" I checked the computer to see if anyone had previously flushed his PICC line. There was no documentation. When it's not documented, it's considered not done. I explained to the man that although someone may have cleaned and flushed it already, it was important that the flush was done and documented. I explained that a clotted PICC could cause further complications. He then reluctantly put his right arm out so I could flush his line.

His room was full of negative energy and I just wanted to hurry up and do whatever I need to do and get out of his room as fast as I could, to prevent him from yelling any further.

I carefully flushed his PICC line, while the man kept grunting. He had deep furrow lines on his forehead and a facial expression of a viper looking at its prey. I felt a bit petrified, but curious at the same time. Then I jovially asked, "Must you be so grumpy?" Then he yelled at me, "Grumpy?! You don't even know what I'm going through!" Yikes! I felt like I opened a can of worms. Now that the worms were out, I wanted to do something about it. So I said, "You are right. I don't know what you are going through. Can you please tell me?" Then for the next ten minutes, the man opened up and vented all his frustrations to me.

The man told me, "I was healthy for 85 years! Never got into any serious illnesses or accidents. Then all of a sudden, my vision started to get bad and so I went to the doctor and was told I got cancer, and that I will become blind and further told me that I only have 6 months to live!" I said, "Wow! You have been healthy for 85 years without major illnesses or accidents! That's amazing!!" Yet I also expressed my sadness for him for being told by the doctor about his grim prognosis. He reiterated, "I was perfectly healthy last month! And here I am in the hospital with only 6 months to live."

I could not imagine the immense shock he was going through. It was at this moment that I was able to understand more fully what was going through his mind and why he was so upset at the staff.

I like focusing on energy because the whole world is made out of energy. Everything and everyone is interconnected. Knowing this, I truly wanted this patient's energy to somehow shift to the positive. Always being in a negative state will do no benefit for us.

As the man finished sharing his frustrations, I shared with him the importance of talking to the body. I asked if he ever talked to his eye that has become blind. He said, "No, what difference would it make? My eyes don't have mouths. They don't talk back to me even if I did talk to them." I said, "Well, that may be true that your eyes and all your body parts do not have mouths, but they have certainly been working for you tirelessly in silence, right? And in your case, for 85 years." He lay in bed and listened. "As for your eye that became blind; it was working for you up until last month right? You may not be able to see out of that eye anymore, but I am sure that eye has allowed you to see many beautiful things throughout the years. The same goes for every body part and organ of your body. It's worked for you for 85 years without complaining. We must give thanks and shower it with words of love and praise."

Then I could feel his energy suddenly shifting to positive. It's as if dark gloomy clouds part in the sky and the sun shines through with blue skies taking over. The man stated, "Well, it's not that you guys aren't doing a good job. You all are, and I appreciate it. It's just been so hard for me with all this going on that I have snapped at you all. I am sorry."

From that moment, his words and gestures became positive. He even started to thank us when we did things for him, like getting him a pitcher of fresh water or warm blankets and the like. Going into his room no longer felt heavy and he even began to smile. That is the moment that I knew his heart was saved even just a little more.

True healing begins when our hearts that were once filled with worry, anxiety and dread are emptied, and filled with feelings of gratitude, trust in Kami-Sama and love. Sometimes our vessel to accept blessings has a crack. And no matter how much we try to fill it with love and appreciation, it just leaks on out. For those cases, apology is the super glue that will seal those cracks, so we can begin to accumulate feelings of goodness in our hearts again.

A little bit of listening can go a long way. People are too caught up now days with their smartphones in one hand checking their Facebook, while trying to listen at the same time. Put that phone away in your pocket or purse when you listen to someone. Give your full attention and try to listen to them with your heart. A true heart to heart connection can be established.

Through practicing the Konko faith, I can definitely say that it has helped me to awaken my spiritual eyes. For example, when it comes to illness, people like to focus on the illness itself. Their minds are constantly on how much pain and suffering it is causing. However, through strengthening the spiritual eyes, we can focus more on the blessings that has kept us alive for all these years, instead of our illnesses. We can focus on the blessings of Heaven and Earth and the care and love of family and friends. If we can maintain and sharpen our spiritual eyes we will be able to appreciate what's given to us, and not complain about what we don't have or what could have been.

People who really know me, know that I am not a perfect, problem free minister. I have problems, too. I just ask Konko-Sama and Kami-Sama for guidance.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, take this time to really think about the people in our lives that we truly love and appreciate. Send good thoughts to those people. Pray for them to be continuously happy and blessed, Have a Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you for reading.

*Sincerely, Edna*