



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

*\*All services will be streamed on Facebook Live*

### February 2022

- 1 Tue -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 2 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on Zoom (5-6 pm)
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am). \*Share Okage
- 9 Wed -21<sup>st</sup> Ehimemaru Mem. Svc at Kakaako WF (1:30 pm)
- 11 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 12 Sat -KMH General Mtg (1:30 pm-4 pm) at HNL Church
- 13 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin (9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 \*Share Okage
- 14 Mon -Happy Valentine's Day!
- 16 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on Zoom (5-6 pm)
- 18 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)  
-KMH CEOC Mtg on ZOOM (2-3 pm)
- 19 Sat -Garage sale prep (1 pm)
- 20 Sun -Monthly Mem. Svc. (9 am) 月例霊祭 \*Share Okage
- 21 Mon -President's Day Garage Sale (9 am-2 pm)
- 26 Sat -Ehimemaru citrus tree maintenance at Kakaako (9 am)
- 27 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)
- 28 Mon -Church clean-up (9 am)

### March 2022

- 1 Tue -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Thur -Happy Girl's Day!
- 6 Sun -Sunday Svc (9 am) \*Rotary Hanashikai on Zoom (1:30 pm)

## 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.



**President's Day Garage Sale!**  
Monday, February 21, 2022  
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lots of household goods, clothes, holiday décor, some plants, tons of stuffed animals.  
*Your help is greatly appreciated!*

## Year of the Tiger 2022 Artists



**Contributors of the Picasso Tiger:** Alyce Yamamoto, Janet and Sean Miyasaka, Jane Suwa, Masumi Furusho, Trisha, Jason, Jayden, Bryce Adkison, Joy and Andrea Long, Revs. Yasuhiro, Reiko, David, Rodney Yano and Fong Yip, Rev. Edna and Clayton Matsuoka. We also celebrated Trisha's Birthday!

## New Year's Day Service 1/1/2022



**Konko Daijin says...** It is all right to have dirt on your body, but not on your heart. The dirt on your body will come off with soap and water, but not the dirt on your heart.

**Editor's thoughts:** What does it mean to have dirt on your heart? Examples include: hatred, greed, self-centeredness, arrogance, dishonesty, being unkind, energy vampires, evil, cynical, destructive thoughts, not caring at all, wanting to cause harm to oneself or others. Through sacred mediation and faith-practice, one's heart can be cleansed.



## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2022

- 3/6 Sun -Rotary Hanashikai Zoom Gathering WPH host (10:30 am)
- 3/13 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service (10 am) ♥
- 3/20 Sun -Wahiawa Church Spring Memorial Service (10 am)
- 3/26 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 4/3 Sun -Honolulu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 4/10 Sun -Waipahu Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 4/13 Wed -Wahiawa Church Spring Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)
- 4/16 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 5/1 Sun -Wailuku Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am) ♥
- 5/8 Sun -Hilo Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 5/14 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church ZOOM
- 5/21 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 5/30 Mon -Memorial Day visit to Punchbowl
- 6/18 Sat -Missionary Women's Meeting @Wailuku Church
- 7/2 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm) ♥
- 7/16 Sat -KMH Hawaii Gathering (1:30 p-3:30 p)
- 7/24 Sun -Back to School Service (9 am)
- 8/6 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church ZOOM
- 8/14 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai Mtg @HNL Church (10:30 am)
- 8/21 Sun -49<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama
- 9/18 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/25 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 10/2 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 10/9 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 10/13 Thr -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)
- 10/23 Sun -HCRP Peace Prayer TBD
- 11/6 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 11/13 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am) ♥
- 11/14 Mon-International Gathering at Gohonbu thru (TBD)
- 11/15 Tue -KMH 2<sup>nd</sup> Yatsunami Gathering on Zoom (5-6:30 pm)
- 11/19 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 11/20 Sun -90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of SF Church (10:30 am)
- 11/27 Sun -25<sup>th</sup> Mem. Svc for Late Rev. Kikue Kodama @HNL (10 am)
- 12/10 Sat -KMH Head Minister's Mtg (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 12/18 Sun -50<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)
- 12/25 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
- 12/30 Fri -31<sup>st</sup> Annual Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)

*\*The annual schedule is subject to change depending on the course of the pandemic.*



## 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



Happy Birthday Trisha!!! 1.23.2022



Rev. Rodney and his wife  
Fong were able to come  
back to Hawaii for a 9-  
day vacation. Rodney  
Sensei delivered the  
sermon on 1.23.2022  
You can view on YouTube!



We were able to celebrate the Ganjitsu-sai New Year's  
Day Service in-person with Ozōni and Osechi cuisine!

We are so happy that we were able to celebrate our New Year's Party this year. Last year we were not able to do so due to the pandemic. We enjoyed the guessing games, door prizes, grab-bag gift exchange, drawing the Picasso Tiger, piñata, playing BINGO, singing Happy Birthday to Trisha, and eating a hot bowl of homemade Zenzai (red bean dessert soup with mochi) made by Reiko Sensei. Thank you all for attending!



## Editor's Note



Dear Reader,

I hope your year is going great so far! It's already February!! Just a couple weeks ago, my brother Rodney Sensei and his wife Fong came for a visit from San Francisco. It's always great to see the two of them. They bring a lot of good energy. Rodney Sensei spoke at our Monthly Memorial Service about the topic of Goyo (church volunteering). If you have the time, check it out on our church YouTube site "Konko Wahiawa" title is **Goyo**. He explained about the mindset that is important in volunteering our time, resources and skills for the church. It all becomes an offering to Kami-Sama (Life Force). We don't do goyo out of obligation; but more so with a feeling of gratitude for the blessings we have already received. Kami-Sama would be most grateful for what kind of mindset you have when helping out. No matter how skilled we may be, if we do goyo grudgingly, it no longer becomes an offering to Kami-Sama, and Kami-Sama doesn't appreciate this. His sermon really made me reflect on my own mind-set in doing any kind of task. Not only for the church, but even at work and in the household as well. In doing goyo, we are ultimately offering our energy to Kami.

Goyo doesn't only imply helping at the church. The Founder Konko Daijin said our whole life is full of goyo opportunities. Even our work is goyo. So, I want to share with you an episode I encountered at work recently. While I was at work, I drank a cup full of extra dark green tea after I ate lunch. I had the tea bag seeping for too long, but I drank it all anyways, knowing that the caffeine will come back to punch me later.

Then around 3 p.m. I didn't feel good at all. My heart was beating weird and it was thumping fast. I felt like I had lead shoes. I drank water and took a brief break. I felt like I may collapse from high caffeine intake. While I was sitting, a co-worker asked me to go to another unit to access a port-a-cath, which is a special intravenous access device that is implanted into the upper chest. It needed to be accessed with a special needle and dressed in a sterile fashion. I work in oncology, so we access these ports very often. But other units are not too familiar with accessing them.

I felt really tired, but I agreed to go. I gathered all my supplies and headed to that unit. I was thinking "I may collapse on my way to the unit, but oh wells, this is a hospital anyways. So someone will find me and call the rapid response team."

I reached the unit safely and introduced myself to the patient. She had a port site on her right upper chest. I asked her what she is in the hospital for. And she said, "I have pancreatic cancer." She looked quite anxious. I don't blame her. Many people think that cancer is a death sentence. Pancreatic cancer is especially known to have a low survival and cure rate.

She said, "I have cancer, but I'm going to fight this thing! I am going to fight it for my daughter." I said to her that there may be a better mindset to hold. She looked puzzled. She said, "What do I need to do?"

I told her that cancer cells are basically our own cells. They are not foreign cells that came from somewhere else. They are our own cells that just got rebellious and want to do their own thing. Doesn't this sound familiar? Rebellious Teenagers!! They were normal. But due to some circumstances they became cancerous. It could be stress, environmental toxins, chemicals, certain foods we eat, etc. There are many factors that can contribute to cancer. We may or may not know what has contributed to our current state of health, but I told her that the main thing to realize is to try to understand your body and apologize—that maybe something you have done along the way has led to this situation.

Whatever we do or do not do in the past led up to this moment. I told the patient that our mindset is critical. If we have that "I'm going to fight the cancer" attitude, we are going to lose

because the cancer will fight back with all of its might. The "fight" mindset is already negative and unproductive. It will most likely feed the cancer even more.

I encouraged her to give daily appreciation to her body and every cell that keeps her alive. I asked her to talk to the cancer cells in a kind manner and to apologize, give thanks to it and say I love you to them. Just like a parent trying to understand their rebellious teenager.

She had pancreatic cancer, so I asked her if she knew what the pancreas does for us every single day. She had no clue. I explained that the pancreas produces special enzymes to break down the foods we eat. It also helps to keep our blood sugar levels normal by producing insulin. The pancreas is a very important organ in our body. Yet we do not say thank you to it.

The patient was in her sixties. I asked if she had ever given thanks to her organs. And she said "never." I asked her if she knew how many times the heart beats on a daily basis. She did not know. I don't expect the average person to know this, because the average person doesn't really care. These normal daily miracles seem like nothing to people—until the normal becomes abnormal. I said our hearts beat an average of 100,000 beats a day. Her eyes got really big, and she said "wholly *bleep!*" I told her that at the end of a long day, we don't stop to put our hand above our hearts and tell it thank you. She kept nodding.

Then with a serious look in her eyes, she asked "Do you think I will get better?" I replied "Sometimes you just gotta believe it, right?" I didn't say yes or no. And the reason is that pancreatic cancer doesn't guarantee 100% death. There are actually some miracle cases of people being cured of pancreatic cancer. So, it's ultimately up to the good old Life Force to decide when we will separate from our body and soul. But in the meantime, instead of being so anxious about our future or preparing for our death, we should be giving thanks for all the big and little blessings that surround our lives. And the woman shouted "AMEN!" with tears in her eyes.

I was in that patient's room for only 10 minutes. And in the 10-minutes, I was given the opportunity to share the blessed nature of Kami-Sama. And the strangest thing is, I was feeling so weak and fatigued earlier, but while I was talking to her, it was like my fatigue vanished and I felt reenergized again. I had 4 more hours left in my 12-hour shift, and so I was worrying if I could survive another 4 hours, but through this experience, I am the one that received the most blessings. I'm not sure if what I said made any difference in that patient's life. But if it did, it would be something that the Great Life Force would be happy about. Teaching others about the blessings of Kami is one form of goyo.

Konko Daijin said, "Divine blessings can be received if you are determined to receive them through your own heart. So even when others criticize you, don't let it trouble your heart. Perform your work honestly, and receive divine blessings. It is you, not other people, who must practice faith." (Gorikai II Morimoto Nobu 1). Our sincerity is very important. Exercise your spiritual muscles, so you can receive blessings in any event.

I want you to take a moment now. Inhale a lung full of fresh air, and tell yourself "thank you." We are only able to love others when we are able to love ourselves first. Thank your body, organs and every cell that works very hard for you on a daily basis. Forgive yourself if you have ever thought badly about your body or your flaws. Be good to yourself. Get the rest that you need and the praise that it deserves. You are an amazing person. You don't have to be like anybody else. Happy Valentine's Day!

We will have a President's Day Garage Sale on Monday, February 21 from 9 am to 2 pm. Thank you for your generous donation of goods in helping the Konko Mission of Wahiawa. Have a great month in February! **Sincerely, Edna**