



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

June 2021 *All services will be broadcasted via Facebook Live

- 1 Tue -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様月例祭
- 2 Wed -KMH Kyoten ZOOM Study Group (5-6 pm)
- 6 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage
- 11 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am) *Garage sale prep (1:30 pm)
- 12 Sat -Garage Sale (9 am to 2 pm) for Educational Fund
-KMH Picnic was postponed till further notice
- 13 Sun -Monthly Svc. Founder, Ikgami Konko Daijin-Sama (9:00 am) 生神金光大神様月例祭 *Share Okage
- 16 Wed -KMH Kyoten ZOOM Study Group (5-6 pm)
- 18 Fri -KMH Zoom conference mtg (5 pm)
- 19 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 20 Sun -Monthly Memorial Svc (9 am) 月例霊祭
*Share Okage. Happy Father's Day!
- 24 Thr -KMH CEOC Meeting (5 pm)
- 25 Fri -Monthly Volunteer Activity at WGH (10-10:45 am)
- 26 Sat -Ehimemaru and Mikan tree care (9 am)
- 27 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage
- 30 Wed -Church clean-up (9 am)



July 2021

- 1 Thur -Monthly Service for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様月例祭
- 3 Sat -Deadline to register for KMH Zoom Conference

Konko Daijin's teachings... Kami takes away the body's poisons everyday through our urine and excrement. (*Gorikai I Ichimura Mitsugoro 1-30*)

Editor's thoughts: Not many people believe that our daily human wastes are divine blessings. People think it's gross, smelly, and tabooed. But all it takes is for our normal bodily functions to not work, and then we end up in the hospital. I made a postcard sized laminated reminder card that I placed next to the toilet paper roll in each bathroom. Every time I use the bathroom and tear off some toilet paper, this bathroom card reminds me of my daily blessedness. If we say a grace before eating, shouldn't it be equally important to say a grace after your meal has been processed and eliminated as waste? I think so. If we were grateful for the food we ate, we need to be grateful for being able to eliminate our waste and also give appreciation for the bathroom itself. You'd be surprised how many people in the world do not have a clean bathroom to poop and pee in. According to Unicef.org, approximately 60% of the world (4.5 billion people), don't have a toilet that safely manages human wastes at home. Without toilets, deadly diseases can spread. Let's do your body a favor starting from today, by thanking its normal functions. Also, say "Thank you" to the toilet and give it a good cleaning.

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.

Garage Sale



Saturday, June 12, 2021

9:00 am-2:00 pm

At Konko Mission of Wahiawa

Plants, clothes, kitchen goods, sundries, household items, etc.

***Social distancing still needs to be followed. Face masks are still required in basement.**



Happy Father's Day!

**Dedicated
Amazing
Dependable**



Memorial Day 2021



10 Ministers and members of Konko Missions in Hawaii went to visit 32 graves at the National Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2021

- 7/17 Sat -KMH ZOOM Conference 2021 (1:30 pm-3:30 pm)
 7/25 Sun -Back to School Service (9 am)
 8/1 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai Mtg @Wahiawa Church (10:30 a)
 8/7 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church ZOOM
 8/22 Sun -48th Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama (9 am)
 9/6 Mon -KMH MWSS at Wahiawa Church (10:30 am-3 pm)
 9/19 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
 9/26 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
 10/3 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
 10/10 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
 10/13 Wed-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (6:30 pm)
 10/24 Sun -Hilo Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
 -And 1-year Mem. Svc for the Late Rev. Makio Nagai (Hilo)
 11/4 Thr -Pilgrimage to attend Iwatani Church Centennial
 11/7 Sun -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am) 🍡
 11/14 Sun -International Gathering at Gohonbu thru 11/15 🍡
 11/20 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @HNL Church
 11/28 Sun -24th Mem. Svc for Late Rev. Kikue Kodama @HNL (9 am)
 12/11 Sat -KMH Head Minister's Mtg (10:30 am) @HNL Church
 12/19 Sun -49th Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)
 12/26 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
 12/30 Thr -30th 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 the month of June.
 Please continue to receive infinite divine
 blessings from

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

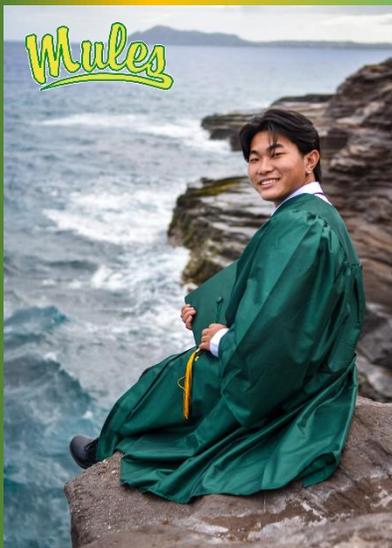
Alexander Furusho

Jason Adkison

Jean Noguchi



**Congratulations to our High School
 Graduates!!! C/O 2021!**
 Wishing you both an exciting future
 And continuous blessings!



Alexander Furusho

Leilehua High School

2nd son of Mr. & Mrs. Randy
 and Masumi Furusho



Jayden Adkison

Kapolei High School

1st son of Mr. & Mrs. Jason
 and Trisha Adkison

Wahiawa General Hospital has requested for our
 Church Volunteer Activity Program once again!
 We enjoyed entertaining the patients.



KMH Zoom Conference 2021

Date: Saturday, July 17, 2021

Time: 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Theme: Kokoro Kubari: Living with
 Mindfulness

Guest: Rev. Saijiro Matsuda (past KMH Director)

Deadline Saturday, July 3, 2021

Kokoro Kubari T-shirts are still available
 on Teespring! Register for the conference
 online. For registration link, please email:
ednakazuko@hotmail.com. Edna sensei
 will send you the link to register. Join us
 for this insightful online conference!

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Congratulations to all graduates of c/o 2021! We have 2 very special high school graduates from our congregation: **Jayden Adkison** graduated Kapolei High School and **Alexander Furusho** graduated Leilehua High School. Omedeto Gozaimasu! It is a great okage to be able to graduate safely. I am so happy that graduates were able to march this year, because last year it wasn't possible due to the increasing numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Every individual who graduates is able to do so because of the vast network of support. Whether they be family, friends, tutors, teachers and counselors—we could not have come this far solely by ourselves. And most importantly, we must remember the great blessings that we receive on a day to day basis from Kami-Sama. Our day to day health that enables us to go to school and to function regularly is the greatest blessing we can ask for.

I knew **Alex** and **Jayden** since they were both babies. In **Alex's** case, we baby sat him for a few years. We bottle fed him formula milk, spoon fed him and carried him all over the place. I remember holding him and walking around the yard and showing him the various plants in the garden and telling him what plants they were. And when I'd make these monthly children's newsletters, I remember placing him on my lap as I typed away at my editor's notes while also listening to Matisyahu's song "Youth." As **Alex** got a little older, we took him to Haleiwa Harbor every January to collect sea urchins from the rocks so we can spoon out the eggs and make *umi-sushi* or *umi-donburi*. **Alex** has also been an active participant in our mochi poundings for the church events as well as at the hotels and other public venues. **Alex** has also participated in all 9 Summer Ohana Camps for Wahiawa Church and had been coming to our weekly Sunday Services since he was little. So in a sense, he has been exposed to the Konko faith for quite some time. As soon as the pandemic is under control and Japan is accepting visitors, we will be sending **Alex** to the Konko Church of Amagi for spiritual training.

Jayden and his family has been living in the mainland US for several years. **Jayden** was around 7 years old when they moved to the mainland. They recently moved back to Oahu. **Jayden** went to Kapolei High School for his Junior and Senior year and graduated safely. I remember though, that even when they were thousands of miles away, their hearts were always close to the church and Kami-Sama. From time to time, **Jayden's** mother, **Trisha Adkison** would contact the church for Toritsugi mediation for various things. I can really tell that the family has kept the faith and received many okage from Kami-Sama and for living a faith-based life-style. **Jayden** is the 5th generation Konko believer. He is the grandson of **Ms. Jane Suwa**. We are very proud of our 2 graduates! And we pray that they will continue to receive okage and maintain their personal relationship with Kami-Sama.

People reach these many milestones in life. It starts with an individual's birth, then their first words and first steps, first teeth that erupt. Then their 1st birthday, entering preschool, elementary school, going to middle school, high school, graduating high school, getting their driver's license, going to college, graduating college, getting a job, getting a career, purchasing their first car, getting married, having kids, purchasing a house, reaching retirement, recovering from a

grave illness or injury, celebrating anniversaries, passing away, and being remembered after passing away.

My father always emphasized "*Inochi no shin no bataraki*" in his sermons. At each milestone, if we can encourage each other and celebrate each other's achievements, it would have the same effect as adding fertilizer and water to a plant. We can continuously thrive. A support system is so important. Even if it's just one person that cares about you and checks up on you from time to time, to have that person do so, gives energy to keep going.

While working in the hospital, I encounter all kinds of patients. Some people have so many family members and friends that come to visit. Before the pandemic, a single patient once had about 25 visitors in the room, singing songs and praying for the individual. The level of energy is so high and uplifting. However, there are also some patients that have absolutely no family or friends and the patient is very lonely. I heard a doctor talking with a patient about how important support systems are for patients. Because it gives them the strength to pull through these difficult times and it also gives them motivation to want to get better.

I had a patient who was newly diagnosed with cancer. And although he probably was worried about learning that he has cancer, he wasn't consumed in misery. He had a positive outlook and was a cheerful individual. Every time I came in to help him, he joked around and made me laugh. However, one time, after I finished giving his medication, I stepped outside into the hallway. His door was still open and I heard him talking with a family member on the phone. The person called with frantic energy learning that the patient just got diagnosed with cancer. And he was calling with such worry and anxiety and asking him if he should fly out to see him in the hospital as soon as possible. The patient got upset at the family member that called him. And I heard him say to him "You know what, I came into the hospital wanting to feel better. I don't need you to be calling, worrying about me with all that anxiety! You're making me all anxious now, and I don't feel good. I just want to stay positive. Don't give me your negative energy!"

It's so true. What we say to a patient will really add or subtract to their healing process. Even a little improvement from yesterday should be noticed and cheered. Just like how parents are ecstatic when their kid says mama or dada for the first time. Your encouragement, cheering and positive energy will really serve to motivate and heal.

Inochi no shin no bataraki means the function of life that keeps us going. Words of encouragement, praise, congratulations, and cheering on people will really help an individual thrive. And all throughout a person's life, their various milestones are celebrated. It is also important to pray for each other. Remind each other of what blessings really are and to practice living a faith based lifestyle and pass on the faith. In the end, our life will have been a life that was fully celebrated from beginning to end. And even after passing, our spirit can continue to be remembered and celebrated.

The KMH Summer BBQ event has been postponed till further notice due to the ongoing pandemic. We will instead hold a summer garage sale on Sat. June 12 from 9am-2pm. Wishing all students and teachers a fun filled and safe summer break! Don't forget to sign up for our KMH Zoom Conference 2021! Deadline is July 3rd. Let's wear Konko shirts!

Aloha, Edna