



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### March 2025

- 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) \*Okage sharing
- 3 Mon -Happy Girl's Day Hina matsuri
- 5 Wed -Garage Sale prep (1 pm)
- 6 Thr -KMH Kyoten Study Group on Zoom (5-6 pm)  
-Church clean-up (9 am)
- 7 Fri -St Francis JPN Program (10:30 am) \*Garage sale prep (1pm)
- 8 Sat -Garage Sale (9 am-1 pm) \*For church maintenance
- 9 Sun -Monthly Svc. for the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin  
(9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭  
-Rotary Hanashikai Mtg hosted by Wahiawa (10:30 am) Zoom
- 15 Sat -Ehimekenjinkai Shinnen Enkai (11 am to 2 pm)
- 16 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Okage Sharing  
-Honolulu Church Spring Memorial Service (10 am)
- 19 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on Zoom (5-6 pm)
- 21 Fri -KMH Centennial planning mtg on Zoom (5 pm)  
-Church clean-up (9 am)
- 23 Sun -Spring Memorial Service (10 am) \*Naorai lunch follows.
- 27 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 28 Fri -Celebration of Life Service for Rev. Noriko Yasutake (11 am)  
At the Konko Mission of Waipahu
- 29 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering on ZOOM (2 pm)  
-Ehimemaru Memorial clean-up at Kakaako (9 am)
- 30 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Okage Sharing
- 31 Mon -KMH CEOC Meeting on Zoom (9 am)

### April 2025

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

## 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 MISSIONS  
IN HAWAII PRESENTS

## ROTARY HANASHIKAI

SUNDAY, 3/9/25 @ 10:30AM

**"ESSENTIALS OF  
THE KONKO FAITH PRACTICE**

ZOOM ID: 847 4142 7204  
PASSCODE: 063254

## HAWAII GUNPLA WORKSHOP @KAWAII KON 2025

**AT THE HAWAII  
CONVENTION  
CENTER**

**FRI 3/14 [11A-8P]  
SAT 3/15 [10A-7P]  
SUN 3/16 [10A-4P]**

f @ #hawaii-gunplaworkshop

## Spring Memorial Service

Sunday, March 23, 2025 @10 am

Naorai fellowship lunch will follow

Honor your ancestors.

*"Immortality is important for humans.*

*Immortality is when others keep praying  
for you after you die."*

*(Gorikai // Kondo Tsuru 1)*



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## Spring GARAGE SALE

Saturday, March 8th  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Proceeds will go towards church maintenance  
your help is greatly appreciated



## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2025

- 4/6 Sun -Spring Grand Service at Honolulu Church 11 am
- 4/13 Sun -**Spring Grand Service at Wahiawa Church at 5 pm**
- 4/20 Sun -Spring Grand Service at Waipahu Church 10:30 am  
-5<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for Rev. Mitsuko Yasutake WPH
- 5/4 Sun -Spring Grand Service at Wailuku Church 11 am
- 5/10 Sat -KMH Board Meeting 10:30 am @HNL and Zoom
- 5/17 Sat -Introduction of Konko Mission of Wahiawa to Public (10 am)
- 5/18 Sun -Spring Grand Service at Hilo Church 11 am
- 5/26 Mon -Memorial Day visit to Punchbowl
- 6/18 Wed -KMH MWSS at WPH. Guest: Rev. Sachiko Yasutake (10 a-4 p)
- 6/19 Thr -KMH Ministers Gathering w/Rev. Sachiko Yasutake (2-4 pm)
- 7/4-6 Fri -KCNA/KMH Joint Conference in Sacramento CA
- 7/19 Sat -KMH Ministers Gathering (10:30 am- 2 p)
- 7/20 Sun -Back-to-School Service 9 am
- 8/3 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai at Wailuku Church 10:30 pm
- 8/9 Sat -KMH Board Meeting 10:30 am @Honolulu Church ZOOM
- 8/16 Sat -Introduction of Konko Mission of Wahiawa to Public (10 am)
- 8/24 Sun -52<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Svc for the late Rev. Masayuki Kodama 9 am
- 8/30 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Mikan Trees Care at 9 am
- 9/6 Sat -KMH Faith Enrichment Gathering on ZOOM (1:30 p-3 p)
- 9/14 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service 10 am  
-Late Rev. Sugako Yoshino 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Memorial Svc at HNL.
- 9/21 Sun -**Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service at 10 am**
- 10/5 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Honolulu at 11 am
- 10/12 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Waipahu at 10:30 am
- 10/13 Mon -**Autumn Grand Service at Wahiawa at 5 pm**
- 10/19 Sun -HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church (4 pm)
- 10/26 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Wailuku Church (11 am)
- 11/9 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Hilo Church 11 am
- 11/15 Sat -KMH 5<sup>th</sup> International Yatsunami Gathering (ZOOM HST)
- 11/22 Sat -KMH Board Mtg 10:30 am @HNL Church
- 11/30 Sun -27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama 9 am
- 12/21 Sun -**53<sup>rd</sup> Mem Svc for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10 am**
- 12/28 Sun -**End of Year Service 9 am**
- 12/30 Tue -34<sup>th</sup> Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church

*Kyoten Study Session, two times a month, usually on Wednesdays at 5 pm (Zoom)*

## In Loving Memory Rev. Noriko Yasutake



With deep respect and heartfelt gratitude, we announce the passing of **Reverend Noriko Yasutake**, Associate Minister of the Konko Mission of Waipahu, on **Friday, February 7, 2025**, at the age of 62. Despite living with muscular dystrophy and being confined to a wheelchair, Noriko Sensei dedicated her life to faith and service. She embraced each day as a blessing and found purpose in her ministry. Though physically limited, her spirit knew no bounds—she answered calls and prayed for others. A **Celebration of Life Service** will be held in her honor on **Friday, March 28, 2025, at 11:00 AM at the Konko Mission of Waipahu**. Let us join in honoring her life. May her spirit continue to guide, protect and comfort us.

Glowing smiles so warm and bright,  
In our hearts, pure joy takes flight.  
Ribbons, flowers, laughter too,  
Love and kindness shine in you!  
Special moments, sweet and true.



*The KCNA MWSS group came to visit us at the Wahiawa Kyokai! Top L-R: Rev. Edna Matsuoka (Wahiawa), Rev. Mitsue Giulietti (Seattle), Rev. Matsuko Nakabara (Chicago), Tokio Giulietti (Seattle), Rev. Amy Uzunoe-Chin (Portland), Ms. Jane Hashimoto (Vancouver), Ms. Alice Kawabatsu (SF Church), Rev. Lisa Uzunoe (Portland), Rev. Masato Kawabatsu (SF Church), Ms. Michelle Kuruma (SF Church), Bottom L-R: Rev. Reiko Yano (Wahiawa), Rev. Yasuhiro Yano (Wahiawa), Rev. Joanne Tolosa (SF Church), Rev. Toshiko Kishii (Toronto), Rev. Michie Uzunoe (Portland).*



*Mr. Bernie & Mrs. Emi Tom from San Francisco Church came to visit us on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. It is always so nice to see them. Thank you for coming!*

## Editor's Note



### Dear Friends,

I hope you are doing well! I want to share something special that happened recently. My mom and I were invited to a KCNA Missionary Women's Seminar in Makaha, a beautiful valley on the west side of Oahu. The event was organized by **Rev. Joanne Tolosa** (*Senior minister of the Konko Church of San Francisco and President of the KCNA MWSS*), and we stayed for two nights and three days in a cozy house inside a gated community. I had never been to that area before, and honestly, I didn't even know there was a gated community in Makaha!

Some people think the "West Side" is a dangerous place because of the news, but my visit changed my mind. It was peaceful, quiet, and absolutely beautiful. The mountains met the sea, and I saw a side of Oahu I had never seen before.

At the gathering, there were 10 women sensei, one child, and a member who joined on Zoom. With my mom and me, there were 14 of us! We shared stories about faith and life. The theme of our discussions was **"Pray anytime, anywhere, for anything."** We also talked about **"Aging Gracefully."**

One story that surprised me was about someone who wasn't a Konko believer. When they heard that in Konko, we can pray to Kami-Sama (God) anytime, anywhere, and for anything, they were shocked. They thought Kami was too great and almighty for them to pray to. But in the Konko Faith, Kami-Sama is always listening, no matter what we pray for.

A fun example of this is my husband! He loves collecting Pokémon cards. Before opening a pack of cards, he places them on our altar, puts his hands together, and prays. One time, he opened a pack and found a super rare card—**Umbreon ex - 161/131 - SV: Prismatic Evolutions!** If you know Pokémon cards, you'd understand how amazing this is. That card is worth \$1,500! He was so happy and placed it back on the altar to thank Kami-Sama.

Some people believe we should only be thankful in prayer and never ask for anything because we are already blessed. But as humans, when we face hard times, we naturally pray for help. We don't even realize it sometimes! Hoping for a good grade on a test, wishing for a sunny day, hoping you get well again if you get sick, or even cheering for your favorite team to win—all of these are like prayers. I once attended a conference where someone asked, "Why is prayer important?" I believe that when we pray, we send our thoughts into the Universe. The Universe isn't just far away—it's right here, in everything around us, including plants, animals, and people. Prayers help change the energy of a situation. We all want to be happy and safe, and that is Kami-Sama's greatest wish for us.

Do you know who else wishes for our safety and happiness? Our parents! More than anything in the world, a parent wishes for their children to be safe and happy. This is why Kami-Sama is our spiritual Parent Kami. So, we encourage you to pray not only for your well-being but also for the well-being of others, as we are all precious children of this great Life Force we call Kami-Sama.

One attendee shared a story about her daughter, who had a friend with a brain tumor. The daughter prayed for her friend but still called her mom to ask for extra prayers. She believed that her mom's prayers would help too.

That's why we can always visit a Konko Church and ask the sensei to pray with us. Even if you live far from a church, you can call, text, or email, and a sensei will pray for you.

I love how **Rev. Mitsue Giulietti** from Seattle Kyokai teaches her 9-year-old son to pray every day. He names at least two people he wants to pray for—one time, he even prayed for **Santa Claus!** Children's prayers are very special because they are so pure and sincere.

How do you pray in your daily life? If you'd like to share, email me, and we can feature your story in the next Children's Newsletter!

I would like to thank **Joanne Sensei** again for her warm invitation to the KCNA MWSS meeting in Hawaii. My mom and I had a great time sharing our faith with each other, singing karaoke, praying, and enjoying wonderful meals together. We are looking forward to seeing all of you at the KCNA/KMH Joint Conference later this year!

### Garage Sale Announcement:

We will be having another **garage sale on Saturday, March 8th, from 9 AM to 1 PM** to help clear space for upcoming events. This will be the last one for a while—probably until August. The money we raise will go toward our church maintenance fund.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the **President's Day Garage Sale in February**. We raised **\$836.75** and donated it to the **American Red Cross California Wildfire Relief Efforts**. Your kindness has even reached Kami-Sama!

Please mark your calendars for two important upcoming services!

🌸 **Spring Memorial Service: Sunday, March 23 at 10 am.** Let's come together to honor and remember our ancestors and loved ones who have gone before us.

🌿 **Spring Grand Ceremony: Sunday, April 13 at 5 pm.** Join us in expressing our gratitude to the Great Life Force, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama, for the countless blessings we receive. Naorai fellowship will follow both services. We encourage you to attend in person and share in these special moments of faith and community.

Wishing you a wonderful March! 🌸 ✨

With gratitude, *Edna*

