



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

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

### May 2021

- 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  
-Wailuku Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 5 Wed -Happy Boy's Day  
-KMH Kyoten study group via Zoom (5 pm)
- 8 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 9 Sun -**Monthly Svc. for the Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama**  
(9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 \*Share okage  
-Happy Mother's Day!  
-Hilo Church Spring Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 14 Fri -KMH Zoom conference mtg (5 pm)
- 15 Sat -KMH Board of trustees meeting (10:30 am-3:30 pm)
- 16 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share okage
- 19 Wed-KMH Kyoten study group via Zoom (5 pm)
- 21 Fri -KMH CEOC mtg (5 pm)  
-Volunteer Activity at Wahiawa Gen. Hosp. (10 am)
- 22 Sat -Church clean-up (9 am). KMH Ministers' Zoom  
Gathering (2 pm-4 pm) \*Spkr: Rev. Michiyo Iwasaki KCAM
- 23 Sun -**Monthly Memorial Svc (9 am) 月例霊祭** \*Share okage
- 29 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Clean-up @ Kaka'ako (9 am)  
-Church clean-up (2 pm)
- 30 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Share okage
- 31 Mon-Memorial Day—Visit Punchbowl Cemetery (8 am)

### June 2021

- 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.



Boys be brave  
One and only  
Yours truly  
Strong

Most strong-willed person in the family  
Overflowing with love and kindness  
Thankful for her existence  
Honored to be her child  
Earth functions equal mother functions  
Reminds me what's important in life



**Konko Daijin's teachings...**People today are very fashion-conscious. They follow the style of the times, but without receiving Kami's virtue, they won't receive divine blessings. (Gorikai II Unknown 24)

**Editor's thoughts:** In these times, not only are people fashion conscious—people are conscious about the number of likes they get on Facebook and the number of followers they have on Instagram, the number of views they get on their YouTube postings. Social media is controlling the young generation to the point that their faces are constantly fixated to their smartphones. I see it as the modern day drug addiction crisis that doesn't involve shooting up fentanyl or smoking heroin. This social media addiction has been getting people thoroughly brainwashed. The internet is a double-edged sword. We have to be in control of it, instead of it controlling us. The internet and social media is a blessing if used wisely. We need to be careful that it is not beginning to consume us. Regardless of the times, we still must practice faith and realize what's really important in our lives.



*The Spring Grand Ceremony was held on April 13, 2021 from 6:30 pm. The service was streamed on Facebook Live. Rev. Edna Matsuoka was the speaker for the evening. Bento boxes were distributed.*

## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2021

- 6/12 Sat -KMH Summer Beach BBQ @Haleiwa Alii Beach (9 am)
- 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 -48<sup>th</sup> 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
- 11/21 Sun -San Francisco Church 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (10:30 am)
- 11/28 Sun -24<sup>th</sup> 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 -49<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Haruko Takahashi (10 am)
- 12/26 Sun -End of the Year Service (9 am)
- 12/30 Thr -30<sup>th</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  
The month of May  
Please continue to receive  
Infinite divine blessings from



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

Rev. Sugako Yoshino  
AdaRae Perreira  
Linda Noguchi  
Nathan Noguchi  
Channon Pangorang

Sean Miyasaka  
Rev. Reiko Yano  
Tevin Makishima  
Randy Furusho  
Elmay Pangorang



**Linda Kazue Asato & Aric Teruo Tanimoto**  
got married at the Konko Mission of Wahiawa on April 30, 2021.  
Wishing the two everlasting happiness and blessings as a married couple.

## KMH Summer Beach BBQ

- What:** KMH Summer Beach BBQ
- When:** Sat., June 12, 2021 from 9 am-1 pm
- Where:** Haleiwa Alii Beach Park (Near Haleiwa Jodo Mission)
- Who:** All is welcome to join us
- Cost:** FREE
- Food:** The Konko Mission of Wahiawa will prepare all the food. We will need approximate headcount by Sat. 6/5.
- Memo:** Feel free to bring beach gear, fishing gear and your own canopies and beach chairs. Please take note, that you may enjoy water activities such as swimming and fishing, but you are doing so at your own risk. Konko Missions in Hawaii will not be responsible.



Deadline to RSVP is Sat. 6/5/21  
Please contact Edna (KMH CEOC Secretary) at (808) 223-3448



### Iwa Lady Grey

The African Grey parrot we were bird sitting for about 9 years has been sent to the Parrots in Paradise Sanctuary in Kealahou, HI so she can live more comfortably. We can go visit her! Take care Iwa!

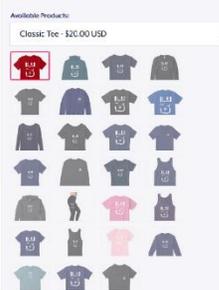
### New Walkway!

Yano Sensei and David Sensei laid out a beautiful concrete slab walkway for the left side of the church for our Godaisai project. Thank you for your hard work!



Let's wear Kokoro-Kubari T-shirts during the Zoom Conference!

**Kokoro Kubari**  
Created by **Kokoro-Mech**  
Kokoro Kubari Shirt



Check out the new Konko Merch on Teespring!!  
Go to this link below and order yours today!  
<https://teespring.com/kokoro-kubari?pid=2&cid=576>  
Proceeds gathered by May 14 will go towards the Konkokyo Headquarters Renovation Project!



Top left: Edna sensei is modeling the flowy women's tank top in size M and navy color. Top right is women's triblend military green in size L

## Editor's Note

Dear readers,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and overall well-being. I would like share to my sermon with you that I delivered for the Spring Grand Ceremony held on April 13<sup>th</sup> this year.

The Spring Grand Ceremony is held in honor and appreciation of our Great Life Force, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama. I think you may have begun to notice that I have been using "The Great Life Force" to describe Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama, rather than the Divine Parent. I say this because lately I have realized that not everyone associates their parents as a positive role model. But people who know, know that something great is in control of our lives. And there is so many questions to life that have no answers yet. We still don't know which came first, the chicken or the egg.

The Great Life Force, Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama to me describes something amazing, something invisible, yet we can't live without. It's an energy; not a man or a woman. It's plus, minus and neutral, it's the light and the dark, the cold and the hot. It cannot be created nor destroyed. And it has existed since the beginning of time. It surrounds us, it's within us. It brings forth life, and takes it away. It's in everything we touch and everything we see. This is the Great Life Force. The Godaisai (Grand Ceremony) is a day to celebrate and appreciate this Great Life Force Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama.

Amidst this pandemic, you have come in person to attend. It takes some courage, especially in this fear mongering era we are in right now. Did you get your vaccine? I'm pretty sure most of you got your vaccine. People are paranoid of covid-19. Many corporations are forcing their employees to get vaccinated to continue employment.

Media is constantly bombarding us to be scared—to be very scared of everything. Have you ever sat down and watched the news? Of course it's mostly negative news we hear. But have you ever paid attention to the commercials that appear on TV? You see so many pharmaceutical commercials. Many of the commercials begin with a negative symptom people may be experiencing. And of course the same dialogue that goes: "You should talk to your doctor about your symptoms." Or "You should talk to your doctor about this drug." We are constantly being brainwashed with fear. The "What if this happened? What if that happened?"

I went to get my car checked out the other day and I was sitting in the waiting lounge. I picked up a random household magazine. There were a few nice recipes, but what got my attention was the number of pharmaceutical ads in there. Can you guess how many ads for remedies were in the magazine? I found 17! Keytruda for cancer treatment, Dupixident for eczema, Tylenol pain, Optivo for lung cancer, Nyquil for cold and flu, TheraBreath for stinky mask breath, Ibrance for breast cancer, Thera tears for dry eyes, Saxenda for weight loss, Colgate for white teeth, Nexletol for high cholesterol, Robitussin for cough, Yupelri for COPD, Xeljanz XR for rheumatoid arthritis, Xiidra for dry eye disease, ZzzQuil for

night pain and sleep aide, Fanapt for schizophrenia, and so on and so forth.

But of course pharmaceutical companies are just doing their job to help with aches, pains and discomforts in the modern day and to earn a living. Nowadays, the safety, efficacy and legitimacy of medications are based primarily on evidence based studies.

The past is the same as the present when it comes to diseases. People got sick and people wanted a cure. But the difference between the past and the present in terms of remedies is that people turned to herbal remedies and shamans. People back then prayed a whole lot more than they do today. People have a tendency to focus their awareness on bad things that can happen in the future—so much so that they are not living in the moment.

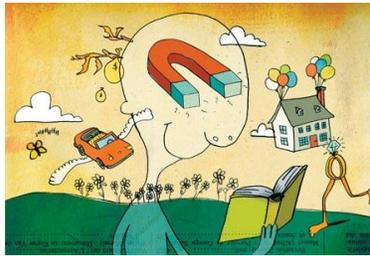
Wherever our awareness goes, energy flows. And if we focus our awareness on negative things that can happen, it will happen. There is a Konko teaching that goes, "Just because you will be eating salty fish guts tomorrow, you don't have to start drinking water from today. Don't worry needlessly." I like this teaching because I worry a lot. This teaching recalibrates my heart to be in line with Kami-Sama's and I reassure myself that Kami-Sama is in control.

No matter how much we think we are in control of our lives, we are not. If we were able to control everything in our lives, we would not need doctors or hospitals. Many of the patients come into the hospital because something beyond their control happened to them and they need an intervention or they fear for their lives.

In Konkokyo, we especially try to focus on not only the healing of our illnesses and injuries, but more so on how much Kami-Sama has been allowing us to live every day without anything crazy happening. We focus on what keeps us alive. Sure people come for a cure for their illness, but more importantly, we must come to church to give thanks when nothing has happened yet; when all is still good. Because you know and I know that things can change any time. Once again, we are not in control of our lives.

The average adult human's heart beats approximately 100,000 times a day. That's if your heart rate is around 70 beats per minute. Your heart beats transporting freshly oxygenated blood throughout your body and gets deoxygenated blood and pumps it to your lungs so it can become oxygenated again. And this is happening right now. At the end of the day, can you at least put your hand to your heart and say thank you to it? Let's do that right now. Place your hand on your heart and tell it thank you for beating continuously without taking a break and keeping us alive. Try to do this every day with all your body parts and organs in your body.

Do you know how expensive it is to try to keep you alive artificially if you don't have insurance? 4 days on a mechanical ventilator will cost you around \$88,000. 1 session of hemodialysis will begin at around \$500 if you pay out of pocket. Our kidneys do a way better job than hemodialysis machines and gets our body's toxins removed through urine



every few hours. Do you know where your kidneys are at? Do you know how much it costs to be on an ECMO (Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation machine) AKA: Heart and Lung machine? \$73,122. The average hospital cost of patients who were on ECMO were about \$210,142. (European journal of cardiothoracic surgery)

Do you pay Kami-Sama \$500 every time you are able to pee? Do you pay Kami-Sama \$22,000 just for being able to breathe? Do you see how expensive it is to keep a human being alive using artificial means? All the money in the world won't be enough to keep one human alive if we had to pay Kami-Sama for our normal bodily functions.

Yet people go to shrines and temples and toss in a few coins, clap their hands and expect a year's worth of blessings from Kami-Sama on their first shrine/temple visit of the year. You gotta be kidding me right? Kami-Sama deserves more than that.

Recently when I was at work, I had the privilege to take care of a patient who needed a ticket to be discharged home. Do you know what that ticket was? All she needed to do was urinate and she can go home. And because she was not able to urinate the day before, she was not able to go home, and needed to have a urinary catheter in so the urine can come out. A urinary catheter is a tube that is stuck up the urethra so the urine can come out and collect into a bag that hangs on the side of the bed.

I had another patient who the doctor was just waiting for him to fart after he had bowel surgery. People laugh about farts, but it's an important bodily function we take for granted. To be able to fart means that our intestines are working properly.

For both patients I wrote on their care board the most important goal for them that evening. To pee for one and to fart for the other. And I told the first one to talk to her bladder and the other patient to talk to his intestines and had him turn to the side and made his bed flat. I said the fart won't come out if you are sitting on the vent. The gas cannot escape.

In less than an hour, the first patient peed successfully and I discharged her home. She was very happy. And in less than an hour, my other patient farted successfully. And he was really happy. He said, "Man I farted a big fart and that felt goood." I said to the young man, "Isn't it interesting that the body needs an input of solid, liquid, and gas to stay alive every day (food, water, and air). And every day we need to output solid, liquid and gas to stay alive. And if any of these functions cease, we have to go to the hospital?" And he was like, "Oh yeah, that's right."

Our daily life is filled with moment to moment blessings that enable us to live. This is the working of Kami-Sama. This is why attending the Godaisai is so important. Many are aware of the daily wages that come from their employer. But people don't understand the daily wages that come from Kami Sama. This is the cause of human suffering. Not understanding our indebtedness to Kami-Sama for all that we are blessed with.

When you wake up in the morning, don't pick up your phone to see who texted you in the night first. Do that after

you put your hands together and say to Konko Sama and Kami-Sama, thank you for this brand new day. If you put Kami-Sama as your priority, you will find yourself in a state of perpetual blessedness.

With the pandemic, there has been a huge disconnect with people and Kami-Sama. Some people think this pandemic is a curse. Others think this is the best thing that had ever happened because it brought their family closer together. No matter what state the world may be in, always stay close to Kami-Sama. Even if you can't come to church in person, don't lose your connection with Kami-Sama.

In conclusion, I wish to reiterate not to let fear run your lives. Because that's what ruins your life. Place Kami before our fears, and we will have nothing to fear. Give thanks to Kami-Sama daily. And always remember that we are more blessed than we realize by this Great Life Force. Thank you very much.

And that concludes my Spring Grand Ceremony sermon. This year, a total of 16 people were able to attend our Godaisai in person, including the officiating ministers. We also had one new attendee who came through an ad we placed on Facebook. We also distributed take-home bento boxes in place of having our after service fellowship dinners downstairs. I was happy that we could gather again in appreciation to Kami-Sama, while following pandemic guidelines.

The KMH Community Engagement and Outreach Committee decided to initiate a Kyoten Study Group using Zoom twice a month. The very first study group session will take place on **Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm.**

Please join us! We will be reading the Voice of the Universe and learn to have a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Founder's teachings. Please email Edna Sensei: [ednakazuko@hotmail.com](mailto:ednakazuko@hotmail.com) if you would like a Zoom invite for the study group session.

The Konkokyo Headquarters' Kaido Renovation fund has reached its goal thanks to generous donations from the Konkokyo Community. However, if you would still like to make a donation for the renovation project, please write a check to Konko Missions in Hawaii and in the memo section please write: Gohonbu Renovation. Deadline is May 13<sup>th</sup>. KMH will be transferring the donations from Hawaii to the Headquarters on May 15, 2021.

Konko-Merch on the Teespring website will remain up indefinitely. All proceeds gathered from merchandise sales will be donated to the Konkokyo Honbu Renovation fund on May 13<sup>th</sup>. All other profit thereafter will go towards annual Konkokyo Honbu offerings. Thank you very much for purchasing Konko-Merch t-shirts! Currently there are 14 different designs to choose from on the Teespring Konko-Merch online store. Orders can also be shipped directly to your door, and even internationally! Let me know if interested in purchasing a shirt.

Thank you again for reading till the end. I hope that you will have a wonderful month in May. Happy Boy's Day (5/5) and Happy Mother's Day (5/9). **-Edna**

**KMH Kyoten Study Group  
on Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
@5pm. E-mail Edna Sensei  
for Zoom link to join!**