



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

May 2026

- 1 Fri -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane No Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage
-Wailuku Church Godaisai (11 am) *Reiko Sensei will attend
- 5 Tue -Happy Boy's Day!
- 7 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 8 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
- 9 Sat -KMH Hula Group Practice at Waipahu Church (1:30 pm)
- 10 Sun -Monthly Svc for Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama
生神金光大神様 月例祭 (9 am)
-Happy Mother's Day!
- 16 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop at Honolulu Church (12 p-6 p)
- 17 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage
-Hilo Church Godaisai (11 am) *Yano Sensei will attend
- 20 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Session on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 21 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 24 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service 月例霊祭 (9 am) *Share Okage
- 25 Mon -Memorial Day—Visit Punchbowl National Cemetery of the
Pacific (Meet at flagpole at 7 am)
- 26 Tue -KMH CEOC Meeting on ZOOM (9 am)
- 27 Wed -KMH Centennial Meeting on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 29 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 30 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Clean-up (9 am)
-KMH International Minister's Gathering ZOOM (2-4 pm)
- 31 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share Okage

June 2026

- 1 Mon -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 Daijin's Teaching

Those who practice faith must be sincere in whatever they do.

(Gorikai III Shinkun 2-7)

Faith is not shown only in prayer, but in the sincerity, we bring to every part of life. When we do even the smallest things with honesty, care, and our whole heart, that sincerity becomes the expression of our faith. A sincere heart can turn ordinary actions into something sacred.

Spring Grand Ceremony 4/13/26



HAWAII GUNPLA/TCG WORKSHOP

SAT. 5.16.26 12 PM-6 PM


Konko Mission of Honolulu
1728 Liliha Street

#hawaiigunplaworkshop

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka & Michi's Toy Box



Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2026

- 6/20 Sat -KMH Fishing Day at Ali'i Agricultural Farms (10 am to 2 pm)
- 6/27 Sat -KMH Minister's Gathering (2-4 pm)
- 7/11 Sat -SF Church Summer Bazaar (Sun 7/12 is day 2)
- 7/17 Fri -KCNA/KMH Joint Conference in Toronto, Canada till 7/19
- 7/26 Sun -Back-to-School Service (9 am)
- 8/1 Sat -KMH Board Meeting (10:30 am) @Honolulu Church ZOOM
- 8/2 Sun -KMH Rotary Hanashikai at Waipahu Church (10:30 pm)
- 8/15 Sat -KMH Centennial Celebration at Ko'olau Ballroom (11 am- 3p)
- 8/16 Sun -KMH Picnic at Ala Moana Beach (10 am-2 pm)
- 8/17 Mon -6th Konko Sama, Rev. Hiromichi Konko visitation to Wahiawa
- 8/23 Sun -53rd Memorial Svc for Late Rev. Masayuki Kodama (9 am)
- 9/5 Sat -KMH Faith Enrichment Program on Zoom (1:30p-3p)
- 9/9 Wed -KMH MWSS at Wahiawa (10 am-4 pm)
- 9/13 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)
- 9/20 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Memorial Service (10 am)**
- 10/4 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Honolulu (11 am)
- 10/11 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Waipahu at (11 am)
- 10/13 Tue -Autumn Grand Service at Wahiawa at (5 pm)** 
- 10/18 Sun -HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church (4 pm)
- 11/1 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Wailuku Church (11 am)
- 11/11 Wed -Gohonbu Appreciation Pilgrimage for KMH 100th (11/11-18)
- 11/14 Sat -KMH 5th Intl Yatsunami Gathering at Gohonbu (Pending)
- 11/22 Sun -Autumn Grand Service at Hilo Church (11 am)
- 11/28 Sat -KMH Board Mtg (10:30 am) @HNL Church
- 11/29 Sun -29th Mem. Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
- 12/20 Sun -54th Memorial Svc for late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10am**
- 12/27 Sun -End of Year Service (9 am)**
- 12/30 Tue -34th Mochi Pounding at Wahiawa Church (8 am)

The KMH Centennial T-Shirt Contest Winning Design! Congratulations, Rev. Rodney Yano!



Please order your limited-edition Konko Missions in Hawaii 100th Anniversary t-shirt by July 13th! Forms are available at church \$20 for adult shirts

Konko Missions in Hawai'i

Centennial
100 Years of Faith

Serving Kami and the People of Hawai'i
1926-2026

Saturday, August 15, 2026
11:00 AM — 3:00 PM
Ko'olau Ballrooms & Conference Center

Sunday, August 16, 2026
10:00 AM — 2:00 PM
Ala Moana Beach Park



Please scan the QR code to register for the centennial online! **Deadline Mon. 7/13/26**

Please RSVP for the KMH Centennial by Mon. 7/13/2026

Rev. Edna Matsuoka presented a workshop at the Hawaii Buddhist Women's Association Annual Membership Conference at Ala Moana Hotel on March 28. The topic was: "Healing Through Gratitude: Living with Appreciation"



Photo credit: Mr. Rodney Moriyama (Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission)



Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

Omedetō gozaimasu! Godaisai in O'ahu has officially concluded safely for Spring 2026, and our own church Godaisai was held on April 13th. We were truly blessed with beautiful weather, and the turnout of those who came to worship together was equally wonderful. Seeing so many people gather in faith is always something I feel deeply grateful for.

I attended the Honolulu Church Grand Ceremony on April 5, where the guest speaker was Rev. Yōki Sekiguchi, the new head minister of the Konko Mission of Hilo. Rev. Sekiguchi was born in Hawai'i and speaks both English and Japanese. What stood out to me even more was that he is completely new to the faith. He came from a non-believer background and was guided into Konko faith through his workplace, where his superior happened to be a Konko minister, Rev. Kei Kunito.

I really enjoyed Yōki-sensei's sermon, especially the way he compared the heart of Kami, or God, to the hearts of parents and the people who raised and cared for him. He shared that in the nurturing of a human being, there must be someone who is genuinely kind.

He pointed out that in Japan today, that gentle approach seems to be emphasized almost exclusively. As a result, he said people are becoming too lax. They are easily offended, quick to give up, and sometimes withdraw from society altogether. Yōki-sensei said that what is truly needed is balance. Alongside kindness, there must also be some level of strictness. There must be someone willing to give tough love—to guide, to discipline, and to help prevent others from going down the wrong path.

He shared openly that he himself was quite rebellious in high school and caused his parents a great deal of trouble. However, when he later moved back to Hawai'i on his own and found a job at a tour company in Kona, his life began to change. His supervisor at that job happened to be a Konko minister. Yōki-sensei admitted that he was actually afraid of him at first because he always looked serious, even a bit intimidating. But that same supervisor became the person who gave him the kind of tough love he needed.

At that time, Yōki-sensei did not even have a driver's license. His supervisor insisted that he learn. On their days off, that supervisor became his driving instructor, quite literally risking his own safety to teach him. Not only that, but because Yōki-sensei did not have a vehicle, his supervisor even lent him several thousand dollars as a down payment so he could purchase a car. That level of trust and support left a deep impression on him. He felt truly cared for and trusted, and he made sure to repay that loan in full.

Through these experiences, Yōki-sensei came to understand that Kami-sama embodies both unconditional kindness and nurturing love—like a mother—but also expresses tough love when necessary, like a father. Kami-sama gives us signs to guide us, especially when we are heading in the wrong direction.

Kami-sama may be more lenient with those who do not yet have faith, because they simply do not know. However, for those of us who do have faith, and therefore should know better, the guidance we receive can sometimes feel more direct and even painful. Still, that too is an expression of love. It is a form of tough love meant to awaken us.

This idea reminded me of something very simple at home. My dad takes care of many plants, and there are certain ones he especially cherishes. Because of that, he sometimes gives them extra fertilizer, thinking it will help them grow even better. But instead, the concentration becomes too strong, and it ends up harming the plant. In the same way, too much kindness without balance can sometimes have the opposite effect.

Recently, I also listened to a recording of a ministers' meeting on Zoom, where the guest speaker was Rev. Tomohiro Yagi of Ayabe Church. His story had many similarities. He too was originally a complete non-believer. He met his wife and was drawn not necessarily to her faith at first, but to the warmth and sincerity of her personality. After they married, he became the adopted son, took his wife's family name, and moved into the church with his in-laws about four years later.

He shared that he would often have long conversations about faith with his father-in-law late into the night, over beer. At first, he didn't understand much of what was being said. But over time, almost like osmosis, the teachings slowly began to sink in and take root within him.

At the same time, he admitted that he was afraid of his father-in-law. He was very particular and would frequently correct him on small things. For example, he would say, "When you come into the house, straighten your slippers—they're all over the place." He would also say, "Straighten your back—you're always hunched over." "Clean your room! Kami dislikes messiness." Hearing that, I felt like it was something I needed to hear as well.

At first, Yagi-sensei did not like being told what to do. It felt as if he were being treated like a child again. But gradually, he began to accept it as part of his spiritual training. His father-in-law did not always speak gently either. He would call out, "Tomo-chan, go straighten your shoes!" or "Tomo-chan, straighten your back!" in a very direct way.

One day, his father-in-law said to him, "Tomo-chan, what will happen if I die? I don't think you are ready." On another occasion, during a candid conversation, he said, "Tomo-chan, are you a human?" Confused, he replied, "Yes?" But his father-in-law replied, "Hmm, I wonder sometimes." His father-in-law went on to explain that many people today think only about themselves—their own happiness and comfort. They show little concern for others, and even less for strangers. He said that kind of thinking is not truly human—it is more like the behavior of animals, who only seek to satisfy their own needs. To be human means to think of others as well.

Then one day, quite directly, his father-in-law told him, "From next year, you are going to be the head minister of Ayabe Church." Yagi-sensei responded by saying, "I will accept this responsibility," without resistance. He said he felt divinely guided.

It has now been 23 years since he married into that family. Looking back, he shared that without even realizing it, his posture had improved, and his footwear was always neatly arranged. The habits that were once forced upon him had become a natural part of who he is. He described this entire experience as taking bitter medicine. Medicine is given to fix something, and often the more bitter it is, the more effective it can be. None of us enjoy taking bitter medicine. We prefer things to be easy. We want quick results, and we don't like being told what to do. But if we can accept it—if we can receive even correction or scolding as something meant for our growth—then we can mature in a deeper way.

Especially as adults, we often resist guidance because we feel we are already grown and should not need it. But in reality, there is always room for growth. There is always an opportunity to become a better person than we were yesterday.

Because we are all children of Kami-sama, we are called to grow more and more into the likeness of Kami-sama. And perhaps it is through both kindness and discipline—through both gentle encouragement and tough love—that Kami-sama continues to guide us, little by little, into the human beings we are meant to become. Wishing you all a fantastic month in May.

Sincerely, *Edna*