



# Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter

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## WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### October 2025

- 1 Wed -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama (7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 3 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
- 4 Sat -Church clean-up for Grand Ceremony (8 am)
- 5 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am)  
-Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 8 Wed -KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 11 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop @HNL Church (12 n-6 pm)
- 12 Sun -Waipahu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Mon-Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (5 pm)  
生神金光大神様 御大祭 Naorai fellowship dinner
- 14 Tue -HCRP Meeting on ZOOM (9 am)
- 16 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 17 Fri -Set up for HCRP Peace Prayer at HNL Church (10 am)
- 18 Sat -HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church (4 pm)
- 19 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) \*Okage sharing  
-KMH CEOC Meeting on ZOOM (3 pm)
- 22 Wed-KMH Kyoten Study Session on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 23 Thr -KMH Centennial meeting on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 24 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 25 Sat -Wailuku Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 26 Sun -Monthly Memorial Service (9 am) 月例霊祭
- 29 Wed-Halloween Pumpkin Carving (4 pm) \*BYOP
- 30 Thr -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 31 Fri -Happy Halloween!



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## HAWAII GUNPLA/TCG WORKSHOP

# SAT. 10.11.25

# 12 PM-6 PM

Konko Mission of Honolulu  
1728 Liliha Street

#hawaiigunplaworkshop

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka & Michi's Toy Box



## 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.



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## Autumn Grand Ceremony

In Honor of our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama

- Monday, October 13, 2025 at 5:00 pm
- Sermon by Rev. David Yano (Wahiawa)
- Naorai fellowship dinner will follow

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## Join Us for a Fun and Relaxing Evening! Halloween Pumpkin Carving

### Wed. 10/29/25 4 pm till pau

Konko Mission of Wahiawa  
207 Muliwai Avenue

Refreshments will be served.

Bring your own pumpkins.  
If you have tools, bring them, too! See you!



## Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2025

- 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 @HNL Church (10:30 am)
- 11/30 Sun -27<sup>th</sup> Memorial Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama (9 am)
- 12/13 Sat -Mochitsuki Demo at JCCH (10 am, 11 am and 12 pm)
- 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 (8 am)



*Picture from the Autumn Memorial Service held on September 21.*



**Those who practice faith should feel gratitude even after sitting and resting on a tree stump in the mountains.**



*HCRP & Ehime Kenjinkai Clean up at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park*



*Hawaii Gunpla Workshop held this past September*



## Konko Missions in Hawaii Centennial Celebration

*100 Years of Faith: Continuing to Serve Kami and the People of Hawai'i*

**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, August 15, 2026 from 11 am to 3 pm**  
(At Ko'olau Ballrooms & Conference Center)

**Sunday, August 16, 2026 from 10 am to 3 pm**  
(Optional BBQ Picnic event at Magic Island)



*Japanese Program at St. Francis with Reiko Sensei and Edna this past September.*

## Editor's Note

Aloha, dear friends,



I hope your September was a blast. Thank Kami-Sama that Hurricane Kiko passed north of the islands, sparing us again. We in Hawaii have been very fortunate for all these years.

Recently, I was invited to the Konko Church of Hilo to speak at the one-year memorial service for the late Rev. Yoshie Nagai and the five-year memorial for the late Rev. Makio Nagai. Many of you already know that Rev. Yōki Sekiguchi, only 33 years old, has been appointed as the new head minister of the Hilo Church. On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed him as the guest speaker at the annual Konko Missions in Hawaii Faith Enrichment Gathering, held at the Honolulu Church and on Zoom.

The theme of the event was *Faith in Times of Change*, and Rev. Sekiguchi was the perfect person to speak on this. He has such a positive and hopeful view of life. One of the most memorable parts of his talk was about the four seasons—spring, summer, autumn, and winter. So, I would like to share about faith through life's four seasons.

He reminded us that just as nature changes through these seasons, so do our lives. Spring and summer are full of activity, warmth, and light. Autumn and winter, however, are slower and sometimes more difficult. Even in Hawaii, where we don't see snow, we still experience rainy and cooler months.

Rev. Sekiguchi encouraged us to appreciate all the seasons—not only the sunny days, but also the rainy ones. In life, that means recognizing that it's okay to have “winter seasons” of sadness, loss, or tiredness. Just as animals hibernate in winter, humans also need time to rest, reflect, and recover. We don't have to push ourselves to be happy all the time. When it's our personal winter, it's all right to acknowledge our feelings and take care of ourselves.

But winter doesn't mean that life has stopped. Winter is the season when preparations for spring are quietly taking place. While the cold strips the trees of their leaves, beneath the surface their roots are growing deeper, and tiny buds are beginning to form. In the harshest days of our lives, a new bud is being prepared for the spring that is to come. What looks like stillness may actually be a season of hidden growth.

Our life is blessed with many experiences—both joyful and difficult—and each one has deep meaning in our faith journey. In Konkokyo, we believe that everything that happens in our lives, whether we see it as success or obstacle, is part of our relationship with Tenchi Kane No Kami. Some of us may have certain health or emotional obstacles that may feel like they're getting in the way of things. But it is not that “something is wrong” with you. Rather, Kami has been walking with you through your challenges, and even your illnesses, showing you how precious your life is.

Konko Daijin taught us that “every happening is Kami's blessing,” and that difficulties can guide us to a deeper awareness of faith. Perhaps an illness is not something to regret, but an opportunity Kami gives us to discover what it

truly means to live with gratitude, patience, and trust. In Konkokyo, “success” in life is not measured only by financial stability or worldly achievement. True success is living each day with Kami, cherishing the life you've been given, and being able to say, “*I am grateful for today.*” From that perspective, you are already succeeding. So, rather than seeing illnesses and disabilities as failure or punishment, we can practice seeing them as Kami's way of guiding us to rely more deeply on faith and to recognize our true worth. We are not defined by our illness, but by the blessings that flow through us when we live with Kami.

I was reminded of this truth when a friend recently lost his father. He shared on social media that the sadness he feels is unlike anything he has ever known. Another coworker of mine lost her brother suddenly, in his 40s. She expected to see him again, but life brought her an unexpected winter season. These times are very painful, and winter in our hearts may feel like an eternity.

How do we cope when life feels cold and heavy?

- **Pray sincerely.**
- **Trust Kami-sama.**
- **Seek Otoritsugi (mediation).** You don't have to go through it alone.

Even our Founder, Konko Daijin, experienced a long “winter season” when the government prohibited him from practicing his faith. For years, he was told to remove his altar and stop receiving visitors. Yet he endured patiently, trusting Kami-sama. Eventually, the restrictions lifted, and he was able to resume his ministry. Because he did not give up, our faith continues today.

It was during that long winter that the Divine Reminder, *Tenchi Kakitsuke*, was revealed. This reminder was born amidst the darkest days of the Founder's faith life, and it now serves as the very heart of Konkokyo. It teaches us that divine favor is not something outside of us, but depends upon the joyful and harmonious heart we carry within. What a powerful truth—that even in our coldest winters, a warm heart of gratitude and trust opens the way to Kami's blessings.

Seasons of hardship strengthen our minds, bodies, and spirits. When we learn to appreciate them and believe that brighter days are ahead, we deepen our trust in Kami-sama. Remember: you are not alone. Kami is always here to guide you, and your church family is here to support you. No matter what season you are in—spring, summer, autumn, or winter—keep your faith strong, and know that a new season will always come.

I warmly invite you to join us for our Autumn Grand Ceremony on Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm. This special service is dedicated to honoring and expressing gratitude to our Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama, who paved the way for humanity to live a life rooted in thankfulness. The evening message will be delivered by Rev. David Yano, and we will gather afterward for a Naorai fellowship dinner. We sincerely hope you can be with us for this meaningful occasion.

Join us for our Pumpkin Carving as well, on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm. Have a Happy Halloween!

Sincerely, Edna

