



Wahiawa Konko Mission Children's Newsletter



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WAHIAWA KONKO MISSION MONTHLY SCHEDULE

September 2024

- 1 Sun -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama
(9 am) 天地金乃神様 月例祭 *Share okage till 11 am
- 2 Mon -Labor Day HOLIDAY
- 4 Wed -KMH CEOC Meeting on ZOOM (9 am)
- 6 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
-Church clean-up (9 am)
- 7 Sat -KMH Faith Enrichment Gathering at HNL Church
(1:30 pm-3 pm)
- 8 Sun -Monthly Svc. for Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama
(9 am) 生神金光大神様 月例祭 *Share okage till 11 am
-Happy Grandparent's Day!
- 11 Wed-KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 14 Sat -Hawaii Gunpla Workshop @ HNL Church (12 n-6 pm)
- 15 Sun -No Sunday Service—Go to Honolulu Church Autumn
Memorial Service (10 am) *Sermon by Edna Sensei
- 20 Fri -Church clean-up (9 am)
- 22 Sun -Autumn Memorial Service 秋季霊祭 (10 am)
*Naorai Lunch will follow after the service
- 25 Wed-KMH Kyoten Study Group on ZOOM (5 pm)
- 28 Sat -Ehimemaru Memorial Clean-up (9 am) and HCRP Clean-
up event at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park (10 am)
- 29 Sun -Sunday Service (9 am) *Share okage till 11 am
-Celebrate Founder Konko Daijin's 210th Birthday
- 30 Mon-Church clean-up (9 am)

October 2024

- 1 Tue -Monthly Svc. for Tenchi Kane no Kami-Sama
(7:30 pm) 天地金乃神様 月例祭
- 4 Fri -Japanese Program at St. Francis (10:30 am)
- 5 Sat -Church clean-up for Grand Ceremony (8 am)
- 6 Sun -Honolulu Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (11 am)
- 13 Sun -Wahiawa Church Autumn Grand Ceremony (5 pm)
生神金光大神様 御大祭 (5 pm) *Naorai dinner will follow

Konko Sama Says... You should not consider it a sacrifice of your time and effort to come to the Hiromae. Kami will immediately compensate you for it. (*Gorikai III Jinkyu Kyogoroku 29*).

Editor's thoughts: Why should spending time at church ever feel like a sacrifice? Think about visiting a beloved family member—you wouldn't go out of obligation, but out of love, right? It's the same with our connection to Kami-Sama. Our visits to church should be driven by pure love, unburdened by any sense of duty—just happiness and gratitude. Our goal should be to nurture a deep, genuine relationship with Kami-Sama, where our hearts are filled with nothing but love and adoration for the Great Life Force, so that going to church would be a joy.

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.

Autumn Memorial Service

Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024 @10 am

Place: Konko Mission of Wahiawa

Memo: Let us pay homage to the origins of our being. Even if the people that have passed away are no longer with us in physical form, they continue to desire to be remembered by you. All beings have two lives. The first life is gone when we are physically gone. But when we are no longer remembered, we are ultimately gone. *Naorai fellowship lunch will follow.



Konko Missions in
Hawaii presents:

KMH GATHERING IN PERSON AND ON ZOOM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

1:30 PM TO 3:00 PM

Aiming towards the KMH Centennial:
How have we been incorporating the
faith in our daily life?

ZOOM ID: 889 0866 7563
PASSCODE: 655926

At the Konko Mission of Honolulu
1728 Liliha Street

Konko Mission of Wahiawa Annual Schedule for 2024

10/6 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Honolulu at 11 am
10/13 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Wahiawa at 5 pm
 10/19 Sat -HCRP Peace Prayer at Honolulu Church (4 pm)
 10/27 Sun -120th Anniversary of Amagi Church (11 am)
 11/3 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Hilo Church 11 am (Yano attends)
 11/10 Sun -Autumn Grand Svc at Wailuku 11 am
 11/16 Sat -KMH 4th International Yatsunami (Zoom 3 pm HST)
 11/23 Sat -KMH Board Meeting 10:30 am @Honolulu Church
 11/24 Sun -27th Mem. Svc for the Late Rev. Kikue Kodama 10 am
 11/30 Sat -KMH Rummage Sale @Waipahu Church (9 am to 1 pm)
 12/15 Sun -52nd Mem Svc for the late Rev. Haruko Takahashi 10 am
 12/22 Sun -End of Year Service 9 am
 12/30 Mon-33rd Mochi Pounding (8 am till pau)
 1/1/25 Wed -New Year's Day Service Ganjitsusai (9 am)
 1/18/25 Fri -Mochitsuki Sheraton Waikiki 10a & Moana Surfdrider 2p



Happy Birthday

To all the people born in September
 Please continue to receive
 Infinite divine blessings from

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

Founder, Konko Daijin 210th (9/29/1814)
 David Sensei Hope Morihara Stacey Toma



On Wednesday, August 7th, Yano Sensei, Reiko Sensei and Edna Sensei visited the Konko Mission of Hilo to conduct the Monthly Service for Ikigami Konko Daijin-Sama. It was great to see all the church members and Yoshie Sensei in the care home.



The Reverend Yoshie Ann Nagai, Head Minister of the Konko Mission of Hilo passed away on Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at the blessed age of 94.

HAWAII GUNPLA WORKSHOP

SAT. 9.14.24

12 PM-6 PM

Konko Mission of Honolulu
 1728 Liliha Street

Hosted by Clayton Matsuoka
 & Michi's Toy Box



*BUILT BY KABETORA



#hawaiigunplaworkshop



Autumn Grand Ceremony Schedule

Honoring the Founder, Ikigami Konko Daijin Sama

10/6 Sun-Autumn Grand Svc at Honolulu at 11 am
10/13 Sun-Autumn Grand Svc at Wahiawa at 5 pm
 10/20 Sun-Autumn Grand Svc at Waipahu at 11 am
 11/3 Sun-Autumn Grand Svc at Hilo Church 11 am
 11/10 Sun-Autumn Grand Svc at Wailuku 11 am

We will be installing 6 outlets in the church and residence for approximately \$8,000 as a temporary fix to a full rewiring which will cost \$50K-100K. We deeply appreciate any financial help you can offer. Scan QR Code to donate via PayPal. Or send a check to our church.

Memo: Outlet Installation



Hawaii Conference of Religions for Peace Annual Clean-up at Kaka'ako Waterfront Park

Date: Saturday, September 28, 2024
Time: 10:00 am for 1 hour

We will provide the trash bags and rubbish tongs. Please bring your hat and water jug as it gets very hot. Please let us know if you are able to attend. Text: (808) 223-3448



Reiko sensei and Edna sensei went to St. Francis Hale O Meleana for the Japanese Program on August 2, 2024. Our next meet will be on Friday, 9/6/24 @10:30am

Editor's Note

Dear Reader,

I hope this newsletter finds you in great health and overall wellbeing. Recently, my husband and I attended the Made in Hawaii Festival at the Hawaii Convention Center. Usually, it's held at the Neil Blaisdell Center, and I always look forward to this event each year. This time, it was extremely crowded, and we spent nearly an hour searching for parking at Ala Moana Shopping Center. We eventually found a spot on the 6th floor of the Kapiolani Blvd side parking structure. When I arrived at the elevator on the 6th floor, I got there first, so my husband didn't see what happened next. Two women in their mid-twenties were also waiting to ride the elevator. One of them pressed the button—not with her fingers, but with her foot! I was shocked. It's something meant to be done with your hands, yet she used her foot instead. I could understand if she had no use of her arms, but she was fully capable, just preoccupied with her phone. A person of faith would never do such a thing.

Rev. Yoshiaki Fukuda, the Founding Minister of the KC of SF, shares teachings on sincerity that I deeply appreciate. One teaching that stands out is: "Your sincerity is reflected in everything you do; the way you look... walk... talk... smile." Another related teaching is, "A guilty conscience is a warning from Kami that your decisions or current actions lack sincerity." Unfortunately, it seems that many people today lack a guilty conscience. They do wrong without remorse, as if their moral compass is completely broken. Our sincerity is reflected in everything we do—even in how we treat others and objects, whether or not they belong to us. Often, people treat their own belongings with care but disregard or waste things that aren't theirs. However, as people of faith, we should respect all things.

My brother recently shared a short video of the famous comedian **Jo Koy**. If you know him, you know he is hilarious. He shared his thoughts about energy, and I thought it was so spot on that I had to share it with you as well. You can probably find the video on Instagram, but it went like this: "*This is the kind of energy I am on right now. I love coffee, I have to have my coffee. Every single morning, I need to have my coffee. Ok, but it's to the point now, where if I go into a coffee house, and the barista got an attitude, I don't want your energy in my coffee! So, I will literally put your drink back on the counter, that you just made me and walk out. Cause I am not putting your energy that you put into my drink into my soul. I'm not on that. Energy is real. And water is life.*" His video really made me think that I need to put more thought into my actions because the energy with which I do things, especially for others, is transferable!

In our work and play, in our household, to our family, friends, animals, strangers, and public property—how do we treat things? What kind of energy are we emitting when we do things for others, ourselves, and our surroundings? When we prepare meals for ourselves or others, what thoughts do you put into the food? Would you want to put food into your system knowing that it has been prepared with angry thoughts? Probably not. That's why I really appreciate home-cooked meals, because I know they are made with good thoughts and lots of love. This also makes it even more important to pray

over the food before putting it into our bodies—so if, by any chance, it was prepared with negativity, or if the ingredients were sourced with negative energy, that energy can be canceled out by the power of prayer and enter our bodies safely.

The motto for the Konko Gakuen Schools in Japan is "*Hito wo taisetsuni, Jibun wo taisetsuni, Mono wo taisetsuni,*" meaning "Treat people with respect. Treat yourself with respect. Treat things with respect." The famous baseball player Shohei Otani takes good care of his belongings. He is known for never spitting on the ground and is respectful even to the water boy. The same goes for another famous baseball player, Ichiro Suzuki.

He never slammed his bat to the ground, shattering it, nor did he ever throw his glove in frustration. Unlike some baseball players, they never disrespect their equipment, no matter the situation. Again, our sincerity is reflected in everything we do. People are watching, and Kami-Sama is watching.

Our faith can be practiced at any given time. How do we hand things to people? Do we kick them in their direction? Do we throw it to them? Do we give them with one hand or with both hands? If you've ever visited a store in Japan or even a Japanese-owned business, you've probably noticed how respectfully the employees treat customers. They usually hand you your purchase with both hands, bow, and say "thank you." It's incredibly respectful—they treat every customer like an important person. There is sincerity in the way they wrap your purchase, the way they bag it, the way they hand it to you, and even up until you leave their business.

At any given time, we are given the opportunity to practice our faith and improve, becoming just a little better each day. I share in this daily faith training, as I am far from perfect, but I strive to get a little closer to being a "black belt" in the faith I practice. Thank you again for reading.

Just a few announcements: We want to inform you that we will be installing 6 new outlets in the church and minister's residence as a temporary solution to the electric wiring problem. This project will cost approximately \$8,000. However, in the long run, we will need to consider a full rewiring of the buildings, which is estimated to cost between \$50K-\$100K. We are currently running on wiring that is more than 70 years old. We deeply appreciate any financial support you can offer towards this immediate need and the larger project in the future. Your contributions will help ensure the safety and longevity of our beloved church. You can send a check to our church or scan the QR code on page 2 if you would like to help. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

The **Autumn Memorial Service** which serves to honor and appreciate the Mitama Spirits will be on **Sunday, September 22nd at 10 am**. Naorai lunch will follow. A healthy plant begins at its roots. Likewise, a healthy life begins with honoring our ancestors.

Our church will hold its **Autumn Grand Ceremony on Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 5:00 pm**. This service is to honor and appreciate our **Founder, Ikgami Konko Daijin-Sama**. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Koichi Konko (HNL Church). Please mark your calendars early—we are looking forward to seeing you in person.

Sincerely, Edna



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