



Heaven and Earth

A newsletter from Konkō Church of Toronto



“Place fertilizer at the roots of a tree, then its branches will grow lush. Respect your ancestors and parents, then you will prosper”

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Church Events This Month

- Sun September 3rd, 11:00 a.m. New School Year Service & September Kami Service
- Sun September 17th, 11:00 a.m. September Mitama Service & Fall Mitama Service



Mitama of September

- Kawaida, Zenkichi 07Sep1946
- Hayashi, Thomas Gary 09Sep2003
- Hajime
- Yamashita, Yoji 09Sep2008
- Kuroda, Yasutaro 13Sep1940
- Hakoda, Naoji 14Sep1945
- Kobayakawa, Mary 14Sep2016
- Sato, Kinue 16Sep1991
- Iwasa, Sai 17Sep1955
- Sato, Mohei 18Sep1934
- Kuroda, Kazuo 20Sep2008
- Hamanishi, Koshiho 23Sep1973
- Hakoda, Tsunakichi 24Sep1930
- Otaguro, Gohachi 28Sep1959
- Nakamura, Yonezo 29Sep1928
- Morishita, Shigeo 30Sep2000

Church News

It’s the beginning of another school year! We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer, full of blessings.

The annual conference was held in beautiful Corbett, Oregon and the discussions were broken into the four elements of nature – Earth, Wind, Water and Fire. Earth is like the Mother, nourishing our bodies and souls. The Earth is also the place where the roots live and grow. A strong tree needs strong roots to grow healthy and strong.

This month we will be honouring our ancestors, who are the roots of our family trees. Just as we water physical trees, we need to nourish our spiritual trees, especially the roots (the Mitama). How do we do this? We can offer their favourite foods to the Mitama Altar or just simply take a moment and say “thank you!” Thank them for all their efforts during their lives, all the virtue they accumulated, all their continued work as spirits guiding us through our every day lives. The wonderful thing about this faith is that we are able to find comfort in knowing that our ancestors are always with us ☺

A Blessing for your thoughts...

How do you view Mitama?

What do you do to express your appreciation to the Mitama of your ancestors?

Do you have any experiences with Mitama?

Feel free to join us for any service!

Rev. Takao Kishii is the Head Minister of our church and would be more than happy to speak with you. Please call ahead if you would like to visit the church to ensure someone is there to greet you.

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