



Blessing for your thoughts....  
 ... How did you find the 2017 Udon Fest?  
 ...Do you have any suggestions on other  
 fundraising activities our church could do?  
 ... What are your favourite Christmas  
 traditions?

# Heaven and Earth

A newsletter from the Konkō Church of Toronto

## Church Events This Month

Sun 03Dec – 11:00am	Monthly Kami Service
Sun 17Dec – 07:30am	Mochitsuki
Sun 24Dec – 11:00am	Monthly Mitama Service
Sat 30Dec – 11:00am	Year End Appreciation and Purification Service



On the 26<sup>th</sup> of November, we held our annual Udon fundraiser and it went very well. Many thanks to the many volunteers who donated baked goods and food and spent the weekend helping prepare and sell everything. It's always so great to see so many people enjoying great conversations over a bowl of steaming delicious soup!

It is already December and it seems like this year has flown by! As you begin to prepare for the holidays, maybe take a step back and examine the feelings in your heart. It can be so stressful making sure you get the right gifts, get everyone on your list, clean the house and prepare a huge feast and we might forget the spirit of the holiday. Even though we, as Konkō believers, do not celebrate Christmas as the birth of Christ, the spirit of the holiday is family, love and appreciation. Try not to worry too much about making everything "perfect" and just make sure the people you surround yourself with know how much you care for them.

Also, as the year comes to an end, it is a good time to think about all the blessings you have received this year. Isn't it so wonderful to know Kami Sama is there for you and loves you unconditionally? There are also New Year's resolutions to be made. Why not make a jar where every time something wonderful happens, you write it down and put it in the jar? That way, at the end of the year, you have a jar full of blessings!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!!

## Mitama of December

Matsuoka, Yosuke	01Dec1936
Hashimoto, Melanie	01Dec1994
Emi	
Yoshida, Fusae	01Dec2005
Terashita, Fujimatsu	02Dec1963
Kitamura, George	02Dec2014
Koyama, Tomekichi	04Dec1950
Fukuda, Yoshiaki	06Dec1957
Spark, Jennie	07Dec2003
Kimoto, Jack	08Dec1974
Kishii, Kiyo	12Dec1938
Koyama, Sanzo	15Dec1975
Makino, Hisamatsu	18Dec1918
Yoshida, Setsuko	19Dec2014
Hashimoto, Kasuke	20Dec1925
Nishimura, Haru	20Dec1943
Hashimoto, Yoshiko	20Dec1998
Ogawa, Shika	22Dec1967
Yamamoto, Sakae	22Dec1975
Yabuki, Takayoshi	24Dec1980
Shirakawa, Raiichi	28Dec1953
Hashizume, Waki	29Dec1966
Kishii, Mikizo	30Dec1976

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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