



Blessing for your thoughts....
 ... what were you most grateful for in 2017?
 ... what are your New Year's Resolutions?
 ...what do you hope to accomplish in 2018?

Heaven and Earth

A newsletter from the Konko Church of Toronto

Church Events This Month

Mon 01Jan – 11:00am	New Year's Day Service
Sun 07Jan – 11:00am	Kami Service
Sun 21Jan – 11:00am	Mitama Service, Shintokai General Meeting & New Year's Party



Happy New Year!

The new year is a good time for reflection and renewal. "The blessings you unknowingly receive number more than the blessings you knowingly receive. If you think about it, you will come to realize the many divine blessings that you have received." (VotU130) This teaching resonates with people around this time of year. It can be difficult to see blessings as we go through our life, but with time and reflection they can become very clear.

"For faith, daily renewal is most important. Live each day with the same happy heart you have on New Year's Day." (VotU100) New Year's Day can be an exciting day. There's so much potential. We have so many hopes and prayers for the year. We try to maximize these hopes by making resolutions that are supposed to help us achieve these goals. Despite our good intentions, we usually forget or give up on these resolutions within a few months. Interestingly, the next teaching in the Voice of the Universe is "Your lifetime is a training period of faith." This is a gentle reminder that it takes time and trying again and again to achieve our goals. As long as we keep Kami in our hearts, we will be able to find happiness every day.

**VotU= Voice of the Universe, Selected Teachings of Konkokyo*

Mitama of January

Nishiyama, Tomiya	04Jan1947
Mano, Shiehizo	05Jan1907
Yasusaburo, Kuroda	05Jan1920
Kariya, Tamezo	05Jan1963
Kondo, Tokiyo	05Jan1973
Yoshida, Yonekazu	05Jan2004
Terakita, Imae	06Jan1965
Koyama, Yoshiji	08Jan1969
Wakita, Natsu	11Jan
Hashizume, Masuo	13Jan1932
Kanda, Kazu	13Jan1954
Shigematsu, Ritaro	14Jan1946
Iwasa, Kihachi	15Jan1980
Koyama, Jugoro	16Jan1982
Yoshida, Yoshitaro	17Jan1959
Yoshida, Yoshimatsu	18Jan1924
Murata, Magoji	18Jan1976
Ryoji, Kazuta	21Jan1983
Morishita, Toyo	22Jan1990
Imagawa, Fusa	25Jan1934
Usami, Fumiko	25Jan1981
Nishimura, Ishimatsu	30Jan1929
Kobayashi, Emiko	31Jan1940
Fujii, Teruyo	31Jan1986
Terakita Jonan	Jan
Fujii, Rintaro	Jan
Fujii, Maki	Jan

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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