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58 – "... The reason death is so abhorred is because people have not yet developed enough peace of mind to accept death Practice faith so that you will be blessed with peace of mind."

III Jinkyu Kyogoroku 32-1, 2, 3

Church Events This Month

Sun October 7th, 11am
Sun October 21st, 11am
Sun October 28th, 11am

October Kami Service
October Mitama Service
Ikigami Konko Daijin Grand Ceremony
Guest Speaker, Bobby Sensei

Church News

Summer has flown by, as it always seems to.

June 25th Rev Stephanie gave birth to her first child, a baby girl named Lucy. Everything went smoothly and both mother and baby are doing very well.

July 20th-22nd was the annual KCNA Conference, hosted by Chicago church and co-hosted by our church. The conference went very well with Rev Kiyoji Konko giving the main presentation.

On October 28th we will be celebrating the life of our Founder in our Ikigami Konko Daijin Grand Ceremony. We have this service in the autumn as it marks the anniversary of his death. The Founder helped so many people during his life, but he felt that when the time came for his body to return to the Earth, his soul/Mitama would be able to help so many people. He would not be limited to helping only those who were able to seek him out in his home but would be able to be everywhere he was needed, all at once.

The human experience often revolves around life and death. These experiences can shape our lives, bringing joy and sorrow. Both aspects hit very close to my heart this summer. The news that my dear friend, Ms Stephanie Tashiro had suddenly passed away came while I was nursing my nine-day old baby girl. I could not comprehend that we had lost such a loving soul while staring into the eyes of this new beautiful one. The feelings of happiness at being a mother and sadness at losing a friend were so strong I did not know how to process it all.

As frustrating as it can be, sometimes there really is nothing we can do but turn to Kami. We want to be able to do something tangible, but prayer is more powerful. Talking to Kami (and sometimes crying) helped me work through all the intense emotions I was feeling. Praying for the peace of Steph's Mitama also gave me peace. Expressing my gratitude for all the blessings my little family had received reinforced my trust in Kami.

I hope in times of struggle you will also remember to turn to Kami. Kami will always be there to listen without judgement, and full of love.

Mitama of September

Kawaida, Zenkichi	07Sep1946
Hayashi, Thomas Gary Hajime	09Sep2003
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	28Set1959
Nakamura, Yonezo	29Sep1928
Morishita, Shigeo	30Set2000

Mitama of October

Isoda, Toyono	05Oct1950
Hepburn, Henry (Joe)	06Oct2006
Morishita, Tadashi	06Oct2008
Kuroda, Masayuki	06Oct2008
Kishii, Kumataro	07Oct1929
Koyama, Taka	07Oct1968
Yoshida, Kikuzo	07Oct2003
Koyama, Susumu	08Oct1990
Kumano, Jyukichi	09Oct1922
Morita, Machiko	10Oct1935
Ryoji, Eiichi	10Oct1946
Fukumoto, Susan	10Oct1960
Kobayashi, Osamu	10Oct2007
Momma, Utaka	10Oct2015
Kumano, Mitsunobu	16Oct1986
Momma, Taeko	16Oct2014
Hamnishi, Kahei	18Oct1908
Matsumoto, Shigeru	19Oct1935
Shintani, Sueno	20Oct1964
Nakano, Bunshiro	22Oct1973
Mori, Rikiniatsu	25Oct
Okamoto, Ichi	25Oct1944
Hagiwara, Asa	27Oct1972
Konko, Sotojiro	29Oct1933
Tanaka, Kazuo	31Oct1954



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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