

NCC's Vision Statement

(Approved at the Special Congregational Meeting on September 16, 2007.)

Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is a diverse, open congregation of faithful Christians who seek to:

- ***affirm all persons as children of God;***
- ***respond to the needs of the community and congregation;***
- ***respect all views and ideas;***
- ***make and nurture disciples; and***
- ***spread God's word using our talents and resources.***

A Season of Renewal

By Pastor Mary Paik, Senior Pastor

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven” Ecclesiastes 3:1

The word sabbatical shares the same roots as the Biblical word Sabbath, meaning to rest; to cease. Sabbath is *holy time* set aside for physical, emotional, spiritual and mental renewal. The first chapters of the book of Genesis tell a story of how the ancient Hebrews understood the created order. At first, there was chaos. And as God began creating, everything became orderly – the land, the sky, the ocean, things in the ocean, things walking on land, even things that crawl on

land. And when God saw all these things, God was satisfied – God said, “It is GOOD!” When God finished the work of creation, God rested, blessing the seventh day and making it holy. The practice of Sabbath is our response to God’s commandment to rest and keep it holy. Likewise, a sabbatical is simply an extended Sabbath, a time to disengage from our everyday lives in order to rest, travel, study, reflect, pray, worship and renew relationships; it is a season of spiritual growth and renewal.

From September 1 to November 30, I will be engaged in a 3-month sabbatical. During the sabbatical, I will rest, reflect, and renew.

Rest: I will take a break from the daily and weekly routine of ministry and rest. During the sabbatical time, I will simply stop what I normally do, so that I can take a break from it. I will have the luxury of not feeling the pressure of daily ministry and weekly sermon writing so that I can take a break.

Reflect: I will reflect on my life as a daughter, as a wife, as a sister, as an auntie, and as a pastor. This reflection will take place through hearing the stories of my parents as they reflect on their lives. Much of this reflection will take place as Dwight and I travel to Asia with my parents for five weeks in September and October. As I hear *their* stories which are, in fact, *my* stories, I will learn more about myself, reflect on who I am, and
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Rev. Mary Paik, *Senior Pastor*; Rev. Ede Steele, *Minister for Parish Life*; Ms. Eiko Soranaka, *Nichigobu Lay Minister*; Paula Yamamoto, *Administrative Coordinator*; Nelson Fujinaga, *Custodian*; Le Huynh, *Groundskeeper & Security*.

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Worship Schedule

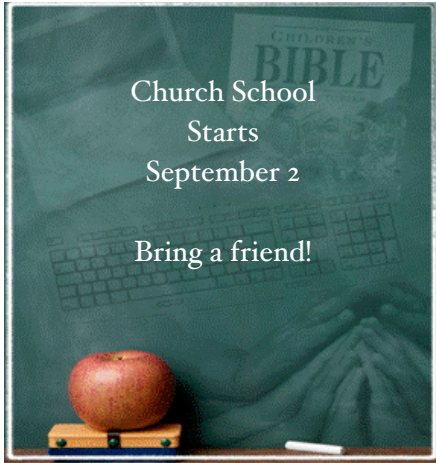
9:00 a.m. English Service

9:30 a.m. Japanese Service

1st Sunday of the month:

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

10:15 a.m. Healing Service



Church School

Starts

September 2

Bring a friend!

Calling All Keiki!

Church School Begins September 2

By Pastor Ede Steele, Minister of Parish Life

September 2 will be an exciting day as we will be Commissioning our Church School teachers and students. It is also the first Sunday for Church School.

To meet the needs of our growing numbers, our group will split into two groups during our Church School time. This will allow for our older keiki to discuss the scripture and stories at a deeper level and allow the teachers to provide extra help for our younger keiki. We look forward to everyone coming back, and bring a friend!

Give Aloha Matching Program

By Paula Yamamoto, Administrative Coordinator

Mark your calendars, and write yourself a reminder to participate in Foodland's Give Aloha Program during the month of September. All you need is a Maka'i card. If you don't have one, a phone number is all you need to sign up for a card!

Anyone may make a contribution to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church (#78424) up to a maximum of \$249 per Maka'i card, and Foodland and their partner Western Union will match a portion of that donation. (Gifts made without a Maka'i card will be received, but will not be matched.)

All contributions and matching donations will be given to the church in October. Thanks to your participation last year, we received \$2,904.91 in matching donations.

Ask for a duplicate receipt and place the receipt in the offering plate on Sunday or turn it in to the church office. Make sure your name is on the receipt and designate how your contribution is to be recorded on your giving statement, i.e., pledge, birthday, memorial, or other type of gift.

We look forward to everyone's participation as wise stewards of God's abundant blessings!



Sabbatical - (Cont'd. from p. 1)

understand better my commitments and passions for ministry. And as I travel with them to make new memories together, I will record digitally my reflections with them. These stories will be regarded as a gift from the passing generation to the next generation that will remind me of where we've been in order to know where we are going.

Renew: This is the most uncertain and the most exciting part of the sabbatical journey. Like the wind that blows where it will, the Spirit will blow and renew in the way that I need to be renewed. I cannot predetermine the result. Rather, I simply trust that I **will** be renewed. I will attend to my needs for rest and reflection and I will attend to God's presence and goodness in my life. I entrust the process of renewal to the Holy Spirit, and I will rely on God to guide and journey with me.

As I engage in my sabbatical time, the congregation will also be engaged in parallel activities.

First, you will take photos! You will take lots of photos of church life that will be compiled into a photo book to share with me.

Secondly, you will explore how the congregation's Japanese heritage can contribute to the expression of our Christian faith. The Board of Christian Nurture will offer classes on different Japanese cultural arts for all ages: ikebana (Japanese flower arranging), taiko drumming, and sushi making. What you learn will be used to enhance our worship and community life together.

Thirdly, you will engage in reflecting on your personal family stories. Each person in the congregation will be invited to find a photo that holds a significant memory, to reflect upon it,

and to write 300-500 words about the photo/memory. The sharing of these stories will be recorded and made into short digital stories. The sharing of these stories will be done in small group settings; and when I return, these photo essays will be shared with me in small group settings.

In addition to these parallel activities, guest preachers and Pastor Ede will lead in worship during the sabbatical; and Pastor Ede will provide pastoral care. In order for me to disengage completely from ministry, I will not be responding to phone calls or emails during the sabbatical. Please contact Pastor Ede for pastoral matters and Moderator Becky Kanenaka for other church matters. And as always, if you don't know whom to call, call Paula!

I am grateful to the congregation for affording me this time away; and I thank the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and its National Clergy Renewal Program for the grant to the congregation to help defray the cost of the sabbatical.

I pray that God will keep us in God's tender care during these months; and I look forward to returning in December to share together what God has been doing in our lives and to engage together in what God will have us do.

May God bless you and all whom you love.



Notes From the Moderator

By Becky Kanenaka, Moderator

September 1, 2012 is the start date of Pastor Mary’s sabbatical. As Pastor Mary documents her sabbatical experience, we, too, should also document our day to day experience. I would like to challenge you to keep a journal of your daily devotion. You can be verbose or you can just draw a picture or just write a line or two. Document what makes your heart sing.

My college roommate and her daughter spent a week in Hawaii. I was the tour guide. Playing tourist gave me a better appreciation of the beautiful scenery and beaches we have on Oahu. I also spent a few days on the Big Island, where we swam with the manta rays and zip lined over Akaka Falls. We also drove around the whole island. Seeing a rainbow everyday on the Big Island was a special treat for my friends, who commented that Texas did not have many rainbows.

The point I would like to share is that we should have that excitement of seeing a rainbow for the first time, or making someone smile for the first time, or seeing a sea turtle poke its head out of the water, or seeing a manta ray do 360 degree somersaults right under your belly, or eating Matsumoto’s shave ice for the first time. Capture that first time moment and see how you view things in your life. The Christian Nurture Board has planned a few activities during Pastor Mary’s sabbatical. I encourage you to come and participate in these “first time” activities.

Stewardship Message

By Rochelle A. Stackhouse

*“When your children ask you...”
Deuteronomy 6:20*

Here we are at the end of school vacation, children still running around enjoying summer, while many of us in churches are starting to plan our Fall program for the children in our churches. It’s a good time to ponder what we teach our children about generosity in all parts of their lives, including the church. How do we help them build Christian values about how they use their money that will carry them into adulthood? Do our Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth programs include discussions of giving and values about our attitudes toward our possessions? If they do not, how do we expect them to grow into adults who will not only give to their church, but also challenge our society’s assumptions about wealth?

As Israel formed itself into a nation, leaders like Joshua and the prophets would occasionally say that the people were commanded to do something and then commanded to explain to their children why they did it. Children are naturally observant and inquisitive; knowing this, God encouraged leaders to take advantage of those qualities to instruct. Talk to your children or grandchildren, and to the children of your church, about why you give and how you make choices about using your money. When you do, you build a firm foundation for the future of God’s work in the world.

Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ, New Haven Connecticut.

Guest Preachers during Pastor Mary’s Sabbatical

	<p>Pastor Diakonda Gurning is a Mission Developer with the Indonesian Lutheran Fellowship, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Northwest Washington Synod. Diakonda is one of the co-founders of the Washington New Sanctuary Movement, a faith-based community organization publicly protecting the rights of all immigrants and working for comprehensive immigration reform. In addition to a university degree from Indonesia, Diakonda has studied at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley and Seattle University. He is married to Stacy Kitahata, a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary who is a Program Director at the Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship. Diakonda will preach August 26 and September 2.</p>
	<p>The Rev. Kurt Esslinger is the Director and Campus Minister of Agape House Christian Ministry at the University of Illinois in Chicago, IL. Kurt grew up in West Texas and has lived in various countries throughout the world since and speaks fairly fluent Korean. Some say he is not quite as crazy as he looks (depending on the day). He received his M Div from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago; and is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) He is married to Hyeyoung Lee, a graduate of McCormick Theological Seminary who is a social worker serving “Korean American Women in Need” in Chicago. Kurt will preach September 23 and 30.</p>
	<p>The Rev. Dr. Joanne Lindstrom is Associate Professor of Ministry and the Jean and Frank Mohr Director of Experiential Education and Field Studies at McCormick Theological Seminary. Joanne is an ordained minister of American Baptist Churches USA, a member in good standing with American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago (ABCMC) and has served as Associate Minister at The First Baptist Church of Chicago since 1994. Joanne received her M Div from McCormick Theological Seminary and her Doctor of Ministry in preaching from the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. Joanne will preach October 7, 14, 21.</p>
	<p>The Rev. Dr. Andrea Walker is the Pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Summit, New Jersey. She is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Andrea graduated from Georgia State University, attended the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, and received her Masters of Divinity degree in 1999 and Doctor of Ministry in 2007 from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago. Her discipline is preaching and her doctoral thesis is titled “A Place At the Table: An African American Lutheran Preaching from Margins to Mainstream.” Andrea is married to the Rev. Dr. Booker T. Sears, the pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church in the South Bronx, NY. Andrea will preach October 28.</p>
	<p>The Rev. Richard Kamanu is the Pastor of Kaumakapili Church. Richard is a 1975 graduate of the Kamehameha Schools, received his Bachelors of Arts Degree from Olivet College, Olivet Michigan and his Master of Divinity Degree from the Chicago Theological Seminary. Richard served as an Associate Minister of Kaumakapili Church from 1982 to 1984. He then served as Kahu of Hauula Congregational Church, from 1984 to 1990. Following his eight year ministry with the people of Hauula Congregational Church, he was called to pastor at the Kapaa First Hawaiian Church, Kapaa, Kauai from 1990 to 2004, before taking his position at Kaumakapili in April of 2004. Richard will preach November 25.</p>

CSI (College Summer Interns)

Photos courtesy of Dwight Morita



2012 Lana'i Mission Trip

Photos courtesy of Dwight Morita



2012 NCC Scholarship Awardees

By George Honjiyo, Scholarship Committee

The Scholarship Committee is happy to announce the recipients of the Nu‘uanu Congregational Church Scholarships for 2012.

There were nine (9) applicants for scholarships. Six (6) of the applicants met the eligibility criteria for the William and Jean Wood Scholarship Fund and were awarded scholarships.

Awarded \$2,000 scholarships were:

Kimo Akinaka, NCC member, will be a freshman at Haverford College, PA.

Ryan Nogami Daly, grandson of Chikao and Amy Nogami, will be a freshman at Santa Clara University, CA.

Jennifer Lum, daughter of Charlie and Elaine Lum, will be a freshman at St. Mary’s College, CA.

Alexandria Montiel, niece of Susan Iha and College Summer Intern Coordinator, will be a

sophomore at California State University Stanislaus, CA.

Awarded \$1,500 scholarships were:

Rachel Stucke, NCC member, will be a senior at University of Hawai‘i, Manoa, School of Nursing.

Makaiwa Tong, NCC associate member, will be a sophomore at Mills College, CA.

Three (3) other applicants met eligibility criteria for scholarship from the Nu‘uanu Congregational Church Scholarship Fund and were awarded \$1,500 scholarships:

Chrisyn Andres, member of Waialua UCC, will be a senior at Chapman College, CA.

Nainoa Kalaukoa, member of Hilo Coast UCC, will be freshman at University of Hawai‘i, Hilo.

Rebecca Weible, member of Kailua UCC, will be a freshman at University of Hawai‘i, Manoa.

All of the applicants exhibited high standards of academic accomplishment and community service. Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is proud that we can provide financial assistance to all the applicants.



From left to right: Rebecca Weible, Chrisyn Andres, James “Kimo” Akinaka, Jennifer Lum, Alexandria Montiel, Rachel Stucke, and Makaiwa Tong. Missing: Ryan Daly and Nainoa Kalaukoa. Photo courtesy of Josie Ing.

September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Sabbatical Japanese Heritage Activities

By Carol Hamada, Board of Christian Nurture

While Pastor Mary traces her roots on her sabbatical leave, the congregation will explore how our church's Japanese heritage can contribute to the expression of our Christian faith. The three Japanese activities we will pursue are Ikebana, Sushi-Making and Taiko Drumming. We will share what we learn in worship services and other church gatherings. We would like these workshops to be an intergenerational experience. Whether beginner or expert, we hope to have our children through seniors attending.

Our first workshop will be lessons in Ikebana led by well-known teacher Betty Tanaka. The classes will be held at NCC on Saturday, **September 29 and October 6** from 9:30 to

11:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall. There is no charge as all supplies, including plants, will be provided; however, if you have scissors please bring them. If you would like to bring greens and/or flowers from your yard, feel free to do so.

We will be signing people up on the lanai after church service. The deadline to sign up is September 9. Information about the other activities are forthcoming. Come, and learn about NCC's Japanese heritage, so we can share with others the beauty of God's Earth through flowers.

Matt 6:28-29... *"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."*



Board of Christian Nurture Coordinators:
Barbara Mau, Ginny Takara and Carol Hamada

Hui Hoaloha September Event

Kosasa Hall will be our movie theater on Thursday, **September 20**, at 9:30 a.m. Dimmed lights, popcorn, and a movie titled, "The First Battle," await all of you who are being invited to join us. A bonus light lunch will also be served....something you don't get at a theater.

"The First Battle" will answer the unanswered question: Why was there no mass internment in Hawaii where the large Japanese community potentially posed a security threat, in contrast to the West Coast where the tiny Japanese community posed none?

Come join us to find out what was happening in Hawaii two years prior to World War II, and the role played by educator Shigeo Yoshida and YMCA executive Hung Wai Chin in helping to preserve the right of the nisei to serve in the U.S. military.

It will show that Hawaii not only was shaped by the war, but helped shape post-war America.

The September planners are: Dorothy Hosoda, Ginny Takara, Fred Takara, and Sets Takahashi

(Hui Hoaloha's October Event may be found on p. 11.)

Ohana Ministry

By Marge Honjiyo

If there are needs that Ohana Ministry can help you with, call one of the coordinators:

Ohana Ministry Coordinators

Mae Au, 988-4802 Mary Ann Saito, 839-0895

Marge Honjiyo, 550-3075 Sets Takahashi, 550-3062

Alice Ishihara, 550-3187 Joyce Uyehara, 523-3483



When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: **Kimiko Bristow-Canfield** (Jo-Ann Bristow's daughter), **Mike Chung**, **Carol Hamada**, **Mack Hamada**, **Harris Hasegawa** (Linda Kim's friend), **Edna Ito**, **Leonetta Kinard** (Leolinda Parlin's mother), **Yuriko Konno**, **Rev. Armin Kroehler**, **Janet Kurokawa**, **Michael Kurokawa** (Janet Kurokawa's son), **Leslie Lum** (Cliff Lum's brother), **Jose Montiel** (Susan Iha's father), **Ethel Nitta** (Jo-Ann Bristow's mother), **Florence Osumi**, **Rose Scharpff**, **Eiko Soranaka**, **Terry Stone** (The Children's Center's Administrative Assistant), **Matthew Stucke**, **Ezra White**, and **Mayee Wong** (Becky Kanenaka's friend), **Marie Yoneshige** (Sarah Swisher's mother).

Prayer Corner

By Alice Ishihara

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. **Psalm 118:24,29**

Dear God, we thank you for your goodness and love. We rejoice for your gift of today, and we are full of gladness and a deep sense of your presence. We want to live each day spending time with you. Thank you for your loving presence. **Amen.**

Reminder: Names are added or deleted in the Prayer Corner by the individual, family members or friend. Please help us and inform the Ohana Ministry coordinators if you want your name included or deleted.



Special Gifts

Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!

Thank Offerings

Ethel Yamaguchi

Howard and Alice Ishihara

Memorial Offerings

Albert and Edith Matsumoto

George Naito

Birthday Offerings

Howard and Alice Ishihara

Deadline for Articles

Nuʻuanu Caller (monthly)

20th of each month.

NCC News (weekly)

Wednesday noon.

Articles will be edited on a space available basis.

Food Drive

In keeping with Missions Sunday, the Hawaiʻi Food Bank collection is held on the **last**

Sunday of every month. For the month of July, we collected 66 lbs. of assorted food items. Our next collection will be

September 24, 2012. Monetary donations accepted, too. Checks may be made to Nuʻuanu Congregational Church with Hawaiʻi Food Bank on the memo line. Mahalo.



Delight in Giving

By George Honjiyo

“Delight in Giving” is our 2013 Stewardship theme. “Out of gratitude for God’s gifts and trusting God’s enabling power, we made our faith-promise for 2013.” Have you made your faith-promise?

One lesson I learned from my parents is generosity. I remember my mother always sharing the fruits, vegetables, crafts, and food she prepared with our neighbors, family and friends. My dad was very generous to his church and in helping people. I saw the same unstinting generosity displayed by my sisters-in-law. Kindness and generosity comes from the heart. It comes out of gratitude of God’s grace. Delight in the joy of giving.

If you have not turned in your pledge card, please drop it in the Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you misplaced your card, you may request another one from an usher, or call the church office at 595-3935.

Hui Hoaloha October Event

Join us on Thursday, **October 11**, for “Relaxation, Massage and Music” by Dustin Ebesu, Massage Therapist. Dustin will share his thoughts on the benefits of massage and music as therapy. He will also perform on his lever harp for our listening pleasure.

Light lunch and fellowship to follow. Please mark your calendars! October planners are: Kimi Fujioka, Itsuko Kaneshiro, Beverly Kurokawa, and Lillian Sakane.

Recycling

By Wayne Kobayashi

Bring your items on
Sunday, Sept. 24

The pick up day is the first **Thursday of the month**. Please help our volunteers by removing caps from bottles, rinsing and separating all containers. Only HI-5¢ items are accepted.

Proceeds go toward
Hui Malama.



2012 Refreshments

(Bring, Serve & Clean Up)

January - Church Council

February - Board of Trustees

March - Sew Fun

April - Missions

May - Finance and Investment

June - Christian Nurture

July - Hui Hoaloha

August - Chancel Choir

September - Diaconate

October - Women of Nuʻuanu

November - Nichigobu

December - Open



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Lectionary Readings for September

September 2 (Be Love): Song of Sol 2:8-13 • Ps 45:1-2, 6-9 or Deut 4:1-2, 6-9 • Ps 15 •
James 1:17-27 • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 9 (Be Opened): Prov 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 • Ps 125 or Isa 35:4-7a • Ps 146 • James
2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 • **Mark 7:24-37**

September 16 (Who Are You, Jesus?): Prov 1:20-33 • Ps 19 • Isa 50:4-91a •
Ps 116:1-9 • James 3:1-12 • **Mark 8:27-38**

September 23 (First in Caring): Prov 31:10-31 • Ps 1 or Wis of Sol 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jer
11:18-20 • Ps 54 • James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a • **Mark 9:30-37**

September 30 (Courage for Community): Est 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 • Ps 124 or Num
11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 • Ps 19:7-14 • James 5:13-20 • Mark 9:38-50