



# *NCC News*

## **January 5, 2014**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### **Welcome Rev. Asada!**

We welcome **The Rev. Yoko Asada**, guest preacher for **today’s 9 a.m. Joint Communion Service**. Asada sensei is no stranger to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church. She was called as Associate Pastor for Nichigobu and ‘Ohana Ministry at NCC from 1998 to 2002. Yoko ended her three year call as Interim Pastor at Union Japanese Church of Westchester and will spend a couple of weeks in Hawaii before returning to Japan.

### **Faith Formation Course for Teenagers**

Pastor Mary is offering a “Faith Formation” course for you who would like to explore into our faith and discern whether they might like to become baptized or confirm their baptism. This course is open to those who are turning 14 in 2014 and other teens who are older than 14. The classes in this course will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. They will run from **February 2 to April 13**. On April 20, Easter Sunday, those youth who decide to may join the church through baptism or confirmation. If you/your child would like to enroll in this course, please submit an application form by January 15. Application forms are available in the Church Office. If you have any questions, contact **Pastor Mary**.

### **2013 Contributions**

Just a reminder....contributions received after December 31, 2013 will be credited to 2014.

### **Nursery Starting January 12!**

The Board of Christian Nurture is responding to the needs of parents with infants and toddlers and will provide a nursery beginning **January 12**. It will be located in Hale ‘Ohana and staffed by **Julia Nakamura** and rotating volunteers. Parents are welcome to stay in the nursery with their child, if they so desire. Future plans include providing audio of the worship service to the nursery.



Judy Keith

## Treasure Hunt Sale

SAVE the DATE: **Saturday, January 25**, we will have a Treasure Hunt Sale at the church! This event is jointly sponsored by The Children's Center, Inc. and the church.

SAVE your TREASURES: Please begin saving all of your "treasures" that you no longer need/want that you can donate to the Treasure Hunt Sale. Looking for household goods, books, toys, small appliances, clothing, and crafts. No large furniture, large appliances, cribs and car seats. Due to limited storage space, bring your treasures to Kosasa Hall beginning, Sunday, **January 19, 2014**. For more information, contact **Laurie Hamano**.

## Nichigobu Worship News

Presenters for January 2014:

January 12 **Dr. Donald** and **June Ikeda**, donor of the four stained glass windows in the sanctuary by famed artist **Sadao Watanabe**.

January 19 **Joint Worship Service - Bryan Yamashita**, on forgiving the stranger who fatally stabbed his wife **Asa** four years ago.

January 26 **Gloria Gainsley**, on grandparents, **Morita and Mitsue Kosasa**, who were active Nichigobu members; and parents, **Sidney and Minnie Kosasa**, founders of the ABC Stores and donor of gazebo on the stream side of the sanctuary in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. Contributed by Dorothy Kusumoto, edited by Paula Yamamoto

## Ulu Wai Ministry

The Ulu Wai Ministry of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church is planning two community informational sessions on vermicomposting. They are scheduled for Sunday evening, **January 12, 2014**, at 6:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, **January 14**, at 9:00 a.m. Both sessions will be held at the church in Kosasa Hall. Please join us and learn more about this wonderful green practice.

Reservations are required. To sign up, please email **Velma** (kimoment2@hawaiiintel.net) or call her at 595-3135 after 7 p.m. Give your name, phone number and email address. Be one of the first 10 people to sign up and get a gift of green for your garden.

## 2014 Offering Envelopes Ready for Pick Up

Please pick up your set of envelopes on the Fellowship lanai following the morning worship service. See an usher, if you need another pledge card. Mahalo.