



# *NCC News*

## **January 12, 2014**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### **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**.

### **Nursery Starting Today!**

The Board of Christian Nurture is responding to the needs of parents with infants and toddlers and will provide a nursery beginning **today**. 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

### **Annual Congregational Meeting - Sunday, January 26, 2014**

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary following the 9 a.m. worship service. The business items are as follows:

1. Approval of the 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes.
2. Approval of the 2014 Nominations of Officers.
3. Approval of the 2014 Budget.
4. Adoption of the Policy on Non-discrimination.

The 2013 Annual Meeting Minutes and the Policy on Non-discrimination were mailed to members of NCC. The slate of officer nominees for 2014 is posted in the office, and the proposed 2014 Budget will be available at the meeting, along with the 2013 Annual Report.

## Treasure Hunt Sale - Saturday, January 25

This event is jointly sponsored by The Children's Center, Inc. and NCC. Help is needed throughout the week of **January 21-24** to sort and price items. Cashiers, assistants, and rovers are needed the day of the sale. Donations of bottled water and juice are also being accepted. For more information on how you can help, contact **Laurie Hamano** at [lauriehamano@gmail.com](mailto:lauriehamano@gmail.com).

Due to limited storage space, bring your treasures to Kosasa Hall beginning, **Sunday, January 19**. Looking for gently used and still in good condition household goods, books, toys, small appliances, clothing, and crafts. No large furniture, large appliances, cribs and car seats. This is an opportune time to clean out your closets and start the new year clutter free!



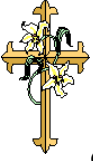
## Nichigobu Worship News

Presenters for January 2014:

**January 12 - Dr. Donald and June Ikeda**, donors of the four stained glass windows in the sanctuary of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church, will share stories of famous Japanese artist Sadao Watanabe. Dr. Ikeda was born in Puunene, Maui. He was baptized and became a member of Puunene Congregational Church. A graduate of Baldwin High School, he was awarded a full scholarship by Washington University in St. Louis. He also graduated from medical school, completed his internship and residency there. He served two years in the Air Force as a radiologist and returned to Hawaii after completing his residency and passing his radiology boards. Donald was a radiologist at Kuakini Medical Center for 32 years. He is married to June Murakami, and they have four children and nine grandchildren. They have been members of NCC since the 1960s. Donald and June have been donating proceeds from their mango chutney and jams to the church for many years.

**January 19 - Joint Worship Service - Bryan Yamashita**, will share his thoughts on “Forgiveness” about the stranger who fatally stabbed his wife **Asa** four years ago.

**January 26 - Gloria Gainsley** will speak on grandparents, **Morita and Mitsue Kosasa**, who were active Nichigobu members; and parents, **Sidney and Minnie Kosasa**.



## In Loving Memory

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of the late **Walter Nomura** who passed away peacefully on January 6, 2014 at the age of 97. Walter is survived by son Andrew, daughter Faith Burgess, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

A service of witness to his resurrection will be held on Friday, **January 17** at 5:30 p.m. at Nu‘uanu Congregational Church. Family will be available for visitations beginning at 4:30. Please keep the Nomura family in your prayers. In life and in death, we belong to God.

## Ulu Wai Ministry

The Ulu Wai Ministry of NCC is planning two community sessions on vermicomposting. They are scheduled for this evening, **January 12**, at 6:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, **January 14**, at 9:00 a.m. in Kosasa Hall. Please join us and learn more about this wonderful green practice. To sign up, please email **Velma** at [kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net) or call her at 595-3135 after 7 p.m.

## Youth and Family Activities - Coming up this month:

### Sunday, January 19th

Let's get Wet 'n' Wild! We'll celebrate the long weekend with a trip to the water park. The cost will be \$31.99 per person with the Kama‘aina discount. For this discount, please bring something to prove residency, such as a school ID for kids. We'll leave after church and return by 5:00 p.m. Hope you can join us! The whole family is invited!

### Friday, January 31

Happy Lunar New Year! It's Game Night at the church, and everyone is invited! We'll have a potluck and play games, like hanafuda and mahjong. If you don't know how, you can learn! For the potluck, bring some kind of traditional/cultural "New Year" food that you would like to share, i.e., mochi, etc.



## Office Help Needed

**Paula Yamamoto** will be going on her annual ski trip **February 17-27**. If you are able to help out in the office, please sign up or call the church office. Mahalo!