



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Annual Congregational Meeting - Next Sunday, January 26

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. Child care will be provided by **Velma Akinaka** and **Donnie Ann Wong**.

Dollars and Sense Informational Meeting

Following this morning’s worship service, **Paul Yamamoto**, Finance Committee chair, will explain the Proposed 2014 Budget in the sanctuary. The meeting will start promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Welcome, Bryan!

This morning, we welcome **Bryan Yamashita** who will share his thoughts on forgiving the stranger that fatally stabbed his wife, **Asa**, in 2009. Bryan and Asa were once active members of NCC. They transferred their membership in 2002 to be closer to their home in Ewa Beach. Bryan has been teaching for 27 years and is currently a teacher at Campbell High School. He has two daughters, **Katie** (12) and **Tori** (9). His fiancé is **Cathy Chun** of Honolulu.

Nursery in Hale Ohana!

In response to the needs of parents with infants and toddlers, the Board of Christian Nurture has started a nursery. It is 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 - Next Saturday

The preschoolers are all getting ready with their costumes as pirates and maps to find their treasures at the Treasure Hunt Sale on Saturday, **January 25, 2014** from 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Kosasa Hall! Needed are gently used goods, such as men/women/children clothing, small appliances, toys and housewares to be sold at the hunt. Bring your plastic and paper bags, so we don't have to buy any!!



We need cashiers and assistants, people to tell other people of the fun sale and your "purged items" from home, as well as friends and family who love a good sale!! Volunteers are needed to help sort and price throughout the week! Please see **Laurie Hamano** this Sunday to sign up or call her at 256-0204.

Youth and Family Activities:

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 making lunch around 11:30 a.m. and return by 5:00 p.m. Bring a towel, change of clothes, sunscreen, and your signed permission slip. Hope you can join us! The whole family is invited!

Friday, January 31

Happy Lunar New Year! It's Game Night at the church from 6-9:00 p.m., 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.



New Arrival!

Emma Hotaru Chong was born on December 25, 2013, in Chino-shi, Nagano-ken, Japan, to **Steven and Mayumi Chong**. Proud grandparents are **Stanley Chong** and **Kathy Fujihara-Chong** and great grandmother **Edith Fujihara**. Emma was a little over 6-1/2 pounds at birth.



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!

Nichigobu Worship News

January 12 – Dr. Donald Ikeda recounted the series of events which led up to the installation of the unique stained glass windows in our Church's sanctuary. He first met the artist, Sadao Watanabe, when the Honolulu Academy of Arts had a big exhibit of his etchings which were scenes of Jesus' life as envisioned by a Christian from Japan. It was at this time that Dr. Ikeda was inspired to ask the artist if he would consider being commissioned to create stained glass versions of his art. Unfortunately, Watanabe Sensei declined.

Discouraged, but not defeated, Dr. Ikeda went to Japan and visited the artist in his home country and eventually convinced him to accept the commission. This led to a series of sketches of the scenes, both in exact size and in color, to guide the creation of the windows. The one condition which the artist insisted on was that the windows had to be made in Japan. This was not acceptable for many reasons, including expense and shipping problems. But eventually, Dr. Ikeda was able to convince the artist that there were capable creators of stained glass in Hawaii and the designs were released to be created by a local stained glass artist.

The Nichigobu were fascinated by Dr. Ikeda's story and of his persistence in obtaining all the necessary funds and approvals to bring about the installation of the stained glass windows depicting Christ's birth, the Last Supper, etc. in our church. These windows are unique as there are only two other known instances of Watanabe stained glass installations in the world.

January 19 – Upon hearing of our having invited **Bryan Yamashita** to speak on "Forgiveness," the Moderator asked that this be a joint service so the entire church could benefit from hearing of Bryan's experiences after having had his wife stabbed to death by a stranger.

January 26 – Gloria Kosasa Gainsley will share the stories of her grandparents, Morita and Mitsue Kosasa, and her parents, Sidney and Minnie Kosasa. Morita Kosasa was an issei who lived in Nuuanu, attended a night school conducted by the Nuuanu Japanese Congregational Church, and was baptized on November 13, 1910. He and Mitsue opened and ran the M. Kosasa Grocery and Butcher Store on Tenth Avenue in Kaimuki. Sidney helped at his parents' store while growing up, but eventually left to attend college in California. He was at the School of Pharmacy at University of California at Berkeley when the war broke out, but was allowed to take his finals in April and thus earn his degree. He was interned at Tule Lake, but was hired as a pharmacist because his dean sent his diploma to the camp. He and Minnie got married in the camp and moved to St. Louis because Sidney was offered

a position at a hospital there. After returning to Hawaii, he eventually opened his own pharmacy and drug stores and the ABC convenience stores primarily for the tourists.

Shirley Miyamoto