



# *NCC News*

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*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### **Access Statement (in English and Japanese)**

As stated in our Vision Statement, “Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is a diverse, open congregation of faithful Christians who seek to affirm all persons as children of God.” Furthermore, our Policy on Non-discrimination clearly states that “we do not discriminate against any person, group or organization in hiring, promotion, membership, appointment, use of facility, provision of services on the basis of race, ethnicity, skin color, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, faith, nationality, marital status, or disability.”

As a part of living out our vision and commitment to an inclusive and diverse community, following accommodations are in place for worship:

- To provide communication access to worship, large print worship bulletins and other alternate format of orders of worship are available.
- Assistive listening devices are available from the ushers.
- In addition to Japanese Bibles, resource pages in Japanese are available with today’s scripture and Japanese lyric to today’s hymns whenever possible.
- Those wishing to have Japanese interpretation are asked to give their request to the Church Office at least one-week in advance so that they might be accommodated.
- Members needing transportation to worship are invited to contact Ohana Ministry for access to taxi service.
- Those traveling by Handivan are requested to let the Church Office know at least 2 days in advance so that members of the Diaconate might meet the van on Sunday mornings.

Due to the age and construction of the buildings, not all areas are easily accessible to persons with mobility issues. Nu‘uanu Congregational Church will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities within these limitations.

For requesting other accommodations, please contact the Church Office.

ビジョン・ステートメントに記載されている通り、ヌアヌ・コングリゲーション・チャーチは、人は皆神の子であることを支持し追及する忠実なキリスト教徒の多様でオープンな会衆です。さらに、個人やグループや団体組織に対し、人員の採用や昇進やメンバーシップや任命や設備の使用や奉仕の提供における、人種や民族性や肌の色や性別や年齢や性的指向や性同一性や信仰や国籍や結婚暦や身体的障害の差別を行うことはない、ということをお我々の不当差別禁止に関する方針の中で明確に示しています。

包括的で且つ多様性のあるコミュニティにおいて、我々のビジョンと方針を全うするための一環として、礼拝に関しましては以下のような便宜をお図りします。

- 礼拝に関する伝達事項にアクセスしていただけるように、大きな文字で書かれた礼拝に関する掲示や礼拝の進行に関するその他の補助的な形式がございます。
- 受付では補聴援助機器をご用意しております。
- 聖書の日本語版の他に、その日の聖典とその日の聖歌の歌詞が含まれた資料の日本語版を可能な限りご用意致します。
- 日本語の通訳を希望される方は、教会事務所の方でなるべくご希望に添えるようにするために、1週間前までに事務所にお知らせ下さい。
- 礼拝に参加するための交通手段を必要とするメンバーの方は、タクシーのサービスを受けられるようにオハナ・ミニストリーまでご連絡ください。
- ハンディーバンで移動される方は、日曜の朝になるべく執事のメンバーがハンディーバンまでお迎えに行けるように、2日前までに教会事務所にご連絡いただければ幸いです。

当建物は、築年数や構造によるところから、歩行や移動が困難な方にとりましては容易に移動出来ないエリアもございます。ヌアヌ・コングリゲーション・チャーチはこの事柄に該当すると見なされた移動に関する障害をお持ちの方には良心的な便宜をお図りします。

その他のご要望に関しましては、教会事務所までご連絡ください。

## **Use It or Lose It - Keeping Your Mind Sharp**

Come and learn how the brain works, what it needs, and whether or not you are at risk for Alzheimer's Disease. What are the warning signs? **Sandy Brekke**, from the Kaiser Medicare Department, will present an informational talk on this subject. The date is Thursday, **February 27, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** in Kosasa Hall. We will have a short business meeting before the presentation. February planners are Sets Takahashi, Betty Morikawa, Wayne Kobayashi, Howard and Barbara Mau.

## **Palm Crosses**

**HEADS UP!** Do you recall that on Palm Sunday last year (March 24, 2013) you received a cross made out of a palm blade? It's time to look for that! We will be burning those palm crosses next Sunday, **March 2** to make ash for Ash Wednesday which is March 5. If you have misplaced yours or did not receive one last year, no worries. We have extras.

## **Ash Wednesday Services**

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of Lent - 40 days prior to Easter, not including Sundays. Lent is a time where we contemplate Jesus' sacrifices made on behalf and for the sins of all humanity in this world. It is a time where Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline.

There will be two Ash Wednesday services on **March 5** at 12 noon and 6 p.m. The imposition of ashes will take place at both services.

## **Lenten Adult Bible Study: "Writing Through Grief and Loss" led by Ray McGinnis, Saturday, March 8 from 9:30 to Noon**

Grief is a natural response to the loss of someone or something meaningful - a person, a relationship, a job, health, a pet, independence, the loss of a deeply held belief or anything else that is emotionally valued. At this workshop Ray McGinnis will lead us with gentle help for reflecting on and addressing grief and loss. In this confidential and supportive setting you'll be given a map for understanding how writing in a journal can be a helpful companion and witness to your own unfolding spiritual journey. Follow up sessions will be led by Pastor Mary on Wednesday **March 12, 19, 26** and **April 2 and 9** at 6:00 p.m. A light meal will be served at 5:30 p.m. before each session. Please join up for this special study. Sign ups for this workshop will be on the lanai after service.

Board of Christian Nurture

## **NCC Leadership Forum - March 1**

Calling all Board members (Diaconate, Christian Nurture and Trustees)! Just a reminder that all three Boards will be meeting together on Saturday, **March 1** in Kosasa Hall from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

## **Family Promise - March 9-16**

Want to serve God and the church, but don't know how? We will be hosting Family Promise **March 9-16**. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile mission, see **Judy Keith**, coordinator; **George Honjiyo**, overnight hosts; **Vanessa Ito**, meals; or **Cliff Lum**, room set up/clean up.

## **Game Night!**

Everyone's invited! We will have an intergenerational family game night at 15 Craigside Place on Sunday, **March 16** at 4:30 p.m. We will be dining and playing in the rooftop solarium! This is a time for the young and not-as-young to fellowship together. Dinner will be provided, but we are asking that you bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We need a head count **by Sunday, March 2**, so please sign up as soon as you can! Please bring any games that you are willing to teach (card games, board games, mahjong, poker, hanafuda, etc.). Hope to see you there! Contact **Kristen Young** if you have any questions: (808)927-0741 or [nccintern.kristen@gmail.com](mailto:nccintern.kristen@gmail.com).

## **Staff Leave**

Just a reminder....**Paula Yamamoto** is on vacation **February 17-27**. The layouts for the NCC News and March Caller have already been pre-formatted. Any announcements not printed will need to be made orally during Sunday worship. Paula will return to work on Friday, February 28. Mahalo to all of the volunteers (Betty Morikawa, George Honjiyo, Howard and Barbara Mau, Lani Hirohata, Joyce Uyehara, Ginny Takara, Micki Sasaki, Fran Miyamoto, Helen Pierce, Velma Akinaka, Dot Hosoda, and Sandy Hirano) for manning the office while she is away!