



# ***NCC News*** **March 9, 2014**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

## **Congregational Action - Informational Session**

An informational session will be held **today** in the sanctuary after the 9:00 a.m. worship service to outline the plan for implementing the congregational directive.

## **Lenten Study - "Writing Through Grief and Loss"**

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. Pastor Mary will be leading five sessions 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 us for this special study.

Board of Christian Nurture

## **Green Day - April 26**

The Missions Committee will be hosting a "Green Day" on Saturday, **April 26, 2014** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to celebrate Earth Day at Nu'uanu Congregational Church, Kosasa Hall. We will have a variety of plants for sale - orchids, herbs, vegetables, and flowering plants. In addition to beautiful plants, we will have hydroponic kits and worm condos for sale.

Donations for plants and/or planting pots are being accepted. If you have a green thumb, start planting your seeds or seedlings, or bring your empty plant pots to church for those who do have a green thumb.



## **Omission**

The altar floral credits were inadvertently omitted in last Sunday's worship bulletin. The beautiful floral arrangement was offered by **Melvin and Joyce Uyehara** "In loving memory of son Mark."

## 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.

## Access Statement

As stated in our Vision Statement, "Nu'uano 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'uano Congregational Church will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities within these limitations.

For requesting other accommodations, please contact the Church Office.