



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church



Green Day Pre-Sale

As part of our Green Day celebration (**Sat. Apr. 26**), we are offering today, beautiful eggshell Easter baskets with growing plants, Ulu Wai coffee mugs, and home-grown hydroponic lettuce. We are encouraging members to bring their own cups to church on Sundays, rather than use plastic or styrofoam cups. This is part of our effort to reduce carbon footprints.

The hydroponic lettuce was meant for the Green Day event. Unfortunately, they matured sooner than expected, so there's a large amount that is now available. Donations will go to missions.

Green Day - This Saturday, April 26

In celebration of Earth Day, the Missions Committee will host a "Green Day" on Saturday, **April 26, 2014** from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Nu'uanu Congregational Church, Kosasa Hall. Pacific Corporate Solutions will be on campus recycling eWaste. See eWaste flyer on what items can be recycled. We will have a variety of plants for sale - orchids, herbs, vegetables, and flowering plants. In addition to beautiful plants, hydroponic kits and worm condos will be for sale.



Other items for sale include greeting cards made by the youth that feature the beauty of the islands, furushikis sewn by the Sew Fun ladies, and snack foods - hot dog, spam musubi, chips, and water. Come and join the celebration for a greener Earth!

Office Closed - April 21

The church office will be closed on Monday, **April 21** (Good Friday holiday make up).



William and Jean Wood Scholarship - Deadline: April 30, 2014

Applications for the William and Jean Wood Scholarship are being accepted for those who will be attending a university, college, and/or institution of higher learning. Applicants must be a member, relative, or friend of a member of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church. Applications and all supporting documents (references, transcripts, etc.) must be received by **April 30, 2014** as specified in the instructions. Incomplete applications received will be returned.

Applications may be obtained from the Nu‘uanu Congregational Church web site (www.nuuanu.org) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net).

George Honjiyo

“Aging Brain” Presentation - April 27

What makes our kupuna do the crazy things they do? Is it just a part of aging or early signs of Alzheimer’s? Join us on Sunday, **April 27th** at 10:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall and find out as we hear from **Sandi Brekke** of the Kaiser Permanente’s Medicare Department. Sandi did a well-received presentation with Hui Hoaloha, and we thought it would be helpful for those who are dealing with aging parents, grandparents, friends, etc. All are invited to attend.



Hui Hoaloha April Event

Now that we have learned that many of our shortcomings are a natural part of aging, we can concentrate on doing those things which will further delay our age-related loss of memory. The next event for Hui Hoaloha will be on **Thursday, April 24, 2014** in Kosasa Hall beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The UCLA Center on Aging's research has revealed that we can do simple things to cut our odds of losing our minds to Alzheimer's and other dementias. They highly recommend that we grow new brain cells and fill our brains.

In an effort to provide us with an opportunity to fill our brains, the April planning committee has arranged for **Raymond Burghardt** to speak to us on **“An American Diplomat's Perspectives on the Great Changes in Asia -- 1970 to the Present.”** Mr. Burghardt has served in South Korea, the Philippines, Taiwan, China and Viet Nam. His many years of serving in East Asia have given him many opportunities to experience and observe the changes in this region which has a great impact on our country.

Please join us for an informal and informative morning that will help us to better understand the impact and importance of Asia. The planning committee consists of Edith Fujihara, Shirley and Ray Miyamoto, Rose Nishihara, and Micki Sasaki.

Calling All Graduates

The Board of Christian Nurture has set “*Graduate Sunday*” for **June 15**. Please notify the church office if your child will be graduating from high school or college and if you would like him/her to be recognized and placed on the NCC graduation list.

Holocaust Remembrance

We have been invited to a Holocaust Remembrance on Sunday, **April 27** at 6:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El. Please see the note below from Ken Aronowitz, Spiritual Leader at Temple Emanu-El. If you plan to go, please let me know by Thursday, April 17 so that I can let them know by April 18. Pastor Mary

(Email to Pastor Mary from Ken Aronowitz)

Professor Elie Wiesel, a Holocaust Survivor, said, “For the dead and the living, we must bear witness; for to forget the Holocaust is to kill twice.”

On Sunday, April 27, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., Temple Emanu-El will host a gathering for Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day).

We will share the poignant words of those who did not survive, as well as those who did. The ceremony will also include the lighting of memorial candles in memory of the Six Million Jews and millions of Non-Jews who perished, as well as a candle honoring the Righteous Gentiles who risked their lives in order to help their Jewish friends and neighbors. Our ceremony will conclude with the recitation of memorial prayers for these innocent victims, most of whom do not have family members to do so.

We would like you to represent your congregation by attending our Yom HaShoah ceremony, and we would also like to invite the members of your congregation to attend. Thank you for helping people of different faiths join together in prayer and fellowship on this important evening. Since the ceremony is only two weeks away we thank you in advance for letting us know if you can attend by Friday, April 18.

Family Promise - May 18-25

Our next rotation begins in just over a month on May 18. Yes, it is close to our last rotation because our summer interns will need the youth lounge, taking one room out of availability for housing a family. We will be starting sign ups after Easter. We need someone who is interested in partnering with Joyce Uyehara to coordinate meals, as Vanessa Ito will be close to her due date by then. Please contact **Joyce or Judy Keith** if you are interested in learning more about how you could help Family Promise by assisting with coordinating food. Judy Keith

Congratulations! (Article by Jaimie Kim from 4/9/14 Midweek)

Darwin Ing has been promoted from assistant vice president to vice president, Service Delivery Division with First Hawaiian Bank. He is responsible for operational support of FHB's 62 branches in Hawaii, Guam and the CNMI. He began his banking career with FHB in 1978 as a management trainee and has held various positions.

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‘uanu Congregational Church will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities within these limitations.

For requesting other accommodations, please contact the Church Office.