



# NU‘UANU CALLER

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## NCC’s Vision Statement

(Approved at the Special Congregational Meeting on September 16, 2007.)

*Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is a diverse, open congregation of faithful Christians who seek to:*

- *affirm all persons as children of God;*
- *respond to the needs of the community and congregation;*
- *respect all views and ideas;*
- *make and nurture disciples; and*
- *spread God’s word using our talents and resources.*

## “What is Our Legacy?”

*By Lori Yamashiro, CSI Director*

When I first started working at the Hawai‘i Conference UCC 13 years ago and met people from churches across the state, whenever I told them that I attended Nu‘uanu they would say, “That’s the church that **Toyo Nakamura** and **Yoshiko Shimamoto** went to.” That’s what we were known for.

Now, whenever I tell folks that I go to Nu‘uanu, they say, “That’s the church that has good food, nice people and nice facilities.”

In a recent conversation with Pastor Mary, we talked a bit about what might NCC’s legacy be,

and here’s my thought: Aside from our hospitality and good food, wouldn’t it be great if Nu‘uanu was known for developing leaders? Wouldn’t it be wonderful to be able to help young people discern what God might be calling them to do, whether they become clergy or lay leaders in their church and/or community? How awesome would it be if we could teach youth/young adults and then send them out to work with others?

In the 1970’s the senior pastor at the time had the great idea to start a summer internship for seminary students which helped the seminarians meet a class requirement and provided the congregation new experiences. Some of the seminarians who have come through Nu‘uanu include **Alan Maeno** who went on to become pastor at Kailua Christian Church, **Nathan Kohashi** who was a chaplain at Straub Hospital and **Robb Kojima** who is the pastor at Wailuku Union Church.

And here we are in 2014 with a Senior Pastor who had the vision and passion to help college students discover their vocation and identify gifts possibly for ordained ministry.

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## Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service

1st Sunday of the month:

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

10:15 a.m. Healing Service

## Legacy - Cont'd. from p. 1

**Dr. Rodger Nishioka**, Professor at Columbia Seminary, explained that a disciple is a follower or student, whereas an apostle is sent out to share with others. Not only does the College Summer Internship Program help the interns discern their vocation, but it also helps develop apostles; young people sent out to share God's love and word in various ways.

When our church was started in 1885, we were objects of mission. We were provided a pastor, a place to worship, opportunities to learn to read and write. We were given a chance to succeed, while at the same time learned about God. So here we are 129 years later, and now it is our turn to be agents of mission. It is our turn to be teachers and leaders; it is our turn to bring hope to others; it is our turn to enable others to spread the good news about an amazing God who loves us beyond our wildest imagination. How great is that?

And wouldn't it be awesome for the Sew Fun ladies to be asked to make a stole for the ordination of one of our former interns?

I hope that as you make plans for the summer, you will consider joining the Summer Interns in some of their activities. I also hope that you see the great work that we are doing together and what wonderful opportunities we

have to develop future leaders, teachers and preachers. And may that be our legacy as Nu‘uanu Congregational Church.

## “Life with the Good and Beautiful God” Conference - June 27-28

Have you ever wondered what a good and beautiful life in the glorious kingdom of God is like? Logos Bookstore, Makiki Christian Church and Hawaii Kai UCC are sponsoring "Life with the Good and Beautiful God" Conference **June 27-28** at Makiki Christian Church, Upper Social Hall (Friday 5-9 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.).

The main speaker, **James Bryan Smith**, is the author of *The Good and Beautiful God*, *The Good and Beautiful Life*, and *The Good and Beautiful Community*. This book series introduces folks to what life in the Kingdom of God is like. Not just head knowledge (what we believe about God, etc.), but how this relationship with God impacts our daily life.

The \$20.00 registration fee is a really good deal, as it includes all conference materials, dinner on Friday, lunch on Saturday and snacks. That's in addition to the great teaching that Jim and his team, **Matt Johnson and Mike Clifford**, will provide. Register by calling Logos Bookstore and paying the registration fee by credit card or mailing a check, payable to Logos Bookstore of Hawaii, memo: GBG Conference. **Deadline to sign up is June 23, 2014.**

## Graduate Sunday, Teacher Appreciation, and Fathers’ Day Celebration

Join us on **June 15** as we celebrate *Graduate Sunday, Teacher Appreciation, and Fathers’ Day*. **Kym Kanenaka**, daughter of **Brian and Becky Kanenaka** and a graduate of Roosevelt High School, will offer the message during the morning worship service. Kym is an active member of our youth group and has participated in three Lana‘i Mission trips. She also designed the beautiful mural outside the church office and is a talented photographer. Kym will be attending Loyola Marymount University in the Fall.

## Chutney and Jam Sale



Thanks to the hard work and generosity of **Donald and June Ikeda**, their delicious mango chutney and jams will go on sale, Sunday **June 15**.

All proceeds will go toward the College Summer Internship Program.

## Keiki and Youth

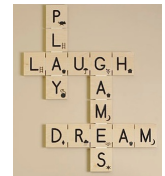
For the summer, the keiki will remain in worship service. A program is being planned for each Sunday after the worship service for all keiki and youth. Please note that the Nursery will be open for parents to enjoy with their children during the summer months.

The first activity is Beach Day at Kailua Beach Park on **June 1**, so save this date in your family calendar and enjoy a fun afternoon in the sun! Keiki and youth, don’t forget to bring your



swimsuit, towel, sunscreen, and signed permission slip.

The following Sunday, **June 8**, another fun Family Game Night is planned at 15 Craigside Place, Solarium. Our last one was a big hit and attracted over 40 NCC folks of all ages! Scrabble Queen **Chic Yamashiro** (who just turned 97 years young) is ready to defend her title, so challengers, get ready!



## Family Camp

Mark your calendars and save **July 4-6** for Family Camp! Relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings at Camp Mokule‘ia. Watch for details and sign ups in the coming weeks. Final meal count to Camp Mokule‘ia is June 19, so reserve your space!

## High School Stand Out

By Paula Yamamoto

**Deanna Wong**, daughter of **Ricky and Donnie Ann Wong**, and granddaughter of **Julia** and the late **Donald Nakamura**, shined above the entire cast in Hawaii Baptist Academy’s production of *High School Musical*. Deanna was cast in the lead female role as Gabriella Montez. We’ve all heard Deanna sing in church, but in this production, she sang with such tenderness and conviction, that you could not help, but be drawn into her character. Brava, Deanna!

Deanna is currently a junior at Hawaii Baptist Academy. She is active in our church youth group, and has served on two Youth Mission trips to Lana ‘i and Kaua ‘i. Besides singing and being in musical productions, Deanna loves to bake, and golf.

## Missions Givings

By Wayne Kobayashi, Missions Committee Chair

The Missions Committee, with the concurrence of the Church Council, made the following awards for 2014:

River of Life Mission (faith-based assistance to homeless)	\$1,000
Project Dana (assistance for caregivers)	\$1,000
UCC Transition House (shelter for abused women & families)	\$1,000
Family Promise of Hawaii (assistance for family independence)	\$1,000
Hawaii Meals on Wheels (hot meals for homebound)	\$1,000
Kaumakapili Church (food for needy)	\$1,000
Hawaii Island Young Life (outreach to youth)	\$700
Youth for Christ (outreach to youth)	\$700
Emergency Fund	\$700
Balance for 2014	\$1,900
Total	\$10,000

## Green Day

By Becky Kanenaka, Green Day Chair

Celebrating and caring for God’s creation, Nu‘uanu Congregational Church hosted a Green Day in Kosasa Hall on April 26, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Missions Committee sponsored this event, and the event was coordinated by **Howard Mau, Velma Akinaka, and Becky Kanenaka**. This Green Day event featured a wide variety of orchids, landscape plants, and herbs; worm castings, worms, worm condominiums, hydroponic kits, greeting cards made by NCC youth, furoshiki made by Sew Fun, coffee mugs with the Ulu Wai logo, and lots of spam musubi. The coffee mugs were sold to promote NCC members and friends to go green during fellowship time and bring their mugs for tea or water.

We also had an eWaste drop-off on Green Day at NCC. Pacific Cooperate Solutions provided a free eWaste pick-up. A whole pallet of eWaste was collected. Thank you, Nu‘uanu Congregation, for supporting Green Day which raised \$2,200 for the Missions Committee.

## Golf Fellowship

Calling all golfers! Save Saturday, **June 21** for a time of fun, fellowship, and a round of golf! Once again, we are having a golf fellowship with our sister church, UCC Judd Street. This year, it will be held at the beautiful Mid-Pacific Country Club Golf Course with a starting 1:30 p.m. tee time. (We have six tee times). Cost is \$85 and includes a round of golf and a yummy meal at the “19th hole.” Golfers of all levels are welcome! Sign up with **Dot Hosoda**.



## Deadline for Articles

*Nu‘uanu Caller* (monthly)  
20th of each month.  
*NCC News* (weekly)  
Wednesday noon.  
Articles will be edited on a  
space available basis.

## Food Drive

In keeping with Missions  
Sunday, the Hawai‘i Food Bank  
collection is held on the last

Sunday of every  
month. For the month  
of April, we  
collected 31 lbs. of  
assorted food  
items. Our next  
collection will be **June  
29, 2014**. Monetary donations  
accepted, too. Checks may be  
made to Nu‘uanu Congregational  
Church with Hawai‘i Food Bank  
on the memo line. Mahalo.



## Nichigobu Support Group

*By Muneo Hamada, Nichigobu Support Group Chair*

The Nichigobu Support Group will hold their business meeting on  
the **4th Sunday** of each month after the morning service. Special  
meetings will be called as needed.

## Save Your Stamps

*By Carol Miura, Woman’s Board of Missions*

Many thanks for faithfully saving your postage for the Woman’s  
Board of Missions stamp project. The stamps are used by handicapped  
people in sheltered workshops to develop job skills and to earn money.  
The workers trim, soak, sort, package, and sell the stamps. They need  
as many stamps (used, unused, foreign, and U.S.) as we can send them,  
but they need them with the perforations intact. Please continue to  
carefully save all your stamps with generous paper margins, and drop  
them off in the stamp box in the church office. Mahalo.

## No Hui Hoaloha in June

Details for July event forthcoming.

## Happy Birthday, Aunty Chic!

**Chikako Yamashiro** celebrated her 97th birthday on May 17,  
2014. Family and friends gathered at 15 Craigsid to wish her a Happy  
Birthday, and many more birthdays to come!

## Recycling

*By Wayne Kobayashi*

Bring your items on  
**Sunday, June 29**

The pick up day is the  
first **Thursday of the  
month**. Please help our  
volunteers by removing  
caps from bottles, rinsing  
and separating all  
containers. Only HI-5¢  
items are accepted.

Proceeds go toward  
Hui Malama.



## 2014 Refreshments

**(Bring, Serve & Clean Up)**

**January** - Church Council

**February** - Missions

**March** - Nichigobu

**April** - Sew Fun

**May** - Board of Trustees

**June** - Christian Nurture

**July** - Hui Hoaloha

**August** - Chancel Choir

**September** - Diaconate

**October** - Women of Nu‘uanu

**November** - Committees

**December** - Youth

Please dispose all trash into the  
dumpster. Mahalo!

## Ohana Ministry

*By Marge Honjiyo*



If there are needs that Ohana Ministry can help you with, call one of the coordinators:

### Ohana Ministry Coordinators

<i>Mae Au, 988-4802</i>	<i>Mary Ann Saito, 839-0895</i>
<i>Marge Honjiyo, 550-3075</i>	<i>Sets Takahashi, 550-3062</i>
<i>Alice Ishihara, 550-3187</i>	<i>Joyce Uyehara, 523-3483</i>

### **Prayer Corner** *By Alice Ishihara*

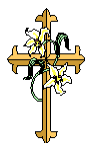
*Do not fear, for I am with you,  
Do not be afraid, for I am you God;  
I will strengthen you. I will help you.  
I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.*

**Isaiah 41:10**

When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: **Ann Akama, Mark Au, Kimiko Bristow-Canfield, Carol Hamada, Mack Hamada, Edna Ito, Fumiko Kamita, Leonetta Kinard, Yuriko Konno, Rev. Armin Kroehler, Janet Kurokawa, Michael Kurokawa, Leslie Lum, Ethel Nitta, Florence Osumi, Eiko Soranaka, Terry Stone, Matthew Stucke, Mayee Wong, and Marie Yoneshige.**

Thank you, God, for always being with us. Help us to see others with kindness and compassion as you do. Teach us to be patient and forgiving toward others. May we remember your presence within us and in unexpected places and people. As we walk in the midst of worries and trouble, we will hold your right hand not be afraid. Hear our prayer, O Lord. **Amen.**

**Reminder:** Names are added or deleted in the Prayer Corner by the individual, family members or friend. Please help us and inform the Ohana Ministry coordinators if you want your name included or deleted.



## Special Gifts

*Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!*

### Birthday Offerings

Yoshiko Furumizo  
Ann Sasaki  
Donnie Ann Wong  
Mary Oshiro  
Jean Chun

### Memorial Offerings

Mary Paik - IMO Donald Nakamura, Nobu Fujioka, and Betty Nomura  
Paul and Paula Yamamoto - IMO Donald Nakamura and Betty Nomura  
Helen Pierce - IMO Donald Nakamura  
Yukimichi Watanabe - IMO Sumi Watanabe and Weston Watanabe

### Thanks Offerings

Shirley Yamamoto  
Lani Ogasawara

# June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Worship Service</li> <li>■ 10:30 AM Chancel Choir</li> <li>■ 11:00 AM Beach Day</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 8:30 AM Tai Chi</li> </ul>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ 9:00 AM Hui Malama</li> </ul>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Aha Pae'aina</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Aha Pae'aina</li> <li>■ 8:00 AM Board of Trustees</li> <li>■ 9:00 AM Sew Fun</li> </ul>
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### Lectionary Readings for June

**June 1:** Acts 1:6-14 • Ps 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Pet 4:12-14; 5:6-11 • John 17:1-11

**June 8:** Acts 2:1-21 or Num 11:24-30 • Ps 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Cor 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21 • John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

**June 15:** Gen 1:1-2:4a • Ps 8 • 2 Cor 13:11-13 • Matt 28:16-20

**June 22:** Gen 21:8-21 • Ps 86:1-10, 16-17 or Jer 20:7-13 • Ps 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18 • Rom 6:1b-11 • Matt 10:24-39

**June 29:** Gen 22:1-14 • Ps 13 or Jer 28:5-9 • Ps 89:1-4, 15-18 • Rom 6:12-23 • Matt 10:40-42