



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

Lanaʻi Mission Trip

This afternoon, fourteen adults and young adults will journey on a week-long mission trip to Lanaʻi. Our college summer interns, **Kimo Akinaka, Mindy Bullock, Lia Yamashiro, Mindy Yoshida**, along with **Micah Goshi, Henry Montiel, and Welina Tong**, will be sharing God's word through Vacation Bible School at Lanaʻi Union Church. This is our fourth year, and the children on Lanaʻi are eagerly awaiting our arrival. Documenting the mission trip will be intern **Andres Montiel** (videographer) and **Dwight Morita** and **Kristen Young** (photographers). Supporting the group are **Pastor Mary Paik, Lori Yamashiro** (Intern Program Director) and **Joyce Uyehara** and **Paula Yamamoto** (cooks). Please keep them in your prayers for a safe and meaningful trip.

Next Sunday, the participants will be sharing their experiences during the morning worship service. Come, and worship with us!

The Kensaku and Tsuru Obata Endowment Fund

“To perpetuate that period of history of the Nuʻuanu Congregational Church, in which Issei members battled notions of paternalism and benevolent control over the Japanese immigrant congregation, to establish the church as independent from the Board of Missions; to honor the sacrificial stewardship and service of such predecessors and their leaders; and to celebrate the independent church based on the congregational mode of governance, in convent with the United Church of Christ, its predecessors and successors.”

If you feel your group or project may fit its purpose, we invite you to download an application and the history of the Obata Endowment Fund from the church's web site at www.nuuanu.org or pick up one from the church office. The Obata fund committee is currently accepting applications for 2014 and 2015 grants. October 2014 is the deadline for the 2015 grants, and we are currently accepting and reviewing applications for 2014.

Darwin Ing

Thank You!

Mahalo to all the wonderful volunteers who have graciously offered to watch the office while I am on Lana'i! Your giving spirit is greatly appreciated!

Paula Yamamoto

Pool Party at the Chuns' – July 27

Calling all youth and families! The College Summer Interns have had an awesome summer of fellowship and fun with you! As our summer comes to a close, we have one last youth event... and it's a Potluck Pool Party! The **Chun family** has graciously offered to host the event at their home in Nu'uano. Please save the date and time: **July 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.**, immediately following Sunday worship service. More details will be provided shortly, so please keep an eye out for emails from the interns. Hope to see you there!

Kimo Akinaka

Access Statement

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.