



# *NCC News*

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*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*



### **Stewardship Sunday**

The theme for the 2015 Stewardship Campaign is “Blessed to Be a Blessing....all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

In gratitude for the abundant blessings that God has bestowed upon each one of us, let us offer our pledges to God, so that we may be a

blessing to others. Pledge cards will be received during the hymn of response.

Becky Kanenaka, 2015 Stewardship Chair

### **Missions Happenings**

Besides providing funds to various community organizations, the Missions Committee is responsible for educating our members and providing information on Nu'uanu Congregational Church's mission ministry. In line with this, guest speakers from organizations we have been supporting over the years, will be speaking to us about what their organization does. These guests will be visiting us over the next several months.

Hawai'i Meals on Wheels is dedicated to helping frail elders and individuals with disabilities preserve their independence at home by providing hot, nutritious meals and regular personal contact. This morning, Executive Director **Claire Shimabukuro** will share a little about her organization.

### **Help Out Our Sunday Counters!**

We are blessed to have a handful of volunteers count our offering and contributions every Sunday morning. It's one of those much-needed tasks that is done “behind the scenes.” These dedicated volunteers do it faithfully as their service to God and to the church. Please help them out by using your offering envelopes and writing your check number on the envelope. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**The New Century Hymnal Workshop**  
**Sunday, August 24, 2014**  
**Choir Room**



**The Rev. Dr. Donald Schmidt**, Associate Conference Minister, will be presenting a workshop on hymns right after worship **next Sunday, August 24**. The hymns in the New Century Hymnal speak of the varied depths of faith within our church. From ancient texts to more modern ones, they come from a variety of cultures and styles. In many cases, their lyrics have a sensitivity to how we understand the world around us. In this workshop we'll explore – in a fun way – a little of the theology that led to this hymnal, and ponder some of the changes it made. And we'll sing some, too!

If you are interested in attending this hymnal workshop, please sign-up with Carol Hamada at [chamada28@gmail.com](mailto:chamada28@gmail.com) or Becky Kanenaka at [ken214@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:ken214@hawaii.rr.com). Warm up your vocal chords, do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do!

Becky Kanenaka

**Give Aloha - 78424 (NCC's code)**

If you are planning on giving a contribution (pledge, offering, special gift) to NCC in the next couple of months, **September 1** is the start of **Foodland's** Give Aloha Program. For the entire month of **September**, Foodland and Western Union Foundation will match a portion of any contribution to NCC up to \$249 per Maika'i card. Only donations made with a Maika'i card will receive a partial matching gift. If you don't have a Maika'i card, just sign up for one at the Customer Service desk of any Foodland or Sack 'n Save store! All you need is a phone number (land line or cell phone). If you have any questions about this wonderful program, see **Paula Yamamoto**.

## **Access Statement**

(Revised 8/2/14 by the Diaconate Board)

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, assistive listening devices, Japanese Bibles and Japanese hymnals are available from the ushers.
- 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.