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NCC's Vision Statement

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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.*

Summer and My Vocational Calling

By Kristen Young, Youth Ministry Intern

I've noticed my summers had been getting increasingly better with each year, so after my awesome summer of being a College Summer Intern at NCC in 2013, I was wondering what it would be that would let Summer 2014 continue in that same pattern, and if it even could. Well, this past summer was pretty amazing for me, I've got to admit. I don't want to say it was the *best* summer because it was different in many ways, but it was definitely one I'll always remember and it did not disappoint.

I'd studied Spanish for about six years and finally had the opportunity to study it in Spain this past summer. Did I want to spend my summer in school? No, not really. I didn't even need the credits, but it seemed like a good excuse to go to Spain. I applied and got accepted and my journey to Spain began from there. I paid for everything on my own. The airfare, the six school credits I'd receive if I pass my classes (I got them, by the way, hooray), the program cost which included housing, food, and field trips... almost all of my money was going into this trip. I knew it would be worth it before I even bought my plane tickets. So thank God it was.

I remember when I first arrived in Spain. This was my first time out of the country, and I traveled the entire way all on my own. I found a taxi to take me to a nearby hotel where I stayed by myself for a night before meeting up with the rest of my group at the airport the next day. I sat on the bed and took a few moments to take in my current reality. I hadn't even started my program yet, but I already felt so proud of myself for making it to that moment because I thought of the journey I took to get there. I realized it didn't start back in Honolulu where I boarded my first plane, but rather in high school, when I started taking Spanish because I thought it would be easier than Japanese. Back then I had no idea where I would take my Spanish or where Spanish would take me.

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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

Give Aloha

By Paula Yamamoto



Mahalo for participating in Foodland’s Give Aloha program! All contributions and matching grants will be given to the church in mid-October. Check next month’s *Nu‘uanu Caller* for an update. If you haven’t already turned in your duplicate receipt, please do so by **October 15**. We would like to reconcile the receipts and properly credit your giving statement. Be sure your name is on the receipt and indicate if your contribution is your pledge or a special gift. You may place all receipts in the Sunday offering plate. Again, thank you for your support!

O‘ahu Association ‘Aha Mokupuni at NCC - Oct. 18

Nu‘uanu Congregational Church will be hosting the O‘ahu Association ‘Aha Mokupuni on Saturday, **October 18, 2014**. Delegates and members from all UCC churches on O‘ahu will gather at 8:00 a.m. in the sanctuary for opening worship.

The keynote speaker is **The Reverend Al Miles**, Pacific Health Ministry Chaplain serving at The Queen’s Medical Center as the Coordinator of the Hospital Ministry Department. Rev. Miles will speak on “Domestic Violence and Spiritual Abuse: What Every Christian Needs to Know.”

As hosts, we need people to help serve a continental breakfast and lunch, setting up the gym and cleaning up after the Mokupuni. If you are able to help, please let Lori Yamashiro know. Let us welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ with Nu‘uanu’s gracious hospitality.

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.

The 2014 theme for NIN is “Imagining Another World Where Literacy is No Longer a Concern” and connects to the “Reading Changes Lives” justice advocacy initiative of the UCC. The NIN special mission offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday on **October 5**. Please give generously. Checks may be written to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with NIN on the memo.

Water Park Outing

By Kristen Young, Youth Ministry Intern

Let's get "wet 'n' wild" on Saturday, **October 4th**. We'll be having a youth outing at the water park in Kapolei and will be joined by some of our friends from Lana‘i. This event is open to all youth in sixth grade and above. For those not yet in sixth grade, we ask that at least one parent accompany them.



The deadline to purchase discounted group tickets has passed, but you are more than welcome to come down on your own and join us on the day of the event (you will have to pay the regular price). We will be there from 1:00-4:00 p.m. (closing). Transportation will be provided to and from, we just ask that youth be at the church by 10:00 a.m. Bring your signed permission form, sunscreen, towel, and a change of clothes. See one of the interns for more information.

HCUCC Fall Youth Camp

By Kristen Young, Youth Ministry Intern

The Hawai‘i Conference UCC has been hosting fall youth camps on O‘ahu for the past several years for all UCC youth on the islands of Hawai‘i. As a youth, I have attended these camps in the past, and I am now on the planning committee with fellow intern, **Alex Montiel**, who will serve as a camp leader. We are happy to say that we will be sending some of our own youth for the first time! **Matthew Chun, Scott Chung, Stephanie Chung, Brandon Hayashi, and Preston Iha** will represent Nu‘uanu Congregational Church at this year's Fall Youth Camp at Camp Erdman on **October 5-8** where they will meet youth from other UCC churches in the state. The theme of the camp is “Catalyst for Change: Faith in Action.” What does it mean to be God’s hands and feet in the world? What does it mean to be God’s agents in our communities? How can we as young people become leaders in the fight for justice?

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At this stage in my life, the uncertainty of the future and the unsureness of my desires for the future sometimes make it hard to move forward with confidence that I’m heading in a good direction. I love to reflect on the past because it’s when I look back that I see how my actions and decisions have brought me to where I am today. When I look back, I see how my paths are aligning and it gives me hope and confidence for my future. That confidence comes from trusting that I’m being led. I can finally start connecting different parts of my life with each other. I’m being prepared to do *something*. I still don’t know exactly what it is, but if there’s one thing I took away from my travels (I took away a lot), it’s that I need to be okay with the journey.

The most memorable part of my time abroad was the quick two weeks I spent with my friends who flew from Hawaii to meet me in Europe, so we could travel together after I completed my study abroad program. We went to three other countries on our own and getting around in new places was always the hardest part. We navigated the public transportation and the European streets, and I wish we’d totaled the amount of miles we walked because I’m sure we walked a lot—but we always got somewhere; we always ended up where we needed to be. So as I navigate through life, though most times I have no map, I can enjoy the journey a little more because I trust that God has prepared me and will continue to guide me.

Report of the Board of Trustees

By Howard Mau, Board of Trustees Chair

The past couple of months have been busy for the Board of Trustees. As previously reported, major repairs to the Sanctuary and Old Administration building have been ongoing, and additional work has been approved as the contractor proceeded with repairs. The original contract work was to clean and recoat the Sanctuary tile roof and repair or replace rotted wood fascia boards on the edges of the buildings. As the work progressed, the contractor discovered other serious damages to our buildings and additional work was approved. While the additional work has been costly, delaying these repairs could cause serious damages to our buildings. The contractor, Surface Shield Roofing Co., was kind enough to accept coupons, which its representative provided, to reduce the cost of the roofing work by \$3600. All work under this contract should be completed by the end of September.

The church has been notified by the City & County of Honolulu that free trash bin pickup service will cease effective January 31, 2015. The BOT has considered proposals and selected Honolulu Disposal Service to provide once a week pickup beginning February 1, 2015. The cost for this service will be included in BOT’s 2015 budget.

The Board of Trustees continues to manage its responsibilities for the upkeep and use of NCC’s fixed and physical assets. However, the Board is also involved with community and ministerial requests for use of our facilities. Presently, the Sanctuary is being used on Sundays by the Trinity Congregational Christian Samoan Church while it seeks permanent facilities, and we support the ministry of Family

Promise and Make Today Count in their use of other areas. Other requests from community, service, and ministry groups may be received by NCC and we welcome greater use of our facilities to serve these groups.

Volunteers Needed

Hui Malama is a group of dedicated volunteers (men and women) that meet every first and third Wednesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Their ministry is to help the church with light repairs and maintenance, i.e. recycling HI-5¢ cans and bottles, weeding, painting, maintaining the hydroponic garden, etc. Your “reward” is a delicious lunch prepared by the women of the church. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, see **Wayne Kobayashi**, Hui Malama coordinator.

Mahalo for Your Donations

By Joyce Uyehara, Missions Committee

THANK YOU!!!! Your response to our plea for children's clothes and shoes for the children of Lana‘i was overwhelming. We collected and packed over 300 pounds, which were taken to Lana‘i Union Church thrift shop where they will distribute or sell them as they see fit.

The youth of Lana‘i will be in Honolulu October 4-8 to attend the HCUCC Youth Camp. Prior to the camp, they will be staying at NCC overnight and will be getting together with our youth. On their return to Lana‘i, the Missions Committee will have more clothing and household items for them to take back. Arigato gozaimasu. Mahalo.

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.

Sunday of every
month. For the month
of August, we
collected 133 lbs.
of assorted food
items. Our next
collection will be
October 26, 2014. Monetary
donations accepted, too. Checks
may be made to Nu‘uanu
Congregational Church with
Hawai‘i Food Bank on the memo
line. Mahalo.



Food Drive

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

Hui Hoahola Event for October 9, 2014

Join us on a tour of the Plaza at Moanalua. We will be
provided with an informational briefing and tour of the facility.
This is an excellent opportunity to learn about what the Plaza at
Moanalua has to offer. After the tour, we will have lunch at the
former “99 Ranch” in Mapunapuna.

We will car pool from NCC at 9:25 a.m. and must to be at
the Plaza no later than 9:50 a.m. Please sign-up for this event
after the Sunday service. You will be asked if you need a ride,
or able to provide transportation, or driving on your own.
Everyone must sign up to take the tour!!!! Planners are: Kimie
Fujioka, Carol Hamada, Nancy Nakao, and Marge and George
Honjiyo.

Chutney, Jam and Biscotti Sale – Nov. 9

The holidays are right around the corner, so come and stock up on
Don and June Ikeda’s fabulous chutney and jams. They will also
have a new item on sale.....chocolate almond biscotti and cranberry
walnut biscotti! Sounds so delectable! All proceeds will go
toward the College Summer Internship Program. Thank you,
Don and June, for your generous support of our young adult
leadership development ministry!



Recycling

By Wayne Kobayashi

**Bring your items on
Sunday, Oct. 26**

**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

Mae Au, 988-4802 Mary Ann Saito, 839-0895

Marge Honjiyo, 550-3075 Sets Takahashi, 550-3062

When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: Ann Akama, Mark Au, Kimiko Bristow-Canfield, Dwight Cobb, Carol Hamada, Mack Hamada, Edna Ito, Fumiko Kamita, Leonetta Kinard, Yuriko Konno, Minnie Kosasa, Rev. Armin Kroehler, Hanako “Hankie” Kuniyoshi, Janet Kurokawa, Michael Kurokawa, Dr. Lenora Lorenzo, Leslie Lum, Ethel Nitta, Chikao Nogami, Florence Osumi, Masaji Saito, Eiko Soranaka, Terry Stone, Matthew Stucke, Mayee Wong, Glenn Yamada, and Marie Yoneshige.

Prayer Corner

By Alice Ishihara

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Dear God, we are glad to have this day. We give you thanks for it and rejoice. We pray for healing for all who are in pain and anxious about their health for whatever reason. Hear their prayers and crying voices. May all be strong and full of courage to live each day. Be close to us in our need. **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

Birthday Offerings

Jay Paik
Frederick Takara
Mary Oshiro

Memorial Offerings

Hatsuko Kino - IMO Frank Kino
George Naito - IMO Nancy Naito
Michael Naito - IMO Nancy Naito
Floyd Uyehara - IMO Mark Uyehara

Thanks Offerings

Kathleen Yokouchi
Nancy Nakao
Jayne Honda

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Family Promise 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Church School & Nursery 10:00 AM Keiki Praise Ensemble 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:45 AM Youth Bowling	29	30	1 NCC News Deadline 9:00 AM Hui Malama 5:00 PM Bible Study	2	3	4 8:00 AM Diaconate Board 8:30 AM Board of Trustees 9:00 AM Sew Fun 10:00 AM Youth Cooking 11:45 AM Youth Activity 4:00 PM Youth Sleepover
5 HCUCC Youth Camp 9:00 AM Church School & Nursery 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Keiki Praise Ensemble 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:30 AM Youth Bible Study ... Youth Sleepover	6	7	8 NCC News Deadline 5:00 PM Bible Study	9	10	11 9:00 AM Board of Christian Nurture
12 9:00 AM Worship Service 9:00 AM Church School & Nursery 10:00 AM Keiki Praise Ensemble 10:30 AM Blessing of Pets 10:30 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM Chancel Choir	13 8:30 AM Tai Chi	14	15 NCC News Deadline 9:00 AM Hui Malama 5:00 PM Bible Study	16	17	18 Fall Mokupuni at NCC
19 9:00 AM Church School & Nursery 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Keiki Praise Ensemble 10:30 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM Chancel Choir	20 Caller Deadline 8:30 AM Tai Chi	21 6:00 PM Council	22 NCC News Deadline 5:00 PM Bible Study	23	24	25
26 9:00 AM Church School & Nursery 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:00 AM Keiki Praise Ensemble 10:30 AM Youth Bible Study 10:30 AM Chancel Choir 10:30 AM Nichigobu Support Group	27 8:30 AM Tai Chi	28	29 NCC News Deadline 5:00 PM Bible Study	30 Planning Ahead..... Nov. 25 - Nu'uano'u Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Emanu-El Nov. 28 - Set up sanctuary for Advent	31	1 8:00 AM Diaconate Board 8:30 AM Board of Trustees 9:00 AM Sew Fun



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Lectionary Readings for October

October 5 (Wisdom for the Way): Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 • Ps 19 or Isa 5:1-7 • Ps 80:7-15 • Phil 3:4b-14 • Matt 21:33-46

October 12 (Praiseworthy Living): Ex 32:1-14 • Ps 106:1-6, 19-23 or Isa 25:1-9 • Ps 23 • Phil 4:1-9 • Matt 22:1-4

October 19 (Living Messages): Ex 33:12-23 • Ps 99 or Isa 45:1-7 • Ps 96:1-9, (10-13) • 1 Thess 1:1-10 • Matt 22:15-22

October 26 (The Compassionate Life): Deut 34:1-12 • Ps 90:1-6, 13-17 or Lev 19:1-2, 15-18 • Ps 1 • 1 Thess 2:1-8 • Matt 22:34-46