



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Dollars and Sense Informational Session

Following this morning's worship service, there will be an informational session to review the 2015 budget in the sanctuary. We hope that you will attend the session to learn more about our budget and finances for 2015.

Annual Congregational Meeting - January 25, 2015

This year's Annual Meeting will be held **next Sunday** following the morning worship service (approximately 10:30 a.m.) in the sanctuary. The business items are as follows:

- Approval of the 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
- Approval of the 2015 Nominations of Officers
- Approval of the 2015 Budget.

According to the NCC By-Laws, only church members may vote. Members are asked to sign in prior to the meeting. Childcare will be provided.

A copy of the 2014 Annual Meeting minutes was mailed to all NCC members with the meeting notice. The 2014 Annual Report, which includes the slate of officer nominees for 2015 and the proposed 2015 Budget, is available on the table near the sanctuary front door. Please pick up a copy for your perusal. A big mahalo to **Nelson Fujinaga** and **Alex Montiel** for helping **Paula Yamamoto** collate and bind the reports.

Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesdays

Pastor MacPherson is offering a Lectionary Bible Study on Wednesday evenings. Come and take an in-depth look at the scriptures for the following Sunday and the context in which it was written and how it applies to us today. A light supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai, and the study will follow from 6-7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Sign up with Carol Hamada.



Speaker on “Forgiveness, Gratitude and Compassion”

Scarlett Lewis will share her powerful presentation on “Forgiveness, Gratitude and Compassion in the Face of Personal Tragedy” at Temple Emanu-El on Sunday, **January 18** at 11:00 a.m.

In the the wake of her son, Jesse’s death in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre on December 14, 2012, Scarlett Lewis went on an unexpected journey of hope and forgiveness. She will talk about choices and how we all have the power within us to determine our path. Scarlett described her experience in her book, “Nurturing, Healing, Love” and has inspired countless people to make proactive changes that have positively influenced their lives and the lives of those around them. Don’t miss this powerfully transformative event! Temple Emanu-El is located at 2550 Pali Highway at Jack Lane. For more information call 595 -7521 or go to shaloha.com.

NCC Veteran Honored by French Government

Kazuo Tomasa is one of twenty-seven World War II Japanese-American soldiers from the 100th Battalion and 442nd Regimental Combat Team who will be decorated with France’s highest medal - the Legion of Honor for their part in liberating France. Kazu served in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Pauline Carmona, consul general of France in San Francisco, will bestow the honors at a ceremony at 9 a.m. January 23 at the Japanese Cultural Center. The complete article may be found on page B1 in the January 12, 2015 issue of the Star Advertiser. Congratulations, Kazu!

Valentine Lunch - February 15

Pull out those poodle skirts and letterman jackets because on Sunday, **February 15th**, we will be time traveling back to the 1950's for some Valentine fun! The NCC youth will be hosting a 50's themed Valentine Lunch directly after lunch. The lunch will be complete with a photo booth and a tasty spaghetti plate. Come ready to have some fun!

—Alex Montiel & Kristen Young

Youth Group

Youth-group gatherings for sixth through twelfth graders are held on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will have snacks, games, and a short lesson. We have a gathering planned for every Sunday in January (January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th). Hope to see you there!

—Alex Montiel & Kristen Young

Office Help Needed



Paula and Paul Yamamoto will be on vacation **February 16-25, 2015**. Three slots remain open: Wednesday, February 18 (12:00-4:00 p.m.), Thursday, February 19 (12:00-4:00 p.m.) and Wednesday, February 25 (12:00-4:00 p.m.). If you are able to help out in the office, please see Paula. Mahalo to those who have already signed up!

2015 Flower Chart

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion by offering flowers to grace our sanctuary on a Sunday! Sign up on the flower chart in the church office or call 595-3935. The following dates are available:

January 18, 25

February 8

March 8, 15, 22, 29

April 19

May 10

August 2

September 6, 13

October 4, 11, 18

November 1, 8, 15, 29

December 13

Treasure Hunt: Garage Sale Fundraiser for the Keiki of The Children's Center, Inc. - January 24

As you clean out the "old," to make room for the new, bring your "treasures" to The Children's Center, Inc. office from now to January 23rd. Donations are tax deductible. "One person cannot do everything, but, everyone can do something." Help us make miracles happen!

Mahalo!

Jo-Ann Bristow

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.