



NCC News

February 22, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

Family Promise and Church Leaders Event

Our rotation with Family Promise continues for part of this week until Thursday morning. The rooms will then be cleaned and ready to host the HCUC Church Leaders Event on Saturday. Let us offer gracious hospitality to our brothers and sisters from UCC churches throughout the State.

Retirement Luau for Rev. Grant Lee

Members and friends of NCC are cordially invited to join many from other UCC churches to celebrate the retirement of the **Rev. Dr. Grant Lee**.

Date: **Saturday, April 18, 2015**

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Site: Community Church of Honolulu (2345 Nuʻuanu Avenue)

Cost: \$25.00

Tickets will be available from **Ann and Steve Ito**, 988-6772.

Deadline for ticket purchase is Sunday, **March 15, 2015**.

Checks may be made payable to: Community Church of Honolulu.

Grant has requested that no one bring any lei but, a good appetite for food and fellowship. He wishes to thank everyone for ministering in community with him over the decades.

Grant served NCC as Associate Pastor from 1971 – 1981 and was very instrumental in developing meaningful ministries to our children and youth.

—Ann Ito

Welcome/Blessing Party With Boy Scout Troop 201

A celebration, welcoming, blessing, and Advancement Court of Honor ceremony is planned for Friday, **March 6**. We have been invited to participate in this first event with the newly sponsored Boy Scouts of Troop 201. A potluck dinner is planned. Those interested in attending, please contact **Wayne Kobayashi** or **Fred Takara** by **today**.

Staff on Leave

Pastor Mary will be attending the meeting of the General Assembly Nominating Committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) this week in Seattle, WA. Should you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the **Rev. Howard Yoshida** at 285-2102.

Bookkeeper **Sandra Hirano** will be on vacation **February 27-March 18** and **Paula Yamamoto** will be back at her desk on February 26.

Lectionary Bible Study



The Wednesday evening Bible study continues each week at 6 p.m. in the choir room. The scripture passage used for the Sunday sermon is studied, thus, giving you a better understanding of its background and meaning. Everyone is welcome! A light supper is offered at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai.

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:

March 15

October 4, 11, 18

April 19

November 1, 8, 15, 29

May 10

December 13

September 6, 13

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.