



NCC News

March 8, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nuʻuanu Congregational Church

One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee and development actions. It is part of Our Church's Wider Mission. OGHS is a special offering that carries God's message of love and hope to people in 138 countries. The United Church of Christ works with international partners to provide clean water, food, education, health care, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. This offering will be taken **next Sunday, March 15**. Checks may be written to Nuʻuanu Congregational Church with OGHS on the memo line.

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 **next Sunday, March 15**.

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

UCC National Youth Event 2016

Every four years, the United Church of Christ puts on the National Youth Event where youth of UCC churches all around the country gather to worship together for a few days. The next Youth Event is coming up the summer of 2016 in Orlando, Florida, and a group of local UCC churches is working together to raise money to help our youth.

The first event is a Steak/Chicken Plate fundraiser on Sunday, **April 12, 2015**. It will be held at Pearl City Community Church, but you will be able to pick up your plates right here at NCC after worship service. For just \$10, you can get a delicious steak or chicken plate! Maybe you don't like steak or chicken, but you'll surely want to help out our youth. Monetary donations are more than welcome, as we will need to purchase lots of things to put the plates together. Tickets can be purchased from any of our youth. Checks may be made payable to OAUCC (Oahu Association UCC). See Kristen for more information. Thank you!

Kristen Young and Alex Montiel

Staff on Leave

Pastor Mary is participating in the Hawai'i Association Pastors' Retreat this week on Hawai'i Island. Should you have a pastoral emergency, please contact the **Rev. Howard Yoshida** at 285-2102.

Sandy Hirano is on vacation February 27 through March 18. She will return to work on March 19.

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.