



# *NCC News* **April 19, 2015**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

## **William and Jean Wood 2015 Scholarship**

Applications for the 2015 William and Jean Wood Scholarship are being accepted for those who will be attending a university, college, and/or institution of higher learning. The scholarship is available to members, families, and friends of Nu'uanu Congregational Church.

Note: All required documents (application, two references, transcripts, etc.) **must be received together in one packet by April 30, 2015** as specified in the instructions. Incomplete application packets received will not be considered.

Applications may be obtained from the Nu'uanu Congregational Church web site ([www.nuuanu.org](http://www.nuuanu.org)) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email [nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net)).  
--Marilyn Naka

## **NCC Brochure**

Please peruse the new Nu'uanu Congregational Church brochure; and then take it with you and give it to someone who does not currently attend church. We would love to have them join us. —Pastor Mary

## **FACE Container Home**

FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity) is a faith-based community organizing group whose mission is to give a voice to the underserved who don't know they have a voice. Nu'uanu Congregational Church is one of the founding members of FACE. FACE has been pushing for low income affordable housing for years, and FACE has commissioned an 8' by 20' shipping container to be turned into a 2-bedroom sleeping unit to give folks an opportunity to walk into a shipping container and see how it can feel like home.

The Shipping Container Home is on display at NCC's parking lot from April 3 to April 21. It is open between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. during weekdays; Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 11; Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## **Fundraising Events - Steak or Chicken Plate/Clothing for Savers**

A special shout out to all who supported the youth fundraising event on Sunday, April 12th. The members of Pearl City Community Church were welcoming, and it was a great day of fellowship and fun! Everyone worked hard and efficiently as over 650+ plates were assembled by 11:30 a.m. It was wonderful to see everyone doing their task cheerfully.

A huge thank you to the youth who woke up early to be at NCC at 7:00 a.m and worked till noon - **Scott and Stephanie Chung, Brandon Hayashi, and Preston Iha**. You all were awesome! Special thanks to **Alex Montiel and Kristen Young** who took on more responsibilities and organized all the youth from the participating churches to prepare the plate lunches and delivered the plate lunches to NCC. Preparation for this event was done the day before, thank you **Alex, Brandon and Kristen** for helping with the prep work which made Sunday's work a breeze. A big thank you to **Becky Kanenaka** who is representing NCC on the fundraising committee for "HI2NYE" and who also woke up early and worked along with the youth to prepare the plate lunches. Thank you all who supported this youth fundraising event of steak and chicken plate lunch and the bags of clothing which is another fundraising event.

Savers will pay the Oahu United Church of Christ Association \$5.00 per bag of clothing (13 gallon size bag). The funds will be used to help send the youth to the National Youth Event at Walt Disney World Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., from July 26 through July 29, 2016. For more information visit <http://www.hi2nye.org>.

## **Emergency Preparedness**

Hurricanes, Tsunami, Earthquakes & storms, flooding, electricity outages: Who knows what will happen? **Claire Loo Nakatsuka** and her son **Andrew** (16) took the Community Emergency Response Team training by the City and County. They want to share how you can prepare for an emergency, in efforts to prevent a disaster from happening. Come visit their Emergency Preparedness display **today** after worship on the lanai.

## **PowerPoint Operators Needed**

The Diaconate is looking to expand its pool of Sunday PowerPoint operators. If you are interested in serving God in this capacity, see **Lori Takeyama-Goshi or Mabel Suzuki**. Paul Yamamoto is the operator for April, and he is willing to train or answer any questions you might have.

## Thanks to Nu‘uanu

Dear NCC,

Once again I find myself grateful for all the loving, supportive and incredible people I've met in Oahu. As many of you may know, I'm currently working on a film I am directing called *Soar*. *Soar* is a very important film to me, as it is my way of memorializing a tragedy that happened in my community. It is no secret that the shootings that happened at University of California, Santa Barbara shook the nation, and the fact that it happened so close to me is so surreal. *Soar* is my way to remember the ones who passed away due to the shootings, to honor to the ones who were injured, and to support everyone who was emotionally affected by this event.

Fundraising has been a huge part in making this film as impactful as possible, and once again I found myself the recipient of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church's generous heart. I wanted to personally thank my ohana on Oahu for continuously supporting me and my passions. It is no secret that this year was going to be a struggle for me (as I expressed through my internship last summer) but through the support of this church I was constantly reminded to keep moving forward and remember that God has a much bigger plan for me. There were many times this last year where I was constantly discouraged, but with the support of NCC I knew I could succeed. I want to say thanks for the constant support, not only for *Soar*, but for all the support I've received throughout the years. Thanks for helping me share my visions with the world.

—Andres Montiel

## **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.