



NCC News

April 26, 2015



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dr. Norma DeSaegher retired as the Senior Minister of the Waipahu United Church of Christ in Hawaii since 2009 to the present. She received her ordination from the United Church of Christ in the Southern California Nevada Conference in Los Angeles.

Norma previously sat on the Oahu Association, Board of Directors as vice-president. In addition, she serves as a member of the Board of Directors for The Retirement Housing Foundation in Long Beach, California. This foundation was created in 1961 by two UCC Pastors and a layperson, and today has approximately 170 affordable senior and family communities from Hawaii to Puerto Rico.

Rev. DeSaegher is married to Col. John DeSaegher (Retired U.S. Army Chaplaincy), and they have two children, Anne and Richard, and one grandson, Seth. Norma is also Grand-Aunty to Youth Ministry intern Kristen Young! Welcome, to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church!

William and Jean Wood 2015 Scholarship-4 more days!

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) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net).

--Marilyn Naka

Nichigobu Support Group Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Nichigobu group after the morning service today in the old library.

—Muneo Hamada

Green Day Celebration

Hawaii is a greener place because of the tremendous amount of e-waste that was collected on our “Green Day” event on April 18. The leftover “Free Cycle” items were collected by Kidney Foundation who will pay for each bag of clothes, shoes, belts, purses, etc. The proceeds will be given to the Oahu Association UCC fund to defray the costs for the youth trip to the National Youth Event in Lake Buena Vista in July 2016.

“Many hands make work light,” but without the leadership of **Becky Kanenaka**, who worked tirelessly, this event would not have happened. Thank you Becky, the **Sew Fun** ladies for the spam sushi and craft items, the volunteers who helped in various ways, and the **Boy Scouts Troop 201** who washed the cars and did most of the manual labor. Thank you, **Velma Akinaka**, for the presentation of worm casting.

—The Missions Committee

A Conversation with Ai-Jen Poo

Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE): A Conversation with **Ai-Jen Poo** on **Thursday, April 30**, 6-9 p.m. in the Davies Hall of the St. Andrews Cathedral. Ms. Poo is Director of the National Domestic Workers Alliance and Co-Director of Caring Across Generations (CAG). She is the 2014 recipient of the MacArthur "Genius" Award. Author of “The Age of Dignity: Preparing for the Elder Boom in a Changing America.” CAG is a national coalition of 200 advocacy organizations working to transform the long-term care system in the US, with a focus on the needs of aging Americans, people with disabilities and their caregivers. RSVP to Drew Astofi, email: drewhawaii@facehawaii.org. Contact Patrick Zukemura at Ph.391-3464 if you have any questions.

—Patrick Zukemura, Co-Chair, FACE Oahu, Senior Issues Task Force

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

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.

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.