



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Baptism and Membership Gathering

And now why tarry you? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of The Lord. Acts 22:16

If you feel God is calling you to be baptized, or if you are already baptized and are interested in becoming part of the membership here at Nu'uanu Congregational Church, please join us for a gathering at 10:30 a.m. **today** in room 206. Pastor Mary will provide information on how you can begin your journey.

Family Beach Day and Family Promise

Hey, NCC youth and families! The school year is quickly coming to an end, and summer will be here before we know it! But before then, we are having a family beach day **today**, at Kailua Beach from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Feel free to bring snacks and drinks, and be sure to bring sunblock, a good attitude and be ready for tons of fun!



Upon our return from the beach, we will have a short rehearsal, then prepare dinner for Family Promise. If you have any questions, feel free to ask **Kristen or Alex**.
—Alex Montiel and Kristen Young

Strengthen the Church

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church special UCC offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be “church” in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that “God is still speaking.” Your offerings are directed to your church’s Conference, Local Church Ministries, and The Stillspeaking Ministry for these purposes. The Strengthen the Church offering will be collected on Pentecost, **May 24**. Checks may be written to NCC with Strengthen the Church on the memo line. An envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Nichigobu Support Group

The Nichigobu Support Group will be meeting **today** right after the morning worship service in the old library. If you have any questions, please see **Muneo Hamada**.

Service of Remembrance - Monday, May 25



Our Service of Remembrance will be held on Monday, **May 25** at 3:00 p.m. to coincide with the “National Moment of Silence,” a time to pay tribute to those men and women who sacrificed their lives for our country. It has also been the tradition of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church to remember and to give thanks to God for our loved ones who have gone from this life to life eternal.

If you would like to have your loved one’s name included on the list of those who died during the past twelve months (June 2014-May 2015), please email nccadmin@hawaiiintel.net or call the church office by noon this Wednesday, **May 20**. The list already includes the names of members of NCC and those individuals whose services were officiated by a NCC pastor or were held at NCC.

Nepal Earthquake Relief

For many Nepalese families affected by the April 25 earthquake, the situation has just become worse. On May 12, a second quake struck only 60 miles from the epicenter of the first, causing dozens of deaths and more destruction. United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries continues to partner with the ACT Alliance, responding and working hard to help stabilize the situation through provisions of food, water, medicine and temporary shelter. UCC Disaster Ministries requests financial contributions to the International Emergency Relief fund to support these essential on-the-ground efforts. You may write your check to NCC and designate your gift by noting it for the Nepal Earthquake Relief. Please give generously.

Needed

The Summer Program is looking for a pseudo (fake) pearl, 1/2”-3/4” in diameter. If anyone has one, please see **Velma Akinaka**. Mahalo.

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**.

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.