



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Christmas in July - Today

We will be receiving the UCC’s Christmas Fund offering **this morning**. The Christmas Fund for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund is a Special Mission Offering of the United Church of Christ that grants us an opportunity to recognize and honor those who have served and continue to serve in lay and authorized ministries of the United Church of Christ. All of the funds provide direct financial assistance to individual UCC clergy and lay church employees. An envelope may be found in the pew racks for your convenience. Checks may be made payable to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with Christmas Fund on the memo.

Lana‘i Mission Trip - July 19-24

A team of 19 folks will be flying to Lana‘i **this afternoon** to spend a week teaching Vacation Bible School to the children at our sister church, Lana‘i Union Church. Partnering with our youth and College Summer Interns will be the LUC youth as they participate in a joint leadership development program. Please keep the team in your prayers for safe travels and a great week sharing God’s love.

Flight information: Sunday, July 19, leaving HNL 4:30 p.m. on HA 627/630 (via Moloka‘i) and returning Friday, July 24, arriving HNL 5:45 p.m. on HA 617.

Mahalo to the many folks (Howard & Barbara Mau, George Honjiyo, Joyce Uyehara, Lani Hirohata, Velma Akinaka, Micki Sasaki, Betty Morikawa, Sybil Seto, Ginny Takara) who graciously volunteered to watch the office this week, and to Joyce and Micki for preparing today’s lunch for the mission team. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Forum on Hospice Care

On Sunday, **August 16**, the **Reverend Dr. JP Sabbithi** will present an adult forum on Hospice Care. Rev. Sabbithi is Director of Patient and Family Support Services at Hospice Hawaii. Previously, he served as a chaplain for nine years at Kaiser Permanente’s Moanalua campus. Please come and join us in the sanctuary after refreshments at 10:30 a.m.

Malawi Project

"Your prescription is ready." We hear that reminder and we go to the pharmacy and pick up our prescription. Our life-saving medication is handed to us in a clean, sturdy plastic container. In Malawi, Africa, hundreds of patients are handed their medicine in pieces of scratch paper - unsafe from bugs and children and unsanitary. There are over 700 medical facilities with an inadequate supply of prescription bottles, according to an article on the Malawi Project site.

We have many containers in our homes stuck in drawers, bags, and boxes because "they are too good to throw away and someday I'll find a way to use them." The time has come to put them to good use. Bring them to church and drop them in the box on the Friendship Lanai, and the Nichigobu Congregation will mail them to The Malawi Project, 3314 Van Tassel Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240. Please ask your family and friends for their empty containers with lids and don't forget to remove the labels. Thank you for helping.

—Bow Chu Goto

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.