



# *NCC News*

## November 15, 2015



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### **Special Congregational Meeting - Nov. 22**

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, **November 22, 2015**, at 10:30 a.m., in the sanctuary. Childcare will be available, and only NCC members may vote. The special meeting agenda is:

1. Call to Order
2. Plan for Moving Forward as a United Church
3. Code of Conduct
4. Adjournment

### **Sanctuary’s Golden Anniversary**

Our Sanctuary is 50 years old! On November 21, 1965, the new sanctuary and fellowship lanai were dedicated. Architects were **Hideo Kobayashi** and **Thomas Nishida**. Contractor was **S&M Nakamoto Contractors**. Landscape architect was **Lawrence Chun**. We will celebrate this important heritage next Sunday, **November 22**. Come and join us.

### **All-Church Fall Cleanup - Rescheduled to Nov. 21**

The All-Church Fall cleanup is scheduled for **this Saturday**, starting at 8:30 a.m. (The change was made to not conflict with the mediation informational meeting that was scheduled on Nov. 14.) Bring any cleaning items to help make the task easier! See you all there! A light lunch will be provided.

—Howard Mau

### **Advent Preparation - November 27**

Christmas will soon be upon us, and volunteers are needed to help set up the sanctuary for Advent. Preparations will start on Friday, **November 27**, at 8:30 a.m. Bring floral cutting shears, if you have one, to cut greens for the wreaths. Your help is needed and much appreciated!

Also, join us for the *“Hanging of the Greens”* service on Sunday, **November 29**, at 9:00 a.m. We will put the finishing touches in the sanctuary as we welcome the start of the Advent season.

—Diaconate Board

## **Car Wash Fundraiser - Today**

**Today**, after the morning worship service, the youth will be holding a car wash to raise money for their mission project. Curious about the project? Ask a youth! Want to get your car washed? Buy a ticket! For \$10 the youth will wash and vacuum your car. Walk-ins (drive-ins) and donations are welcome!  
—NCC Youth

## **Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - Nov. 24**

During this season of thanksgiving, join us with our neighboring faith communities at the 54th Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. This year’s theme is “The Joy of Service to All,” and the beneficiary of the goodwill offering is Family Promise. Our youth will be doing a special presentation with youth from other faith communities, so come and support them and be inspired by the speakers from Family Promise. Community Church of Honolulu will be hosting the service on Tuesday, **November 24** at 7:00 p.m.

## **Sukkah - November 22**

The sukkah symbolizes the huts in which the Israelites lived in during their years of exile in the wilderness. It is now a symbol for giving thanks for the fall harvest. It is our tradition of giving thanks by sharing our food with others in need. The sukkah will be placed in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving Sunday, **November 22**. Please bring non-perishable food (canned goods, rice, beans, etc.) to be placed in the sukkah. The goods will be given to the River of Life Mission.

—Missions Committee

## **Sunday Refreshments**

Throughout the year, generous members of our Council, Boards, Committees, Choir and Auxiliary Groups have provided refreshments after Sunday worship. Many individuals “wear multiple hats” and have graciously provided refreshments multiple times during the year. We are thankful some of our “Grateful Seniors” have stepped up and are providing refreshments for the month of November. The month of **December** is open for anyone who would like to share simple treats with us. If you are interested in providing refreshments on a Sunday in December (which includes setting up and cleaning up), please sign up at the refreshment table or contact the church office at 595-3935. Mahalo.

-Paul Yamamoto

## **First Aid and CPR Display**

**Andrew M. Nakatsuka**, Eagle Scout and Senior at Kamehameha High School, was certified in First Aid and CPR by the American Red Cross. He will be having an exhibit after service today to discuss how we can improve our First Aid and CPR skills. Please visit his exhibit on the lanai.

## **Congratulations!**



Congratulations to **Lynn Mochizuki** and **Chad Takahashi** on their recent marriage! They tied the knot on October 23, 2015. Best wishes, and may you have many years of marital bliss!

## **Nichigobu Congregation News**

The annual Nichigobu (Japanese speaking) Congregation Christmas luncheon is 11 a.m. **Thursday, December 3, 2015** in the private room at **Maple Gardens** on Isenberg Street. Room capacity is 25. Sign up to attend by **November 23** (*revised from November 30*) with **June Nishimura**, tel. 888-2411 or **Hankie Kuniyoshi**, tel. 737-4645.

Donations of 4-ply yarn are needed to knit caps, and also new and used jigsaw puzzles for residents in long term care facilities. Several Nichigobu members will present knitted caps by **Katsuko Nomi**, and also new and used jigsaw puzzles to residents of a long term care facility on Kauai next Spring. Bring donations on Sunday or contact any Nichigobu worship attendees.

## **Floral Offerings**

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering for the sanctuary. The following date is open: December 13. Call the church office (595-3935) to sign up.

## **Bonhoeffer**

***“When Christ calls a man,” says Dietrich Bonhoeffer, “he bids him come and die.”***

Who is this Dietrich Bonhoeffer and what makes him say this? Eric Metaxas has created a small group study DVD program to help us understand the spiritual truths that guided Bonhoeffer during a dark period of history. Come and learn how these spiritual truths can be an inspiration for us even today. Join us on Sundays in April, 2016.

—Chester Naka

## **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.