



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

2015 Contributions



Just a reminder....in order for contributions to be credited for the 2015 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than **December 31, 2015** or received by the church office before 12:00 p.m., December 31, 2015.

Contributions received after that will be credited to 2016.

White Christmas Thanks

The Missions Committee packed up the donations from under the tree. They filled twenty seven boxes and were shared with Family Promise, River of Life Mission and the UCC Transition House. Your generosity is overwhelming and we are so very grateful for your support of White Christmas over the years.

And thanks, too, to the Wednesday night study group for providing dinner for Family Promise. (The reason I don't usually do individual mahalos is that I just *know* I am going to forget someone!!) It was delicious. If you haven't tried Don Ikeda's chutney with ham, you are really missing out. Thank you!

Long-term Care Legislation

In 2016, Hawaii's legislators will have the chance to pass a bill that will provide resources each day (for a year) to pay for eldercare needs. Let's find out more about it on Monday, **January 4** at 6 p.m. in Room 206.

Movie - "Ten Promises I Made To My Dog"

This movie will be shown on **January 21** at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. It is a Japanese movie with English sub-titles. This is a story of a young girl, Akari, her parents, a childhood friend, and a dog named Socks. It is a story that emphasizes the little events in life that bond friends, difficult choices that must be made, and sacrifices people make in the name of family. You're all invited to join us. No reservation required.

2016 Floral Offerings

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering for the sanctuary. Sign ups for the 2016 flower chart are now being taken on the lanai following the worship service or call the church office.

Experiencing the Heart of Christianity

“Experiencing the Heart of Christianity” class begins on **January 10** at 10:30 a.m. in room 206.

Wednesday Night Lectionary Bible Study

The Lectionary Bible Study will resume on **January 13, 2016** at 5:30 pm. All are welcome!!!

Bonhoeffer

When Jesus says, “Follow me...” (Matt. 4:19), *“The response of the disciples,”* says Bonhoeffer, *“is an act of obedience, not a confession of faith in Jesus.”*

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

Love Feast Fundraiser

Join us on Saturday, **January 30, 2016** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Community Church of Honolulu for our “love feast” fundraiser (spaghetti dinner and silent auction) to support the HI2NYE fundraising committee that is working to subsidize costs of all NYE youth participants in the Oahu Association. NCC will be sending four youth to the UCC National Youth Event in Orlando, Florida in the summer of 2016. If you want to show some love at our “love feast,” please contact Becky or Kristen at [nccintern.kristen@gmail.com/](mailto:nccintern.kristen@gmail.com) or 808-927-0741. Tickets are \$20 per person and donations of silent auction items and centerpieces are being accepted.



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.