



NCC News

January 31, 2016



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for today at 10:30 a.m., in the sanctuary.

The meeting agenda is:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the January 25, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the November 22, 2015 Special Congregation Meeting Minutes
4. Election of the 2016 Officers
5. Approval of the 2016 Budget
6. Adjournment

According to the NCC By-Laws, only church members may vote. Members are asked to sign in prior to the meeting. Childcare is available.

A copy of the 2015 Annual Meeting and the November 22, 2015 Special Congregational Meeting minutes were mailed to all NCC members with the meeting notice. The 2015 Annual Report, which includes the slate of officer nominees for 2016 and the proposed 2016 Budget, is available at the sign in table. Please pick up a copy for your perusal.

Installation of Officers

The officers for 2016 will be installed next Sunday, **February 7**, during the morning worship. Please inform your council/board/committee chairs if you are unable to attend.

Happy Birthday, NCC!

Our church is celebrating its 131st birthday **next Sunday, February 7**. As part of Heritage Sunday, **The Rev. Grant Lee** will be preaching. Grant served as our Associate Pastor of Christian Education from 1971-1981. Join in the celebration!

End of Year Statement

Please pick up your end of year giving statement from **Howard Mau** or **Paula Yamamoto** before worship or after the annual meeting.

Volunteers Needed

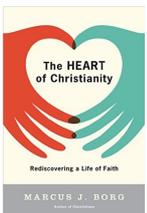
Since the start of Hui Malama, individuals have volunteered to prepare lunch for the hard-working Hui Malama volunteers on the first and third Wednesday of each month. This was first introduced by the late Ann Kobayashi, Wayne's wife. Each year, about 20 volunteers have prepared lunches, and we'd like to give you the opportunity to volunteer and prepare a lunch on one of the Wednesdays. It's also a fun time talking story with the folks in Hui Malama. Please sign up with **Ginny Takara** at phone: 595-3873. Thank You.

Shareables

Have you ever pulled up to a light, hoping that it would turn green, and avoided eye contact with the person standing at the corner holding a sign saying "please help"? It's a situation that many of us find ourselves in on a regular basis. You know you should do something, but what? The Missions Committee & the Youth Group have a solution for you! During Lent, we will be collecting pre-packaged food items. The youth will package them in zip lock bags, and after Easter you can pick up bags filled with food that can be kept in your car to be shared with folks who are in need. The items should be individually packaged and non perishable. Suggested items include: applesauce, pudding, crackers and cheese or peanut butter, granola bars, ramen noodles, nuts, cookies, candy, and dried fruits. Some sweets are OK, but they should not be the bulk of the donations. Quart sized zip lock bags and plastic spoons will also be welcomed. Look for an example of a filled bag on the refreshment table after service. —Judy Keith

Experiencing the Heart of Christianity

The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg explores an emerging



understanding of the Christian faith that speaks to the experiences of adults in the early 21st century. This class is an invitation to the ongoing conversation of understanding and living the way of Jesus as individuals and as a community. Purchase or access to the book is required as the class will follow the reading of each chapter for productive time of questions, presentation, and discussion.

The class will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, **January 10 to March 20, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact me at dwight.morita@gmail.com.

—Dwight Morita

Wednesday Night Lectionary Bible Study

The Lectionary Bible Study meets at 6:00 pm. A light supper is served at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai. All are welcome!!!

Bonhoeffer

“For by grace you have been saved. . .” Eph 2:8

But, “Cheap” grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.”

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

Chancel Choir

If you enjoy singing and would like to share this God-given talent with God and others, come and join the Chancel Choir! The Choir rehearses on Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the choir room (KK202). Can't commit to the entire year? Come and join us for the Easter cantata. See **Russell Ishida** or any choir member if you are interested in joining. There's a seat waiting for you!



2016 Floral Offering

The following dates are still open: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, September 11, October 16, 23. Call the church office to reserve a date.

Support Our Neighbor

Cabaret! Chocolate! Wine!

Saturday February 13, 2016, 6:30-9:30 pm

First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, 2500 Pali Highway

\$45 per person

A magnificent, unique tasting event with the perfect wines, champagnes and brandies paired with exquisite hand-made chocolates and petit fours prepared by Best in Boston Chocolatier Cynthia Lynch, winner of the Boston Magazine's Best in Boston for chocolate 10 years in a row. This fundraising event is sponsored by the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. There will be live entertainment and a silent auction. Online ticket sales available at www.unitariansofhi.org, or at the door. Ample parking onsite.

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.