



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Pastoral Assessment Survey

The Pastoral Assessment Survey will be mailed to the members of the congregation this week. Please take some time to seriously reflect on our ministries together here at NCC. The Pastoral Assessment Committee requests that you fill out the survey and promptly return it to the church by **March 11, 2016**. Please use the self-address, stamped envelope that is included with the survey. Or if you wish, the survey can be filled out on-line. The survey link is <https://goo.gl/f9cZiy>. If you have any questions, please contact the committee members: **Chester Naka, Cherie Nakamura, Mary Ann Saito or Paul Yamamoto.**

Lenten Soup and Prayer

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, we will focus on listening for God with our whole-selves. We will gather for soup at 5:30 p.m. on the Friendship Lanai; and then we will proceed into the sanctuary for contemplative and meditative time of singing, silence, and prayers. We will end by 7 p.m. Please join us beginning **February 17**.

Missions Project

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

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

End of Year Statement

Please pick up your end of year giving statement from **Howard Mau** or **Paula Yamamoto**.

2016 Floral Offering

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

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!



Staff on Leave

Paula Yamamoto will be on vacation **February 20-29**.

Mahalo to all who volunteered to serve in the office. Two slots are still open: Tue., **Feb. 23**, 8-12; and Fri., **Feb. 26**, 8-12. If you are able help out, please see Paula.



March Caller

The March Caller will be mailed out after Paula returns from vacation. She will start pre-formatting the publication before leaving, so if you have any articles, please email them to her right away.

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.