



# NCC News

## March 20, 2016



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### Holy Week Services

**March 20 (Palm Sunday)** - 9:00 a.m. - The Chancel Choir, directed by Russell Ishida, will offer “The Wonderful Cross,” a worship musical for Easter. Barbara Miwa, soloist. After the service, we will be making palm crosses on the Fellowship lanai.



**March 24 (Maundy Thursday)** - 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary - Remembering Jesus’ last supper with his disciples. A light soup supper will begin at 5:15 p.m. on the lanai, followed with a service of reflection of Christ’s mandate to love one another and the Lord’s Supper. Sarah Weible will preach.



**March 25 (Good Friday)** - Noon and 6:00 p.m. - Good Friday Tenebrae services are offered.



### March 27 (Easter Sunday)

6:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service at Halona Blow Hole with Hawaii Kai UCC. The service will be led by the young and young-at-heart. Kristen Young and someone from HKUCC will be sharing.



9:00 a.m. - Resurrection Service at NCC. *A Touch of Brass* will be offering special music.

### Bonhoeffer

*“Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. . . Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son.”*

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

## Green Day III - April 23

Our Ulu Wai Ministry takes care of God's creation through our overflowing love. We do God's work through an overflow of love and care for the hungry and needy, for the earth, for our community, and for the next generation.

The Ulu Wai Ministry is holding its "Green Day III" on **April 23, 2016**, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. All proceeds collected will go to NCC's Missions Ministry (e.g. Homeless, shelters, designated non-profits dedicated to elderly/shut-ins, abused, youth, individual/group emergency needs).

We will have something for everyone! Boy Scout Troop 201 will be joining Ulu Wai Ministry to do eco friendly waterless car washes (includes vacuuming) in the makai parking lot from 9-3 for just \$10! Tickets go on sale soon. See Wayne Kobayashi for tickets.

While waiting for your car to be washed, enjoy some spam sushi and andagi while you shop in Kosasa Hall. The Free Cycling section will have gently used clothing, linens, towels, bags, shoes and small appliances "free for the taking". Rummage sale items will be sold at slashed prices! There will also be a variety of handmade craft items (neck pillows, infinity scarves, scrubbies, bags, remnant fabrics), plants, beneficial microbes for bokashi, hydroponic items (simple hydroponic kits & fresh lettuce available), and vermicomposting items (red wiggler worms, worm tea, worm castings, worm bins) for sale at affordable prices.

Also check out the e-waste team and the shredded paper services in the mauka parking lot. E-waste will be collected by Pacific Corporate Solutions. Materials Accepted: only desktop and laptop computers, CPUs, CRT and LCD monitors, printers, fax machines, keyboards, mice, scanner, servers, routers, telecom equipment, DVD players, VCRs, MP3 players, speakers, telephones, cellular phones, stereo equipment, digital and video cameras, calculators, electronic boards and cords/cables. Shred-It Inc. will be collecting boxes of shredded material...3 box limit: 1st box free, \$5 each for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Box.

At 9:30 a.m. Ralph, da Worm Guy, will share his mana'o about the role of bacteria in vermicomposting, how to make worm tea and how a worm bin works. At 11:00 a.m. bokashi experts, Jan and Lee Ann, will talk about bokashi and beneficial microbes.

Ralph, da worm guy, will also be having additional community worm sessions on at NCC on Monday evening, April 18th, 6:30 p.m., and on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. To sign up call (595-3135 after 7 p.m.) or email "Worm Woman" at [kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net).

## Gearing Up for Green Day III

### 1) March 13<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup> :

Sign up for Volunteers... for parking, cashiers, guides, helpers, “go-fers”, set up, take down etc. Sign up after service on the Friendship Lanai.

### 2) March 31, 2016: DEADLINE FOR PLANT SUPPLIES. Let Velma know (595-3135 or [kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net)) when you are bringing any items.

a) 89 ounce plastic orange juice (Tropicana or Simply Orange) bottles with handle ... (clean, washed and dried).

b) transparent glass or plastic jars with covers and their labels removed... for terrariums. Bottles should hold at least 40 ounces, have a wide mouth, and be clean, washed and dried.

c) Unused potting soil.

### 3) April 17, 2016: Collection Day for Free Cycle/Rummage and potted plants

a) Bring donated potted/water plants... place them around to the back side of the gym.

Let Velma Akinaka know if you are donating any potted/water plants ([kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:kimoment2@hawaiiantel.net) or 595-3135).

b) Vermicomposting worms and worm castings

c) Medium size boxes and medium-large size bags for customers' purchases.

d) Please save items (gently used clothing, kitchen items, knick-knacks, etc.) for the Free Cycle/Rummage Sale tables. We will pull out the items needed for the Thrift Store at Lana‘i Union Church and then set aside the rest for our Green Day III. Leave your donations on the closest bench pew near the breezeway to the gym.

See Sybil Seto if you have any questions ([setos2011@gmail.com](mailto:setos2011@gmail.com)).

## Nichigobu Support Group

The Nichigobu Support Group business meeting will be held as usual on Sunday, **March 27, 2016** after the morning worship. —Mun Hamada

## Aloha, Nada!

**April 10** will be **Nada Marriott's** last day as our organist. Nada has been our organist since June 25, 2006. We will certainly miss her professional musicianship and cheerful smile! Nada and her husband Greg will be moving to California in a couple of months. If you have any leads for an organist, please see Mabel Suzuki or Paula Yamamoto.

## **Thrift Store at Lana‘i Union Church**

Lana‘i Union Church operates a Thrift Store for the folks on Lana‘i, and we have been invited to collect and bring gently used items for the church to sell at their Thrift Store. This year, they would like us to collect and bring:

- Household/kitchen items (including small appliances)
- Big kids' clothes for both boys & girls (like size 6X and up)
- Juniors clothes for boys & girls

Please collect the items at home and then bring them to church between April 24 and May 25. The youth will take the items with them on their Lana‘i Mission Trip, June 5-10. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## **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.