



# *NCC News*

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*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### **Pastor Mary is Away**

**Pastor Mary** is away from **April 4 to May 16**, combining one week of study leave and one week of vacation along with one month of sabbatical leave. For her study leave, she will attend the annual conference of the Korean American Presbyterian Clergywomen in Princeton; and during her sabbatical, she will spend time in Korea to study the intersection of spirituality in Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism, and Christianity. During her leave, the **Rev. Kyle Lovett** will preach and will be on-call for pastoral emergencies. She may be contacted at [RevKyleL@gmail.com](mailto:RevKyleL@gmail.com) and 808-542-1332.

### **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, **starting today** in room 206. —Chester Naka

### **William and Jean Wood 2016 Scholarship**

**Undergraduate** applications for the 2016 William and Jean Wood Scholarship are being accepted for those who will be attending a university, college, and/or institution of higher learning. Applicants must be a member, a relative, or friend of a member of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church. Applications may be obtained from the Nu‘uanu Congregational Church web site ([www.nuuanu.org](http://www.nuuanu.org)) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email [nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net)). Note: All applications and supporting documents (references, transcripts, etc.) must be received together in **one packet by April 30, 2016 (postmarked) or by 4 p.m. April 29 (hand delivered)** as specified in the instructions. Incomplete application packets received will not be considered. —By Marilyn Naka

## **Spiritual Care Volunteer Training**

Beginning April 6, Pacific Health Ministries is offering six-weeks of training to prepare people for spiritual/pastoral care visitation and care-giving in their own congregations. The classes will take place on Wednesdays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. **GOOD NEWS for NCC folks:** Except for the first session (April 6), all the other sessions will be held at NCC! The first session on April 6 is held at St. John Lutheran Church in Kailua. If interested, please contact **Pastor Mary** immediately so that she can register you.

## **Knitted Caps Donated to Nursing Home**

**Katsuko Nomi** knitted 19 caps from skeins of various colors donated by members and supporters of the Nichigobu Congregation. The caps were donated to residents of Pearl City Nursing Home, and also presented to homebound and hospitalized members and friends of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church. Katsuko also knitted several dozen caps recently for residents at Ka‘u Hospital in Pahala on the Big island and for residents at a long term care home in Wailuku, Maui and hand delivered by Nichigobu members and supporters in 2015.

--Dorothy Kusumoto

## **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.

## **Glory in His Soul - April 23-24**

*Glory in His Soul*, a one hour musical drama based on the life of Hawaii's first Christian Henry Opukaha‘ia, will be presented on **April 23 and 24**, at 6 p.m. at Kalihi Union Church, 2214 N. King Street. The musical drama was written by Randy Hongo. Admission is free and the public is cordially invited. The presentation is also a benefit fundraiser for The Hongo Music Education Center and a love offering will be accepted. A link to a video of the event can be found on the KUC website: [www.kalihionion.org](http://www.kalihionion.org) under “Calendar” and “Upcoming Events” or <https://vimeo.com/158526735>.

## **Green Day III - April 23**

The Ulu Wai Ministry is holding its “Green Day III” on **April 23, 2016**, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., in Kosasa Hall. All proceeds collected on “Green Day III” 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) from 9-3:00 for just \$10! While waiting for your car to be washed, enjoy some spam sushi and andagi. Saunter down to Kosasa Hall and shop at the Green Day III Fair. 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, plants, beneficial microbes for bokashi, hydroponic items (simple hydroponic kits & fresh lettuce available), and vermicomposting items for sale at affordable prices. 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. Also check out the e-waste team and the shredded paper services in the parking lot. Mark your calendars for a trip to NCC on April 23<sup>rd</sup>!

## **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.