



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Welcome!

Please welcome **Xiaona Zheng** who will be playing the piano temporarily for our worship services while the search for a permanent organist continues. Xiaona graduated from the China Conservatory in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Shortly after, she moved to Hawaii to study under Dr. Jonathan Korth at UH Manoa. Next month, she will be receiving her Masters degree in piano performance, and in the Fall, Xiaona will be moving to Kansas City to pursue her Doctorate degree in piano performance. Xiaona is the 2015 winner of the UH Concerto competition.

Green Day III - This Saturday, April 23

Collection Day is **today** for:

- 1) Any donated potted / water plants...
 - (a) Put plants around the back side of the gym.
 - (b) See Velma Akinaka if you forgot to bring your plants.
 - 2) Free cycle / Rummage Sale items ...
 - (a) See Sybil Seto if you forgot to bring your items.
 - (b) Leave your donations on the bench pew near the breezeway to the gym.
 - 3) Medium size boxes and medium-large size bags for customers' purchases.
 - (a) Leave your donations on the closest bench pew near the breezeway to the gym.
 - 4) Vermicomposting worms and worm castings (See Velma)
- Buy a car wash ticket for yourself and a friend ... \$10/car wash. See **Wayne or Becky**.

Next Town Hall Meeting

The next Town Hall Meeting is Sunday, **May 22** at 10:30 a.m. in the choir room (room 202 - red door).

Pastor Mary 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. During her leave, the **Rev. Kyle Lovett** is the preacher and is on-call for pastoral emergencies. She may be contacted at RevKyleL@gmail.com and 808-542-1332.

William and Jean Wood 2016 Scholarship - 2 more weeks!

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) or office (ph. 595-3935 or email 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

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 in room 206.
—Chester Naka

Rally for Affordable Housing

Let us join together on Thursday, **April 21**, from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Hawaii State Capitol to show the legislators that we need decent and affordable housing in Hawaii, NOW! This rally is organized by Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE) of which we are a member. Please contact **Peggy Graybill**, our representative to FACE, for more information and to let her know that you will attend.

Chutney Sale

The next Chutney Sale (ooooh, and biscotti, too!) by **Don and June Ikeda** is Sunday, **May 22**. Mark your calendars and plan to come early to church!

It's a Girl!



Congratulations to **Ian Matsumoto and Vania Ito** on the birth of their first child! **Namie Hikinaokala Holt Matsumoto** was born on April 5, 2016. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 19.25 inches. All are doing very well!

Golf Fellowship

Calling all NCC golfers! Our joint outing with UCC, Judd Street is on Saturday, **May 21st** at the Royal Kunia Golf Course with the first tee time starting at 10:16 a.m. Cost for the golf is \$60.00 (present I.D. for kamaaina rate and pay your own at the starter's office). Lunch on your own with your foursome. Please let Paula know by **May 1st** if you are able to play. Limited tee times.



Welcome Luncheon for 2016 College Summer Interns

Let us greet the 2016 College Summer Interns with a warm NCC aloha on Sunday, **May 29, 2016!** They are **Sara Buck, Samantha Cardona, Jordan Kakugawa, and Eva Loller.**

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 under "Calendar" and "Upcoming Events" or <https://vimeo.com/158526735>.

Access Statement

(Revised 8/2/14 by the Diaconate Board)

As stated in our Vision Statement, "Nu'uano 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'uano Congregational Church will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities within these limitations.

For requesting other accommodations, please contact the Church Office.