



# **NCC News**

## **July 10, 2016**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### **All-Church Retreat - July 8-10**

Campers will be returning from Camp Mokule'ia this afternoon. Let us keep all of the campers in our prayers for a safe return.

### **Christmas Fund Offering - "Christmas in July"**

**Next Sunday**, we will be collecting the "*Christmas Fund*," as part of our "Christmas in July." The "Christmas Fund" is one of four Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ. This special fund is dedicated to those retired clergy and lay church employees who need help with their pensions, health insurance premiums and emergencies throughout the year.

"*Christmas Fund*" giving envelopes may be found in the pew racks for your convenience. Checks may be written to Nu'uanu Congregational Church with "*Christmas Fund*" on the memo. This gives us the opportunity to participate in God's promise to show compassion and care. It will brighten a life of one of God's servants who is facing a moment of personal need. We may not be in the Christmas season, but we can participate in the spirit of the season by giving generously. Remember: "Lean on us....We'll be your friend ... We'll help you carry on.."

### **Re-Striping of Upper Parking Lot - July 9**

Mahalo to **Christopher Okumura** and the Boy Scouts for re-striping the upper parking lot stalls! They worked really hard all day yesterday! This project was a requirement for Christopher as he works toward the Eagle Scout rank.

### **Contemplative Prayer**

Contemplative Prayer is held Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in room 206. Contemplative prayers take several forms and are practices to open the mind and heart to the presence and mystery of God. Centering Prayer will be the first practice to be learned. The **Rev. Dwight Morita** will lead the sessions and provide instruction and support for those who wish to learn and experience contemplative prayer as part of their spiritual practices.

## Prayers for Peace



September 11, 2016 marks the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Leading up to the anniversary date, we will fold origami tsuru (peace cranes) while we pray for peace in our world. Our goal is to fold 2996 cranes, one for each person who died on that day. Please join us in folding the cranes. We are also accepting donation of origami paper of all sizes. Please drop them off at church.

## Itadakimasu I Cookbook is Finally Here!

The long awaited Itadakimasu Women of Nu‘uanu Centennial Cookbook has been reprinted by popular demand! Only 500 copies were printed, so get your cookbook while supply lasts! Cost is \$12.



## **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.