



# *NCC News*

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*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church*

### **Aloha, Xiaona!**

Today is **Xiaona Zheng's** last day as our worship pianist. She will be leaving tonight for Kansas City where she will pursue her doctoral studies at the University of Missouri, Kansas City, under the tutelage of Dr. Robert Weirich, one of America's most sought after piano teachers. Thank you, Xiaona, for your gift of music! We wish you safe travels to Kansas, and best of luck on all of your future endeavors!

Starting next Sunday, **Noe Baladad** will replace Xiaona as our worship pianist. Noe studied under the late Ellen Masaki, and currently teaches piano at the Masaki School of Music. (**Aria Chock** is one of Noe's students.)

### **Aloha Luncheon**

An "Aloha" luncheon will be held in Kosasa Hall on **August 21** following the morning service. Please join us as we celebrate **Pastor Mary's** ministry at NCC and wish her and **Dwight** aloha. **Sandy Satogata** will be taking sign ups on the Fellowship Lanai.

We will also be saying aloha to **Kristen Young** as she departs for Newark, NJ that afternoon as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She will be going through a week long orientation before heading off to Lima, Peru with the other Peru YAVs on August 29. Kristen will be commissioned during the morning worship service. We wish her God speed on her new journey!

### **Commissioning of Church School Teachers**

The Church School teachers will be commissioned on Sunday, **August 21** during the morning worship service. Please notify **Susan Iha** if you will not be able to attend.

### **Town Hall Meeting Postponed**

The town hall meeting that was scheduled for August 21 has been postponed. It will be rescheduled at a later date. New date TBA.

## **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.