



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Clergy Retreat

Rev. Neal MacPherson will be attending the HCUCCL Clergy Retreat, **September 26-28** at the Ala Moana Hotel. **Rev. John Dorhauer** will be the keynote speaker. Neal will still be on-call for any pastoral emergencies.

Community-Wide Worship Service

Rev. John Dorhauer, our new UCC General Minister and President, will be preaching at a worship service **this afternoon** at 4:00 p.m. at Central Union Church. All are invited to this service, which will include choirs from local churches, affirmation of the Rev. Dorhauer's installation, and Holy Communion.

Give Aloha - 5 more days!

If you haven't already done so, you have just 5 more days to participate in Foodland's Give Aloha Program! The Give Aloha Program will run through the month of September, so if you were planning on making a contribution to the church, please consider making it at Foodland (up to \$249 per Maika'i card). Foodland and Western Union Foundation will match a portion of your contribution and donate it to the church.

Don't forget to turn in your receipt to the church office or place it in the offering plate on Sundays. Please make sure your name is on the receipt, and tell us what your giving is for, i.e., pledge, birthday offering, thank offering, memorial offering, etc., so we may credit your giving statement properly. Mahalo in advance!



2017 Stewardship Pledges - "Go and do the same." Luke 10:37

If you have not yet turned in your pledge card for 2017, please place it in the Sunday offering plate or mail it to the church office. If you need another one, see an usher. This commitment to the church is very important, so that the Finance Committee will know how to plan the operating budget for next year. Through the ministries at NCC, let us share our love with the world.

Adult Bible Study

The following is the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study schedule:

Sept. 11 - Oct. 2	“Forgiveness”	Donna Chung/Emily Lockwood
Oct. 9	“Dengue & Zika”	Jonathan Hilts
Oct. 16 - Nov. 20	“History of Christianity”	Pastor Neal

Pastor Neal also leads **Wednesday night lectionary classes**, beginning with a light meal at 5:30 p.m. and class at 6:30 p.m. Please sign-up on the lanai after service for this class so that we will be able to plan the meals accordingly.

Carol Hamada

Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go

Come join us as we explore forgiveness - a four session series using the book, Forgiveness: Finding Peace Through Letting Go. We meet from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in room 206, **September 11-October 2**. Led by **Emily Lockwood** and **Donna Chung**. Our sessions will begin with an 11 minute video and then small group discussions.

Donna Chung

In Loving Memory



Our condolences go out to the family of **Majorie Muraoka** who passed away on September 19, 2016. Marjorie is survived by daughters **Gwen Yamada** and **Gale Lane**, son **Michael**, and seven grandchildren. Please keep the Muraoka family in your prayers. Services are pending.

UCC Transition House Benefit Dinner

The UCC Transition House is a safe haven for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence. The 25th anniversary of their benefit dinner will be held on **Thursday November 10, 2016 at Central Union Church Parish Hall**. Tickets cost \$45.00 (\$20.00 tax deductible). Along with dinner, there will be local entertainment, a country store and a silent auction. Homemade treats and handicraft items are welcomed for sale. Deadline to purchase tickets is October 16. For tickets, contact the Missions Committee members: **Becky Kanenaka, Judith Keith, Wayne Kobayashi, Micki Sasaki, Sandy Satogata, Sybil Seto and Joyce Uyehara**. Mahalo.

Youth Group Schedule

Youth Group (gr. 6-12) meets on Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m. in room 203. Praise Band (all ages) meets 11:30-12:30. See Youth Ministry Interns **Samantha Cardona** or **Sarah Weible**, for more information. The youth will also be participating in the Nu'uau Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on **November 22** at SGI. Save that date!

Peace Day Hawai'i 2016

Come partner for peace and help celebrate the 9th year recognition of the United Nations Day of Peace & Non-Violence in creating a culture of peace in Hawai'i. Celebrate Peace Day Hawai'i on **September 24** at Urban Garden Center, Pearl City, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Explore the gardens, 4 garden workshops, 2 forums, exhibits, arts & crafts activities, dance, entertainment, food, and fun for all ages throughout the day. Free!

Paul K. Chappell, Director of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation in Santa Barbara, CA will also be speaking at several venues:

September 19 - Interview HPR-2 "The Conversation," 8 a.m.

September 21 - "Why World Peace is Possible," UH Manoa, Art Auditorium, 7-8 p.m. Free to public.

September 24 - "Finding Light in Darkness," 11-11:45 a.m. and "Waging Peace," 12:15-12:30 p.m. Also "Mindfulness in Schools & Community" Forum, with Marion Lyman-Mersereau & Eileen McCool. UH CTAHR Urban Garden Center, Pearl City. Free.

September 25 - "Peace Leadership in Difficult Times," Peace Leadership Workshop, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., UH College of Education Collaboration Center, Wist Hall 134. \$15.00 (includes lunch). For reservations call 226-3637.

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.