



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service - November 22

Join us at the annual Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 22**. It will be held right next door to us at SGI (Soka Gakkai International). Our youth will be participating with other youth from various faith communities in Nu‘uanu. The theme of this year’s service is “Living the Spirit of Aloha.”



Sukkah

It is a tradition at NCC to place a Sukkah in the sanctuary on Thanksgiving Sunday. This year it will be on **November 20**. Please share your non-perishable food with The River of Life Mission, where people from all walks of life are welcomed. They provide meals, showers, clothing, spiritual help, assistance from a social worker and much more. This is just one way you can help folks who are less fortunate than we are.

—The Missions Committee

Medical Supplies Needed for Homeless Shelters

Please kokua. The Missions Committee is collecting vaseline and antibiotic ointment (triple antibiotic, Neosporin, any kinds) to go to IHS medical clinics for homeless children, men and women. Any cash donations will be used to buy the same and add to the drive. The IHS clinics are on Summer Street for men and A‘ala Street for women and children. Many of our homeless have skin wounds that can get infected without these simple ointments. Caring for these prevents Emergency Room visits and other complications. Please consider contributing these items to our **Malama Our Homeless** drive. There will be a calabash bowl on the lanai after church for these donations. Any questions, please speak with Missions Committee members or **Dr. Donna Chung**.

Turn in Give Aloha Receipts

Please turn in your Foodland receipt right away, so we may credit your giving statement properly. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Mahalo for your support!



—Paula Yamamoto

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, please see an usher. Through the ministries at NCC, let us share our love with the world in gratitude for all that God has bestowed on us.



Town Hall Meeting - Next Sunday

Town Hall Meeting! Town Hall Meeting! The next Town Hall Meeting is scheduled for **November 13, 2016** at **10:30 a.m.** in the choir room.

We are asking you to send in ahead of time what you would like to talk about (i.e. Senior Day Care, New Beginnings, etc.), and Laurie Hamano and Art Goto will be facilitating the requests. A big Thank You goes to **Elizabeth Kent** who will be facilitating the day's Town Hall meeting. Please come and discuss what your concerns are in our Town Hall meeting on November 13.

Fall Clean Up - November 19



Help needed. Save Saturday, **November 19** for a post Halloween clean up. Webs and dust need to be removed. Come help with church clean up. Many hands make for light work. A light lunch will be served. —Board of Trustees

Annual Reports Due - Dec. 11

To all boards and committees, your annual reports are due by **December 11**. Email it to nccadmin@hawaiiantel.net in Word format (Century, 12 font), if possible. Please try to keep your report within 2 pages, including any photos (prefer photos sent separately in jpeg format). Mahalo.

Adult Bible Study

Oct. 16 - Nov. 20 “**History of Christianity**,” Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in room 206. Led by Pastor Neal. Nov. 13 class is cancelled.

Pastor Neal continues to lead the **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

Mahalo!

Dear Youth, Youth Interns and Board of Christian Nurture,

I want to thank you all for your coordination of the Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30. You decorated, fed us, had games and creative activities for all to enjoy. I certainly appreciated all the support that came out in force through the novel and fun outfits in the sanctuary and party on Sunday!!

Paula and I had a great time figuring out the Ketchup and Mustard routine with the Star, Kaia, as the Hot Dog, along with "Hot Dogger" Michael Lockwood! What was great was the fact that many took me up on the challenge to come out and have a fun day in their "alter ego"!

We had the Grim Reaper, Nun, Judge, Prison Escapees, Cat Burglar, Minion, SuperWoman, SuperMan, Rainbow Brites, 2 Bananas, Golfer, Ricky Fowler's Caddy, Star Trek, Popeye and Olive Oyl, Nerd, Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton, a few witches, Queen of the Nile, several Princesses, Emoji Happy Face, Star Wars Storm Trooper, Green Haired UH Fans, Skeleton, Zebra, Service Dog, and many more I couldn't recognize....It was a sight to see. Pastor Neal was taking photos and will be sending the fun shots for the Caller and eNews.

I thank you all who participated and joined in on the fun this past Sunday. I look forward to making more of these happy moments with you all as we look forward to 2017.

Mahalo and blessings,
Laurie Hamano, Moderator

White Christmas

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and before we know it, it will be Advent. We are so very fortunate. While we may not have everything we want, chances are we have all that we need and then some. But not everyone in our community is this fortunate. The Missions Committee will continue the "White Christmas" tradition of collecting items each Sunday during Advent to be shared with Family Promise, River of Life Mission and the UCC Transition House. Please start putting aside things to be donated. Most requested items include underwear for men and women and sanitary supplies. More information will be shared as Advent approaches. Thank you for your ongoing support of the White Christmas Program.



—Missions Committee

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.