



NCC News

November 13, 2016



A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uanu Congregational Church

Town Hall Meeting - Today at 10:30 a.m.

Town Hall Meeting! Town Hall Meeting! Immediately following the morning worship service, the Town Hall Meeting will be held in the choir room. On the agenda are “The New Beginnings” and “Adult Day Care Center” topics. Come, ask questions, and provide your input on these two very important topics of our church. A big Thank You to **Elizabeth Kent** who will be facilitating the meeting.

Fall Clean Up - Saturday, November 19, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Some of the things we want to accomplish are installing new border edging for the ginger flower beds and weeding/pruning same, clean/polish Kibo Kan sign, and power washing walkways, in addition to cleaning the sanctuary for Advent. If you have pruners and weeders, please bring them and be sure to mark with your name in case you forget them here. A light lunch will be served. Mahalo. —Board of Trustees

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.” All faith groups have been asked to bring “finger foods” to share with one another following the service.



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

Advent Preparation - Friday, Nov. 25

The Diaconate needs you help on **Friday, November 25 at 8:30 a.m.**, in preparing the sanctuary for the “*Hanging of the Greens*” Service (Nov. 27). Help is needed to prepare the wreaths; hang the wreaths, garlands and banners; and set up the Christmas tree. See **Linda Kim** or **Stan Chong**, if you have any questions.

Chutney, Jams, and Washi Bead Jewelry - Nov. 20

Come to church early on **November 20th** and stock up on **Donald and June Ikeda’s** onolicious chutney, jams, and biscosti! Also available are beautiful washi bead jewelry that will make great Christmas gifts! All proceeds will benefit our youth program. Thank you, Donald and June, for your generous and hard-working support!

Family Promise - Dec. 4-11

Much help is needed with this important ministry. If you are able to help prepare a dinner, showing our support church around our kitchen, sleeping over as a host, setting up/cleaning up the classrooms, or doing laundry, see **Judy Keith** (overall coordinator), **George Honjiyo** (overnight hosts), **Cliff Lum** (classroom set up/clean up), or **Sybil Seto** (meals).

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.

2016 Contributions

Just a reminder...in order for contributions to be credited for the 2016 tax year, they must be either mailed to the church with a USPS postmark not later than December 31, 2016 or received by the church office before 4:00 p.m., December 30, 2016. Contributions received after that will be credited to 2017.

Adult Bible Study

The “**History of Christianity**” class led by Neal MacPherson on Sundays is on hiatus until **January 8, 2017**.

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

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

Turn in Give Aloha Receipts

We have about 7 outstanding receipts. Remember, Foodland does not give us the names of donors. 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.



Nichigobu Congregation News

Katsuko Nomi, long time supporter of Nichigobu (Japanese speaking) Congregation, has donated 51 knitted caps and a lap blanket for residents of Avalon Care Home on Kamehameha IV Road. The caps and blanket were delivered by **Dorothy Kusumoto** on October 30, 2016. Donations of 4-ply yarn of any color may be brought on Sundays to the old library, adjacent to the lanai. For more info, call Dorothy at 230-7031.

The annual Christmas buffet lunch of the Nichigobu Congregation is 11 a.m. Thursday, **December 1** at Maple Gardens on Isenberg Street. Carpool recommended due to limited parking. Total \$15 per person, tax and tip included. Signup before November 23 with **June Nishimura** at 888-2411 or **Dorothy Kusumoto**, 230-7031.

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.