



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uuanu Congregational Church



You're Invited

Advent is the time of the year wherein we prepare for the incarnation, when God appeared in human flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. The church is blessed by some wonderful, beloved hymns that help us prepare. During Advent, we will be studying on Wednesday evenings four of these remarkable hymns. We will be guided by the study book *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* written by Mary Louise Bringle and Beverly Howard. Mel Bringle, by the way, is a friend from grad school at Emory.

The study will not be meeting this Wednesday, Nov. 27, but will continue for the first three Wednesdays in December. We begin with supper at 5:30 and the study concludes at 7:30-ish. It's fun, good fellowship, and great learning. Let us know if you're interested in attending by contacting Paula at nccadmin@hawaiiintel.net or 595-3935.

Annual Reports Due

To all board and committee chairs, Moderator, and Pastor, please submit your annual reports to Paula Yamamoto by **December 14** via email. Reports should be in Word or Pages format, Century Schoolbook font, size 12. Any photos should be sent separately (not in the report). Mahalo.

White Christmas

Following last year's successful White Christmas collection of gift cards for Family Promise, River of Life Mission and Transition House, the Mission Committee will continue the tradition of giving to the homeless persons at the same organizations. White Christmas started when Rachel Stucke suggested that we provide new underwear and toiletries for the homeless. It went well for several years, but it was cumbersome to sort and distribute. We will be collecting gift cards on December 1 through the 22nd. Please indicate the amount of the gift card to facilitate distribution. Mahalo for your generosity. Merry Christmas!

Advent Apparel

As we prepare for Advent, which is some serious work, the Diaconate thought we should also have a little fun. On **December 15**, as we travel with Joseph and Mary back to Bethlehem for a homecoming of sorts, you are invited to wear your school colors, whether it be high school or college!

12th Annual Holiday Concert

The Windward Choral Society will be having their free community concert **today** at NCC at 4:00 p.m. It will feature Michael John Trotta's "For a Breath of Ecstasy." The chorus is directed by Susan McCreary Duprey. This afternoon's concert will honor Linda Kim, one of the founders of WCS. Pastor Wally and Gail Wenos also sing in the group and Jieun Kim Newland will be playing the organ.

Organ Plus+

A free concert is being offered as part of the First Monday's Concert Series at the Lutheran Church of Honolulu 1730 Punahou Street on **Monday, December 2, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. (refreshments at 6:30 p.m.). Music for organ Plus other instruments (trombone, oboe, violin, and recorder) will feature music by J.S. Bach, Johann Krebs, Tomaso Albinoni, and Claudio Monteverdi. Our very own Jieun Kim Newland will be playing the organ, along with Katherine Crosier who has played the organ at NCC in recent months.

Christmas Concert for Peace

BDK-Rev. Fujitani Interfaith Program is sponsoring "*Christmas Concert for Peace*" on **Saturday, December 7** (Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day) at 1 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.) at Chaminade University Mystical Rose Oratory. Parking is available at the Visitor Parking (parking structure) below Mystical Rose Oratory, as well as the parking stalls on campus except "Reserved" stalls. "Handbells" and "*Shamisen*" players are coming for a 3-day Hawaii tour from Japan. Admission is free. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this remarkable cultural performance.