



# NCC News

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*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu'uaniu 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 continue for two more Wednesdays, **December 11 and 18**. 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](mailto:nccadmin@hawaiiintel.net) or 595-3935.

### 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!



### De-Commissioning Service

On **December 15**, we will say mahalo and aloha to Hale Ohana. A short De-Commissioning Service will be held in front of Hale Ohana following the morning worship service. Demolition of the house will begin December 16.

## Annual Reports Due

To all board and committee chairs, Moderator, and Pastor, please submit your annual reports to Paula Yamamoto by **December 14** or earlier 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.

## Cantata Sunday

Save **December 22!** The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Russell Ishida, will be sharing their gift of music during the 9 a.m. worship service. *“That Night at Bethlehem,”* a Christmas musical by Gary Lanier, will be accompanied by Thomas Kamisato on ukulele and Lori Takeyama-Goshi on piano, narrated by Judy Keith and Gail Wenos, and soloists Russell Ishida and Paula Yamamoto.



## 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!

## Missing Green Ladder

If you happen to see the church's short green ladder or know of its whereabouts, please notify the church office. Thank you!

## Green Trash Dumpsters

As you have already noticed, we have two brand new green trash dumpsters located in the lower parking lot. These bins were purchased through the generosity of several donors. Please help us preserve the longevity of the bins by keeping the lids closed. Nu‘uanu rains often, and when the lids are left open, water collects in the bin, thus, causing the bottom to rust over time. If you happen to see the lids open, please help us by closing them. Mahalo.

## Mahalo!

A big mahalo to all who participated and helped with the Nu‘uanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service! It was a beautiful, meaningful, and well attended service. As always, NCC was an extravagant host. A special thank you to Pastor Wally for being part of the planning committee and for attending the many, many planning meetings.