



# *NCC News*

## **January 24, 2016**



*A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church*

### **Annual Congregational Meeting**

The Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, **January 31, 2016**, at 10:30 a.m., in the sanctuary.

The meeting agenda is:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of the January 25, 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the November 22, 2015 Special Congregation Meeting Minutes
4. Election of the 2016 Officers
5. Approval of the 2016 Budget
6. Adjournment

According to the NCC By-Laws, only church members may vote. Members are asked to sign in prior to the meeting. Childcare will be provided.

A copy of the 2015 Annual Meeting and the November 22, 2015 Special Congregational Meeting minutes were mailed to all NCC members with the meeting notice. The 2015 Annual Report, which includes the slate of officer nominees for 2016 and the proposed 2016 Budget, is available on the table near the sanctuary front door. Please pick up a copy for your perusal. A big mahalo to **Nelson Fujinaga** for helping **Paula Yamamoto** collate and bind the reports.

### **Dollars and Sense Informational Session**



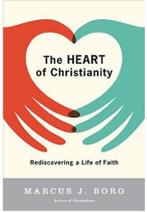
Following this morning's worship service, there will be an informational session to review the 2016 budget in the sanctuary. We hope that you will attend the session to learn more about our budget and finances for 2016.

### **NCC e-News**

Are you receiving the weekly NCC e-News via your email? if not, please check your "junk" folder - it might be going there. If you would like to receive it, please send an email to the church office.

## Experiencing the Heart of Christianity

The Heart of Christianity by Marcus Borg explores an emerging



understanding of the Christian faith that speaks to the experiences of adults in the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. This class is an invitation to the ongoing conversation of understanding and living the way of Jesus as individuals and as a community. Purchase or access to the book is required as the class will follow the reading of each chapter for productive time of questions, presentation, and discussion.

The class will meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings, **January 10 to March 20, 2016**. If you have questions, please contact me at [dwight.morita@gmail.com](mailto:dwight.morita@gmail.com).

—Dwight Morita

## Bonhoeffer

**“For by grace you have been saved. . .” Eph 2:8**

**But, “Cheap” grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession.”**

Who is this Dietrich Bonhoeffer and what makes him say this? Eric Metaxas has created a small group study DVD program to help us understand the spiritual truths that guided Bonhoeffer during a dark period of history. Come and learn how these spiritual truths can be an inspiration for us even today. Join us on Sundays in April, 2016.

—Chester Naka

## Wednesday Night Lectionary Bible Study

The Lectionary Bible Study meets at 6:00 pm. A light supper is served at 5:30 p.m. on the lanai. All are welcome!!!

## Volunteers Needed

Since the start of Hui Malama, individuals have volunteered to prepare lunch for the hard-working Hui Malama volunteers on the first and third Wednesday of each month. This was first introduced by the late Ann Kobayashi, Wayne’s wife. Each year, about 20 volunteers have prepared lunches, and we’d like to give you the opportunity to volunteer and prepare a lunch on one of the Wednesdays. It’s also a fun time talking story with the folks in Hui Malama. Please sign up with **Ginny Takara** at phone: 595-3873. Thank You.

## 2016 Offering Envelopes

2016 pledge envelopes are ready for pick up. If you have not turned in a pledge card, extra cards are available in the worship bulletin box (see an usher) or call the church office.

## 2016 Floral Offerings

Honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion with a floral offering for the sanctuary. Sign ups for the 2016 flower chart are now being taken on the lanai following the worship service or call the church office.

## Chancel Choir

If you enjoy singing and would like to share this God-given talent with God and others, come and join the Chancel Choir! The Choir rehearses on Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the choir room (KK202). Can't commit to the entire year? Come and join us for the Easter cantata. See **Russell Ishida** or any choir member if you are interested in joining. There's a seat waiting for you!



## Lost and Found

A red collapsible cart has been sitting in the gym for several weeks. If it is yours or you know who it belongs to, it is now in the church office. Please see **Paula**.

## The Week of Prayer of Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer of Christian Unity is an international ecumenical Christian observance kept annually between January 18-25. Began in 1908, the week of prayer focuses on Jesus' prayer "that they all may be one." This year's theme is "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord." (cf. I Peter 2:9) In Honolulu, the 2016 observance will take place with an Ecumenical Taize Service on Thursday, **January 21** at 7:00 p.m. at Newman Center/Holy Spirit Parish (1941 East-West Road) at the University of Hawaii Manoa. Let us join together for prayer for Christian Unity.

## Love Feast Fundraiser

Join us on Saturday, **January 30, 2016** from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Community Church of Honolulu for our "love feast" fundraiser (spaghetti dinner and silent auction) to support the HI2NYE fundraising committee that is working to subsidize costs of all NYE youth participants in the Oahu Association. NCC will be sending four youth to the UCC National Youth Event in Orlando, Florida in the summer of 2016. If you want to show some love at our "love feast," please contact Becky or Kristen at [nccintern.kristen@gmail.com](mailto:nccintern.kristen@gmail.com)/ or 808-927-0741. Tickets are \$20 per person and donations of silent auction items and centerpieces are being accepted.



## **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.