



NCC News

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A Weekly Newsletter of Nu‘uanu Congregational Church

Grad Sunday

Kimo Akinaka who recently graduated from Haverford College is this morning’s preacher. He is the son of Bob and Velma Akinaka.

We will have a waterslide on the lawn from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Join us after Faith-Full Feast for some cool fun! All are welcome.

Faith-Full Feast 2016 at Nu‘uanu

For the second summer in a row, we will engage in **Faith-Full Feast** this summer. *Faith-Full Feast (FFF)* is a summer enrichment program for the whole congregation, designed to deepen our relationship with God and with each other. *Faith-Full Feast* will take place during 5 Sundays – from **June 5 to July 3**, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., providing opportunities for the whole congregation to learn and feast together. FFF will culminate at the All-Church Retreat, July 8-10 at Camp Mokule‘ia. The weekly schedule for Faith-Full Feast is as follows:

From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.:

Keiki (ages 4-10) will gather in the Godly Play room for “**Godly Play**,” a creative way of exploring stories to become more aware of the mystery of God’s presence in our lives.

Youth (grades 6-12) will explore the parable of the Good Samaritan by asking the question “Who is My Neighbor?” They will explore our neighborhood and visit various places of worship and service. They will be led by the College Summer Interns.

Adults (no age limit!) will gather in the sanctuary to watch and discuss Oprah Winfrey’s “Belief” video series. The sessions will be led by the Rev. Dwight Morita.

Then at 11:30 a.m., everyone will gather on the Friendship Lanai for “feast” (lunch) and closing time together. Everyone is welcome to participate!

All-Church Retreat - July 8-10

Don't miss out! **Today** is the last day to sign up for a relaxing and fun weekend at Camp Mokule'ia, **July 8-10**. Cost: \$50 students, \$100 adults, \$225 families, and \$25 Saturday day only. Join us in exploring the parable of the Good Samaritan as the College Summer interns share their interpretation with us and lead us in faith-reflective activities. ALL are welcome. Meal count to Camp Mokule'ia is June 20, so hurry and reserve your space (and meals)! Questions? See **Susan Iha**.



Contemplative Prayer

Beginning **next Sunday, June 26**, Contemplative Prayer will be held at 7:30 a.m. in room 206. Contemplative prayers take several forms and are practices to open the mind and heart to the presence and mystery of God. Centering Prayer will be the first practice to be learned. The **Rev. Dwight Morita** will lead the sessions and provide instruction and support for those who wish to learn and experience contemplative prayer as part of their spiritual practices.

Young Adult Volunteer in Peru!

Kristen Young has been invited to serve for a year as a Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) in Peru. The YAV program, a program of the Presbyterian Mission Agency, is a one year service opportunity for young adults from 19 to 30 years. YAVs live in intentional Christian community, deepening and developing their faith while serving alongside partners in sites across the United States and around the world. Kristen, who just graduated from UH, will serve in Peru for one year while she discerns God's calling in her life. We are invited to be a part of this exciting mission work by contributing financially.

Checks may be made payable to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Please write **Kristen Young –E210804 –Peru** in the memo section. You may send the check to the church office and we will send it on with other checks. If you wish, you may contribute online at: www.pcusa.org/yav. Click "Support a YAV" and you will see Kristen's name under "Peru." Thank you, in advance, for your generous support.

Itadakimasu I Cookbook is Finally Here!

The long awaited Itadakimasu I Women of Nu'uauu Centennial Cookbook has been reprinted by popular demand! Only 500 copies were printed, so get your cookbook while supply lasts! Cost is \$12.





In Loving Memory

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of the late **Mack Hamada** who passed away on June 12, 2016. He is survived by wife Carol, daughter Jennifer (David) Vagott, son Michael, and step-grandsons Jack and Luke. A celebration of life service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 24 at NCC.

Prayers for Peace

September 11, 2016 marks the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks.

Leading up to the anniversary date, we will fold origami tsuru (peace cranes) while we pray for peace in our world. Our goal is to fold 2996 cranes, one for each person who died on that day. Please join us in folding the cranes. We are also accepting donation of origami paper of all sizes. Please drop them off at church.

Natural Disaster Awareness for Caregivers of Senior Citizens

Part 1: **July 29**, 9-11 a.m. (Natural Hazards & Disasters)

Part 2: **July 30**, 9-11 a.m. (Senior constraints, vulnerabilities, resilience, activity)

First Chinese Church of Christ - Multipurpose Room

Register by **July 18**: Willa Loo, 808-988-2286 or willaloo@hotmail.com

This 4-hour course is designed to enhance the caregiver's awareness of vulnerability factors associated with senior citizens. Senior citizens are particularly vulnerable to natural hazards. Factors such as physical limitations, mental ailments, and medication requirements are issues of concern for caregivers of senior citizens. These specific needs, amongst other considerations for natural hazards, must be addressed in preparedness plans for these at-risk citizens. Participants will learn how to identify, prepare, and perform a number of support activities that will ensure the safety and security of senior citizens when a natural hazard event occurs. Particular attention is directed toward developing an awareness of the preparedness and response needs of all senior citizens, inclusive of economic, medical, cognitive and mobility determinants.

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.