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NCC’s Vision Statement

(Approved at the Special Congregational Meeting on September 16, 2007.)

Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is a diverse, open congregation of faithful Christians who seek to:

- *affirm all persons as children of God;*
- *respond to the needs of the community and congregation;*
- *respect all views and ideas;*
- *make and nurture disciples; and*
- *spread God’s word using our talents and resources.*

Reflections on the ‘Aha Pae‘aina

By Becky Kanenaka, Moderator

Did you know Mokuaikaua Church in Kailua-Kona was the first church in the Islands erected in 1836? The 191st ‘Aha Pae‘aina opening worship service was held in this church. Worshipping in such a historical place gave me chicken skin. Wow, I was sitting in the same sanctuary where the First American Missionaries worshipped after their arrival on April 4, 1820.

Rev. Allan Boesak, a theologian, a cleric, and an anti-apartheid activist was the keynote speaker.

He was an inspirational speaker who shared his life experiences. You may also listen to his speech by going to the Hawai‘i UCC Conference website or go to this link: <http://hcucc.org/?p=8406>.

The ‘Aha Pae‘aina was hosted by the Hawai‘i Island Association and Mokuaikaua Church on June 6-8, 2013 at the Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel. Paul Yamamoto and I had the privilege of attending this annual meeting as your delegates. James “Kimo” Akinaka was the youth delegate. Meeting people from our sister churches from Kaua‘i, Maui, O‘ahu, and Hawai‘i was wonderful. I, especially, enjoyed my time with the Hawai‘i Island congregation that hosted the breakfast meals. We “talked story” and laughed and laughed for hours.

I attended the Sunrise Service on Saturday and learned that the Hawaiian churches started the tradition of having a sunrise service. During the early years of the ‘Aha, accommodations were usually gyms, and the kupuna would wake up the children at 4:00 a.m. to get ready. There was no motorized transportation for the children, so they walked to the church for sunrise service, and all along the way they sang songs. One of the songs they sang was “Sermon in Shoes.”

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Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. English Service

9:30 a.m. Japanese Service

1st Sunday of the month:

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

10:15 a.m. Healing Service

Church Council Highlights for June 19, 2013

by Lori Yamashiro, Clerk

- The Council approved the scholarship distribution for 2013. (See related article on p. 3.)
- Boards were asked to submit their first draft of the 2014 Budget to the Finance Committee by **August 31**.

‘Aha Pae‘aina - Continued from p.1

A Sermon in Shoes

*“Do you know, Oh Christian,
you’re a sermon in shoes?*

*Do you know, Oh Christian,
you’re a sermon in shoes?*

*Jesus calls upon you,
to spread the gospel news,
So walk it, and talk it.*

Live it, and give it.

Teach it, and preach it.

Know it, and show it.

A Sermon in Shoes.”

Does anyone remember singing this song?

After the sunrise service, breakfast, and worship, Nu‘uanu Congregational Church, along with other UCC churches, was recognized for being a 5 for 5 Church. What does it mean being 5 for 5? Being 5 for 5 is one sign of

congregational vitality in UCC churches that fully support Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). OCWM supports our youth, our pastors, our churches, and our missions. Thank you for your support, and I hope you would consider attending the ‘Aha Pae‘aina next year. (Read “Reflections from the Youth Delegate” on p. 5.)

Youth Mission Trip

By Pastor Mary Paik

For the third year in a row, we have been invited by Lana‘i Union Church to offer a week-long Vacation Bible School at Lana‘i Union Church, **July 21-27, 2013**. Building on the experiences of the last two summers, we have a wonderful week planned, focusing on the story of Moses. We will leave immediately after worship on Sunday, July 21; and return on the afternoon/evening of Saturday, July 27.

This trip is open to all youth (those who have completed the 9th grade) and college-age young adults (under 30). This trip will be staffed by Pastor Mary, the College Summer Interns, and the Internship Director (Lori Yamashiro). In addition, Dwight Morita, Darrel Itano, Paula Yamamoto, and Joyce Uyehara will serve to support the mission trip.

It will be a wonderful time of serving God through sharing our gifts of music, story telling, recreation, drama, etc. to make the story of Moses come alive for these children, most of whom are from Kosrae, one of the states in the Federated States of Micronesia.

We have couple of more spots left for additional youth participants. If you are interested, contact the church office and submit your application by **June 30**. That is the absolute last day to sign up. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Mary or Lori Yamashiro.

2013 NCC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

By George Honjiyo, Scholarship Committee Chair

Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is happy to announce the recipients of the Nu‘uanu Congregational Church Scholarships for 2013. There were twelve (12) applicants for scholarships and eleven (11) applicants met the eligibility criteria for the scholarships.

Awarded \$1,000 scholarship grants from the William & Jean Wood Scholarship Fund are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School Attending</u>	<u>Grade</u>
James “Kimo” Akinaka	Haverford College	Sophomore
Kyle Cegler	New York University	Freshman
Kelli Kimura	University of Oregon	Freshman
Jennifer Lum	Saint Mary’s College	Sophomore
Andres Montiel	UC Santa Barbara	Freshman
Alexandria Montiel	Cal State Stanislaus	Senior
Kristi Oshiro	UH Manoa	Sophomore
Makaiwa Tong	Mills College	Junior
Rachel Wong	Ithaca College	Freshman
Lia Yamashiro	UH Hilo	Freshman

Awarded \$1,000 scholarship grant from the Nu‘uanu Congregational Church Scholarship Fund is:

Rebecca Weible, who will be a sophomore at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

Awardees have been invited to participate in a scholarship award presentation on July 14, 2013 during Sunday worship.

The grantees exhibited high standards of academic accomplishment and leadership. Nu‘uanu Congregational Church is proud and delighted that it can provide financial assistance to the recipients and wish them a successful academic year.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dwight Morita who announces, " Contemporary Aloha Shirt designer, Reyn Spooner, will use the following image in their Ala Moana storefront window as part of the showcasing of this summer's design. The summer promotions will incorporate the Fourth of July and Hawaii Statehood Day celebrations. The original photographic intent was to have the full moon above Diamond Head on display as well, but the shroud of clouds had other ideas - hence, the reason for the backlit cloud and skyline.



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Remembering My Grandfather

By Alexandria Montiel, Intern

This year, I as well as my fellow interns, was able to participate in the lantern floating ceremony. The year prior, I had watched the ceremony on the television for the first time and was struck with the spiritual and ceremonial aspect of the ceremony. The whole of the ceremony was beautiful and cultural, and from the very first moment of viewing I was captivated. I had no connection to the theme of remembrance at the time, but understood that the letting go of the lantern was symbolic and extremely personal for those participating. I had never imagined that the following year I would participate in Hawaii’s 15th Annual Lantern Floating Ceremony, and I never imagined that I would have someone to remember.

This past December, my Grandpa passed away and when I was told that as interns, we would be participating in the lantern floating, I became overwhelmed with emotion because I knew exactly who I would be remembering. The whole of the ceremony proceeded what seemed to be quick, and before I knew it lanterns were being placed in the water. When it came time for the intern lantern to be placed in the ocean, it was amazing to know that in the sea of lights, my grandfather was represented. The experience for me was very rewarding and fully spiritual. In the sea of humans and lights, I felt a connection to God and a connection to my family back in California, a connection to my fellow interns, a connection to the memory of my Grandpa and a connection to the thousands of people who were on the beach with me. Attending Hawaii’s 15th Annual Lantern Floating Ceremony will be a memory that I will treasure for the rest of my life, and I am blessed to have participated.



Photo courtesy of Dwight Morita.

Reflections from the Youth Delegate

By James “Kimo” Akinaka

At the opening dinner of the 191st ‘Aha Pae‘aina, I walked onto the lawn of the Courtyard Marriott King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel in Kona and realized I was one of the few adults wearing slippers, and definitely the only person in a T-shirt and shorts. (In my defense, it was the first ‘Aha that I was attending.) I had to book it back upstairs to throw on something formal and presentable for dinner. Advice for all future ‘Aha delegates: pack an Aloha shirt. And slacks, too.

Laughs aside, my first ‘Aha Pae‘aina was remarkable, an experience that I wish I had sooner. As the youth delegate of NCC, I was more involved with the youth portion of the program than that of the adults, though both intertwined. In addition to attending the main conference activities like the meetings, workshops, and services at Mokuaikaua Church, the youth delegates had our own separate meeting space to share and reflect. NCC interns Kristen Young and Rebecca Weible, as well as Makaiwa Tong (who was an intern last summer) and her sister, Welina Tong, did an excellent job of coordinating the youth activities for the ‘Aha and bringing everyone together.

The involvement of youth in the ‘Aha Pae‘aina is still evolving somewhat, but it is truly something special. What I found amazing was how those three days in Kona brought together not only church leaders, but also intra- and interisland youth. I made new friends from not only O‘ahu churches, but also from Maui, Kaua‘i, and the Big Island. We are all part of the same ‘ohana: the United Church of Christ. I know that the kids I met are the future leaders of their respective churches, and together we will

grow into tomorrow. I only wish that more churches had been able to send youth delegates because it was an entirely worthwhile experience. If I ever have the honor of being NCC’s youth delegate again at the ‘Aha Pae‘aina, I’ll remember to bring an Aloha shirt.

Learn to Make Kimchee

By Pastor Mary Paik

On Wednesday, **July 17** at 1:30 p.m., Pastor Mary and the College Summer Interns will be making kimchee to take to Lana‘i. You are invited to learn how to make kimchee along with the interns. All supplies will be provided, and at the end of the workshop, you will take home a quart of homemade kimchee. This workshop will take 2 hours and the cost of the workshop is \$30 per person to cover the expenses. Any proceeds will go to support the Lana‘i Mission Trip. If you are interested in learning how to make kimchee, please sign up by calling the church office 595-3935 by July 14. Space in the kitchen is limited so please sign up early.



Photo courtesy of Pastor Mary Paik.

Hydroponic Gardening

By Rebecca Weible, Summer Intern

Aside from having the awesome interns and staff to work with this summer, the most memorable and educational experience I have had so far is getting involved in hydroponics. Before I began this internship I had heard about hydroponics, but I never really understood how it worked or how easy and efficient it is as a method for growing vegetables and fruits. During our “get-to-know-each-other” retreat in the beginning of this month, we spent one morning at what was once the Lani Kamaha‘o camp ground, up in Hau‘ula, where we learned about how to grow hydroponic lettuce, onions, cabbage, cucumbers, and so much more. It was fascinating to talk with the workers there and see how excited they were about teaching us. After that morning, I could not wait to go back home and start my own hydroponic garden!

They were so generous that they gave five buckets to take back to the church with us, so that we could grow our own hydroponic vegetables. Within that next week, the interns worked with Auntie Joyce Uyehara to create the nutrient mixes that we needed to put in the water that the vegetables would grow out of.



Photo courtesy of Pastor Mary Paik.

Then, we spent several weeks growing the lettuce, cabbage, arugula, and onions from seeds, until we finally “planted” them in the tables that were so cleverly crafted together. It is so exciting to think about how much more efficient and sustainable the hydroponic system is. It is also easy and anyone

can do it! I cannot wait to teach my family and get started at my own house!!

The same way lettuce and other vegetables prosper in this hydroponic system, I feel like my relationships with many of the members at Nu‘uanu are growing and flourishing due to this amazing internship. I cannot imagine doing anything else with my summer than to spend it growing together with the other interns, the mentors, Auntie Lori, Pastor Mary, and all of you at NCC. Thank you, again, for this incredible opportunity!

Nu‘uanu Transforming Lives

By Pastor Mary Paik

“Nu‘uanu Transforming Lives” is the theme for the 2014 Stewardship Campaign. On **August 11**, you will have the opportunity to make a financial pledge to support the mission and ministry of the congregation. Leading up to that Sunday, you will hear from folks how their lives are transformed as we serve God together. Let us continue to be open to the leading of the Spirit.



July 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
30 ■ 9:00 AM Worship Service ■ 9:30 AM Nichigobu ■ 10:30 AM Chancel Choir	1 ■ 8:30 AM Tai Chi	2	3 ■ 9:00 AM Hui Malama	4 Office Closed	5 Family Camp	6 ■ 8:00 AM Board of Trustees	
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14 ■ 9:00 AM Worship Service - Christmas in July ■ 9:30 AM Nichigobu ■ 10:30 AM Chancel Choir ■ 4:00 PM Worship at 15 Craigside	15 ■ 8:30 AM Tai Chi	16 ■ 9:00 AM Hui Malama ■ 5:00 PM VocationCARE ■ 6:00 PM Council	17	18	19 Caller Deadline	20	
21 Youth Mission Trip to Lana'i ■ 9:00 AM Worship Service ■ 9:30 AM Nichigobu ■ 10:30 AM Chancel Choir	22 ■ 8:30 AM Tai Chi	23	24	25	26	27	
28 ■ 9:00 AM Worship Service ■ 9:30 AM Nichigobu ■ 4:00 PM Worship at 15 Craigside	29 ■ 8:30 AM Tai Chi	30	31	Planning Ahead..... August 11 - Stewardship Sunday (Bring your pledge cards to church) August 16 - Office Closed August 24 - Church School Teachers' Wkshp			3 ■ 8:00 AM Board of Trustees ■ 8:00 AM Diaconate Board ■ 9:00 AM Sew Fun

Christmas in July

By Pastor Mary Paik

Yes, Christmas in JULY!! Why wait until December when Christ is born into our lives everyday, right? So, on **Sunday, July 14**, we will celebrate Christmas in July! We will sing Christmas songs and the keiki will play in “snow”!

As a part of this celebration, we will receive the United Church of Christ Christmas Fund Offering. What is the Christmas Fund? The Christmas Fund is one of the five special offerings and it goes to the Pension Board of the UCC for it’s Ministerial Assistance program to provide assistance to retired pastors. In 2012:

- Christmas Gift checks were sent to approximately 499 retired persons. Of those who received checks, 23 are 100 years of age or over. The two oldest persons are 107. One person has received Christmas checks continuously since 1976. The 499 gifts total \$199,600.
- Monthly pension supplementation is being provided to 387 persons. These gifts total \$112,908.97 per month. A significant part of annual total of approximately \$1,255,885.20 comes from the Christmas Fund.
- Quarterly health premium supplementation is being provided to 223 families, totaling \$131,315.00 per quarter. All of the funding for health premium supplementation is derived from the Christmas Fund.
- Emergency Grants totaling \$22,748.25 were provided to 22 individuals and families from January 1 through April 30, 2013.

Let’s celebrate the birth of Christ together in July! Let us contribute generously to assist the faithful servants of God.



General Synod

By Lori Yamashiro

General Synod, which meets every two years, is a gathering of people delegated by our 38 Conferences to represent the United Church of Christ to address important matters relating to faith and opportunities for faithfulness in our time. Some of the issues slated to be covered include recognizing the need for compassionate care and healing to our veterans, a resolution urging divestment from fossil fuel companies, and a resolution supporting compassionate comprehensive immigration reform and the protection of the human rights of immigrants.

This year, the General Synod will be held in Long Beach, CA **June 28 - July 2**. NCC members who will be attending the General Synod are **Ann Ito**, member of the Executive Council; **Darrel Itano**, delegate representing the Oahu Association; **Lori Yamashiro**, Conference Staff and member of the National Nominating Committee. Others with NCC ties that will be there are Steve Ito, Rev. Tom and Sachi Fujita, Rev. David and Sandy Hirano, Faith Burgess, Rod Chamberlain, Pearl Misa-Lau, and Welina Tong.

Ohana Ministry

By Marge Honjiyo



If there are needs that Ohana Ministry can help you with, call one of the coordinators:

Ohana Ministry Coordinators

Mae Au, 988-4802 Mary Ann Saito, 839-0895
Marge Honjiyo, 550-3075 Sets Takahashi, 550-3062
Alice Ishihara, 550-3187 Joyce Uyehara, 523-3483

Prayer Corner

By Alice Ishihara

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God."

Isaiah 35:3-4

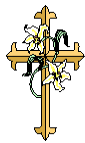
When you pray, remember the following and their caregivers: **Ann Akama, Kimiko Bristow-Canfield, Mike Chung, Carol Hamada, Mack Hamada, Harris Hasegawa, Edna Ito, Fumiko Kamita, Leonetta Kinard, Yuriko Konno, Rev. Armin Kroehler, Yoshie Kuraya** (Charlotte Nakamura’s mother), **Janet Kurokawa, Michael Kurokawa, Leslie Lum, Ethel Nitta, Florence Osumi, Rose Scharpff, Eiko Soranaka, Terry Stone, Matthew Stucke, Mayee Wong, and Marie Yoneshige.**

“Gracious God, we are a people of many distractions, pulled in different directions responding to multiple and often conflicting needs. Draw us more deeply into your presence. Grant us rest as we rely on your provision and faith as we trust in your grace. Quiet our spirits, so we may hear your spirit speaking to us. Amen.”

(From NCC Sunday Worship, August 12, 2012).

Reminder: Names are added or deleted in the Prayer Corner by the individual, family members or friend. Please help us and inform the Ohana Ministry coordinators if you want your name included or deleted.

Help us to be strong in spirit and pray for one another. **Amen.**



Special Gifts

Give thanks to God whose steadfast love endures forever!

Birthday Offerings

Thomas Oshiro
 Nobu Fujioka
 Fred Takara
 Yukimichi Watanabe
 Helen Pierce

Howard and Barbara Mau -
 IMO Faith Fujimura and
 Yoshitaka Takaki
 Shirley Yamamoto - IMO Clyde
 Yamamoto
 Susan Iha - IMO Jose Montiel
 Howard and Alice Ishihara
 Alice Kimoto - IMO Jesse
 Uyeki

Tazuko Miyashiro - IMO
 Tasuku Miyashiro and Masaru
 Kaneshiro
 Donald and Julia Nakamura
 Melvin and Joyce Uyehara
 Yujimichi Watanabe - IMO
 Sumi and Weston
 Paul and Paula Yamamoto -
 IMO David H.C. Pang
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Memorial Offerings

George Honjiyo - IMO Parents

Deadline for Articles

Nu‘uanu Caller (monthly)

20th of each month.

NCC News (weekly)

Wednesday noon.

Articles will be edited on a space available basis.

Food Drive

In keeping with Missions Sunday, the Hawai‘i Food Bank collection is held on the **last**

Sunday of every month. For the month of May, we collected 64 lbs. of assorted food items. Our next collection will be **July 28, 2013**. Monetary donations accepted, too. Checks may be made to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church with Hawai‘i Food Bank on the memo line. Mahalo.



Hui Hoaloha July Event

Thursday, **July 11** at 9:30 a.m. in Kosasa Hall. An inspirational movie, "Facing the Giant," will be shown about the fears, failures and successes of a high school football coach in dealing with his life, work and faith. Light refreshments will be served after the movie. July planners are Betty Morikawa, Rose Nishihara, Ginny and Fred Takara.

Special Gifts - Continued from p. 9

- Micki Sasaki - IMO Ronald Sasaki
- Setsuko Takahashi - IMO Friends and Family
- Mabel Suzuki - IMO Walter and Fusae Tanaka
- Frances Miyamoto - IMO Natue Suzuki and Kenneth Miyamoto
- Donald and June Ikeda - IMO Faith Fujimura
- Flora Oshima - IMO Thomas Oshima
- Agnes Fujimoto - IMO Faith Fujimura
- Dorothy Kusumoto - IMO Bill Kusumoto
- Melvin and Eileen Maeshiro - IMO Melva Mizono
- Florence Mukai - IMO Tsuruko Arakawa
- Daryl K. Mukai - IMO Grandma Tsuruko Arakawa
- Sybil Seto - IMO Mae, Kenneth and Rosie
- June Yokomoto - IMO Samuel Yokomoto
- Lillian Sakane - IMO George and Cheryl Ann Sakane
- Linda Kim
- Beth Mizuno
- Howard and Alice Ishihara - IMO Faith Fujimura

Recycling

By Wayne Kobayashi

Bring your items on **Sunday, July 28**

The pick up day is the first **Thursday of the month**. Please help our volunteers by removing caps from bottles, rinsing and separating all containers. Only HI-5¢ items are accepted.

Proceeds go toward Hui Malama.



2013 Refreshments

(Bring, Serve & Clean Up)

- January** - Church Council
 - February** - Missions
 - March** - Open
 - April** - Sew Fun
 - May** - Board of Trustees
 - June** - Christian Nurture
 - July** - Hui Hoaloha
 - August** - Chancel Choir
 - September** - Diaconate
 - October** - Women of Nu‘uanu
 - November** - Open
 - December** - Open
- Please dispose all trash into the dumpster. Mahalo!



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Lectionary Readings for July

July 7 (Surprising Prophets): 2 Kings 5:1-14 • Ps 30 or Isa 66:10-14 • Ps 66:1-9 • Gal 6:
(1-6), 7-16 • Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 14 (Caring Neighbors): Amos 7:7-17 • Ps 82 or Deut 30:9-14 • Ps 25:1-10 • Colossians
1:1-14 • **Luke 10:25-37**

July 21 (Word and Work): Amos 8:1-12 • Ps 52 or Gen 18:1-10a • Ps 15 • Gal 2:15-21 •
Colossians 1:15-28 • **Luke 10:38-42**

June 28 (Shaped by Prayer): Hos 1:2-10 • Ps 85 or Gen 18:20-32 • Ps 138 • Col 2:6-15, (16-19)
• **Luke 11:1-13**