

Waves of Faith

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IN THE INTERIM

What an exciting time this is! God's Vision, as we have worked to discern it, is in its fifth draft and ready for the Congregation to modify it or affirm it. Why is that important? It's important because it allows us to tell one another, potential candidates for the called pastor, and anyone else what *we believe* God is calling Kailua Christian Church to be and do. More than a goal that is achievable, it is a sign of what life in God's Kingdom can look and feel like. That vision was developed by discernment—a practice that involves studying the scripture, praying, listening to one another and sensing the movement of the Holy Spirit among us. That is quite different from compiling a list of what *we* want. That is the faithful work of the whole Body of Christ.

In the United Church of Christ, the local church is the primary setting of church, and each congregation is responsible for ordering and conducting its own life and ministry. We believe that each member has insights and gifts that must be brought to the process of discernment and decision making if we are going to offer our best to God and to our community. Because we are all different and have different gifts, coming together requires work: time, conversation, listening, study and praying.

The main work of the Transition Team is almost complete, and the work of the Pastoral Search Committee begins. That Committee will need the support of your prayers and input. I want to thank those who served on the

Transition Team: Debbie Fong, Dan Jessee, Karel Ling, Ron Myers, Vernon Pang and Rebecca Weible. We

learned to work together with one another and with you, and now we celebrate the beginning of the search.

May God continue to use us and direct us as we journey together.

Your servant in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Jack E. Belsom".

Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor

Proposed Vision 7-24-16

We are Kailua Christian Church United Church of Christ, an island family bound to each other and to God through Jesus Christ. Throughout our voyage we share God's love with our neighbors and community in word and deed.

We work together and acknowledge our differences, embrace our diversity, and accept each other because we are all loved by God.

We may not know exactly where God is leading us on our journey. Yet with grace, we help and encourage each other as we trust and follow the Holy Spirit.

“Write the vision; make it plain on tablets,
So that a runner may read it.”
Habakkuk 2:2

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MODERATOR’S NOTES

We are in the process of assembling our Pastoral Search Committee and should have that done in a few weeks. This is the culmination of nine months of work by your Council, Transition Team, and members participating in Bible studies and attending and contributing during our retreats.

If we adhere to our goals and remain true to what we have learned from scripture, it should result in the selection of a pastor that will nurture the congregation and keep us together as we push on into the 21st century.

This will not be an easy task as I am convinced that we are experiencing change at a rate that we have not seen in the last 500 years. When we are being challenged by this rapid change and the major disruptions that it causes in every facet of our lives, it is our tendency as human beings to seek out what is familiar and avoid the challenge of change. Institutions that have not adapted have failed or are much diminished.

I believe that the comfort of familiarity will be the Christian community that we have established at KCC. From the origins of our church, we have lived a communal life of welcome, caring, compassion and love. I hope that this anchor will fortify us as we adapt to the world that is changing so rapidly, to grow our community and reach out to our neighbors and the world to be that “Shining Light” of what the new order can look like.

Peace,

--Roy Yamauchi †



Aloha from Orlando, Fl. and the UCC National Youth event. Rayn, Grace, and Katie participated with 36 other youth representatives from the Hawaii Conference UCC.

PRAYERS & PRAISES



Please continue to keep in your prayers

- ~ Blanche Keahi
- ~ Sue Nakashima
- ~ Jean Kanazawa
- ~ Jean Sakata
- ~ George Nakamura
- ~ Mitsi Higashida

Our sincerest condolences go out to Jean Sakata and family on the passing of Carl Sakata, her husband of 63 years. Carl passed away on Sunday, July 24 in the early morning. As active members of KCC, both Jean and Carl faithfully served as leaders in ministry for many years. Their love and support of our KCC ohana was evident and with this unfortunate loss of Carl, Jean will also be moving to the Pearl City area and will be unable to regularly attend worship with us. Memorial services for Carl will be held at Nuuanu Mortuary on Monday, August 15. Visitation will be at 10:00 a.m. and the service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Congratulations to Winnie and George Nakamura who are celebrating their 65th anniversary on August 18th. Praise God for giving them their special life together.

Cera Soma will be leaving for New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts in New York this month. Please keep her in your prayers.

Please keep in your prayers, Madeline St. John in Cordova, Argentina while she experiences one semester of schooling there as an exchange student.

Pray for all our home bound KCC Ohana and those who have not been able to join us for whatever reason. May they know that they are sorely missed.

Continued prayers coveted for the Transition Team and the Search Committee members as they help us figure out where God is leading us, who we are, and for assisting us through the process of acquiring our new Pastor.

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DEACON UPDATES...

Benevolence Fund:
 Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide rental assistance to 5 individuals through the month of July! Each applicant expressed their sincere appreciation to KCC.



Pulpit Supply:
 Pastor Nathan Kohashi will be providing pulpit supply on Aug 14th ... and Pastor David Turner will be providing pulpit supply on Aug 21st.

Communion:
 If you are not able to make it to church on communion Sunday, please contact your deacon or the church office and we will do our best to bring the communion elements to you.

Prayer and Visitation:
 Please let us know if you, or someone close to you, are in need of prayer or would like to receive a visit from one of us.

Blessings to all of you in the coming month!

--Bryan Gomes, Deacon ☩

SPECIAL NOTE

On Sunday, August 28 we will worship together with our Chuukese sisters and brothers of the 4 C Church. We will also have a potluck lunch following that service. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the breezeway for folks to provide side dishes/salads or dessert to accompany the chili and rice that Barney and June will prepare.

We look forward to the special dishes provided by our Chuukese friends. Bryan Gomes and his undershepherd group will help facilitate with the set-up of this event.

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
07/03	61	06	02
07/10	60	03	03
07/17	61	04	--
07/24	54	05	03

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Melvyn Tom
- Muriel Teruya
- Howard O. Yoshida
- Grace Glenn
- Mary Ann Nemoto
- Ruth Masuno
- Gail Yoneshige
- Kalani Todd
- Jasmine Teruya
- Jordan Chang
- Cassie Grable
- Rayn Jessee
- Mahealani Oleole



- David Yoneshige
- Lois Yoshioka
- Dr. Michelle Pangilinan

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Carl & Jean Sakata
- Ken & Chris Nakamatsu
- Eric & Mary Ann Nemoto
- George & Winnie Nakamura
- Mel & June Tom
- Vernon & Jennifer Pang
- George & Ada Kaneoka
- Aaron & Collete Tanaka

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On Vacation

Pastor Jack will be away from August 9-23 for vacation time with his wife, Caroline. They will be participating in a wedding in Munich, Germany and then playing tourists in England, Wales and Scotland. While he is away, Pastor Howard Yoshida has agreed to help with any emergencies August 9-11, and Pastor Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa will help August 12-23. Please contact your deacon (or any deacon) if you need assistance or call the church office at 261-0125.



NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP Saturday, August 27, 2016

This month, we will have our regular support group meeting along with a special guest speaker, Dr. Russell Yang, Clinical Professor UHJAPSOM - University of Hawaii, School of Medicine. The regular meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3 and Dr. Yang will share his special health presentation at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

GOD'S REACHING TO US ALL

(Gary Nham's mom is a full-time resident in LifeCare Center in Hilo, Hawaii who is visited by Gary, his two brothers, and their sister.)

Many of us are cumbersome in prayer and sometimes can't see the truth because it is so simple and sincere. Let me tell you of a situation that brought this to my understanding because I let God intervene.

For a number of years now, I have visited Hilo to keep my mom company and "try" to assist her in rehabilitation. But the years did not improve her to my level of satisfaction. She is 93 years old, forgets things as soon as she "learns" them, and doesn't know who our president is. (Not really a bad thing)

She remembers most of the old sepia toned photos we had before our "Kodak instamatics".

I took a bunch of old albums and was overjoyed that she remembers friends from 50 years ago. I was ecstatic that I could show her my photo slides from my IPAD and she took great interest about my recent trip to Japan. I brought the same photos the next day and it was like she had never seen them again. I repeated this the next day and again she smiled with great joy. The next time I visited her I brought videos of my wife and dogs. It didn't matter to her that she had forgotten viewing them previously-each photo was new and lit up her mind. God had given me a tool to make her happy-and that was all that mattered. God is with us always!! We just need to ask.

TRUSTEE'S NOTES

We would like to thank all those that came out for our church clean-up day on Saturday, July 16th. A big "MAHALO" to the 4C's church members that also came out to assist with this event. It is always a great time to serve our church as well as fellowship with other members and friends of KCC. If you missed this event, there will be one more church clean-up day on Saturday, November 5th. Please mark this down on your calendar and come out to this last cleaning of the year, as we prepare our church for the upcoming holiday season.

During August and September, we will begin the process of putting together our 2017 budget. Please share any thoughts or ideas that you would like the church leaders to consider for next year. This upcoming budget is very important as we move forward to preparing for a permanent pastor, review the maintenance needs of the church, and consider funding for various missions and other church activities and programs
Love in Christ!
Your Trustees

MISSIONS NEWS



Friendly Reminder: The Windward Coalition of Churches invites all of us to a Brainstorming Bonanza

Potluck on Tues. August 23 at 6 p.m., Come together at St. John Lutheran Church for ideas of how we might better serve our Windward community and reach out to others. RSVP @ 261-5787.

Prayers are coveted for our family in the Transitional Housing Unit as the children begin new schools and mom applies for employment.



Mahalo from Uganda:

Through your generous support we were able to do countless medical clinics and help many

people get much needed surgeries. We were also able to organize a two-day Gospel Crusade which brought numerous people to Christ and were able to give out bibles and new clothes to many children. Thank you for partnering with us to do God’s work.

Weebale, Mukama akuwe omukisa. (Thank you, God bless you.)

Loving One By One Ministries, Sherry & Ken Roberts and Anjie Lee (Winchell & Lily’s daughter)


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2016						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 03 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.
- 07 – Sun. Morning HIM DVD at 8:45 a.m. Communion in Service, 10:00 a.m. Deacon’s Meeting following worship.
- 10 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.

- 14 – Sun. Morning HIM DVD at 8:45 a.m. Rev. Nathan Kohashi, guest pastor. Family Promise Week begins at KCC.
- 15 – Mon. Funeral Services for Carl Sakata at Nuuanu Mortuary, 10 a.m. visitation 10:30 a.m. service. Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.
- 21 – Sun. Morning HIM DVD at 8:45 a.m. Rev. David Baumgart Turner, guest pastor.
- 24 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m. Guest speaker, Dr. Yang
- 28 – Sun. Joint Worship Service with 4C Church

MAHALO for your special efforts:

 June Tom represented KCC so well when the invite came along from the HCUCC to participate in the Aha Pae`Aina event, Aha Taste of Oahu. With the possibility of hosting over 200 participants and with minimal resources, June provided wild rice/kabocha/sausage and spinach casserole which was among the most gourmet and unique dishes. It was scrumptous! Thank you June!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER
April Jessee

AUDIO
Barney Pilla

USHERS/GREETER
Pat Chinn & Lily Lee

VISUAL
Debbie Fong

DEACON GREETER
Sharon Mon

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

- 14 – Myrtle Terada
- 21 – Lara Higashi

LIGHTS & SCREEN
June Tom



PIANO

Jenna Han

CHILD CARE Carol Soma, Coordinator

- 07 - Susan St. John / Carol Soma
- 14 - Jennifer Pang
- 21 - Carol Soma / Shane Soma
- 28 - Jennifer Pang / Lara Higashi

FLOWERS

- 07 – Ruth Masuno
- 14 – Carl & Jean Sakata
- 21 – Reggie & Myra Yamada
- 28 – Howard & Saeko Yoshida



KING'S COMPANY

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AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:

(Deacon Group: Bryan Gomes)

Refreshments offered for Sunday mornings during the hospitality hour is always appreciated. Please bring them into the kitchen that morning so the group can prepare it to be enjoyed after the worship service. Mahalo for your kind support and generous donations each week as we continue to share in this special time of fellowship. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet newcomers, catch up with old friends, and make new ones.

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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Dr. Jack Belsom, Interim Pastor

Pastor Jack will be on vacation from August 9 through 23. Rev. Howard Yoshida and Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa will be on-call for emergencies. Please contact the deacons or the church office for any assistance.

SUMMER SEWING/CRAFTS MINISTRY



Wednesday Mornings – 9:00 a.m.
 Join us each week for this fun time of fellowship and service through August. All are welcome.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2016

~ Communion Sunday

~ **Deacons Meeting** in the Library immediately following the worship service.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2016

~ **Rev, Nathan Kohashi**, long-time friend of KCC will share the morning message. Pastor Nathan is with Pacific Health Ministry and is currently the chaplain at Pali Momi Medical Center.



~ **KCC hosts Family Promise Week.** Sign up to help as we provide food and shelter for homeless families throughout the week. Overnight hosts are especially being sought. Please see Bryan Gomes for details.

TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, August 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2016

- o ~ **Rev. David Baumgart Turner**, beloved member of KCC and long-time back up support for pulpit supply and pastoral care will share the message for the day. Pastor David is currently the Executive Director at Camp Mokule`ia in Waialua.

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, August 24, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, August 27, 016 – 9:30 a.m.

Monthly prayer and support fellowship followed by special guest speaker: Dr. Russell Yang, Clinical Professor at University of Hawaii School of Medicine who will share a workshop on Heartburn at 10:30 a.m. Light refreshments will follow talk. All are welcome.

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MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. at Denny’s in Kaneohe

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**KCC & FOUR C CHURCH
JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, August 28, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

All are welcome to attend this special time of worship and celebrate with a special potluck lunch following the worship service.