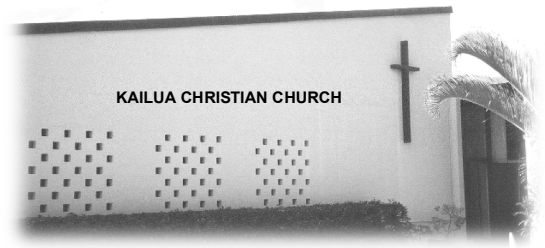


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In the Interim

If you have checked the bulletin board in the breezeway, you have seen the transcription of the data and some artwork from the Vision Retreat. The Transition Team took that data and created individual drafts of a combined vision. Then two of the team members made an attempt at pulling those five drafts together. Below you will see what has been sent to the Council AND TO YOU for input and revision.

FIRST COMBINED DRAFT

We are the Body of Christ—people on a shared journey bound to one another as those who ride in the same canoe—people bound to God through the call of Jesus Christ. Because we know God’s love and acceptance, we accept one another and travel together with our diversity and differences. When the sea becomes unpredictable, we trust God and one another to direct KCC as we paddle together and encourage one another even when changes in course are not to everyone’s liking.

We strive to embody Jesus’ teachings of justice and love by expressing those values in personal, congregational and community actions and attitudes. We are members of the vine that is Christ (John 15:5) bearing good fruit in our service to one another and our larger community. KCC is a safe place to practice discernment through Bible study, unceasing prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18), and working to transform ourselves and the world because together we are God’s salt and light (Matthew 5:13–16).

SECOND COMBINED DRAFT

A CHURCH LIVING FOR THE WORLD

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Kailua Christian Church is following the will of God who is our redeemer; our first love; our teacher and provider. As a congregation we strive to work together as a church community side by side, helping local and worldwide ministries. KCC is a church that is a safe place to practice discernment through Bible study and prayer to understand where God is leading it to transform itself and the world.

JESUS VISION OF RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS

Like a canoe on a long voyage being led by the Holy Spirit, remain focused on praying and encouraging each other when the sea of life becomes unpredictable. Forgiving with compassion for our enemies and through it all staying true to ourselves and to others through our love and obedience to God. “Set your mind on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2). We know with faith we can move mountains, for with God nothing is impossible. We are bound together by the love we share working together, accepting differences, forgiving one another, sharing joys and sorrow, and encouraging one another with mutual support. We rely on God for guidance as we love with no judgments, forgive and trust each other, welcome and be open to all, and embracing diversity.

MODEL FOR PRAYING AND ACTING

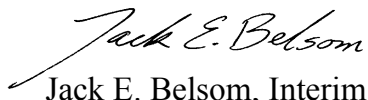
God through his son Jesus Christ gave us a gift called the Holy Spirit who dwells within us.

We must pray without ceasing. “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in” (Matthew 25:35). A church who uses their hands to do God’s work. Continue caring not only for one another but for those outside our physical walls in order to best serve God and a diverse population. Our prayers are for the community and world will be answered by evangelizing to neighbors and friends.

As you can see, we still have some work to do to pull the Vision into another draft for the Congregation to consider. However, the Transition Team welcomes your input so that we can present the best work possible to the congregation. All you need to do is to give your suggestions and drafts to anyone on the Transition Team (Debbie Fong, Dan Jessee, Karel Ling, Vernon Pang, Roy Yamauchi and Jack Belsom).

Please continue praying for the team and the Council as we work with you to discern God’s vision for Kailua Christian Church.

Yours in Christ’s service,



Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor

**MODERATOR’S NOTES**

The Transition Team is working on the first draft of KCC Vision Statement. It will then be shared with the Council, and then presented to the congregation. It has been suggested that the congregation meet in small groups to review our Vision Statement. You might ask how this

is relevant to our pastoral search process. Our Vision Statement will become part of our Church Profile, which will be received by each pastor applying for the position at KCC. The

prospective pastors can then determine if their individual gifts would be relevant to where God has called KCC and how they might be able to shepherd KCC to that calling.

Everyone who is interested in being part of the **Pastoral Search Committee** is invited to attend a preliminary meeting after service on Sunday July 17th. I understand that many were discouraged by the time commitments projected. If you have an interest but have time limitations, I would encourage you to attend as we will try to work these challenges out. I would encourage all who are interested to attend.

Your Council will be looking at our Bylaws to update them in relation to the current size of our congregation as well as how the environment that our church exists in has evolved. We live in a very different world of even 10 years ago. Of course the internet is a big part of this change, but how people have adapted to this resource is astounding. Shopping, paying, learning, communicating, and the list goes on and is evolving every day. I believe if KCC is going to remain relevant in the lives of current and future members, we must take advantage of every element that the world around us adopted. As only one example, we have contracted to have our website updated, understanding that many today, especially young adults, rely on these sites to determine what church to visit.

I can tell you that we will learn about and utilize as many of these new technologies as possible to let our community know who we are and what we are doing, and be assured that our focus will always be where God is leading us and not what we as individuals think is best for our church.

Peace,

--Roy Yamauchi ☩

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- ~ Blanche Keahi
- ~ Sue Nakashima
- ~ Carl Sakata
- ~ Jerry Pang
- ~ Jean Miyaji
- ~ Jean Kanazawa
- ~ Dante, Barney's nephew
- ~ Myra and her sister
- ~ George Nakamura
- ~ Mitsi Higashida

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

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

DEACONS MESSAGE

The Reverend Paul Osumi, former pastor of Nuuanu Congregational Church (from 1958-1974), wrote daily inspirational thoughts for the *Honolulu Advertiser*, the *Hawaii Hochi*, and the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* in Alaska for more than 35 years. In one of his "Today's Thought" he wrote about Life: There is nothing worthwhile in it [life] except to be kind and helpful to our fellow men. There is no real happiness in it except to be generous and give freely to help our burdened friends."



Kailua Christian Church has a long history of being generous and giving freely to help our burdened friends. You do this every time you give to the Deacons Benevolence Fund. This

fund has assisted church members, friends and ohana, and complete strangers. Sometimes the people asking for assistance share their experiences of applying for help elsewhere, only to be turned away. There are often tears of gratitude and expressions of thanks, which need to be passed on to you, the congregation. In June you helped three individuals with their rent. And as of this writing there are two more applicants requesting assistance.

Our last Benevolence Fund offering was on June 19. Thank you for being generous and giving freely to help our burdened friends.

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Debbie Fong, Deacon †



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Sarah Weible | Madeline St. John |
| Marlene Garcia-King | Sue Nakashima |
| Fred Masuda | Harry Imai |
| Jiggs Tamashiro | Daniel Fong |
| Justin Lau | Rebecca Weible |
| June Tom | |
| Miles Nishizawa | |
| Dennis Fong | |
| Patti Myers | |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| Larry Siu | Alan & Gail Yoneshige |
| Kale Peters | Dan & April Jessee |
| Jenai Umetsu | |
| Alianna Ramos | |
| Michael Fong | |
| Lillian Ishihara | |
| Karen Miyahara | |
| Sats Nemoto | |
| Malia Hagmann | |
| Jane Tengan | |

KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
05/29	72	06	02
06/05	44	00	00
06/12	56	08	00
06/19	62	10	03
06/26	58	03	03

NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP

Saturday, July 23, 2016



This month, we will have our regular support group meeting. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 3 with emphasis on member updates and shared prayers for each other. All are welcome to attend.

TRUSTEE'S TIDBITS



Each Sunday, your Trustees gather in the Trustee Room on the Second Floor of our classroom building to count offering. Every third Monday of each month, the group meets again to discuss various matters of importance dealing with church finances, building maintenance, personnel and other contracts, etc. Money and finances are not easy topics of discussion. Each of your Trustees comes with his or her own personal beliefs about spending and saving money. In each discussion, we try to remain faithful to God. Recently, Pastor Jack encouraged us to consider conducting each meeting with a spirit of worship. Certainly this mindset provides an excellent foundation for conversations about sometimes difficult decisions. At this time of the year, the Trustees will begin to look at projected spending for 2017. We ask that you keep us, your church officers and your board and committee members in prayer as we make significant stewardship decisions for Kailua Christian Church. We welcome any input from the wider Congregation as well.



CHURCH CLEAN-UP

Saturday, July 16, 2016

8:30 a.m. to completion...

All are asked to participate!

Let's spruce up the church, the grounds and our souls! Bring a sponge, a bucket, some rags. Lunch will be provided...Mahalo!

--Your Trustees †

YOUTH TO NATIONAL YOUTH EVENT

This month, Grace Myers, Rayn Jessee and Katie Gomes will be joining 39 other Hawaii youth in attending the United Church of Christ National Youth Event at Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida. The Oahu Association youth contingency is made up of 22 youth and eight chaperones from KCC, Nuuanu Congregational Church, Judd Street UCC, Crossroads, Pearl City Community Church and Nuu Lotu.

The remainder of the youth are from the Tri-Isle Association and the Big Island Association.

Oahu fundraising efforts provided each KCC youth participant with over \$700 in registration, excess housing and food costs. They also received \$500 from KCC and \$200 from the Maile Vesper Ito fund and through an offering taken at the 2016 Aha Pae'aina. The Oahu Association funding effort under the acronym HI2NYE received substantial support from Oahu churches, with specific grants generating from the members of the Women's League of Central Union Church, the Woman's Board of Mission for the Pacific Islands, Windward United Church of Christ, and Matson Ka Ipu 'Aina project. The youth also thank all of the KCC individuals who contributed to their fundraising efforts.

Please pray for a successful trip for the youth as they arrive in Florida on July 24th and for the duration of their stay until July 30th. Our Hawaii youth will be representing the Hawaii Conference with a sharing of songs and dances at a July 27 worship service. Stay tuned for more information on their experiences!

MISSIONS NEWS



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 community and outreach to

others. RSVP by Aug. 1, 2016 to church office or call 261-5787 for more information.

We would like to start highlighting some of our mission’s programs during the “Missions Moments” time in our worship service. We invite any-one who has been involved in our different ministries to start thinking about how being involved in these ministries was a blessing, to others and to yourself. Our missions team will be seeking you out for your testimonies. We hope you will share in person or in written form (which we will read) to give glory to our Lord, Jesus. Missions Moments will be a 3-5 minute time in the service when we will share your stories. Mahalo for your kokua.

Mission Paradigm Chart
BY [GLOBAL MINISTRIES](#)

This chart outlines and compares old and new models of mission. May we be open to learn and utilize all the ways that will help others come to know and experience God’s love.

Older Missionary Partnership Model	Newer Missionary Partnership Model
Focus on deficits (i.e. “lacks”: saving souls from evil, building churches and homes, food pantries, clothing banks, etc.)	Focus on assets (i.e. identifying local materials, techniques, knowledge, problem solving skills, people, etc. as “resources”)
Problem response (rapid relief, emergency aid, crisis oriented)	Opportunity identification (systemic or policy changes, structural)
Donation orientation (short-term, momentary)	Investment orientation (long-term, strategic; not like a financial investment for any direct gain but to risk something of our’s and ourselves to witness global growth and empowerment of

	others)
Grants, gifts , hand-outs	Grants, gifts, loans , investment, contracts (programs of mutual accountability and trust; i.e. micro-loans, each-one-teach-one)
More services (measurable quantitative results over qualitative)	Less services/More coalition , networking (more qualitative)
Focus on individual	Focus on community or neighborhood
Maintenance , e.g. status quo	Development : empowering
See people as “ clients ” (with the U.S. as the “patrons”)	See people as “citizens (of the world)” & “(human) family ”
Aim to “ fix ” people (as victims rather than survivors)	Aim to jointly develop or realize already existing potential
Programs are the answer (people are ideally objectified as passive “oppressed” or as commodities of labor or are romantically dehumanized as the spiritually “pure” and “noble” exotic Other)	People are the answer (both through their historical processes of appropriation and resistance and as moving from being others’ objects to their own subjects, as agents of transformation)
Building objects (churches, schools, homes, etc.)	Building relationships , partnerships (from which come joint projects and programs)

<p>Dependency (one-way, unilateral) both financially and intellectually</p>	<p>Interdependency (mutual, multilateral) intellectually and spiritually</p>
<p>Doing: giving, teaching (i.e. delegations from north to south)</p>	<p>Being: receiving, listening, learning (an effort to reverse the imbalance of power and work jointly toward harmonious exchange)</p>

Preach the Gospel Always: And When Necessary, Use Words

OUR NEW FRIENDS FROM THE the South Seoul Presbytery of Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK) stopped by to share a warm aloha with us after doing some sightseeing. Pastor Jack and Joan took the time to sing a worship song from Korea that was meaningful to them. They were happy that they could fellowship and sang along joyously.



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**LOVING ONE BY ONE**

An update from Anjie Lee, Winchell and Lily Lee’s daughter who is leaving for Uganda. We had the privilege of assisting her with a portion of our garage sale proceeds so she could

provide supplies and resources for the orphanage where she will be serving.

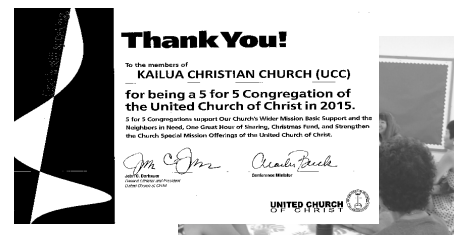
*Dear KCC members and Friends,  
Just wanted to thank you again for all your prayers and financial support for Uganda. I will be leaving June 29th and will be taking you with me in spirit. So thank you for coming along on this journey with me.*

*Sherry Roberts, who is the founder of Loving One By One, posts daily pictures of what we are doing on her Facebook page. Right now Team #1 is there and it's amazing the work that they are doing now. So if you'd like to take a look and follow us while we are there, "follow" her Facebook page at:*

<https://www.facebook.com/sherry.s.roberts.1?ref=ts> or find Sherry Schaeffer Roberts on Facebook.

Thank you and God Bless you all, Anjie Lee

We praise God that we as individuals and as a body of Christ are fortunate enough to participate and support the efforts of the UCC special Offerings through the year.



**Celebrating Together as God’s Family**

With gracious hearts and generous spirits a “Granny Shower” was given for our church secretary. The event was a great excuse to having a lighthearted time of fun, fellowship, and of celebrating God’s goodness. *Baby, Paisley Bay Grable responded by arriving three weeks early to a joy filled family.* The Grable ohana cannot thank you enough for your



kind support and blessings.



**Search Committee Informational Meeting immediately after worship.**

- 18 – Mon. Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.  
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 – Sat. Na Anela Support Group, 9:30 a.m.
- 24 – Sun. Morning HIM DVD at 8:45 a.m.
- 27 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome.
- 30 – Sat. Men’s Fellowship 8:00 a.m. Denny’s.
- 31 – Sun. Morning HIM DVD at 8:45 a.m.



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO  
SCOTT BAEHRENS AND BLUE NOTE  
HAWAII Jazz Restaurant & Bar**

We celebrate the success of Scott, our previous music director, as he brings beautiful music to the people of Hawaii! Scott has included a Gospel Brunch each Sunday morning, full dinner menu and offers great entertainment. Great job Scott!

**“Delight Yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37:4**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

| July 2016 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 17        | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24        | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31        |    |    |    |    |    |    |

- 03 – Sun. Communion Sunday.  
Missions Meeting after worship.
- 04 – Mon. Happy Birthday America! Celebrate the fourth of July. Office closed.
- 06 – Wed. Summer Sewing/Craft Ministry, 9:00 a.m. all are welcome. We will be creating greeting cards.
- 10 – Sun. Morning HIM DVD at 8:45 a.m.  
Deacons Meeting following worship.
- 16 – Sat. KCC all-church workday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.
- 17 – Sun. Morning HIM DVD at 8:45 a.m.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER**  
Myrtle Terada

**AUDIO**  
Barney Pilla

**USHERS/GREETER**  
Gary Nham

**VISUAL**  
Debbie Fong

**DEACON GREETER**  
Paul Grable

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**  
June Tom

**PIANO**  
Jenna Han & Natsuko Oda  
Mahalo Nani for filling in while Jenna is away.

**CHILD CARE** Jennifer Pang, Coordinator

- 03 Susan Morita / Carol Soma
- 10 Carol Soma / Debbie Glenn
- 17 Jennifer Pang / Alice Esaki



- 24 Carol Soma / Shane Soma
- 31 Nancy Arakaki / Jennifer Pang

**FLOWERS**

- 03 – Mel & June Tom
- 10 – Jean Miyaji
- 17 – Paul & Kammy Grable
- 24 – Dr. Gary & Susan Morita
- 31 – open



**KING'S COMPANY**

Sarah Weible

**AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:**

(Deacon Group: Sharlene Yamauchi)

Any refreshments offered for Sunday mornings during the hospitality hour will be 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**

**SUNDAY MORNING DVDS**  
**FEATURING SPEAKERS FROM**  
**THE HIM CONFERENCES**

All are welcome to join us starting at 8:45 a.m.  
In the church library. This is a great  
opportunity to grow in your faith journey.

**KCC All-CHURCH WORKDAY**  
Saturday, July 16, 2016  
8:00 a.m. to completion  
Lunch Provided.

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**TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Monday, July 18, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Wednesday, July 20, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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**NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**  
Saturday, July 23, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.  
Monthly prayer and support fellowship.

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**MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**  
Saturday, July 30, 2016  
8:00 a.m. at Denny’s in Kaneohe

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Anyone interested in serving on the Pastoral Search Committee, regardless of their time availability to serve, please attend a meeting on July 17 after worship service. We will try to work through these time commitment issues as well as the other qualifications published in this newsletter.

**SUMMER SEWING/CRAFTS MINISTRY**



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



**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016**  
Communion Sunday

~ Mission Meeting in library following worship.

**CELEBRATE the**  
**FOURTH OF JULY**  
Monday, July 4, 2016  
Holiday –Office Closed



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!**

**SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2016**  
~ Deacons Meeting following worship.