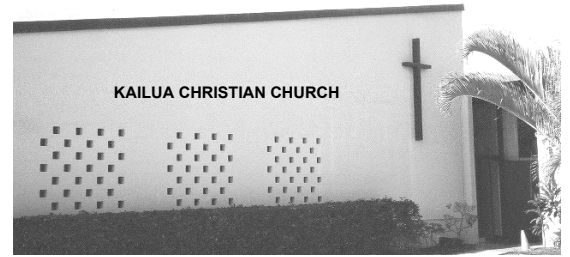


# Waves of Faith

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## Pastoral Search Committee Report

Your Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) has come to the conclusion of a very lengthy and time consuming process, which required many meetings to determine who it is that God wants to lead KCC into the future. Leaving individual wants and desires behind, the team made efforts to be inspired by the Spirit and to hold all of you in our hearts as we searched for someone to heal us and to inspire us to become the church that Jesus envisioned. We listened to each other, sometimes seeing qualities in different candidates that we felt would be good for KCC. We were not moved by any candidates in the first group and asked for more profiles to review.

After reviewing 38 profiles and interviewing five ministers, it was with an enormous sense of relief, that after interviewing and looking in to the background of one particular candidate, the team was unanimous in its belief that we had found someone to share their life with KCC. (We had initially agreed to come to consensus as a way to make our decisions – that is, if you did not totally feel this was the right person, could you accept the reasons shared by others to come to consensus with the rest of the team. We were surprised that ours was a unanimous agreement.) This candidate possessed many of the qualities and characteristics that were discussed by the PSC and during discussions facilitated by the Transition Team and from the Moderator's conversations. We had some concerns, and we were forthright in asking him to address them. His answers allayed the reservations we had about him. Feel-

ing so elated, we offered to the Congregation that we were close to selecting someone, but had to present this person to the Council. After meeting with the Council, strong reservations were surfaced to the extent that the Search Committee met again on September 24 for further discussion. We were able to come to consensus and the PSC remains in support of his call. This was shared with the Moderator and he will begin the process to call a Congregational meeting for the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. You should be receiving information about the candidate and informing you of the Congregational meeting. We expect that the candidate will also preach at KCC and be available at two meet and greet sessions the Saturday before to answer your questions, with proposed times being 10AM and 4PM. Please stay tuned to our website ([KailuaChristianChurch.org](http://KailuaChristianChurch.org)) and any announcements during worship for more information on the upcoming events.

We continue to ask for your prayers for KCC!

Your Pastoral Search Committee



**MODERATOR'S MESSAGE**

**Lord I lift your name on high  
 Lord I love to sing your praises  
 I'm so glad you're in my life  
 I'm so glad you came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth, to show the way  
 From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
 From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
 Lord I lift your name on high**

This praise song came to mind as I was getting ready for work the other day. What a blessing the gift of music is in our lives. I was introduced to this song many years ago while attending worship services at Kailua Christian Church. It brought back many fond memories of my family growing and developing our faith in Christ here at KCC. KCC opened the world of God's word to our children, Katelyn and Andrew. I am so thankful for the love, care, nurturing, patience and teaching provided by Sunday school teachers Mitsi Higashida, Mae Takahashi, Nancy Arakaki, Stella Wakamatsu and Alice Esaki. (I apologize if I left anyone out.) Our Sunday school teachers provided a strong foundation for our children's introduction to God's word in scripture from the Bible, and His love for all of us.

It was also here at KCC that each member of our family was baptized on Sunday, April 30, 2000. My life has been filled with spiritual growth and development through Bible studies and fellowshiping with many members and friends of KCC. I am always in awe of our founding members and their love and dedication to God. It is just incredible to hear of the hard work and effort they put into building our beloved church property. They did this with joyful hearts, working after their regular jobs finished and on weekends. We are so fortunate to have this beautiful place to worship each Sunday.

I share these reflections to encourage you to reflect back on your spiritual journey whether it

began here at KCC or somewhere else. I am so thankful to the Lord for blessing my life with a loving family at home and at KCC. I also want to encourage you to always give thanks as I Thessalonians 5:18 states "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

By now, all members of KCC should have received a letter dated September 25, 2017 from the pastoral search committee informing you that a candidate has been selected for recommendation to the congregation. I am thankful for all the work this committee did to get to this point. I am also thankful to all the members who participated in the various meetings, Bible studies that provided the committee with information needed to complete our church profile which was part of the pastoral search process.

However, the work to find a candidate is not done yet. We need all members to come to the Saturday, October 14, 2017, meet and greet. There you will be able to meet the candidate, and ask any questions you have concerning his past or how he envisions leading our congregation. We also need all members to attend the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 15, 2017. As a congregational church, each member has a vote to determine if the candidate presented by the pastoral search committee is one they feel called to lead our church. Each member has an important role in the future of our beloved KCC. A secret ballot will be held at the congregational meeting. A two-thirds majority vote of members present will result in the acceptance of the candidate being called to KCC as its pastor.

I encourage all members to ask any questions you have regarding the candidate or the process and we will do our best to assist you.

Love in Christ!

Dean Wakuzawa, Moderator



**DEACON NEWS**

This last month the Benevolence Fund helped three individuals with their rent for a total of \$525.



According to the Board of Deacons Handbook, the purpose of the Deacons Benevolence Fund is as follows:

1. To assist with the financial needs of those who are unable to provide for themselves.
2. To provide resources for ministries that give support and care to individuals or families.

The Board of Deacons has complete jurisdiction over this fund. To ask for assistance the individual needs to come in and apply in person. Sometimes they arrive with a friend or support person they have asked for a ride, but more often they catch the bus. The applicants are not limited to the windward side but often come from areas far from Kailua. After submitting their application they then need to come back to the church a second time for a face to face interview with the deacons.

As a deacon, it is sometimes difficult to determine whether a person is able or unable to provide for him/herself. As the administrators of this fund we need to be conscientious of how we disburse the funds. There is a slim line between providing for a genuine need and enabling an individual to not take responsibility. To this we ask for your prayers.

Pray for those who apply for assistance.  
Pray for the deacons who disburse the funds.  
Pray for our members and friends (and for those who are not our members and friends) who are lonely, ill, or missing a loved one.

And since we are asking for prayers, may I add on a few more . . .

Pray for our church in transition as we wait for a settled pastor.

Pray for the KCC leaders and pastoral search committee as they work together.

Pray that we will treat each other with love and respect.

And beyond our little community in Kailua . . . Pray for the leaders of our nation and the world and fill them with wisdom and compassion.

With thanks and love,  
Your Deacons

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers

~ Ruth Uyechi

~ Sats Nemoto

~ Nancy Arakaki

~ Mildred Sakamoto

~ Florence Miyashiro's husband, Richard

~ Debbie Nakaji, Alice's sister-in-law.

~ Myrtle and Lowell's entire family. Myrtle's sister passed away and her service was held in the latter part of Sept. Please continue your prayers for cousin Jennifer and Lowell's sister.

~ Haunani Ornellas (Blanche's daughter) who's husband Fred passed away not long after Blanche.

~ Hurricane, flood, and earthquake victims.

**Praise God** for answered prayers and the successful surgery of Jean (Yoshida) Pfau and her ability to return home from the mainland and being able to go back to work so quickly. Rev. Howard sends his sincere appreciation for your prayers.

**Congratulations** to Dr. Wilson Manuwai Peters who has earned the title of Global Executive Doctor of Education bestowed upon him by the University of Southern California

**Congratulations** to the Yoneshige and Kesler families as they welcome another baby boy into the ohana. Mom, Cyndi and Dad, Kevin now have two sons that Grandma and Grandpa Yoneshige are delighted about.

The Grable and Ebisu families also are celebrating the addition of another little girl into their ohana. Mom, Elyse and Dad, Dusty welcomed their bundle of joy that brought elation to Aunty Cassie, Grandma Kammy and Grandpa Paul.



## WHAT IS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH?

As we look forward to the future of KCC together – we will soon choose church officers and leaders for the next year, and in some cases, two, and we will also ask the ministry committees to prepare a budget that reflects the commitment we hope to make together. With this in mind you are invited to an opportune time to reflect on who we are and who's we are. Let us try to remember what brought us here together in the first place and how we have served God faithfully through the first 60 years. Let's look forward to how we will continue to serve him in the many years to come. We lift up our covenant and purpose as shared in our By Laws so that we can be reminded of our common bond to honor God and invite people into a loving relationship with God -- only made possible because of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Missions Committee continues to invite people with a heart for missions to join us in fulfilling the mission of honoring God in all we do.

### **Article II. Covenant and Purpose of KCC as noted in our By Laws**

We agree to be united in seeking to know the will of God from the Holy Scriptures and the life and example of Jesus Christ. We resolve to walk in the ways of the Lord as made known and to be made known to us. The purpose of this Church is to be the body through which personal and collective Christian living can be experienced, nurtured and shared with others, for we are a family of loving, caring, praying people of God of different backgrounds and ages. We hold it to be the mission of this Church to proclaim the gospel to all people: ministering to the needs of our Church family; reaching out to the community and the world; exalting the worship of the one true God; and, working for the promotion of justice, the realization of peace and the fellowship of all humanity. Relying upon the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, we work and pray for the transformation of the

world into the kingdom of God, and we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the life everlasting.

### **Article III. Polity and Affiliation**

This Church acknowledges Jesus Christ as its head and finds in the Holy Scriptures, interpreted by the Holy Spirit through reason, faith and conscience, its guidance in matters of faith and discipline.....



#### **NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**

Mahalo goes out to Lisa Letoto-Ohata, Kapuna Wellness Center Manager and our special guest speaker from Lanakila Meals on Wheels and



More. Lisa had our full attention as she shared the mission and purpose of this wonderful program. This outreach funded through the State Executive Office on Aging's Kupuna Care Program through the Older Americans Act as administered by the Elderly Affairs Division, City and County of Honolulu does such a great job providing care and attention to our seniors. It is the largest senior meal provider in Hawaii. Lisa left paperwork and tips for your convenience that you can find near the Missions Bulletin Board. A source of many helpful tips and a bundle of infectious joy... it is without a doubt that Lisa loves her job and loves the people she is committed to in our wider community. It was a pleasure having her.



Mark your calendars for our last gathering on Sat. Nov. 18 when we hope to confirm a Physical Therapist that will focus on those with Parkinson's. Watch for more details in Oct.

**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
09/03	61	08	02
09/10	57	09	02
09/17	65	11	04
09/24	52	05	00

**MAHALO PASTORS  
FOR A JOB WELL DONE!**

Rev. Gary Augustin      Clive Cowell



Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson      Rev. Dr. Bong Ro



A sincere mahalo goes out to all our guest speakers this month who blessed us with messages of Call and Response; Water? Good! Light? Good! A Shepherd? Better!; Becoming Better.; and When You Face a Storm of Life. We thank God for these faithful men who serve God's people with his Word.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Nick Shiroma    | Jane Shiroma    |
| Maika`i Miller  | Jane Masuno     |
| Richard Esaki   | Chris Nakamatsu |
| Robert St. John | Joan Sakaba     |
| Heaven King     | Barbara Gomes   |
| Irene Kanetake  | Lynette Pimenta |
| Debbie Glenn    | Jennifer Pang   |
| Alice Esaki     | Kingston Kapua  |
| Pam Morikawa    |                 |
| Howard Pang     |                 |
| Akiko Nakamura  |                 |



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

- Derek & Debbie Martinson  
 Nick & Susan Shiroma  
 John & Terri Lipps



**KING'S COMPANY  
MINISTRY  
SEEKS HELPERS**

Christian Education Chairperson, Patti Myers shared a need for helpers in our King's Company children's ministry. This vital and fun ministry happens during worship every Sunday morning except for Communion Sundays. This Jr. Church opportunity provides the children ages 5 through 9 with an age appropriate worship experience. Please see Patti for more details. Thank you for considering how you can be a blessing to our children.

It was wonderful to have Beverly, baby Maia Rose, her sister, Emma, and their dad, Anthony, joining Pastor Dale at worship here at KCC.



**MISSIONS NEWS**

**GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM**



A BIG MAHALO goes out to all our supporters through the Give Aloha program in September. We have been fortunate to receive generous donations through this program to further the work of KCC. At last count there were 53 donations totaling the amount of \$9,752. Final details will be available in mid-October.



The **UCC Transition House** is having their annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, October 19 at Central Union Church at 5:30p.

Tickets are \$45. The Transition House shelters abused women with young children as long as 6 months. Only facility on Oahu to do so for this long. See June Tom for details and tickets. Mahalo.

**3 Great Loves: Mission of the UCC**

The United Church of Christ has a vision of a just world for all. In this world all are welcomed, everyone is loved and justice is inherent. The 3 Great Loves is the denomination's opportunity to express how our Love of Neighbor, Love of Children, and Love of Creation work together to address the inequities in our current world.

Beginning at Synod 2017 and ending at Synod 2019, through the lens of the 3 Great Loves, the United Church of Christ in its many settings of ministry will discern and lift up how we act upon these 3 Great Loves. As we do so, we will tell the story of how we are impacting and transforming the world, as covenantal partners united in common purpose and mission.

During these upcoming two years, there will be moments of special invitation to participate in this denomination-wide undertaking. One by one we will focus on each of the 3 Great Loves in service to our communities. A video invitation will be presented in worship soon with more details.



**KCC Canned Goods Drive**

Collection Oct. 22 through Nov. 19, 2017

**Food Drive**



We welcome any interested persons to sign up to help with the KCC Canned Goods Food Drive for 2017. As this

project will once again assist the St. Anthony's Food Bank and be distributed near Thanksgiving, we need help promoting this drive and receiving donations starting late Oct. and ending with a blessing on Nov. 19 on Thanksgiving Sunday. See Kammy, Dan for more details. Mahalo!

**FAMILY PROMISE MINISTRY**

We welcome your support by marking your calendars for our final week of hosting families with Family Promise Ministry for the year of 2017. We so appreciate your help providing meals, staying overnight as host, Set up of rooms, clean-up of rooms, washing bedding after the event, and donating food supplies during the week they will be here. Meal set up help is also appreciated. Although we will be hosting from Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> through 12 we do need to gather our workers and prepare in October. So, please sign up when you see the clip board passed around on Sunday mornings after worship. See Bryan Gomes or Dan for more information. Sincere Mahalo to all.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Please prayerfully consider how God wants you to serve Him in the ministries of KCC for 2018 and in 2019. We will soon be seeking officers and we hope even if you cannot commit to being leaders in this capacity... you will be there to support leaders who need people with passion and the heart for the different ministries.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

October 2017						
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				

**OCTOBER**

- 01 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Special guest pastor, Rev. Richard Kamanu. Missions Meeting following worship.
- 04 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study on the Parables, 9:00 a.m.
- 05 - Thurs. BIH Study on the Psalms, 6:30 p.m.
- 08 – Sun. Special guest pastor, Rev. Ken Ma-kuakane, Papa Makua. Deacons Mtg. 2018 Proposed Budgets due to Trustees by committees.
- 10 -Tues. Planning Mtg, w/ 4C church, 1:00 p.m. regarding service on Sun. 10/22.
- 11 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 12 – Thurs. BIH class on Psalms, 6:30 p.m.
- 14 – Sat. Informational/Meet and Greet the Pastoral Candidate, Rev. [REDACTED], 10 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at KCC
- 15 – Sun. Rev. [REDACTED] will be our special guest speaker. Congregational Meeting and vote of candidate.
- 16 – Mon. Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 18 – Wed. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 – Thurs. BIH class on Psalms, 6:30 p.m.
- 22 – Sun. 4C/KCC Joint Worship  
KCC Food Drive begins.
- 25 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.
- 26 – Thurs. BIH class on Psalms, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 – Sun. Special guest Pastor, Rev. Gloria Imamura.

**NOVEMBER**

- 01 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9 a.m.  
All Saints Day
- 04 – KCC All-Church Workday 8:30 a.m.  
UCC Aha Mokapuni at Makiki Christian.
- 05 – Family Promise Week hosted at KCC.  
Food Drive continues until Nov. 19.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**WORSHIP LEADER**

Bryan Gomes

**AUDIO**

Barney Pilla

**GREETER/ USHERS**

Paul Grable & Gary Nham

**VISUAL**

Debbie Fong  
Diane Lee Pilla

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**

Barney Pilla

**PIANO**

Scott Baehren

**KING'S COMPANY**

Youth

**CHILD CARE** Carol Soma, Coordinator

- 01 – Susan St.John/Carol Soma
- 08 – Jennifer Pang/April Jessee
- 15 – Carol Soma/Shane Soma
- 22 – Jennifer Pang/Carol Soma
- 29 – Carol Soma/Lara Higashi

**FLOWERS**

- 01 – June & Mel Tom
- 08 – June & Mel Tom
- 15 – Richard & Alice Esaki
- 22 – Joan Sakaba
- 29 - Lowell & Myrtle Terada

**AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:**

Our Undershepherd group led by **Deacon, Sharon Mon** will host refreshments for the month of October. A special thank you goes out to their entire group. We welcome refreshments from anyone else who would like to participate.

**KCC All-CHURCH WORKDAY**

Saturday, Nov. 4, 2017  
8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Always give yourselves



fully to the work of the Lord ...



1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

We welcome your participation in preparing our place of worship for the Holidays....All are welcome. Bring your buckets, rags, weeders and other gardening tools, but most of all a joyful spirit to brighten and clean up things. Lunch will be provided.

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Return service requested

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1, 2017

Guest Pastor:

Rev. Richard Kamanu

~ Neighbors in Need Offering to be received.



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Study on the Parables

9:00 a.m.

All are welcome.

BIBLE INSTITUTE OF HAWAII

Experiencing God in the Psalms

Thursday Evening class continues 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Facilitated by Dr, Martha Stinton

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017

Guest Pastor:

Rev. Ken Makuakane

MEET AND GREET

Informational Meetings with Pastoral Candidate

Rev. [Redacted]

Saturday, October 14, 2017

10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Members and friends welcome to attend.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

~ Guest Pastor: Rev. [Redacted]

Pastoral Candidate presented by the Search Committee will offer the morning message.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO FOLLOW WORSHIP SERVICE

Members of KCC will vote on the pastoral candidate presented.

TRUSTEES MEETING

Monday, October 16, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

~ Joint Worship of KCC and Four C Church
Potluck lunch to follow.

~ KCC Canned Food Drive Begins!

Pulpit Supply for October



10/01- Rev. Richard Kamanu

10/08 - Rev. Ken Makuakane

10/15 - Rev. [Redacted]

10/22 - Joint Worship w/ 4C Church

10/29 - Rev. Gloria Imamura