

# Waves of Faith

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## In the Interim

How do you put together a budget? Situations change. Children go off to college or move out, a family member retires, income increases or decreases, medical insurance increases, etc. When there is a change, we need to stop and assess our priorities. What is most important for us in 2017? We do that with our families, and we do that as a church.

If everything is stable and we believe income and expenses will remain the same, we simply take last year's budget and make minor adjustments. However, if we have to attend two graduations on the mainland, our travel budget may be significantly higher. Budgets usually tell us what we believe is important.

Kailua Christian Church UCC needs to fund the Pastoral Search and prepare for calling, possibly moving, and welcoming a settled pastor. Those are not expenses the church has had to address for some time. In addition, your Council has recommended to you three priorities:

- 1) We need to experience the Body of Christ in our work and ministry. We make sure we support one another by sharing our faith and our ideas freely with each other, learning to welcome and accept our differences in ways that are caring, and accepting people who are different from us.
- 2) Leadership development.
- 3) Evaluating/reviewing ministries and processes—how are we organized for

ministry? Are we building on our strengths?

A budget based on goals begins with plans to achieve those goals. It asks, "What resources

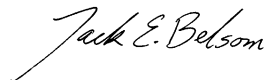
(personnel, funds, time, equipment, etc.) do we need?" It prioritizes the budget so that first things are first.

One process we may want to use with our committees, the Council and the Pastoral Search Committee is called a SWOT Analysis. We analyze our Strengths, our Weaknesses, any Opportunities and any Threats. Too often we fret over our Weaknesses instead of taking a good look at our Strengths. If we try to find create ways to build on our Strengths to seize opportunities that God is presenting, we probably will get more done than bemoaning our Weaknesses. Oh, yes, we do need to take any Threats seriously. In the time I have been in ministry with you, I have not picked up on any immediate Threats.

By building on our Strengths, we can put first things first and be ready to welcome the Opportunities that God will present. The Apostle writes, "[God says,] 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' I will all the more gladly boast of my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9 NRSV). With that assurance, we don't even have to worry about our weakness.

Let's trust God to use us and this interim to move us toward God's vision for Kailua Christian Church UCC.

Your servant in Christ,



Jack E. Belsom, Interim Pastor

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## MODERATOR'S NOTES

I have been getting some feedback from comments that I've heard regarding our Pastoral Search process, which really started with the search for an interim pastor almost a year ago. Some of these comments reflect the thought that we "just need to get it over with".

I am a big believer in "process". I think the best way to explain it is to compare process with a recipe in baking. If we wanted to bake a special cake for someone, we would probably think of the best example we had ever tasted and try to get that recipe, or not having that taste experience, going to a cookbook that thoroughly tests many recipes for that type of cake and coming up with the "best". In other words, trying to eliminate chance and insure certainty.

So KCC has contracted with the Centers for Parish Development to help us with the "recipe" and we have retained the "chef" who has trained in the interim process, Pastor Jack. In baking this "cake", we have learned much in our Bible studies and retreats. Who we are, what our core values and strengths are, what our vision is for our future, and most of all, how to discern where God wants this church as opposed to where you or I want this church to be.

So I would ask that you pray for us, the Pastoral Search Committee, as we head for the home stretch in this process; Paul Grable, Robert St. John, Debbie Glenn, Karel Ling, Deb Fong, Myrtle Terada, June Tom, Joan Sakaba and me, as the non-voting facilitator.

Peace,

--Roy Yamauchi †

## PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Blanche Keahi
- ~ Sue Nakashima
- ~ George Nakamura



Prayers for the women involved in the horrible car accident at the Kapahulu bank that left one fatality and many traumatized lives and losses. Please also keep their families and friends in your prayers as they deal with all the sadness this has brought.

Please continue to pray for Lynsey and Fabian Gosin and their daughter, Zephaniah – (friends of the Higashis). The family is facing numerous challenges in Japan as their daughter was born braindead and as they try to donate her healthy organs for the benefit of other babies in need, they are facing financial challenges with rising health care charges to keep their daughter alive and trying to get her to the USA because of medical laws in Japan that don't allow organ donations for anyone under 6 years old.

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.

Praise God that Mitsi Higashida is doing so well as she continues to recover at a care home in Maunawili. Mitsi welcomes visitors and if you'd like to visit with her, call the church office for the contact number to make an appt. with the home.

Praise God's for his grace this Hurricane Season and always!

Continued prayers for our Search Committee members who will begin meeting in late Oct. Mahlo for their commitment of time and energy to complete this process to select our new pastor.

***Be The Reason  
Someone Smiles Today.***

**DEACON NEWS**

World Communion Sunday, October 2 – come experience communion utilizing various types of breads representing different parts of the world.



The tradition began as an attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Church of Jesus Christ is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

As previously announced, please let any Deacon, Pastor Jack, or Kammy know that you would like to be served communion at your residence and we will make arrangement to have one of the Deacons come visit you and share communion with you. Our plan is to do this after the service on the first Sunday of each month. So, if you request communion you should expect a visit in the early afternoon on that day. We will contact you to confirm.

Also, anyone who would like to take advantage of the KCC Taxi Service, please let us know. Anyone who would like to serve by being a driver, please also let us know. We will see what we can do to put drivers and passengers together.

Your current Deacons are: Myrtle Terada, Deborah Fong, Sharon Mon, Bryan Gomes, Paul Grable and Diane Lee Pilla

--Diane Lee Pilla, Deacon



The KCC Deacons Benevolence Fund will be received on Sunday, October 23 during the worship service. This offering is used for those who have emergency needs and processing the applications are under the care of our Deacons Ministry. Applications can be picked up at the church office. Please contact your deacon for more information about this offering.

**BABY CAPS BLESSING**



Mahalo to all who made the 125 and counting, crocheted baby caps that will be donated to the Birthing Center at Castle Medical Center. Karel Ling and Akiko Nakamura crocheted over 40 baby caps each! The Center continues to deliver many babies throughout the year so they sincerely appreciate receiving these caps.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- Nick Shiroma
- Richard Esaki
- Robert St. John
- Heaven King
- Sara Fong
- Daniel Oda
- Irene Kanetake
- Debbie Glenn
- Alice Esaki
- Pamela Morikawa
- Howard Pang

- Debby Ogasawara
- Akiko Nakamura
- Jane Shiroma
- Jane Masuno
- Chris Nakamatsu
- Joan Sakaba
- Barbara Gomes
- Lynette Pimenta
- Jennifer Pang
- Kingston Kapua

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- Derek and Debra Martinson
- Nick and Susan Shiroma
- John and Terri Lipps

**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
08/28	93	19	--
09/04	57	05	--
09/11	60	05	01
09/18	60	05	--
09/25	59	08	--

**TRUSTEE’S TIDBITS**

On Easter Sunday of 1966, congregants held their first service in the nearly completed Kailua Christian Church. (See KCC’s history on our new website: [www.kailuachristianchurch.org](http://www.kailuachristianchurch.org)). Fifty years later, KCC’s structures continue to serve its congregation well. Many though now wonder what the future holds for this church. This sentiment is shared amongst many churches worldwide. Worship and faith of 50 years ago is no longer the same; maintaining church buildings are in many cases becoming a source of concern for church leaders.

KCC is in an interim period, seeking a new settled pastor and seeking ways to keep the church relevant. The Tri-Isle Association of the United Church Christ (Maui-Lanai-Molokai churches of Hawaii Conference) has sponsored several seminars to address these concerns. KCC, through the assistance of Pastor Jack has been invited to share in one of these sessions. June Tom, Roy Yamauchi and Gary Nham have volunteered to attend “Part II: Practicum: Recasting Your Church’s Assets,” during the weekends of October 21 and 28. They will be working with Sally O’Brien of the Episcopal Church Fund (ECBF), who will present an innovative hands-on consultation process. The aim of the process is to help congregations identify their place in the community – to understand their relevance; to build mission and value in the world around them, and to use their real estate assets to develop financial self-sustainability. Congregational development is not the strategy for increasing parish income. The intent of this process is to invigorate parish life, and create new, dynamic relationships

within the community, resulting in common mission and new people experiencing a fulfilling relationship with the church.”

The three objectives of the session are: 1) develop financial self-sustainability through the creative use of buildings and property; 2) create relevancy by developing relationships in the outside community; 3) disperse or reallocate real-estate assets which are redundant or cannot be sustained; and 4) inspire new ways to be a thriving church.

Ms. O’Brien is the Vice President of the Episcopal Church Building Fund for 24 years. She started out working with congregations which were conducting building projects. In recent years, as more churches struggle to maintain their church property because of dwindling membership, they began to work with churches that are reinventing how they do church, sometimes through new uses of their real estate.” Ms O’Brien has also helped church leaders become “more adept at managing the natural kind of conflict that happens with groups, like families and congregations,” as they move through change.

KCC’s team’s participation has been supported primarily with funds received by the Tri-Isle Association and by Pastor Jack.

We keep in mind, Ms. O’Brien’s belief, “I don’t know much, but I know this, if we follow the Spirit there will be life.” We look forward to learning from June, Gary, Roy, Pastor Jack and Ms. O’Brien.

Come and meet and share a meal with our 2016 Consecrated Steward, Rev. Wayne Ibara of Makiki Christian Church. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 in Rooms 3 & 4. A Sign-up sheet is being circulated during worship or you can call the office at 261-0125 to save a seat.

Reverend Ibara is the senior pastor at Makiki Christian Church and will share his thoughts on Stewardship and the church of today.





promises to be a nostalgic holiday sing along experience. A potluck lunch will follow.

**A New Year Beginning – Sat. January 28**

Please also mark your calendars to begin the new year with a healthy start. Our favorite HMSA guest speaker, Steve McCall will present, LAUGH-SING-MOVE. Studies show that Americans are snacking on about 570 calories more each day than in the 1970s. Discover calorie-free alternatives to snacking. You'll be invited to laugh out loud, sing with vigor, and move!

**RIVER OF LIFE MINISTRY**



Mahalo to Shane Soma for sharing our first Missions Moment time during the Sun. worship service. Shane shared how this ministry has influenced his life and how much fun you can have

in serving. He shared a funny story about how he knows Elvis is alive because he is one of the regular recipients of our Message and a Meal events down at the ROL Mission in Chinatown. Shane also took the time to invite our congregation to be participants in this great ministry outreach. We have been participating in this ministry effort (on the budget) since 2001. With inspiration from Carl and Mae Takahashi spearheading this effort, we served ROL - 3 times each year through 2005. In 2006, Dan Jessee began leading this ministry and added one more service event to 4 times a year from 2007 to the current time.

ROL estimates serving about 15,000 meals a month. From the beginning, we have provided a worship service with singing and an encouraging word before serving a hot meal that KCC has prepared. Please see Dan or Shane for more details on how you can participate.

**MISSIONS NEWS**



**Our Transitional Housing Ministry** welcomes Melanie, a single mother and Jolyn, her 17 year old daughter, as our new guests. The family is moving in on Monday, October 3 and we hope to introduce them to you shortly after. Jolyn will be graduating from Campbell High School this school year and Melanie is currently seeking employment. Please keep them in your prayers as they hopefully adjust well in their new “home” and the six months that they will be in Kailua.

**NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**



A big mahalo goes out to our September guest speaker, Steve Katz, from NAMI the National Alliance for Mental Illness. Steve’s testimony was helpful and informative. He offered many resources and handouts and made us hopeful that the care conditions in Hawaii will improve and our poor rank of 49 of 51 will change soon.

**Next Gathering - Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016**

9:30 a.m. Updates and Prayers  
 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Dave DelRosario will share simple exercises put to music for people suffering with Arthritis. All are welcome.

**Holiday Celebration – Saturday, Nov. 18**

As we look ahead to the last meeting time for this year, we hope you will make it a point to join us. On Saturday, Nov. 18, 2016 (third Sat. of the month) join us for our HMSA’s Music and Health Christmas Special with Steve McCall. This



**KCC Canned Goods Drive**  
 Collection Oct. 30 through Nov. 20, 2016

**Food Drive**




We welcome any interested persons to sign up to help with the KCC Canned Goods Food Drive for 2016. 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. 20. See Kammy for more details. Mahalo!

**FREE SEMINAR**  
TO ALL PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS

**GRIEVING WELL:  
HOPE AND HEALING AFTER LOSS & DEATH**

Presented by Mari Kanemura, L.C.S.W.  
Christian Grief Counselor and Family Therapist  
Ola Hou Clinic



*By attending this seminar, you will:*

- ✓ Increase your knowledge and understanding of different types of loss and grieving styles
- ✓ Learn about local resources for the bereaved
- ✓ Learn ways your church can support the bereaved
- ✓ Identify normal grief, complicated grief and know when to refer for grief counseling

**WHEN:**  
Friday, 21 October, 10:00 to 11:30 (Seminar is 1 Hour; Q&A is ½ Hour)

**WHERE:**  
Kaimuki Christian Church, 1117 Koko Head Ave, Fellowship Hall  
On the ground floor of the main building, Gallather Hall, and directly adjacent to the main parking lot. See www.kaimukichristian.org for further directions.

Also meet Ola Hou Clinic's New Psychotherapist: Una Starr, PsyD

**RSVP to Ola Hou Clinic at (808) 487-5433  
by October 14, 2016**

Ola Hou Clinic is a full psychological services center that has been serving the Christian community of Hawaii since 1986. View our website: olahouclinic.com for more information about the clinic, treatment services, and their staff.

**Billy Graham's Prayer at 95 Years Old**

**“Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, 'Woe to those who call evil good,' but that is exactly what we have done. We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values. We have exploited the poor and called it the**

**lottery. We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare. We have killed our unborn and called it choice. We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable. We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem. We have abused power and called it politics. We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition. We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression. We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment. Search us, Oh God, and know our hearts today; cleanse us from sin and set us free. Amen!”**



UCC President Preaches in Hawai'i

John Dorhauer, UCC General Minister and President, preached at a special community-wide worship service on Sunday, September 25 at Central Union Church. All were invited to this service, which included choirs from local churches, affirmation of the Rev. Dorhauer's installation, and Holy Communion.



**CAMP MOKULE'IA**

**Gala Fundraiser Luau**

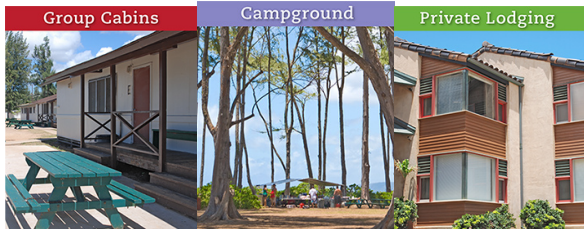
**Saturday, November 26, 2016**

**Come enjoy a Traditional Luau with Live Music, Dancing, Hula, and Live Auction while honoring Executive Director, Reverend. David Turner on his 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Ticket holders are eligible for 2 nights for the price of 1 in Ocean Front Lodges or cabins – Nov. 25-26. Limited space so book soon. Purchase tickets at [www.campmokuleia.com](http://www.campmokuleia.com)**





**Celebrate Thanksgiving here this year!**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

October 2016						
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- 02 – Sun. Communion in Service, 10:00 a.m.  
Neighbors In Need Offering
- 03 – Mon. New family moves into T/H Unit.
- 04 – Tues. Study on Romans, 7:00 p.m.
- 05– Wed. Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Romans 9:00 a.m. .
- 09 – Sun. Deacons Meeting following worship.
- 11 – Tues. Study on Romans, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 – Wed. Wednesday Morning Bible Study on Romans 9:00 a.m.  
Trustees Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 – Sat. Fall Mokupuni at Makiki Christian Church.
- 18 -Tues. KCC Special Dinner at 6:00 p.m. with Guest Steward, Rev. Wayne Ibara
- 19– Wed. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m. Council Mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- 23- Sun. Deacons Benevolence Fund Offering to be received in the worship service.  
Stewardship Testimony: Debbie Fong

- 24 – Mon. Transitional Housing Ministry monthly meeting. 9:30 a.m. w/ IHS.
- 25 – Tues. Study on Romans, 7:00 p.m.
- 26 – Wed. Wed.Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.  
Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 – Sun. Stewardship Testimony: Nancy Arakaki. KCC Canned Goods Drive.



Announcing the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual HIM CONFERENCE  
March 16-18, 2017 | Hawaii Convention Center

Register at discounted early rates now at [himonline.org](http://himonline.org)

Mark your calendars to attend the Honolulu 2017 HIM Conference in March.



**WORSHIP LEADER**

Roy Yamauchi

**AUDIO**

Barney Pilla

**USHERS/GREETER**

Alice Esaki & Nancy Arakaki

**VISUAL**

Debbie Fong  
Diane Lee Pilla

**DEACON GREETER**

Paul Grable

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**

June Tom

**PIANO**

Jenna Han

**CHILD CARE**

Carol Soma, Coordinator  
02 Carol Soma, Sharlene Yamauchi

- 09 Susan St. John / April Jessee
- 16 Carol Soma / Debbie Glenn
- 23 Lara Higashi / Jennifer Pang
- 30 Alice Esaki / Carol Soma



**FLOWERS**

- 02 – Richard & Alice Esaki
- 09 – Mel & June Tom
- 16 – Barney & Diane Lee Pilla
- 23 – Joan Sakaba
- 30 – Mel & June Tom



**KING'S COMPANY**

**AFTER SERVICE REFRESHMENTS:**

(Deacon Group: Sharon Mon)

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**

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**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Every Wednesday in October 2016  
 Study continues on the book of Romans  
 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

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**DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday, October 9, 2016  
 following worship.

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**TRUSTEES MEETING**

Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
 7:00 p.m.

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**KCC CONSECRATING  
STEWARDS DINNER**

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016**

Communion Sunday

~ **Neighbors in Need**

**Offering** received.

~ **Missions Meeting** following worship.

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**TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

Tuesdays, October 4, 11, 25, 2016  
 Study continues on the book of Romans  
 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

**COUNCIL MEETING**

Wednesday, October 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.



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**NA ANELA SUPPORT GROUP**

Saturday, October 22, 2016 – 9:30 a.m.

Monthly prayer and support fellowship followed by special guest speaker: Dave DelRosario sharing simple exercises for those challenged with arthritis – 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



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**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

Please mark your calendars with the following:

Tuesday, October 18 – Special chicken dinner  
with Guest Steward, Rev. Wayne Ibara.

Sunday, October 23 – First Witnessing Steward  
Debbie Fong

Sunday, October 30 – Second Witnessing  
Steward – Nancy Arakaki

Sunday, November 6 – Third Witnessing  
Steward – Dan Jessee  
Stewardship letter to be  
distributed

Sunday, November 13 – Consecration Sunday  
with Guest Steward

Sunday, November 20 – Budget Discussion Mtg.

Sunday, December 4 – Congregational Mtg. to  
approve the 2017 Budget  
and Election of Officers  
and Board Members.

