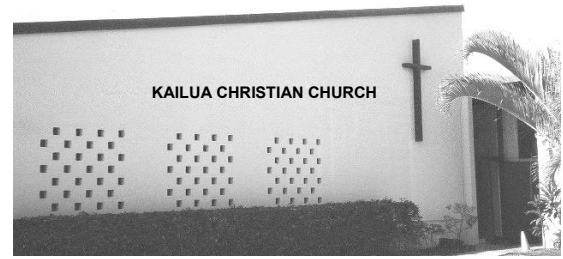


Waves of Faith

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“Waiting for the Perfect Wave”

At the beach, swimmers and surfers wait for the perfect wave. Sitting in the sanctuary of Kailua Christian Church, I notice what seems to be the waves of the ocean. The name of the monthly church newsletter provides a sense of how our faith moves along. And for some, whether in the Pacific Ocean or upon entering the church’s sanctuary, the following feelings may ring true: *“I’m tired of waiting. There’s a sense of anxiousness I feel for things to begin happening. Time sometimes seems to stand still. And what’s holding things up?”*

In this season of Lent, these questions could relate to the time between Palm and Passion Sunday, April 14, 2019 and Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019. Jesus is hailed as King during the Palm Sunday processional but then his passion or suffering begins. There is the Last Supper, the Betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane and then Jesus’ Trial and Crucifixion on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. We can hardly wait for Easter Sunday to proclaim, *“Jesus has risen from the dead! Hallelujah to the Risen Christ!”*

For Kailua Christian Church UCC, these same questions emerge as the interim period is prolonged. We’re still waiting for a New Vision Statement. And many wonder when the New Pastoral Search Committee will be formed so they can get to work. With many profiles of prospective pastors to review, how long is this

going to take? The *“light at the end of the tunnel”* seems to be so far away!

Here’s my take on this:

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

(Hebrews 11:1) Yes, we have many hopes and dreams for our church. This needs to be paired with conviction that one day, what we prayed for will come to fruition. In the Easter narrative from John 20: 1 – 18, it is Mary Magdalene’s witness to the disciples, *“I have seen the Lord”* that highlights the message of Easter. And for congregants of our church, there will come a time when each will say, *“I have seen the newly called and installed pastor of Kailua Christian Church!”*

The Peace of Christ Be With You,
Chris Eng, Pastor



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Join Pastor Chris and the KCC Ohana on Friday, April 19 at 5:30 p.m., for a special time of worship with reflections on the seven last words of Christ.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

First of all, thank you to all members who attended our congregational meeting on Sunday, March 10th. We were able to establish quorum at this rescheduled meeting where we unanimously accepted the 2018 Annual Report.

Secondly, two leadership meetings were held in March as was previously mentioned in last month's Moderator's Notes. One was held on Sunday, March 17th, from 12pm to 3pm and the second on Tuesday, March 19th, from 7pm to 10:30pm. I am thankful to our leaders for taking time from their busy schedules to spend over 6 hours together to pray, fellowship with one another, and work collaboratively on KCC matters. Agenda items included an overview of our governing documents (i.e., charter of incorporation and bylaws), a presentation by trustee Dennis Fong on Venn diagrams, discussion of our approach to developing a vision for congregational vote, and the development of a vision statement that we felt best represented KCC.

Prior to these two meetings, the leaders were tasked with creating a list of three things that he/she felt was important to them at KCC. The deacons and trustees went a step further and prepared their renditions of a vision statement and brought it to our meeting. Dennis facilitated the discussion of the vision statement after teaching us about Venn diagrams and how they might be useful in our discussions. During our meetings, we decided the best approach to guide our congregation was for the leaders to develop a vision statement for KCC and present it to our congregation. Should anyone have any comments or concerns regarding the vision below, we ask that they submit them in writing to the office or email them to kcc-ucc@hawaiiantel.net by April 15th. We will re-

view these at our next Council meeting in April and determine target dates towards formally presenting the vision statement for acceptance at a congregational meeting. We will also be looking at next steps toward our goal of hiring a permanent pastor.

After much discussion, below is the proposed KCC vision statement that your KCC leaders unanimously agreed upon:

KCC Purpose Statement and Vision

We are a **WARM** church. We **Reach** out to people, bringing them to Jesus Christ through the Bible inspired by the Holy Spirit. We prepare others for **Ministry** and **Active** discipleship, in order to **Worship** and glorify God.

You will notice that it reflects something very familiar to us all. It contains part of our purpose statement that has been in our Sunday bulletin dating back to 1999 when the original purpose statement was adopted. It was amazing to be a part of your leadership team that came together to develop this vision statement.

I believe that God is guiding us to call a permanent pastor to KCC. This vision process is another step in His plan for us. Please continue to pray for your leaders, KCC and all of us as we continue to move forward together.

Love in Christ!

Dean



Leadership Retreat in March. 16 Leaders participated from Council, Deacons and Trustees.

DEACONS MESSAGE

Fifty people enjoyed a Sandwich bar with all the trimmings at our Meet Your Deacon Lunch on Sunday, March 3rd. We were joyful for all the people who attended this fun event. Thanks go out for all your help setting up the buffet with desserts and snacks and for helping with cleaning up.

Thank you for your generous gifts to the Deacon's Benevolence Fund, \$895 was collected in February.

Share Your Gifts and Make a Difference with God's Help!

Centuries ago a little boy found himself in the midst of a vast crowd of people—larger than any group he'd ever seen. He had come out of curiosity, having heard that a man named Jesus was nearby.

Not knowing how far he would have to travel or how long he would be gone, the boy had packed a small lunch for himself, a couple of small fish and some bread.

Suddenly a man tapped the lad on the shoulder and asked what he had in his hand. And the next thing the boy knew, his lunch was feeding over five thousand people!

Once Jesus got hold of the boy's simple meal there was no limit to what He could make of it.

Feeling a little overwhelmed? Starting to get the idea that you're surrounded by folks getting giant things done while it's all you can do to make it through the week? Maybe you've fallen into a well of comparison, and you're drowning in discouragement because "compared to _____" you're not making nearly the difference he or she is.

To all who feel overwhelmed or who are tempted to take a much too critical look at their lives and feel insignificant . . . take heart! Do what you can!

Feel like you're not making the difference others are? Remember, there's no limit to what God can do with your gifts.

— Charles R. Swindoll

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

Myrtle Terada, Deacon

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Vici
- ~ Sharon Nishihira
- ~ John Sakamoto's nephew, Mike, and John's daughter and son-in-law on Kauai.
- ~ Bev & Dale Vallejo-Sanderson and family
- ~ Ruth Uyechi, Dora Kim, Mitsi Higashida, Natsuko Matsushima, Hazel Chow, Ada Kaneoka, Winnie Nakamura, Hideko Mumaw, and Harry Imai.
- ~ Betty P. waiting for Radiation clearance
- ~ Alan Ishikane dealing with cancer
- ~ Our Interim Pastor, Pastor Chris Eng



Our deepest sympathies go out to the families of **Kiyooko Sproat**, a dear friend of KCC who passed away in March. Services were held at Valley of the Temple on Wed. March 19th. Kiyooko's husband, Manny, was a member of KCC and even after his death Kiyooko stayed active making leis for welcoming our guests, knitted many infant caps for the hospital and shared special dolls that she made personally. **Minoru Teruya**, beloved charter member of Kailua Christian Church will also be sorely missed. Mino and Kay, his wife, served in many capacities here at KCC. Among the many areas was their special care of our plants and gardening needs. Minoru passed away in hospice in early February. A Service will be held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary on Palm Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m. Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. Rev. Howard Yoshida will be officiating the service.

We were sad to hear that **Lillian Ishihara**, a dear member of KCC, passed away suddenly on March 17 while living at a care home in Kalihi. Private services will be held at a later time.

What a joy it was to be together at the Deacons Fellowship Lunch in March.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- John Halloran
- Pauline Vilorio
- Winnie Nakamura
- Vernon Pang
- Larry Takumi
- James Todd
- Michael Sakaba
- Cleo Nham
- Carl Takahashi
- Kammy Grable
- Hazel Chow
- Derrick Teruya

- Jared Higashi
- Jennie Lee
- Fred Eberlein
- Emily Pang
- April Jessee
- Dan Jessee
- Wilma Chung

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- Lowell and Myrtle Terada
- Alan and Linda Umetsu
- Dr. Cary and Karen Miyahara
- Richard and Jane Tengan

The 2019 HIM Conference, **Kingdom Come** was a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, and learning. There were over 2600 registered before the conference plus walk-ins.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
The Generations

Depression Era	Born between 1925 – 1945	age 74-94	
Boomers	Born Between 1946 – 1964	age 55-73	75 mil
Gen X	Born Between 1965 – 1980	age 39-54	65 mil
Millennials	Born between 1981 -2000	age 19-36	83 mil
Gen Z/iGen	Born between 2001 - present	age 0-18	65 mil and counting

(note: mil refers to how many millions of people there are)

Join us as we share some thoughts from Pastor Mary Hulst on Why Millennials and Gen Z are the Hope of the Church. This will be one of the many special sessions on video from the HIM Conference. Highlighted videos will be shown here starting in May during the Sunday School hour, 8:45 a.m.. All are welcome to attend.

TRUSTEES REPORT

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 New International Version (NIV)

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”

Your gracious and generous gifts of time, talent and resources continue to honor our God and bless everyone. A generous donation of office furniture was received from Wes Kanetake from his late brother’s law office. An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) was purchased and installed. Training on use of the device was scheduled for March 30. Actions to replace the deteriorated Assisted Listening System (ALS) in the sanctuary are moving ahead. Estimates for two replacement systems have been received. Actions to check adequacy of a proposed system being used in another church are in progress. Estimates to repair spalling areas on the concrete stairs were surprisingly expensive!! However, prayers were answered when a professional structural engineer (Gary Yamamoto) being approached by his sister-in-law, Susan Morita, shared our needs and Gary donated his time and talents and conducted a cursory visual structural inspection of the church complex. He considered structures to be sound, with no signs of major structural inadequacies and that the superficial cracks and spalls were non-structural and can be readily fixed. In addition, he most graciously and generously donated materials and his precious time to repair the spalling and hairline cracks!!! A big mahalo goes out to Gary.

Trustee, Dennis Fong initiated monthly meetings with the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ (aka 4Cs) to sustain relationships and review the adequacy of our mutual stewardship agreement which has been automatically re-

newed each year since 2012. A proposal from the 4C church to provide outdoor lawn care services was presented to the Council for approval but was declined due to lack of capacity of our church to consistently provide the guidance and oversight needed to ensure safety and quality of services. A request from the 4C church to use facilities to conduct periodic recurring meetings of a women’s group on Fridays starting in April was also presented to the Council but was not approved. A special request was approved for them to use the facilities on Fri. March 15. The 4C church increased donations from 2018 for January and February 2019.

We continue to need your help to be good stewards of all that God has blessed us with. A great opportunity would be to participate in the workday to clean, organize and maintain our facilities. This workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, 2019. Hope to see you there between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

COVENANT AND PURPOSE

By-Laws of Kailua Christian Church

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. *(Pledge professed when joining membership at KCC.)*



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SUPPORT GROUP

(Angels in the Works for God)

Thank you to all who showed up on Saturday, March 30. We feel confident after watching and practicing with AED (automated external defibrillator), certified trainer, Bailey Khan.



The event was a great time of fellowship with a delicious potluck lunch shared. We had a fun time with old friends and also made some new friends, who were invited by Mike M. to come and learn.

We meet bi-monthly therefore, no meeting/presentation is scheduled for April.

Please keep these dates open for the remainder of 2019: May 25, July 27, Sept 28 HMSA Steve McCall, and Nov 16 (3rd Sat) Ruby Ovitt, writer, teacher and cancer survivor.

Mahalo and God Bless!
Myra Yamada

KCC Transitional Housing Unit Ministry

We are in conversation with the Institute for Human Services regarding the ongoing needs of homelessness and how we at KCC can revitalize our ministry with the T/H Unit. Brent Llaneza, the new IHS Family Program Manager will be our new contact person. Your Missions T/H team along with any new persons interested in this ministry, will gather on Sunday, April 28 for our first meeting. Please meet in the office immediately after getting some refreshments so we can make the best use of our time. Mahalo for your interest in this ministry that began in 1990's to provide care due to the epidemic of homelessness, and concern for the safety of single moms with children living on the streets.



This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.



CrossCards

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2019						
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				

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.
 Last Wed. of each month – Movie Fellowship hosted by Women’s Bible Study group.

- 03 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 06 – Sat. **All Church Workday, 8:30 a.m.**
- 07 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Deacons meet with membership candidates. Monthly meeting with Four C Church.
- 10 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 14 – Sun. Holy Week begins. Palm Sunday, **Memorial Service for Minoru Teruya at Hosoi Mortuary** 3 p.m. visitation / 4 p.m. service.
- 15 – Mon. Deadline for Vision Statement feedback.
- 17 – Wed. Wed. Morning Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
- 18 – Thurs. Maundy Thurs. (no service)
- 19 – Fri. **Good Friday Service, 5:30 p.m.**
- 20 – Sat. Newsletter Deadline for May edition
- 21 – Sun. **HAPPY EASTER!!!! Celebrate!** Worship at 10:00 a.m. **Reception of Baptisms and New Members.** Egg Hunt to follow worship service. Family Promise Week hosted at KCC through Sat. 4/27.
- 22 – Mon. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 – Wed. Wed. Movie Fellowship, “Samson” 9:00 a.m. in the Library.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

WORSHIP LEADER

Paul Grable

AUDIO

Barney Pilla
 Jonathan Martinez

GREETER/ USHERS

Jennie Lee / Walter Yeda
 Pat Chinn / Bruce Kugiya
 Lani Bartholomew

VISUAL

Debbie Fong
 Jonathan Martinez

LIGHTS & SCREEN

June Tom
 Barney Pilla

PIANO/ORGAN

Scott Baehrens

KING’S COMPANY

Leaders sought



Altar Flowers

- 07 – Richard & Alice Esaki
- 14 – Arcadio & Michele Ramos
- 21 – Paul & Kammy Grable
- 28 – Pamela Morikawa

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room 3. All are welcome!
 1 – Gospel from Lectionary for the coming week.

- 2 – A chapter on “What on Earth Am I Here For?”
- 3 – “Taming Your Tongue” Why people speak the way they do. (Check weekly bulletins for upcoming chapters).



KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
03/03	62	01	01
03/10	48	04	00
03/17	55	06	00
03/24	47	05	00
03/31	44	04	00



HAPPY EASTER!
 We invite you to bring a flower to decorate our Floral Cross on Easter morning.



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Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

9:00 a.m., Wed. Mornings
4/3, 4/10, & 4/17

“What On Earth Am I Here For?”,
Gospel from Lectionary, and study from
Taming Your Tongue Series in Room 3.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

All-Church Workday
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lunch will be provided.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

- ~ Communion Sunday
- ~ Deacons meet with
New Member candidates.
- ~ Four C and Trustee Mtg.



SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019

Holy Week begins
Palm Sunday Procession



Memorial Service of Minoru Teruya
to be held at Hosoi Garden Mortuary
3 p.m. visitation, 4 p.m. service.
Rev. Howard Yoshida officiating.

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2019

**DEADLINE FOR
COMMENTS REGARDING
VISION STATEMENT**



Send to: kcc-ucc@hawaiiantel.net



FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2019

Good Friday Service at 5:30 p.m.
All are welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

HAPPY EASTER!

Worship – 10 a.m.
Baptisms and Reception
of New Members
Egg Hunt to follow.



Family Promise Week hosted at KCC.
4/21 through 4/27

Your kokua is much appreciated. Sign up today.

*Copies of the New Church Directory
and the 2018 Annual Report are
available in the church office for
members to pick up. Please see the
church secretary for your copy.*