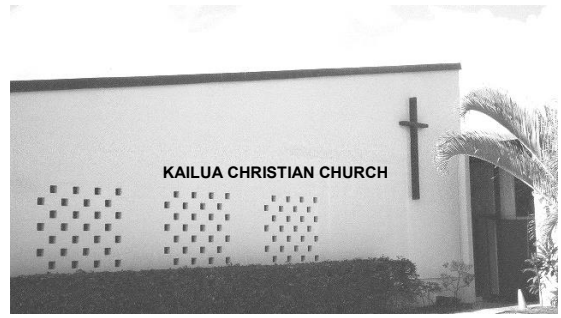


# Waves of Faith

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Go back 4 years to July 2015. Kailua Christian Church UCC began the time called “*interim ministry*.” Back then, could you imagine that all this time would pass without finding a pastor? As I write this in July 2019, some of you are discouraged. Looking to the future usually has a sense of hope but as time goes by, it becomes difficult to maintain a positive attitude.

During the Babylonian exile as God’s people were taken captive from Jerusalem, the prophet Jeremiah sent a letter which contains a message to Kailua Christian Church UCC. But first we must study the context in order to come to an understanding of its meaning at that time and place before we can interpret its meaning in our present context.

The people were discouraged that they would be held captive for a long period of time. As you read Jeremiah’s words below, you can see a glimmer of light emerge from what appears to be a very dark place. God speaks personally to the people whose future looked despairing and whose hope had been nearly destroyed.

*“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart. I will let you find me, says the Lord.” Jeremiah 29: 11 - 14a, N.R.S.V.*

Four years is a very long time to live in this “interim time” that has been filled with pulpit supply ministers and now a second “*interim*” pastor. Reading Jeremiah’s words invite us to question God’s promises of “*a future with hope*.” It is difficult to look into our church’s future as we look back to what has or hasn’t happened in all this time. It is easier to have lost this sense of “*hope*” that would keep us focused and upbeat.

But there are members of Kailua Christian Church UCC who can see the future unfolding because they have hope. What Jeremiah imparts to his people is what we need to believe in today. It may seem that there is little hope but with God, there is always a real future. As human beings, we focus on what we can see while God tries to allow us to see what often lies hidden. While the world focuses on the physical realities of life, God shows us the spiritual!

The path is clear. We must call upon the Lord. As we pray, in our search for God, we do so with all our heart. And we will find God! The interim time is not simply to accomplish the task of finding a new pastor. In reality, it is the Lord who does the calling. This time should draw us closer to our creator. The challenges we face should bring forth the words of Jesus who speaks the truth to us. And when we grow tired or discouraged, the Holy Spirit will replenish us and renew us to begin again. If only we could see as God sees or to have, “**My Father’s Eyes**” as Amy Grant wrote and sang in 1979. I close with another song written in 2015!

Though tears may fall.  
 Though my heart may fail.  
 My song will rise to You.  
 While there's breath in my lungs.  
 I will praise You, Lord.  
 When I cannot see You with my eyes.  
 When I cannot feel Your hand in mine.  
 Let faith arise to you. God of mercy and love.  
 I will praise You, Lord.

The joy of the Lord is my strength.  
 The joy of the Lord is my strength.  
 In darkness I'll dance.  
 In the shadows I'll sing.  
 The joy of the Lord is my strength.

Aloha, Pastor Chris



**MODERATOR'S MESSAGE**



*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you."* John 15:7

Thank you for your prayers to our Father in Heaven through His Son Jesus Christ! Prayers have been answered and I would like to inform you that we now have a Pastoral Search Committee. In following our Bylaw requirements, here are the eight members of the committee:

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Council Members:</u> | <u>Members at large:</u> |
| June Tom                | Nancy Arakaki            |
| Pam Morikawa            | John Sakamoto            |
| Dennis Fong             | Diane Lee Pilla          |
| Paul Grable             | Reggie Yamada            |

Please join me in thanking these fellow members for stepping forward to serve on this very important committee. They will be selecting a chair and secretary at their upcoming meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

This committee is a special committee per our Bylaws that will be reporting to Council on a regular basis to update your leaders on their progress in this search process. The search process is so

much more than just screening resumes. The committee will be working on updating our church profile. The format of this report has changed since our previous pastoral search committee and although we can utilize the prior profile for some historical data, there is much work to be done with this report. Committee members will be working with KCC leaders and members to update this form in the coming months. We are thankful to have Pastor Chris to guide us through this process. He will be there to offer support and advice on the process, but he will not guide the committee to any particular position the committee may take or decide.

We are looking for two members at-large to be on the Pastoral Relations Committee representing the congregation. Pastor Chris has chosen Susan Morita and John Sakamoto to serve on this committee as his representatives. The purpose of this committee is to facilitate an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation. The PRC is accountable to the congregation and to the pastor and not the Council. The PRC is required by our bylaws to make an annual report to the congregation. Please pray about this and see if you feel called to serve on this important committee. If you are interested, please let me or one of your leaders know of your interest.

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> was a special day at our worship service where we were able to honor our kupuna who are 85 years or older. Did you know that we have 28 members that are in this age bracket. Wow! We are so fortunate to have these kupuna with us. Eight from this group are beloved charter members of KCC. I cannot pass up naming these individuals:

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|---------------------|------------------|
| Nancy Arakaki       | Jean Kanazawa    |
| Carl Nemoto         | Natsuko Oda      |
| John Sakamoto       | Winnie Nakamura  |
| Jitsuichi Tamashiro | Stella Wakamatsu |

Actually, I will name all of the other kupuna recognized...because they are also so important to KCC for all they have done and continue to do for us. (Listed by membership order)

Ruth Uyechi	Lillian Sakaguchi
Ruth Masuno	Sue Nakashima
Jean Miyaji	Walter Yeda
Janet Okumura	Saeko Yoshida
Jean Sakata	Harry Imai
Mitsue Higashida	Ada Kaneoka
Carl Takahashi	Mae Takahashi
Hazel Masuda	Hideko Mumaw
Pat Oyama	Mary Watanabe
Natsuko Matsushima	Arlon Tom

Not all of the members listed were able to attend this special recognition and we missed them. We will attempt to follow up with a visit, if possible, with each of those dear people.

I am thankful and honored to know these kupuna who did so much for KCC and continue to do so much for KCC. It was great to hear Jiggs speak of how the church prayed for his son, John when he was having health concerns as a youth. It was inspiring to hear of the faithfulness of KCC members back in the church's early years. Jiggs also spoke about the time and dedication that the charter members put into our KCC as we know it today. Can you believe that members built our beloved KCC with their own hands? What an unbelievable blessing God provided for His believers! There are many other charter members and long long-time members who are no longer with us, but I had the privilege of knowing and calling my brother/sister in Christ. Praise the Lord! Thank you, God! You do so much for us and you have blessed and continue to bless KCC and its members and friends.

Be safe and continue to pray for all of us at KCC.

Love in Christ!

Dean Wakuzawa



## DEACONS MESSAGE

### **The Fruit of The Spirit v Popular Society Values**



Kailua Christian Church used to hang a banner in the front of the church sanctuary that depicted each fruit of the Spirit hanging from a tree. The nine fruits listed are: **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.** See Galatians 5:22-23. That banner was a nice reminder for us of what we receive from God when we become Christians. These fruits are the things that we should be striving for because this is what God wants for us and what is important for us. Better yet, God has given his Spirit to us to gift these things to us as part of our personal transforming relationship with Christ. When we feel God in our lives, the result is **Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.** These things are good for our world and for us and God wants us to have them and practice them.

Most of these fruits appear to be very foreign to what is being valued and coveted and strived for in our popular culture. Our cultural leaders and politicians do not emphasize the fruit of the Spirit. In our culture today we are told to fight for your rights, seek fame and fortune, strive to be popular, protest against things that you disagree with, voice your opinions often, fear strangers, shame people who have done or said bad things, worry, grab all the gusto you can, just be happy, exert your power and influence, branding is important, if it feels good do it, say what you feel and strive to get ahead. It seems to me that these values have become normal pursuits in our society, and they are becoming more and more prevalent and acceptable.

The contrast between the fruit of the Spirit and our society's ready acceptance of selfish values make it apparent that we need to resist the temptation to conform to what is acceptable to the world. We have been transformed and we should accept and embrace that transformation and enjoy the fruit that has been gifted to us.

Fruit is good for you and spiritual fruit is essential.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Paul Grable, Deacon

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers

- ~ Janet Okumura
- ~ Sharon Nishihira
- ~ Derrick Teruya
- ~ Bev & Dale Vallejo-Sanderson
- ~ Ruth Uyechi, Mitsi Higashida, Hazel Chow  
Natsuko Matsushima, Ada Kaneoka, Winnie Nakamura, Hideko Mumaw, Lillian Sakaguchi, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Harry Imai
- ~ Howard Pang
- ~ Our Interim Pastor, Pastor Chris Eng
- ~ Our Pastoral Search Team



Sincere condolences and prayers to Keith Schultz and his family on the passing of his ten year old step-grandson, Sawyer, who died from a brain tumor on Sat. July 27. May God bless them with his peace and comfort.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



- Melvyn Tom
- Howard O. Yoshida
- Grace Glenn
- Mary Ann Nemoto
- Ruth Masuno
- Gail Yoneshige
- Jasmine Teruya
- Cassie Grable
- Susan White
- Mahelani Oleole
- Alianna Ramos
- Karen Miyahara
- Malia Hagmann
- Jane Tengan

- Muriel Teruya
- David Yoneshige
- Michelle Pangilinan
- Kanani Todd
- Jordan Chang
- Rayn Jessee
- Ken & Chris Nakamatsu
- Eric & Mary Ann Nemoto
- Mel & June Tom
- Vernon & Jennifer Pang
- George & Ada Kaneoka
- Aaron & Collette Tanaka



**KCC SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Adults	Children (under 12)	Visitors
07/07	46	06	00
07/14	59	05	01
07/21	57	07	01
07/28	72	03	00



**GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:**

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always Catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

**GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:**

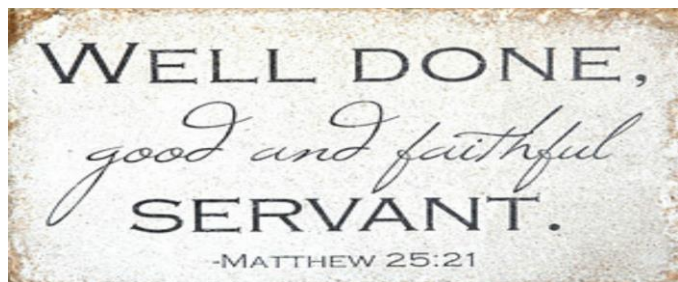
- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing Jello to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground.
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy.

**GREAT TRUTHS ABOUT GROWING OLD:**

- 1) Growing old is mandatory; growing up is optional.
- 2) Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- 3) When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- 4) You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
- 5) It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
- 6) Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
- 7) Wisdom comes with age, but sometimes age comes alone.

**SPECIAL MOMENTS**

**WITH SPECIAL PEOPLE** 85+ Celebration:



“Constant prayer made all the difference - The church family prayed around the clock. I thank God for all of the people who prayed for us, for my son”.



Sep 28: HMSA’s Steve McCall: ReTHINK (vice Depression); this is Steve’s last presentation as he will retire from HMSA in Dec. Any ideas of how we can celebrate his last training session with us?

Nov 16: Ruby Ovitt, BIH: Living Life Fully – Ruby gave us a wonderful presentation last year Nov on Healing – she is back by popular demand to touch on taking care of yourself and the whole person. Her presentations provide comfort and inspires us in living meaningful lives. Watch for more details coming soon.

If you have any speakers or ideas for 2020, please let Myra know and we can coordinate together.

Stay Healthy, Keep Learning and Live Well!

God Bless! Myra

We also want to thank Mr. Dennis Jinnohara who came in July to share a presentation from Kupuna Akido Hawaii. The mission of this program is to empower Hawaii’s kupuna with Akido-based philosophies to preserve and protect their mobile independence. Dennis did an excellent job in educating and encouraging those present. We had a wonderful crowd who seem to enjoy the presentation and appreciated Dennis’s passion for educating others and keeping them safe.

The group enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch following the presentation. It seemed like they were looking forward to the future when this program might be offering classes in the Kailua area and they could register for the class. It is rumored that there were hundreds of people on the wait list to sign up for these classes. We will try to keep you posted on that progress.



**NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA**  
**SUPPORT GROUP**

(Angels in the Works for God)

We do not meet for the month of August, however, would like you to reserve the remaining future dates on your calendar. Two remaining bi-monthly meetings with presentations:



tions collected to KCC as a way of supporting our community and its non-profit services. Your tithing commitment up to \$249 can be processed through Foodland to which they will add a percentage above to benefit the total funds collected. Don't forget to get a receipt so we can record your donations for your giving statement for 2019. Mahalo for your kind consideration.



**MISSIONS UPDATE**

**FAMILY PROMISE WEEK HOSTED AT KCC**

A sincere mahalo to all who supported the Family Promise week hosted here in late July. Your food donations, time and talents—all contributed to our four families having a fun, safe, and peace-filled week here at KCC. We also are grateful to our friends from Central Union Windward UCC Church, Windward Unity, and Kailua Nazarene who participated by providing a meal or staying overnight as a host, or was a greeter to care for the needs of our guests during their time here. Together we honored God and made new friends in Jesus's name.



**JOINT WORSHIP WITH THE CHUUKESSE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Kailua Christian Church will be sharing worship with the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. A potluck lunch will follow. We hope that you will join us for this special time of worship with our 4C brothers and sisters. We encourage your fellowship with our friends so we can grow to be the family of God together. More details will be posted in the Sunday Bulletin on August 4.

See Joan, June or Pastor Chris for more information or if you would like to help in its planning.



**FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT  
SEPTEMBER IS OUR  
GIVE ALOHA PROGRAM MONTH.**

We hope that you will consider supporting KCC with your financial donations. Through this generous program sponsored by Foodland and Western Union -- funds given to support the ministries at KCC will be added to with more funds. At the end of September, they will add a percentage of their own funds and give all these dona-

## **FROM YOUR TRUSTEES**

Your generous time and talent to help steward our facilities and grounds is invaluable. Time and energy are becoming increasingly scarce but the collective results from many hands demonstrate our love for each other and glorifies God's kingdom. The May newsletter identified help needed to accomplish sixteen maintenance tasks. These tasks are small but important to minimize expenses and to prevent or mitigate bigger problems later. Only one task was completed. Thank you so much for repairing the damaged sign in the men's urinal! We are now reviewing our options for accomplishing the remaining tasks. We are also evaluating services needed to mitigate much larger projects such as removing the deteriorated basketball structure.

The urgency to get things done now grows in value as new challenges arise and add to the long list of our maintenance needs. Derrick Teruya who is a long-standing member, has been providing very economical custodial services but has recently suffered an illness requiring hospitalization. We continue to pray for his healing and return to good health. In the interim we are seeking sources to provide custodial services within our budget controls.

Are we in balance? Our congregation has an amazing history of faithfulness. Many pledges have been made in the past to glorify and further God's kingdom for all. But our membership and resources have significantly declined. Are we really able to continue to provide the time and talents and resources needed to fully and really do what we pledged we would do? Are we me or we? Do you have an inward mindset or an outward mindset? Are you boasting self-righteousness but expecting others to carry our organizational obligations? Actions speak louder than words. How well are we holding ourselves accountable; to God's kingdom, to our congregation, to ourselves? Are we meeting our stewardship obligations and responsibilities for River of Life, Family Promise and the Chuukese Congregational Church of Christ? What does it mean to you to be a part of this church family? How are

you demonstrating charity and love for each other in our congregation? The importance for living within our means is increasingly important as our small and aging but faithful membership struggles to understand and sustain our values and our commitments.

Where should we realistically invest our resources? Our council appointed a new pastoral search committee. The committee is expected to produce a local church profile as a means to recruit candidates. A key element in the church profile would be the salary our congregation can afford for the pastor position. A typical salary for a full-time pastor would likely be more than twice the salary for our interim pastor. We are reviewing past reports to provide a view of past and present financial conditions for your information.

Meanwhile, we must continue to maintain our facilities and grounds. A short workday is planned for only two hours from 800 to 1000 am on Saturday, 10 August 2019. The work will be focused only on the sanctuary and the first-floor rooms being used for Tai Chi, for refreshments, and the kitchen. We are expecting only sweeping, mopping, cleaning and organizing these frequently used areas. Other areas may be serviced if resources are available. The shorter and more focused efforts are intended to be mindful and respectful of those who have graciously and generously donated their valuable time, talent and precious energy in service to others and to God. Please attend.



### **UCC TRANSITION HOUSE**

Annual Fundraiser

Thursday, Oct. 17

We welcome your support to provide items for this special fundraiser. Let's assist this ministry in providing a home for women with children who have left abusive spouses and are building a new life for their families. Silent auction donations are being sought along with quilts, baked goods, homemade preserves, jellies, etc. Please see June Tom for more details.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

August 2019						
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- 01 – Thurs. Tai Chi class, 10:00 a.m. in Nursery. Four C and KCC Joint Worship planning meeting, 12 noon. All welcome.
- 04 – Sun. Communion Sunday. Pastoral Search Committee Mtg. Tai Chi Class 11:45 a.m. in Nursery
- 07 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 08– Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10:00 a.m. in Nursery
- 10 – Sat. All-church Workday, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. all are encouraged to join us.
- 11 – Sun. Four C and KCC Joint Worship with Potluck Lunch. Tai Chi class 11:45 a.m. in Nursery
- 14 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 15 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10:00 a.m. in Nursery
- 18 – Sun. Deacon’s Monthly Meeting, in office. Tai Chi Class 11:45 a.m. in Nursery
- 20 – Tues. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 21 – Wed. Wed. Morning Fellowship, 9 a.m.
- 22 – Thurs. Tai Chi Class, 10:00 a.m.
- 25 – Sun. Tai Chi Class 11:45 a.m. in Nursery
- 28 – Wed. Wed. Morning Movie, 9:00 a.m. “God’s Not Dead 2”.

**Wed. Morning Movie Fellowship – August 28**

(God’s Not Dead 2) When high school history teacher Grace Wesley is asked a question about Jesus in class, her reasoned response lands her in deep trouble. The ensuing court case could expel God from the classroom and the public square once and for all! An inspiring movie with a powerful call to action. All are welcome to attend, 9:00 a.m. in Room 3/4.



**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

**LIGHTS & SCREEN**

June Tom

**PIANO/ORGAN**

Scott Baehrens

**KING’S COMPANY**

Leaders sought



**Altar Flowers**

- 04 – Ruth Masuno
- 11 – Jean Kanazawa
- 18 – Myra Yamada
- 25 – Jean Miyaji



**HOW CAN I SERVE?**

**HELPERS NEEDED TO WATER THE PLANTS**

Do you have a love for gardening and plants? Do you have a few minutes each week, in the early morning or at dusk, that you can give to come to water the yard and plants. You can schedule this service at a time of your convenience. Please see Kammy if you have any questions or want to be put on a list of helpers. Mahalo for your consideration!

**HELPERS NEEDED FOR SHORT TERM PROJECTS**

- Do you like decorating Bulletin Boards?*
- Tidying up cabinets?*
- Downsizing Projects?*
- Organizing Historical memorabilia?*
- Changing lightbulbs?*
- Scrubbing down tables?*

We welcome your time and talents, see Kammy in the church office.

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Rev. Christopher Eng, Interim Pastor

WEDNESDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Every Wed. morning
Movie Fellowship on last Wed. of the month.

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THURSDAY MORNINGS

August 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Tai Chi Classes

In Nursery

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

(Bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated.)

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019

~ Communion Sunday

~ Tai Chi Class 11:45 a.m. in Nursery



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

All Church Workday

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Focus will be on the Nursery, Kitchen, Refreshments Room (3/4) and the Sanctuary. Bring your cleaning supplies and buckets and come join us for this short day of service. Mahalo!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019

Four C and KCC Joint Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

Potluck lunch to follow.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2019

~ Deacons Meeting after worship

~ Tai Chi Class 11:45 a.m. in Nursery

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019

Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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Special Thanks to Lance and Shana Ling, owners of At Your Service Cleaning Service for providing great service during our time of emergency custodial needs. Lance grew up at KCC and is the son of Karel and Kenneth Ling.

At Your Service Cleaning Service is located in Kailua and can be reached at 689-9085.

Go to www.atyourservicehawaii.net for more information about this company.

