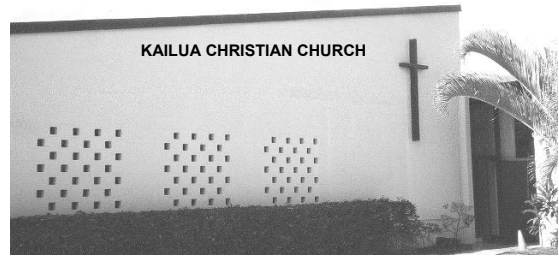


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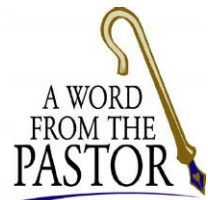
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A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

Metanoia: A Change of Mind. A Change of Heart. A Change of Spirit.

When I started teaching the Single Whip form in T'ai-Chi, I likened the movement which is 180 degrees to this Greek word, **metanoia**. While facing East and having completed the form known as “*the Push*,” one now turns the entire body in a coordinated fashion to face West. The beauty of these movements reflect the ability to “**let go**” of where one was initially headed and to now “**embrace**” a new direction. Yet, it remains one of the most difficult forms to perform.

As a child, I accepted Jesus into my heart. When I became a teenager, I began to grasp what following Christ meant as I said, “**yes**” to being baptized and joined the church. In college, I began to equate the Single Whip with the conversion experience. From then on, every time I taught this form, I shared my experience of shifting my attention and purpose in life. As November 4 marks 2 years since I began as the interim pastor of Kailua Christian Church UCC, I share how **metanoia** can help us with whatever obstacles seem to present themselves.

Through the years, churches usually focus on the pastor’s sermon. But often, an individual will tell me that my prayer touched them. For our Zoom worship, there is opportunity for members and friends to share prayer requests. Like many, I confess that the focus is asking God to respond to specific situations. Instead, we need to transform the way we pray. For example, when we pray for healing or for a miracle, our mind is already made up. **But if we ask the Lord for strength, for a**

positive attitude, for support and loving care, this widens the possibility that our prayers will be answered. And along the way, we will begin changing the way we pray. My heart goes out to each person who is struggling with difficulties each week.

All of us know how COVID-19 took away our Sunday worship service and gatherings that many of us look forward to at church. We may find it difficult to wear masks, keep the 6 feet of social distance from others and to keep our hands sanitized. **But some of you have responded in a positive manner** by sewing and giving away masks or purchasing Personal Protection Equipment for the church. Others have reached out to those most vulnerable because of age or medical condition, to share food and drink, offer assistance or simply to engage in conversation to those who may live alone and miss fellowship with others. Amazing!

I remember when we shut down the church on March 15, 2020, the date which signifies “**the Ides of March**.” Members and friends went for weeks simply receiving the sermon and prayers through email or snail mail. Then a new way of worshipping online through Zoom was suggested. As of this newsletter, Aaron Tanaka and the Worship Team have offered 24 Sunday services! We are eager and yet hesitant about reopening the church to in-person worship. Around the same time, schools began to shut down and at present, some combine in-person teaching as well as online learning while others are committed to only digital technology. Teachers and students find this overwhelming. The question now is being asked: how long will churches and schools and institutions of learning as well as businesses have to endure this? **Yet,**

some find this a time to be creative! Both churches and schools must change.

As individuals and families, we often have been forced to change because of the circumstances. Now as the church, we must ask how the Lord may be asking us to undergo a conversion experience in terms of how we see the Body of Christ. What do we need to “let go” and what are we willing to step out in faith and “embrace?” It’s up to you and to me!

Much Aloha,

Pastor Chris



Mahalo to Kailua Christian Church UCC for the October Month Pastor Appreciation cards and gifts! Gail made this Rope Pikake Lei which was worn during the Zoom worship on 10/18/20 (digital of Gail & Alan who delivered lei to pastor’s residence.



Compass Quilt sewn by Charlotte Szarmes in 2012: For Sunday, Nov. 1 2020 Sermon. “Finding Direction in Your Life” based on Psalm 107:1-7 NRSV

MODERATORS MESSAGE

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

First of all, PTL!!! Praise the Lord!!!

It is fitting that November is upon us. This month is when we celebrate Thanksgiving and there is a great deal to be thankful for at KCC. Pastor Chris has served as our interim pastor for two years and has agreed to stay at KCC to see us through this interim period. I am thankful for our weekly zoom Sunday services that have continued since mid-May during this pandemic time. The worship team (Paul Grable, Aaron Tanaka, Pastor Chris, Gail Yoneshige and various scripture readers including Debbie Fong, Dot Suzuki, Robert Maeshiro, and Alice Esaki) continues to do an awesome job providing us the opportunity to worship together, hearing God’s word through scripture reading and Pastor Chris’ sermons, hearing praises and prayers from members and friends of KCC and listening to the beautiful music provided by Gail Yoneshige. Thank you, Worship Team! Thanks also goes to Kammy Grable who has maintained the office and sends out the zoom invitations as well as mails hard copies of Pastor Chris’ sermons to enable those without computers to feel connected with the week’s message.

I recently announced at a zoom service that the Pastoral Search Committee has recommended a pastor to your KCC Council for consideration as our next full-time pastor. Council members are prayerfully considering this candidate and will be meeting in early November to discuss the PSC’s recommendation. Should the Council approve the PSC recommendation, Council will hold a congregational meeting to vote on accepting this recommended pastor. Please be on the lookout for future announcements (via Sunday zoom services and mail notices) regarding this most important matter to KCC. Thank you to all who serve on the PSC (Paul Grable, Reggie Yamada, Dennis Fong, Nancy Arakaki, John Sakamoto, Pam Morikawa, and former members of this committee June Tom

and Diane Lee Pilla). You are a true blessing to all of us at KCC.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Give Aloha program with Foodland. We raised over \$11,000 this year. This is a tremendous achievement especially during this pandemic time. Thank you for giving back to KCC. I also want to thank the trustees for maintaining a log of all the donors through this program. Also, thank you to all who continue to either mail in or donate online pledges and contributions too. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Thank you to all who have felt called to serve as officers or leaders for the coming 2021 year. This seemed to be a difficult task, but all things are possible with God! I am glad that some of you felt the Holy Spirit touch your heart to serve our KCC with your time and talents.

Please note that we will be having a congregational meeting via zoom on December 13, 2020 following our Sunday morning service. The purpose of this meeting is to vote to accept the 2021 budget and the new officers. We will also have an informational meeting regarding the budget on December 6th, following service. Be on the lookout for a packet of information (2021 budget and 2021 officer listing) being sent to your homes near the end of November. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend these important meetings. As these meetings are on zoom, please join us for Sunday worship services in November so you can get some practice on how to access these congregational meetings. If you do not have a computer or smart phone, you mail dial into the meetings using your telephone. Please reach out to any of your church leaders or the office if you need assistance with this.

This newsletter article may seem overdone with thanks, but can we ever show too much appreciation for good works? A lot of times, there is not enough appreciation shown. During this pandemic time, it is greatly welcomed to hear positive news. God is alive and showing us a path to move forward. Please continue to pray for you leaders and KCC. PTL!!! Praise the Lord!!!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!
Love in Christ!
Dean

DEACONS MESSAGE

Count Your Blessings
by Max Lucado



Gratitude is a mindful awareness of the benefits of life. It is the greatest of virtues. Studies have linked the emotion with a variety of positive effects. Grateful people tend to be more empathetic and forgiving of others. People who keep a gratitude journal are more likely to have a positive outlook on life. Grateful individuals demonstrate less envy, materialism, and self-centeredness. Gratitude improves self-esteem and enhances relationships, quality of sleep, and longevity. If it came in pill form, gratitude would be deemed the miracle cure. It's no wonder, then, that God's anxiety therapy includes a large, delightful dollop of gratitude.

My friend Jerry has taught me the value of gratitude. He is seventy-eight years old and regularly shoots his age on the golf course... His dear wife, Ginger, battles Parkinson's disease. What should have been a wonderful season of retirement has been marred by multiple hospital stays, medication, and struggles. Many days she cannot keep her balance. Jerry has to be at her side. Yet he never complains. He always has a smile and a joke. And he relentlessly beats me in golf. I asked Jerry is secret. He said, "Every morning Ginger and I sit together and sing a hymn. I ask her what she wants to sing. She always says, 'Count Your Blessings.' So we sing it. And we count our blessings."

Take a moment and follow Jerry's example. Look at your blessings. Do you see any friends? Family? Do you see any grace from God? The love of God? Do you see any gifts? Abilities or talents? Skills? As you look at your blessings, take note of what happens. Anxiety grabs his bags and slips out the back door. Worry refuses to share the heart with gratitude. Our heartfelt thank you will suck the oxygen out of worry's world. So say it often. Focus more on what you do have and less on what you don't. It's true. Gratitude is the secret to a life of contentment.

(From Max's book: Trade Your Cares For Calm)
Shared by your deacon, Lily Lee.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

- Please keep in your prayers
- ~ Pastor Warren Nakano
- ~ Dean’s friend, Wes
- ~ Wayne O.
- ~ Jonathan Martinez
- ~ Howard Jackson
- ~ Coreen & Tony Sarabia
- ~ Sharon Nishihira & Steve Hammann
- ~ Larry & Sandra Siu (Larry’s back in the hospital)
- ~ Ally T.
- ~ Pastor J. Salle
- ~ Diane & John Mendenhall
- ~ Beverly & Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson
- ~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Howard Pang, Hazel Chow, Ellen Chew, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Mitsi Higashida, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Ada Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsu-shima, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Ruth Lum and family dealing with high risk factors along with our entire church family dealing with this challenging time.
- ~ Pastor Chris Eng and our Pastoral Search Team
- ~ All Medical, Healthcare, Emergency Need and Caregiving providers.
- ~ Family, neighbors and friends who care for each other as the needs arise.
- ~ All businesses trying to reopen.
- ~ The safety factor as we open up to tourism
- ~ All children and teachers dealing with in person and online education.



Sincere Condolences

It is with a heavy heart that we mourn the passing of Kahu Richard Kawaiokalani Puninani Kamanu, 63, on October 24, 2020. His presence and leadership were a blessing to the Hawai'i Conference long before he took up the position of an Associate Conference Minister.

In 2015, Richard became part of the Hawai'i Conference staff, where he continued to touch and impact many lives, by providing leadership for congregational Search Teams, Association Boards and Councils and Committees on Ministry. In the office he provided both a wealth of institutional and cultural knowledge for staff members as well as an abundance of smiles and good humor.

Kahu Kamanu has blessed KCC through guest speaking and helping us through our time of need through the UCC Pastoral Search process. We are grateful for his service and the warm aloha we shared during his time of service with the HCUCC.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- Susan St. John
- Kayla Halloran
- Carla Cummings
- Heidi Cummings
- Katie Gomes
- Terri Lipps
- Diane Lee Pilla
- Carl Nemoto

- Henry Halloran
- John Lipps
- Debbie Martinson
- Rev. Beth Plumbo
- Sharlene Yamauchi
- Emily Peters
- Bryan Gomes



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Harvey & Sheri Oga
- Winchell & Lily Lee
- Vernon & Jennifer Pang
- James & Pua Todd



TRUSTEES NOTES

God reveals his plans in his time. As we wait patiently for the call of our permanent pastor, we have the responsibility to prepare the budget for the coming year. Each year we are faced with a challenged budget and a leap of faith. With the unexpected Co-Vid, we are in a greater deficit. I would like to share this testimony of faith that you prepare your heart to turn in your tithes. God's promises and providence is real.

Alexa's Tithing Message: Growing up, one of the first verses my mother had me memorize is Proverbs 22:6. It says: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he grows, he will not depart from it." At any given moment, she would make me recite it out loud; during dinner, when I'm watching Barney, in the taxi on our way to the mall — even if I didn't understand it, she made sure she had it engrained in my heart. It became the foundation of my childhood, and when I reflect back upon it 25 years later, I can still remember saying it with childlike conviction. My mom is my best friend. She raised me in a financially solid, God-fearing household in one of the poorest sections of Manila, Philippines while my dad was trying to make a living here in the United States. But when we moved here with my dad, we struggled hard. On top of the culture shock, everything was so expensive. We lived small paycheck to small paycheck, and my mom faced many doors of job opportunities slam shut in front of her face. But even through her humble beginnings at a Chinese Restaurant, I watched her tithe faithfully and really put meaning behind God's name Jehovah Jireh. I've seen it time and time again in the small moments: exhaust money on rent, but we still had enough to eat. Exhaust our money on car payments, then miraculously having it unknowingly paid off. Even though I was a kid no less than 10 years old, I absorbed everything that the adults around me did and the memories of the miracles still affects my life to this day. I cannot stress the importance of setting a good example for the younger generation. Whether we know it or not, they watch what we do. And they learn. More often than not, we forget that God is the orchestrator of the impossible and unthinkable. In our human limitations, we dream dreams that are short of God's

glory, ultimately putting limitations on what God can do. But when we allow Him to move, and loosen our grip from our human plans and resources, we open our hands to receive unlimited resources and unshakable plans that no power on earth can rob from us because it comes from the Ultimate Source. It comes from our Father, the God that we serve, who loves us and only wants us to prosper. My mom's heart was set on perhaps a job at a credit card bank, but God has other plans. All of those doors slammed in front of her face lead her down a hallway of opportunity that she didn't even think about, which is a federal job with the Department of Defense. Walking with her through the ups and downs of her career and life, I personally witnessed the power of tithing and God's unwavering faithfulness to those who are faithful to trust in Him. So naturally at a young age, I was given the choice to tithe. My mom had always given me a choice when it came to my spiritual walk, especially when it came to getting baptized and tithing. But having witnessed what tithing can do as a kid, of course I learned to tithe whenever I got money. Whether it was for my birthday or any special occasion, or even my small weekly allowances, I gave. Not only did this nurture a heart of worship in me, it also made an impression on the youth leaders that mentored me into leadership positions at 12 years old. I became a worship leader by the time I was 16, starting off leading worship for youth group then shortly transitioning to "big church" worship on Friday nights and Sunday mornings. Now at 25 years old, I became worship director at God Squad Church East Campus and Kapolei. But what does it matter if I don't take my faith outside of church? For starters, I know what it's like to not tithe. In the 3 years of being away from the church and living so deep in the world, I was always broke. I worked a part-time job in a family business and I was overworked and under compensated for my efforts. I began to dream dreams of my own and building a career that I thought I loved but was always so riddled by anxiety of being constantly subjected to public scrutiny, therefore feeding the lie of not being good enough for anything. I was standing on unstable ground on a slippery slope. When I found my way back home like a prodigal daughter, God began to steer me back on track. Slowly but surely, still

financially broke but spiritually wealthy. He had to get me to a place where I trusted Him and not on my own strength. Recently, my dad got really sick. Long story short, he was in and out of the hospital on the brink of death. With the pandemic wreaking havoc in the world, I was not working, and whenever I did work, it was short hours. My paychecks never made it past \$100. I ended up quitting my job to take care of my dad at home in the end so that my mom could continue working. If there's anything you learned by now about my mom, you probably already guessed right. She continued to tithe. It may have been little, but God sees the heart. Our bills were still getting paid, we still had a place to live and food to eat. That's all God. Meanwhile, I was keeping on with my spiritual walk. I'd have my morning coffee and read the word on the dining room table, stare outside the window and thank God for every little thing I could think of. Sometimes my dad would join me and that always made my heart happy. Even though I had no money and no job, God repaired my broken relationship with my dad. I felt no anxiety over what I was going to do next; I had an idea that I'd like to work full time and close to home, but nothing past that. I knew with my entire heart that God has my back. So when I received my very last paycheck of 80-something dollars, the first thing I did was tithe. I said, "Lord, you know what's in my heart and what I want, but You know what's best. I trust you to do what you do best and that's open doors. I'm on your timeline. So in the waiting, here is my offering." It was \$10. Not even a week after that, I get a call from a church uncle offering me a part time job. Naturally I laughed in awe, telling God, "You work fast!" However I knew I couldn't work yet because my dad was still recovering. So I kept on praying. The next day, I get a call from the same church uncle who said, "Do you want to work full time? There's someone who wants to hire you." Lo and behold, that person who wanted to hire me is none other than Mrs. Susan Morita, your lovely council member! Could you imagine my reaction to an offer for a full-time job with decent pay that's less than 10 minutes away from my house? And that, ladies and gentlemen, is God's faithfulness manifesting in reality. Even in the worst possible times of financial turmoil and health battles, God is still in the business of miracles and

wonders. What is our part? Tithing. Trusting. Believing God can make beautiful things out of dust. I truly could not have orchestrated everything that happened leading up to this miracle on my own. And the best part was, I didn't even have to go searching high and low, or even going through trial and error. I just tithed. It wasn't even a huge payment, it was \$10. I leave you with a parting passage from the bible, one that rings true in my soul, and that's Philippians 4:11-13. Most of us know the last verse by heart, but the context of the verses leading up to it is, what I think, the tsunami-maker. "11 Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. 12 I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little." "13 For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

Windward Community College (WCC)/AARP's "FAST, HEALTHY AND "ONO" series feature Chef Daniel Swift, the new Workforce Development Coordinator at WCC, focusing on areas of Hospitality and Food and Beverage Education. Many of you have attended Chef Dan's healthy cooking sessions for Na Anela gatherings.

The WCC/AARP cooking sessions are free. Schedule can be found by going to www.aarp.org/hi, clicking on **UPCOMING EVENTS**, then, selecting the cooking session, registering by clicking on the sign-up button and filling in your information. Once your sign-up is successful, you will receive an email from Jackie Bolland, providing a link to the Zoom cooking session and your confirmation number to type/enter in. Each session's recipe will be sent to you in advance so you can pick up the ingredients and cook along with Chef Dan (est 30 min), followed by Questions and Answers.

All sessions run from 5-5:45 pm.

Nov 12 (Thu): Japanese Style Miso Salmon with Soba Noodles

Nov 19 (Thu): Filipino Chicken Adobo


Dec 03 (Thu): Chinese Dumplings
 Note: Each taped session will be available on AARP's Facebook.

If you have any questions, please contact me at yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com or call (808) 348-2297.

Stay safe, be well and hope you can participate in one or two Zoom classes!
 Mahalo and God Bless!
 Myra



MISSIONS MINISTRIES UPDATE

 In past years our Missions ministries had a Thanksgiving Food Drive to assist the Food Pantry at St. Anthony's Church. Because of the pandemic we will not do so this year. Instead we invite you to consider giving to the Thanksgiving Offering so we can send support in a financial way to support similar efforts through the Hawaii Food Bank along with support of other programs making a difference in our community.

This year monies received will also support IHS, Family Promise, and River of Life who provide support to those most vulnerable. As we near Thanksgiving, we invite you to consider a gift to share with these ministry efforts.



A BIG Mahalo for your generous donations this year. A Special Thank you to Foodland and

Western Union for once again offering this wonderful program to support programs that benefit the community.

KCC members and friends donated \$9,245.51 and Foodland and Western Union's matching gift was \$2070.95 totaling a \$11,316.46.

If you have still not yet turned in your receipt for verification, please do so by mailing in your receipt

or taking a picture of the receipt and emailing it to the church at kcc-ucc@hawaiiintel.net.



“NAME THAT AUTHOR”



Here are the answers to October's quotations for *Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for November. For those who can't wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bonsaicats1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

- October Authors:
 #1– Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)
 #2– Winston Churchill

New search for November's authors:

- #1– *"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."* (NIV)
 #2– *"You can often change your circumstances by changing your attitude."*



The 198th 'Aha Pae'āina was held virtually for the first time, from October 4 – 10, 2020. Some highlights include:

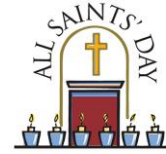
- The opening worship service featured music by the Kawaihae'o Church Quartet. Kenneth Makuakane gave the opening prayer, the youth of Lāna'i Union Church read scripture and the sermon was given by Kealahou Alikea.
- Morning devotionals got us off to a thoughtful, glorious start each day, featuring friends within and outside the Hawai'i Conference: Michael Neuroth (Monday), David Vásquez-Levy (Tuesday), Rosemary McCombs Maxey (Wednesday),

To'o'olefua Paogofie (Thursday), HCUCC Young Adults (Friday), and Karen Georgia Thompson (Saturday).

- Annual meetings of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC), Christian Endeavor Hawai'i (CE), State Sunday School Association (SSSA), and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) were held, with each entity conducting their own business meetings with their membership.
- Workshops on a wide range of topics were informative and engaging, and drew upon the wisdom of a number of speakers from around the country and within the state.
- In the online business meeting for 'Aha delegates and registered visitors on Saturday, October 10, a number of individuals and churches were recognized and celebrated for their ministries and stewardship in the past year.
- The slate of nominees to serve in elected offices was approved as submitted to the 198th 'Aha Pae'aina by the Conference Nominating Committee. The 'Aha also approved to ratify the actions taken by the Conference Council in its role as 'Aha Pae'aina *ad interim* during the period from June 2019 through October 2020, including approval of the Budget for FYE 2021.
- The closing worship once again featured music by the Kawaiaha'o Church Quartet. Sharing by HCUCC youth was also highlighted, and the sermon was delivered by Conference Minister David Popham.

This year Pastor Chris and Kammy Grable were representatives of KCC. By being online, we are fortunate to have many of the events that happened available for viewing at your convenience. By going to the HCUCC website and viewing the Aha resources you'd have a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the wider UCC community and enjoy the fellowship of our statewide UCC ohana.

Many thanks to everyone who participation and leadership in our first all virtual 'Aha Pae'aina!



In Honor of All-Saints Day, we celebrate the lives of our dear members of KCC who have gone before us this past year. We are blessed that they were a vital part of building God's kingdom as KCC ohana. They are sorely missed.

Ruth Uyechi –
Dec. 30, 2019



Winifred *Winnie*
Nakamura
April 1, 2020

Ruth Masuno
Jan. 27, 2020



Lillian Sakaguchi
April 2, 2020

Sue Nakashima
September 11, 2020



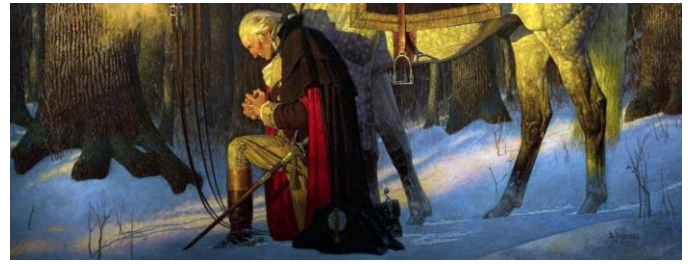
The Responsibilities of Gratitude: A Thanksgiving Reflection *An excerpt by Patrick Goodness, lecturer*

“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy uttered those words many years ago as a reminder of the duties that accompany our celebration of Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving calls us to evaluate what we treasure most and to give thanks to those who are responsible for our blessings.

One of the first Thanksgiving proclamations was made in 1789 by our first **President George Washington**, when he declared, “Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being...That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks – for his kind care and protection of the People of this country... And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord...and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions – to enable us all...to perform our...duties properly and punctually – to render our national government a blessing to all the People, by constantly being a government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed – to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord...”

In his address, President Washington requests the people of our great nation to offer prayers to God to keep us united as a nation and also to bless us in the performance of our duties in the creation of a wise and just world. But what is truly unique is that our first president challenges us to accept the responsibilities and the duties that co-exist with the act of giving thanks. In essence, he encourages us to understand that it’s not enough to simply give thanks. The act of giving thanks requires us to acknowledge our blessings, and in so doing, calls us to recognize our duties to create a peaceful, well-governed world.



When we recognize that the creation of a peaceful, benevolent world is held hostage by poverty, injustice and oppression, we who enjoy such great blessings are called to recognize those among us, who are less fortunate.

When we give thanks for our homes and material comforts, we are challenged to recognize those who are left without. When we give thanks for our families and friends, we call to mind the marginalized and the orphaned. When we give thanks for our freedom, we dutifully acknowledge those who live under the harsh rule of oppression and injustice. Truly, it is in this act of giving thanks that we recognize our responsibility to affect positive change in our world.

A BIG YEAH AND VIRTUAL HUGS

And



Congratulations to Katelyn Wakuzawa for passing her Occupational Therapy Board Certification! We celebrate this special time together with her!

Congratulations also to Ryan Lee Sakuma, grandson of Jennie Lee who graduated from Pacific University in Oregon. He attended Grad School at West Coast University and received a degree in Physical Therapy. He is employed at Fukuji & Lum and volunteers at Shriners hospital.

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Important Dates for the Calendar

Council will be meeting on Monday, Nov. 2 on Zoom to review and discuss our plans for the proposed 2021 budget, finalize our Proposed Slate of Officers for 2021 and prepare our Stewardship packet that each member of KCC will receive in the mail around Thanksgiving Week. Please keep your leaders in your prayers as they move forward to taking KCC into the new year. We pray for their health and our faith journey together in this exciting time for KCC.

Council will also meet at KCC on Monday, November 9 to finalize the adjustments to the proposed budget along with the other items that will be in your Stewardship Packet.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!



On Sunday, Dec. 6 after our Zoom Worship Service, a informational meeting to review the budget is being scheduled. We encourage anyone needing assistance for getting on Zoom / via Computer or phone to call the church office so we can arrange some assistance for you.

On Sunday, Dec. 13 a Congregational Meeting to approve the 2021 Budget and vote on our 2021 Slate of Officers. Again, please reach out for support to getting on Zoom for computer or phone access.

On Sunday, December 27, 2020 we will install and celebrate the acceptance of our new slate of officers for the new year.

Give thanks for all that the Lord has provided for you and yours. Keep safe and continue safe practices. Let's be there for each other!!

