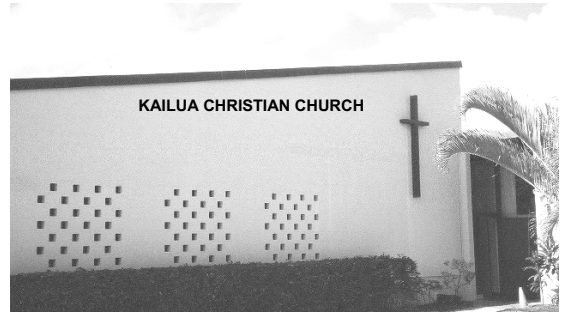


Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends,

*“Arise and shine; for your light
has come, and the glory of the
Lord has risen upon you.”*

Isaiah 60:1

This past Wednesday morning I woke to watch the Presidential Inauguration, just in time to have my mind, heart and even soul captured by National Youth Poet Laureate Amanda Gorman. She spoke with such profound aged soul from her powerful poem “The Hill We Climb.” That she is 22 years old is confounding by the depth of her insight and inspiration. Her closing lines read, *“For there is always light, if only we’re brave enough to see it, if only we’re brave enough to be it.”*

In the wake of waves of new beginnings, transitions and changes our nation is embarking on a course marked by the familiar, tempted to be held by the flaws and failures of the past and compelled by the tremendous challenges and opportunities of new life ahead day by day.

In this current of new beginnings for our country, I feel lifted with hope, joy, and compelling purpose for us here at Kailua Christian Church.

I have many memories of wonderful life shared with many of you here. Alex, our 29-year-old son, was just weeks old and on stage as the baby Jesus. I still see in my mind the Family nights of sharing talents, meals and laughs. I hold those moving moments of hearts shared among us of new life in Christ, grief of loved ones past and inspiring new ways we reached our neighbors and this world.

We found our way through conflicts with each

other as best we could at the time. We had our flaws and failures, yet you stayed the course over the years welcoming new friends to become family here at Kailua Christian.

I realize it is tempting to find what was good and try to replicate it, as if the experiences of the past can bring new meaning to our present day lives. The past is meant to encourage us, teach us, and delight us with joy of good. Yet I believe the past greatest gift is to inspire us.

What was good and new then, was good because it opened us to what God was doing in that moment of time. Today, let us take great courage, hope, even confidence for this day, in this time, for this new season. With hearts open to welcome and receive deeply how God is rising up among us, in us and through us for a new day, new moments of great good together.

I begin this new season with you, with gratefulness of how God has moved over the years in my life and yours. I give myself and invite you to join me to look up, to look forward, and look beside each other for whom I may have some part of God’s new life for each of us. Let us lend a hand to encourage, give an ear to really hear, share a heart to comfort, offer prayers for courage to rely deeply on God for the unknown ahead.

I invite you to join me with our imperfections and flaws still being worked on, to give our best as best we can by the power of God’s unfailing grace. Our God moved in our past to empower us for this present day. Let us rise and shine, because the glory of the Lord has risen upon you and me together.

Humbled and grateful to be here with you,
Pastor Dale

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Kailua Christian Church (UCC). The following is my first attempt at creating a newsletter article as Moderator of KCC and I am not exactly sure what to say. I have never served as the KCC Moderator previously (or any other moderator for that matter). Over the past 35 years at KCC I have served as a Trustee and a Deacon, and have served on the Worship Committee, Christian Education Committee and Pastoral Search Committee. Each of those positions had a defined role and a specific task to be performed. Thus, it was slightly easier to know and do that which was assigned to those committees, and to talk about the designated tasks and what we were doing to fulfil them.

The Moderator role, however, seems more like a coordinator of all the committees and congregants. It seems like the Moderator is involved in everything but not specifically responsible for anything. I am sure that as the year progresses, we will figure things out together, and I will learn what to do and speak. I will appreciate your patience.

In the interim, I have a very good feeling about KCC and 2021. Together we have gone through a long transition and a rough 2020. We have not had permanent leadership in the form of a settled pastor in the past five and a half years. It feels very good to have a settled pastor again and a sense of new hope and new possibilities for KCC. Presumably, my job will be significantly easier and more comfortable because of having this new leadership.

Please feel free to communicate with me in any manner that feels comfortable to you including in person conversations, phone calls, email, text messages or other written communications. I am anxious to communicate with all of you on almost any topic.

This is going to be a new adventure for all of us and I am looking forward to it.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable

DEACON'S MESSAGE



Putting Back the Mojo at KCC Using PPP

The dictionary defines mojo as “magical charm.” From what I can tell KCC had this mojo in the past and I am wondering what happened to it and how we can we get it back. Hopefully, the Deacons this year can be proactive and restore KCC to its glory days with feedback and help from our congregation.

As chairperson of the KCC Deacons I was thinking about using PPP. No, I’m not talking about the Federal government’s PPP (Paycheck Protection Program). Our diligent Trustees are utilizing that PPP. The PPP I’m talking about is Planning, Participation, and Practice.

Planning

For planning to work we need input from all stake holders at our church. This includes our Pastor, Chairpersons of committees, and of course members and friends of our congregation. One item I would like to focus on this year is increasing our membership or at least increasing attendance to our services and events, especially among the younger demographic group. Our current active membership is about 126 people.

We currently have \$3,778.92 in our Deacons Fund. Last year we did not utilize most of this fund. This year I hope to see if we can use more this fund to help people in need per KCC’s Policy Handbook.

Hopefully, we as deacons can be open minded and can think out of the box in trying to accomplish our short-term and long-term goals. KCC stake holders feel free to share your thoughts by texting or emailing the KCC deacons (Vernon Pang, Myra Yamada, Lily and Winchell Lee). I think the Deacons know already know how we will be handling Communion.

Participation

This will be a big challenge this year as was last year because the Corvid 19 pandemic. The deacons are currently grossly understaffed. My goal is to apply the 80-20 rule which is to identify inputs that are potentially the most productive and make them the priority. Here the deacons will rely on KCC stake holders again. Hopefully if we

follow this new procedure it will free up the KCC deacons time to plan events and/or working on other support issues that the Pastor may need. Because of the requirements instilled by the pandemic our usual visitation and prayer activities have really suffered. Can we meet the challenge by developing and applying new digital/electronic technology? Can we have members participate in prayers and visitations thru a mobile phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer using Zoom, Skype, or some other app? I know for myself what a blessing it is to communicate with my mom in her care home through the care giver's mobile phone or tablet.

Practice

Of the three P's, this one will probably be the most difficult to accomplish. Many times, we forget to be a little more loving, to be a little less judgmental, to be more forgiving, and to pray when we need help.

Vernon Pang – Your KCC Deacon

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

~ Dean's friend, Wes

~ Howard Jackson

~ J. Yano

~ Coreen & Tony Sarabia ~ Clifford Sakamoto

~ Sharon Nishihira & Steve Hammann

~ Larry & Sandra Siu

~ Wayne O.

~ Steff Moderow

~ Jennie Lee

~ Ally T.

~ Pastor J. Salle

~ Diane & John Mendenhall

~ Dick Grable

~ Beverly & Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson

~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Hazel Chow, Ellen Chew, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Ada Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsushima, 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 Dale and our Zoom Worship Team

~ All Medical, Healthcare, Emergency Need and Caregiving providers.



- ~ Family, neighbors, and friends who care for each other when the need arises.
- ~ The safe reopening of all businesses.
- ~ Staying safe as we welcome tourists back
- ~ All children and teachers dealing with in-person and online education.
- ~ For our new president and our country.
- ~ For the proper and speedy distribution of the vaccine.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Keelyn Higashi

Milla Higashi

Kyle Nakamoto

Mildred T. Sakamoto

Reggie Yamada

Jonathan Fong

Mark Kanazawa

Andrew Wakuzawa

Kupa'a Harrison

Susan Shiroma

Dot Suzuki

Barney Pilla



Debbie Fong

Eliot St. John

John Tamashiro

Kamalu Miller

Keith Schultz

Florence

Miyashiro

Marisa Yamada

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12 – Liloa & Molly Hagmann



Dear Kailua Christian Church UCC,

Mahalo again for your thoughtful and generous gifts. As I close with the word "Aloha", you can find it in the word Mahalo.

Aloha, Chris

TRUSTEES NOTES

Happy Valentine's Day!

As Pastor Dale says, it's a fresh new season!

The trustees say thank you for honoring God in such generous ways. The Treasurer informed us that we ended the year with a deficit of \$315.61. Thanks also to the government for \$17,000.00 which was the amount approved and given to us in 2020. We are in the process of applying for this year's loan. However, we are not sure if we will qualify. Please continue to cover our church budget in prayer, that we would continue to trust God and His provision for this coming year. We would like to extend a warm thank you to Central Pacific Bank manager, Wren Akamine for his service to Kailua Christian Church and our church community.

Giving statements were sent out on January 24. If you have not received your giving statement, or you come across any errors on your giving statement, please contact our church office. The trustees will look into it.

Colossians 3:14-15

"And above all these, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful."

Faithfully in service, Susan Morita



FOR GOD
has not given us
a Spirit of fear
but of
POWER
LOVE
& self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

ON ZOOM AT 10:00 A.M.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8738460097?pwd=T1F5aElsUWdoTDNuVE5SL2lFMmhSQOT09>

You'll be able to log on anytime after 9:30 a.m.

For more information, please call the church office at 261-0125.



**NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE
AKUA (Angels in the Works for God)**

KCC's support group originally focused on those facing serious illnesses such as cancer, heart problems, and diabetes. We provided support by praying for each other, sharing our concerns/stories, and inviting guest speakers whose topics would enhance our quality of life. We have since lost many members and friends through the years. Yet, many have survived their medical crisis and are on their health and wellness (physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual) journey to living a full life. From 2002 to 2016, Na Anela support group met 11 months of each year (Jan – Nov). In 2017, Na Anela meetings were reduced to six (6) bi-monthly meetings: January, March, May, July, September, and November.

During this Covid-19 time of wearing of face masks/shields, limited social gatherings and meetings, and closure of our KCC church, please continue your health and wellness journey from the comfort of your home!

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series. Contact Maylynn Wong at 808-547-8138 or

mwong@stfrancishawaii.org. After signing up for one class, you will be listed on Jaylynn's mailing distribution and receive monthly updates on upcoming classes, where you can register by simply clicking on the class of your choice.

Feb 01: 1:30-3:30 pm; Make it Happen with Myra (Shindo)

Feb 02/09: 5-7 pm; Kidney Care Series III - Physical Activity; IV Medication Management

Feb 06: 9-11 am; Resolving Conflict Without Blame

Feb 10/24: 10-1045 am Positive Synergy in Mind and Movement

Feb 11: 10-11 am; Ho'okua'aina Rooted in Wellness

Feb 17: 5-7 pm; Declutter and Downsizing with Compassion

Feb 18: 5-7 pm; Parkinson's Up-close & Personal

Feb 19: 5-7 pm; Brain Injuries, Stroke & Spinal Cord Injuries: What Everyone Needs to Know

Feb 26: 5-7 pm; Peace and Tranquility of Hospice Care

Feb 27: 9-11 am; Personal Resilience During Times of Change

FREE: Boxing Fundamentals: Tue and Fri; 6-6:45 pm

Team Courageous Caregivers! Virtual Walking Group: every Friday; 9-9:30 am

Livestream Zumba Gold classes: every Saturday; 8-9 am

AARP/WCC's Fast, Healthy and Ono Cooking Series.

Sign up for Chef Daniel Swift's February Zoom Thursday classes via

<https://local.aarp.org/honolulu-hi/aarp-events/>.

Click on the session of your choice.

You will receive recipes along with your confirmation.

Feb 04: 5-5:45 pm; Popular Pupus

Feb 11: 5-5:45 pm; Thai Beef Salad/Learn About Dressings

Feb 18: 5-5:45 pm; Butchery Lesson: Pork Loin (Chef Dale Thomas)

Feb 25: 5-5:45 pm; Hawaiian Luau at Home – Pressure Cooker Cooking

Please contact me at [yamadamya@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com) or call (808) 348-2297 if you have questions.

Stay safe, be well and sample one of these classes. It is worth it!

Mahalo and God Bless!

Myra



“NAME THAT AUTHOR”

Here are the answers to December's quotations for *Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for January. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bonsaocats1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.



January quotations AND Answers:

#1—Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in **love**.

Answer: 1 Corinthians 16:14.

#2—"Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" ...

Answer: Abraham Lincoln

February quotations:

1- "... Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

2- *The true measure of any society can be found in how it treats its most vulnerable members.*

Hint: this person was a Lawyer, Politician, Activist, and Writer



*Where
God guides,
He provides*

ISAIAH 58:11



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The Lord's Love and Protection

The Lord's love and protection
Are never so far,
That he cannot reach us
Wherever we are.
His arm outstretched
Like an eagle's wing,
Ever hovering with the love
And care he brings.
Enlightened by his strength
And comforting power,
We may rest and be assured
Every day, every hour.

Teresa C. Hawes



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!