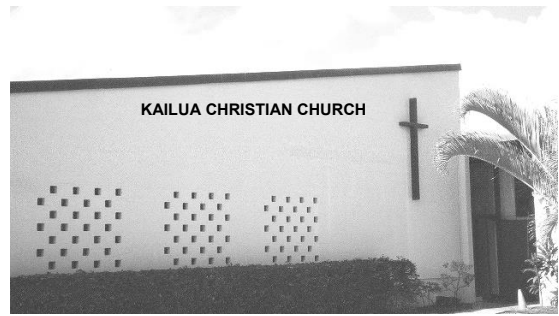


# Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends,

“I’ll be back soon.”, said HPD Officer BJ Miralles to his police brothers and sisters. Fresh hugs with his wife and children, many heart-felt thank you for the doctors, nurses, family, friends, his police Ohana and God, he is on the road to a new life. As I listened to the deep gratitude of Officer BJ Miralles, I believe his words may very well have been inspired by Jesus Himself. Officer Miralles had contracted Covid-19 from a cluster at their Wahiawa police station. On Friday, February 19, after nearly 3 months of life-threatening lung restriction and other complications, he was finally, able to leave the hospital.

These weeks of Lent that take us to Easter, can be filled with overwhelming despair of what is wrong with ourselves and our world, what has been devastating loss, what is still very troubling about the unknown up ahead of us for as far as we can see from here.

This is all real and true. What is also true is the Hope that Jesus came to live, give and suffer for us to have and know. His life was not absent in any way from the cruelties of people, leaders, and life challenges. He grappled before His and our Heavenly Father for a different way, a way around or out of the worst of it. He knows what it is to struggle.

There, in part, comes our Hope for our day. Jesus knows despair, loneliness and pain; physically, emotionally and spiritually. He understands.

The other part of Hope from Jesus is beyond our ability, yet not beyond Him. As He lived through life, He came to the cross with the full weight of all that He had seen and known that had kept all from the freedom of life with the Father. Carrying our flaws, failures and sins to the tomb, it could have been over there.

The Hope we celebrate from Easter is that Christ rose from death to a new life among us. Our Hope is that from the darkest struggles, the profound emptiness of our lives, God can and is bringing new life. With His full forgiveness comes new beginnings for a fresh start in our lives. Like His disciples and closest friends waiting in their hidden places, or on the roads of discouragement, even out on the water with empty nets, Jesus comes in His time to us as well. He has His way to find us with healing, healthy changes and a call to be helpful with Him in our world.

What is true of Easter is meant to give us Hope on our journey today.

“He is risen, He is risen indeed”

I am grateful to God, and to you to be with you. I am lifted and inspired by fresh touches of Hope in this new season of new beginnings together.

May the persistent and consistent love of Christ find humble, receptive and responsive hearts in each one of us.

With thanks to God for you,  
Pastor Dale

### MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

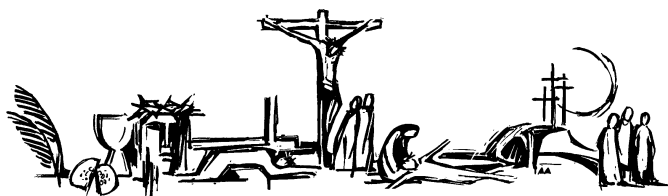
Kailua Christian Church (UCC) is off to a great start for 2021 and I am full of anticipation and excitement. Our new Pastor has settled in; the church offices and library are being cleaned out and painted and refurbished; we have had our first quasi in-person event in 2021 with "Come Say Hi at the Drive By"; we all now have journals to start to use; and we should be worshipping in person in the sanctuary soon.

Our affiliation with God Squad is coming to an end at the end of March 2021. We were happy that they were able to use our facilities while they were being underused by us for almost a full year.

We still need a Christian Education Chairperson who can cast a vision for Christian education at KCC along with Pastor Dale. If you have a desire to serve in this role, we have a blank slate at this moment and the Christian education program can be shaped and crafted in creative ways. Please consider this ministry and let us know if you have a calling in this area.

I am looking forward to working collaboratively with all of you. Please communicate with Pastor Dale, Kammy and me in any manner that feels comfortable to you including in person conversations, phone calls, email, text messages or other written communications. We are looking forward to these communications.

Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable



### DEACON'S MESSAGE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



ON ZOOM AT 10:00 A.M.

To download and install the Zoom Application (app): From your internet browser (Google) type <https://zoom.us/download> press **Enter** and it will take you to the Zoom Download Center, click on the Download button under "Zoom Client For Meetings". This application will be automatically downloaded on your device for you to start your first Zoom Meeting.

Downloading app is free. Once you have the Zoom app loaded on your mobile phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer, on Sunday any time after 9:30 am. type in the link on Google <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8738460097?pwd=1F5aE sUdoTDNuVE5SL2lFMmhSQT09> and then press the key **Enter** on your keyboard. You may need to input the Meeting ID: **873 846 0097** and the Password: **branches** if your Zoom program ask for it.

Lily Lee – Your KCC Deacon

### PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers  
~ Florence's neighbor, Brian  
~ Cicy & Gary Romero  
~ Robert's friend, Helen K.



~ Dean's friends, Wes & Doug  
~ Chickee in Spain  
~ Larry & Sandra Siu  
~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima  
~ Diane & John Mendenhall  
~ Dick Grable  
~ Ally T.  
~ Pastor J. Salle  
~ Keith's friend, Bret  
~ William Ouye  
~ Steff Moderow

- ~ 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.
- ~ Zoom Worship Team
- ~ All Essential Workers
- ~ Family, neighbors, and friends who care for each other when the need arises.
- ~ The safe reopening of churches and businesses
- ~ All Education teachers and their students
- ~ For our president and govt. officials
- ~ For the proper distribution of the vaccine.

Sincere condolences to Roy Yamauchi and family on the passing of his mom, Kameyo Yamauchi. We share in the celebration of her long life and remember how nice it was when she would join us in worship when she was able to come. Kameyo passed away in late February at the age of 104.



## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Meagan Terada  
Lance Yoneshige  
Jolene Chang  
Mikayla Maeshiro  
Cindy Imai  
Alan Yoneshige  
Jason Lau  
Nathan Chang  
Heather Bernal  
Sam Kojiro  
Cyndi Kesler  
Joshua Weible

Maureen Wakuzawa  
Dean Wakuzawa  
Pastor Tim Weible  
Lowell Terada  
Winchell Lee  
Linda Yoshimura



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Bruce & Colleen Kugiya



## **TRUSTEES NOTES**

Happy Spring! God constantly arrives at our doorstep with countless opportunities. And He knocks. Our invitation, of course, is to open the door. We are truly moving forward in this new year and new season. Pastor Dale's focus and vision of Healing, Healthy, and Helping includes and compliments the renovating of the office. Along with his gift of preaching, he is also a man of construction. Some may remember that he planted the idea of our Transitional House Ministry way back at the start of his ministerial career at KCC?

His plans for renovating the office were presented to the Trustees and received Council approval. We were so blessed and ever so grateful that a member donated the funds to make the project a go! We're thankful that Pastor Dale has the energy to undertake this huge project. He and his energetic boys hauled away truckloads of rubbish that certainly needed to be trashed. Keith Schultz has been hired to do the job and will work with Pastor Dale to rejuvenate the office for a fresh new start.

Pastor Dale's strength of also being a counselor will surely be a welcome addition to all members and friends who will benefit from this healthy rejuvenated environment.

We will be using the Building Fund, a special fund that we have received donations to over the years for projects such as this, along with roof repairs, air conditioning upgrades, and resurfacing the driveway. We are fortunate that we have also received a gift check from Irene Kanetake's will. All these generous gifts have enabled us to continue to address our ongoing special needs. Donations to this special fund is always welcome.

We were granted a second forgiveness loan from the federal government. We thank Dean Wakuzawa and Reyn Akamine, Central Pacific Bank manager for helping us obtain this forgiveness loan.

We await to see what other plans God has for us as he reveals it in His Time. We are so blessed and grateful! Please share the blessings of Jesus

with others and invite them to join us on Sunday morning worship on Zoom. We look forward to when in-person church opens up again, which we trust will happen soon. Praise the Lord!



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

**SAVE THIS DATE, SAT, MARCH 27, 2021!**

AED Institute of America (Hawaii office) will provide a 30-minute CPR/AED refresher class via Zoom, from 10:30-11:00 a.m. This is a “KCC” rescheduled Mar 2020 session that was cancelled because of the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are interested, please contact Kammy at 261-0125 or Myra at [yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com). I will also send out an email with a direct Zoom link to all who are on the Na Anela distribution list. There is no maximum limit, however, I would like to keep a list of those who plan on attending the Zoom session.

During the Covid-closure of Kailua Christian Church, please continue your health and wellness journey from the comfort of your home! March classes for both, St. Francis Healthcare System and AARP/Windward Community College, are listed. St. Francis Healthcare System’s Caregiver Education and Wellness Series. Contact Maylynn Wong at 547-8138 or [mwong@stfrancishawaii.org](mailto:mwong@stfrancishawaii.org). After signing up for one class, you will be sent monthly schedules from Maylynn’s email distribution list. Your email will have direct sign-up links to each chosen class.

Mar 01: 8:00-9:00 am; Big Moves! Every Monday; Exercise Program for Parkinson’s Disease

Mar 03: 9:00-11:30 am; Diabetes Self-Management Six-Week Program (register via National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii (NKFH): call 808-589-5905 or email [programs@kidneyhi.org](mailto:programs@kidneyhi.org).

Mar 04: 5:00-7:00 pm; Don’t Retire, Rewire Series; runs from Mar 04 -25

Mar 06: 9:00-11:00 am; Medicare Basics

Mar 10: 5:00-7 pm; Financial Fitness for Your Retirement Goals

Mar 11: 10:00-11:00 a.m.; Ho’okua’aina Rooted in Wellness Series

Mar 16: 5:00-7:00 a.m.; Resolving Conflict without Blame

Mar 17: 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Truth and Myths of Long-Term Care Insurance

Mar 22: 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Urinary Incontinence; & Hazards of Hospitalization

Mar 31: 6:00-7:00 p.m.; Year-Long Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP); register with Noel Gibeau at NKFH: call 589-5906 or email [programs@kidneyhi.org](mailto:programs@kidneyhi.org).

FREE! Boxing Fundamentals: Tue and Fri; 6:00-6:45 p.m.

FREE! Livestream Zumba Gold classes: every Saturday; 8:00-9:00 a.m.

AARP/WCC’s Fast, Healthy and Ono Cooking Series. Sign up for Chef Daniel Swift’s March Zoom classes via <https://local.aarp.org/honolulu-hi/aarp-events/>. Click on the session of your choice. You will receive a recipe link on your email confirmation.

Mar 04: 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Tasty Weeknight Korean Beef Rice Bowl & Mexican Beef Burrito Bowl

Mar 11: 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Cooking with Fresh Herbs

Mar 18: 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Butchery Lesson: Beef Ribs (Chef Dale Thomas)

Mar 25: 5:00-5:45 p.m.; Sauces! Seared Ahi in Teriyaki Burre Blanc

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

Please stay safe, be healthy and invest your time in one of these classes. It will be worth your time and effort!

Mahalo and God Bless!

Myra



**"NAME THAT AUTHOR"**

Here are the answers to February's quotations for *Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for March. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at [bon-saocats1@gmail.com](mailto:bon-saocats1@gmail.com). If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

## 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." Answer: Psalm 23:6

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 Answer: Mahatma Gandhi

## For March 2021 Quotations

1- Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you.

2- Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners, and necessity has made us allies. Those whom God has so joined together, let no man put asunder.

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**HAWAIIAN ISLAND MINISTRIES (HIM)  
ONLINE CONFERENCE – "HOPE RISING"**

**This year's annual conference will be virtual Extended to 6 days. March 15, 2021 12:15 p.m. to Sat. March 20, 2021 12:35 p.m.**

Gather to worship, grow, and pray as the diverse Body of Christ across denominations, cultures, and generations. Come find encouragement, renewal, inspiration, help, and HOPE.

If you are interested in participating in this high-quality presentation --- please call our church office at 261-0125 for more information on the limited free registrations available. Registration fees (\$99

per person) includes all general sessions (8), all workshops (25), Sacred Space and Exhibits. You will have access to REPLAY where you can re/watch HIM 2021 workshop videos throughout the conference until 11:59 p.m. Sunday March 21, 2021.

Deeper Experience event on Friday, March 19 is a special event requiring an additional registration fee that you may purchase on your own if you choose.

Go to [him2021.org](http://him2021.org) for more details. Tickets are on a first come first serve basis compliments of a KCC family who encourages you to grow in your faith!

**THE SEASON OF LENT**

Holy Week Prepare your hearts for special gatherings that will be announced soon

The last week of Lent is Holy Week starting with Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021. Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 1 focuses on the Last Supper, and following the New Testament story, Jesus' crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, April 2nd. Holy Saturday is on April 3 and at the beginning of the next week the joyful celebration of Easter Sunday recalls the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



THE FORTY DAYS of LENT

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*Mahalo, KCC Ohana for your generous support of the UCC Christmas Fund Offering. This offering supports active and retired clergy and lay employees of the UCC with emergency grants, annuities, and health premiums and Christmas gift checks for lower-income retirees.*

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***"COME SAY HI AT THE DRIVE BY!"***  
Heavenly Highlights



MAHALO to all who participated!  
Looking forward to us coming  
together again soon!