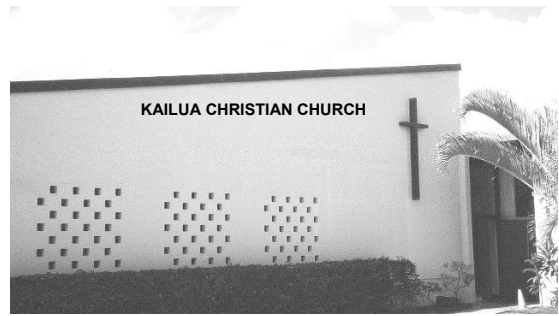


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Dear family and friends,

It was during a time in my life as a pastor when it seemed we were heading for a ship-wreck. On all fronts of relationships, finances, and misinformation, I felt most challenged, alone, and deeply discouraged. One morning I came upon these words of Paul found in Acts 27:22-24

“I urge you now to keep up your courage; not one of you will be lost, only the ship. ²³ For last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood by me ²⁴ and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul....’ Acts 27:22-24

These words came as if written specifically for me, and for the church, in this despairing time. The call to stay the course with courage in the face of the unknowns and to see to the well-being of the people through the difficulties, lifted me. I was brought to peace, courage and focus of my life vision when I remembered, “the God to whom I belong and whom I serve.”

As we venture into 2022, I want to invite you to join me and our church council in listening to God’s word, God’s heart and God’s call; ***‘to keep up your courage’.***

In the ongoing rush of low and high tides of uncertainty with our pandemic, our economy, strains on personal relationships, and for many numerous health challenges, we have good reason to feel overwhelmed and discouraged.

Yet the God ***‘to whom we belong and whom we serve’***, is present, participating and keeping us afloat through it all. Not only are we

afloat to survive, we are called to dream from these assurances, to regain a focus of what matters most to God, to others and ourselves for His goodness of His Kingdom to be shared, felt and brought to life in new ways.

So, I invite you to pray, to reflect, to ask and listen to God for guidance of thought and heart for what God is calling us to be about in this next season, even in the midst of these unsettled times. I hear the words given to the prophet Habakkuk;

***“Then the Lord answered me and said: Write down the vision; Make it plain upon tablets, so that the one who reads it may run.”
Habakkuk 2:2***

I encourage you, with heart and mind on the God to whom you belong and serve to dream, imagine, listen to God’s stirring in your heart. Write it out. Talk it over with others. Above all, seek for what is good, worthy of praise and honoring of God’s will for the salvation of all people and our part in this new season God is leading us through.

I invite you to share with me if you would like. Send what you have written to our Council leaders, and/or be prepared to share when we do have our All-Church Planning Retreat. The date for our planning retreat is pending when we can meet in person.

I am grateful to God for you. Pastor Dale



MODERATOR'S NOTES

The Institute for Human Services ("IHS") was founded by Father Claude DuTeil. When he first started, it was called the Peanut Butter Ministry. He reached out to the homeless people of Honolulu by providing them with food and care and other support. That ministry has grown and thrived and the number of people who need it have not diminished in recent years.

The State of Hawaii is now very involved as a partner in IHS and KCC's former Pastoral Associate, Connie Mitchell, has been the executive director there for many years.

Recently the IHS website contained the following quote from Father DuTeil from 1983:

"People need love and acceptance most when they are the most unlovable... These are very lonely people. Somebody has to step in and surround each of them with warmth, so that he or she can become a different kind of person..."

Some people have the idea that the chronically homeless people don't mind being homeless, or that they don't deserve to be housed because they are not doing enough to pull themselves out of their bad circumstances, or that they are where they are due to their bad choices or drug or alcohol use. The homeless person may even agree with these sentiments and say that they do not need to be helped and want to be left alone.

But God did not plan for His children to be left alone or for these dire circumstances for his children. He wants all of us to be in relationship with Him and each other. God has a better plan for them and for us. God doesn't only love us when we are loveable, He loves us when we are very unlovable. That is when we need it the most and that is when He can work to transform us into the people that He has planned for us to be.

My hope for 2022 is that KCC embarks on a mission ministry to the poorest of God's children, especially the homeless.

The KCC Missions Chairperson for 2022 is still an open position and the ministries that we had been performing for the poor and homeless in our community have not been functioning as they were before the pandemic. During 2020 and 2021 we have had to suspend our ministries with Family Promise and our dinners at River of Life. Our transition apartment has also remained empty. We need to recalibrate those ministries to do new things in 2022.

KCC is known to be a WARM church. These are desperate people with little or no hope. Let us use our warmth to surround our unworthy and unloved brothers and sisters with God's love and our care. If any of you feel called to lead our Missions Team in 2022, please let us know.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable

**DEACONS CORNER**

The 2022 Board of Deacons is comprised of six KCC members: Vernon Pang, Myra Yamada, Winchell and Lily Lee, Florence Miyashiro and Debbie Fong. We look forward to working together as a team to fulfill the duties and responsibilities assigned to the Board of Deacons. In the years before the corona virus the Deacons annually hosted a "Meet Your Deacons" luncheon for the congregation. At the luncheon there was food, fellowship, and sharing of information about the deacon's duties and responsibilities. Since there hasn't been a Deacons luncheon for a couple of years, it seems appropriate to share this information now.

The responsibilities of the Deacons are to assist, along with the Pastor, with the spiritual health of members. They also assist with the preparation and administration of communion and administer the Deacon's Benevolence Fund. Interviewing candidates for church membership is

another duty. Visitations and the coordination of the after-church fellowship hour have unfortunately been put on hold due to covid.

The Deacon's Benevolence Fund assists with the financial needs of those who are unable to provide for themselves. The application for assistance is open to any person in the described situation whether they are a member of KCC or not.



Another responsibility of the Deacons is to send cards to those for whom prayers are asked for during our weekly worship time. Cards with Alice Esaki's painting of KCC on the cover were printed for this purpose. The Deacons ask that when requesting for prayers the requestor state whether a card should be sent or not, and then later provide the full name and address of the recipient to a deacon. This would expedite cards being sent in a timely manner.

We wait for the time when we will be able to worship together in person. Till then we encourage our members and friends to keep in touch with one another and to not hesitate to contact any deacon if you have needs that we may be able to help with.

Blessings Always,
Debbie Fong



PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers



- ~ Kira Chong
- ~ Sylvia Shiraishi
- ~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
- ~ Lowell & Myrtle's family
- ~ Bailey Miyashiro ~ Alice Esaki
- ~ Bobbi Bishaw-Gramberg
- ~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
- ~ Pat Kent and family (Richard)
- ~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann

- ~ Sheila's friend, Jody ~ Hazel Chow
- ~ Pastor Guy's heart surgery healing
- ~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Otsu Ohana
- ~ Pastor Damien Wong
- ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
- ~ Henry Tom ~ Jane Bailon
- ~ John Sakamoto's Family

~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, Ruth & Harrison Lum, and all families dealing with high risk factors along with our entire church family.

~ Warren & Lynn Nakano

(If you would like to get a copy of the update on Warren's condition, please request it from the office. Please pray for positive results for his radiation treatments that will occur in early February.)

- ~ Zoom Worship Team
- ~ The safe reopening of in-person worship
- ~ Continued vaccination efforts
- ~ Safety and health of everyone



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Milla and Keelyn
Higashi

Kyle Nakamoto
Mildred Sakamoto
Reggie Yamada
Jonathan Fong
Mark Kanazawa
Andrew Wakuzawa
Kupa'a Harrison
Dot Suzuki

Barney Pilla
Debbie Fong
Eliot St. John
John Tamashiro
Kamalu Miller
Keith Schultz
Florence Miyashiro
Marisa Yamada



Liloa & Molly
Hagmann

TRUSTEES NOTE

...God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:7-8

It is hard to believe that it is already February 2022. It's been over a month since we have all been together at KCC with in-person worship. How we all look forward to the day when we are back worshipping together in the sanctuary. Zoom services have been a great way to keep us connected and enable us to hear God's word through Pastor Dale's sermons.

A big thank you to all who continue to send in pledges and tithes during this pandemic. It has been a true blessing that so many of you continue to give generously to KCC. The scripture quote above from 2Corinthians is a good reminder that God does provide us with an abundance of blessings every day. Also thank you to all of you who volunteer at KCC with the zoom worship service, watering plants, assist with the processing of our monthly newsletter, send cards to those who are part of our prayer requests, process the pledges and tithes received, and every other one who volunteers their time and talents to KCC. Thank you also to all who attend our zoom services; worshipping with you on Sundays is a gift in itself.

Your 2022 Trustees have yet to meet via zoom or in-person. We will have our first meeting of the year in February (most likely via zoom). Should you have any questions or concerns regarding our facilities or financials, please reach out to any of the Trustees or the office.

Have a Blessed February and please continue to Stay Safe!

Love in Christ!

Your Trustees



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

RESERVE THESE ZOOM DATES ON YOUR 2022 CALENDAR!

Mar 26, Saturday, 1000-1100:

Kailua Christian Church In-Service AED/CPR Refresher on Zoom: Brenda Dumadag, AED Institute of America/Staff Instructor

Details will be included in the March newsletter.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83222238752?pwd=ZlE5QUhYYjdKVUFXeFdnckFIZXVGZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 2223 8752

Passcode: KCC22

May 28; Saturday, 1000-1200:

1. Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body – Tips from the Latest Research

Nicholas Los Banos, HI Island Regional Coordinator/Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter

2. Nourishment for the Caregiver! Sarah Josef, Clinical and Community Nutritionist/Dietician with Hui Malama Ola Na 'Oiwai

Zoom Details will be included in KCC's May 2022 newsletter.

During this time of limited social gatherings and meetings, please continue to safely **LEARN, LEARN and LEARN** from the comfort of your home! I highly recommend taking these free, Zoom classes from AARP/WCC's "**FAST, HEALTHY AND ONO**" series, featuring Chef Daniel Swift, WCC's Workforce Development Coordinator. Chef Dan's classes can be found at www.aarp.org/hi, by clicking on **UPCOMING EVENTS**. Scroll to classes that interest you. Click on the **Join the Webinar** link.

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

Register for Chef Daniel Swift's four February 2022 Zoom cooking classes based on the theme, Trip Around the World via WCC's Uala Leaf Café at <https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>.

Feb 03: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Brazilian Chicken & Vegetables

Feb 10: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Lamb Chops with Argentine Chimichurri Sauce

Feb 17: Thu, 5 - 5:45 pm; Caramelized Onion Empanadas

Feb 24: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Arroz Con Camarones (Shrimp Rice)

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series is another excellent source of health and wellness classes.

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series. Sign up for individual classes via <https://mailchi.mp/stfrancishawaii/february-2022-classes>.

Click on the registration button for each selected class. Contact Maylynn if you have questions or are having difficulty enrolling.

Maylynn Wong (808-547-8138; mwong@stfrancishawaii.org). You will be sent a confirmation instantly when enrollment is successful and an email confirmation with the Zoom link.

Once enrolled in a class, you will receive a reminder the week of class and future monthly schedules.

Feb 01 - 22: Tue, 9 - 10 am; Body & Brain Tai Chi (4 sessions)

Feb 02: Wed, 10 – 11:30 am; New! Your Voice: Discover the Public's Power in the Legislative Process

Feb 02 – 28: Mon & Wed, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (except 02/21 holiday)

Feb 04: Fri, 5 - 6 pm; Eating Smart for Your Kidneys 5-session workshop

Feb 05- 26: Sat; 8 - 9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances

Feb 07 - 28: Mon, 8 – 9 am; Big Moves Monday (except 02/21 holiday)

Feb 09: Wed, 11- 1 pm; Introduction to Geriatrics, Normal Changes of Aging & Preventing Frailty

Feb 09: Wed, 5 – 7 pm; Trusts, Wills, POA & Medical Decision Making

Feb 10: Thu, 5 – 6:30 pm; Medicare Basics

Feb 16: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; New! Rare Disease Research

Feb 18: Fri, 5 – 6:30 pm; New! Overview of Taxes and Retirement Planning

Feb 19: Sat, 9 - 11 am; Parkinson's Up-Close and Personal

Feb 24: Thu, 5 – 6:30 pm; Resolving Conflict Without Blame

Please contact me at [yamadamya@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 and energy in any one of these free classes.

Mahalo and God Bless! Myra



"NAME THAT AUTHOR"

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for January*, plus two new quotations for February. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at 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.

January Quotations:

1- *"We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us". 1 Cor. 2:12 NIV*

2- *"Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders." Deut. 33:12 NIV*

February Quotations:

1- "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

2- "Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you."

**A BIG MAHALO KCC**

2021 Contribution Statements. Special thanks to you for your generous support of the mission of KCC through the year. Even with the economic challenges you remained faithful, trusting that God was in control and

would provide what was needed. We have already sent out the statements through the mail. Please call the office at 808-261-0125 if you have not received your copy or have any questions or adjustments needed. Mahalo!

REASON TO CELEBRATE

Being able to worship with friends old and new – from near and far away.

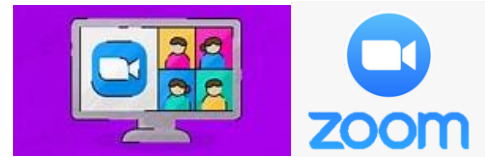
Congratulations to Pastor Dale as he was invited to receive the acknowledgement of Pastor Emeritus from Waimea UCC. This is the church where he served after Iniki Hurricane from 1993-1997. This generous affirmation of a past relationship will be helpful with establishing his standing with the Hawaii Conference UCC as well.

Friendly Reminders:

We continue to receive the 2022 Time and Talent commitment form and Pledge Card as we serve God faithfully in 2022. You can mail them into the church office at your convenience.

We welcome helpers for our zoom services each Sunday Morning; Scripture readers, prayer providers, and greeters are encouraged to volunteer for a period of a month at a time or as a fill-in in

emergency situations. Worship leaders will also be sought for our in-person services once we go back to that.

**Getting On Zoom**

- Open a browser and access zoom.us or open the zoom app
- Access Join a Meeting
- Meeting ID: 873 846 0097
- Passcode: branches
- You should now be in the Zoom meeting

Please let us know if you need help getting on the Zoom site. Questions can be directed to the office and we will try to assist you, 808-261-0125.

ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICE FOR NOW

We hope you will join us when we return to in-person worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings at Kailua Christian Church.

We encourage all to follow health and safety guidelines of COVID-19, including being fully vaccinated.

When attending In-Person Worship:

1. Please enter the sanctuary through the center back doors only.
2. Wear a mask at all times.
3. Social Distance of 6 feet.
4. Check-in required with health questions and temperature check.
5. Present your vaccination card or be ready to take a rapid test before entering the sanctuary.
6. Allow Ushers to show you to your seat.
7. We encourage sanitizer usage and elbow bumps in lieu of hugs for the comfort of our fellow participants.

The **2022 HCUCC Church Leaders Event** will be held on Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., via Zoom. The title of the event, "**Oh God, What Now?**", reflects what many of us have been asking—especially over the course of the ongoing pandemic. While we cannot guarantee that attendees will leave with the answers they want, we hope to create dialogue, entertain questions, and offer a sense of reassurance to get us through the meantime.

This Leaders Event will be unlike any other before. The Hawai'i Conference has traditionally held an annual Church Leaders Event in the spring to help orient newly elected church leaders to the functions of their positions. This year, the Leaders Event will take a different direction, focusing on conversations for leaders to connect with one another and be encouraged in their roles.

Our conversations will be built around two articles by Susan Beaumont:

1. **Leading in an in-between season**

"The usual tools of leadership aren't effective during times like the one the church finds itself in now -- those liminal seasons when the path forward isn't clear."

2. **Innovating Into an Unknown Future**

"Plans create an artificial sense of control, but they cannot resolve the deep disorientation of a liminal season—a season in which something has ended but a new thing is not yet ready to begin. In fact, the wrong plan will distract you from the innovation needed to thrive in the next chapter."

Rev. Susan Beaumont is a consultant, coach, author, and spiritual director who is known for her innovative work in leadership dynamics within large churches. "Susan is known for engaging the best of business practice, filtered through the lens of careful theological reflection. She moves easily between discernment and decision making, and nurtures the soul of the leader along with the soul of the institution."

Five panelists from different islands and church contexts within the Hawai'i Conference will share their realities and reflections.

JOHN CARR (Kaua'i),
CASSIE CHEE (O'ahu)
FLORENTINO CORDOVA (Maui)
BEN SHEETS (Lāna'i)
DEBBIE WONG YUEN (Hawai'i Island)

The goals of our 2022 event are:

- 1) To understand and to articulate the challenges being faced by our churches in this "post" pandemic era
- 2) To build relationships amongst the people in our churches through shared conversation
- 3) To foster inter-church, inter-Conference communication about working toward solutions for our churches and to develop mentoring relationships
- 4) To impact program planning being developed by the Conference, the Hawaii Conference Foundation and the various Missional Teams

While we will miss being together in-person, sharing 'ono meals and talking story, we will make the most of this opportunity to "be together" in different ways.

For more information, visit

www.hcucc.org/church-leaders-event

The Event is FREE but registration is required.

Register online at

www.ezregister.com/events/36039

OR Return completed registration by February 18 to: Church Leaders Event, Attn: Lori Yamashiro, 1848 Nu'uānu Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96817 This event is sponsored by your generous support of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM).

Please call the church office if you would like to register to sit in on this free event. Registration must be turned in by Feb. 17.



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Rev. Dale Vallejo-Sanderson, Senior Pastor

Letter from HCUCC

January 26, 2022

Dear Partners in Ministry,

As you are aware, the Kingdom of Tonga is in the midst of “an unprecedented disaster” due to the eruption of Hunga Tonga – Hunga Ha’apai on January 15. There is damage from the ash and tsunami waves which severed the fiber optic cable servicing the nation. Reports indicate that the entire population of nearly 105,000 people are impacted with contaminated water as well as collapsed houses on the most devastated islands. Danny Tengan, HCUCC Disaster Ministries Coordinator, has secured water to ship to the stricken nation. The Conference Office is partnering with Lihue United Church’s associate pastor Leni Namoa of the Tongan Language Ministry to collect an offering which will be directed to the hardest hit districts of Tonga and its 170 islands. We invite the congregations of the Hawai’i Conference United Church of Christ to stand in solidarity with the Tongan people by receiving an offering for Tonga Relief on January 30, February 6, or February 13. One hundred percent of the funds collected will be channeled through the Tongan Language Ministry for direct aid and help to those lives most distressed by the disaster. Churches may submit relief checks through the Conference Office, made payable to HCUCC with the notation “Tonga Relief.” Also, churches and individuals may make donations online

through our Disaster Relief fund, by clicking the “Donate” button, then edit “Disaster Relief to read “Tonga Relief.”

Our call, as followers of Christ, is to be the light on the hill. May our light shine bright in this time of support and love for those in Tonga.

Aloha,
Rev. Dr. David K. Popham
Conference Minister

KCC invites all our ohana to consider sending a Donation to the Tonga Relief effort. Please send your donations by Feb. 13 so we can send this to Hawaii Conference Office as a love offering.

Another opportunity for blessing ---

The Christmas Fund has been caring for active and retired clergy and lay employees of the United Church of Christ for over 100 years, providing emergency grants, supplementation of small annuities and health premiums, and Christmas “Thank You” gift checks each December to our lower-income retirees.

The Christmas Fund for Veterans of the Cross is managed by the Pension Boards. Please consider giving to this special love offering that we normally receive in February for those who have been there for us - in our times of need.