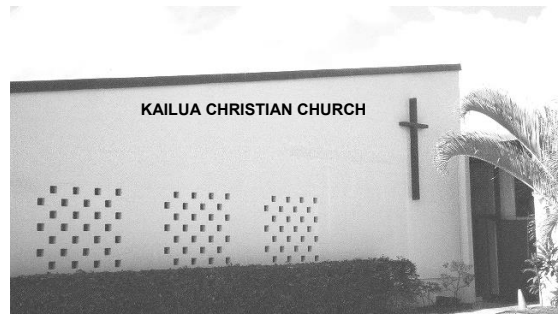


# Waves of Faith

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## MODERATOR'S NOTES

We have formed a new Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) and are proceeding with retaining a new settled pastor for KCC. Dean Wakuzawa, Alan Yoneshige, Dennis Fong and Vernon Pang are the current Council members who are already on the PSC. Reggie Yamada, Susan Morita, Katelyn Wakuzawa and Gail Yoneshige have recently indicated a willingness to serve on the new PSC. The committee is moving forward to contact perspective candidates and begin the interview process.

The PSC does not plan to create a new KCC church profile as most of that work has been completed two years ago by the prior PSC just before Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson was hired. The KCC church profile will require some updating but we don't think that the PSC will have to start over again from scratch. Now that the PSC is formed, it can start to make decisions regarding the pursuit and retention of our new pastor.

Your moderator recently attended the annual meeting of the Hawaii Conference of the UCC (HCUCC) which was conducted June 12-18, 2022, via Zoom.

The business issues voted upon were whether the Hawaii Conference of the UCC would support the Tri-Isle Association's proposal to affirm the use of Licensed and Commissioned Ministers as authorized ministers in the UCC and recommend to the General Synod that the UCC's

Manual on Ministry be so amended. These are pastors who are not fully ordained and have not completed four years of undergraduate studies and three years of seminary training. The provision passed.

The other provision up for a vote was whether to pass a resolution on Becoming a Church Against Gun Violence which appeared to be a general call to action by the HCUCC against gun violence. It passed also.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable



**DEACONS CORNER**

“Not Perfect But Usable By God.” That was the title of Pastor Leslie Araki’s sermon on May 29, 2022. Pastor Araki described everyday items that were not perfect (aka broken) – a clothes hangar with no cross bar, a fishing lure missing a barb, a metal detector with a broken top – that although not perfect, were still usable. We were reminded that many of our biblical heroes whom we cherish and pass down stories of were also not perfect. They were adulterers and murderers at worst, and cowards and hotheads at best. But God loved them all and used them to carry out His plan.

I love this message because it reminds me that God does not expect me to be perfect. He may expect other things of me, such as doing my best, be kind, don’t judge, etc. But perfection? Not possible. People back in the ancient days and people of today are not perfect. People will never be perfect. We suffer from the sins of pride, greed, thoughtlessness, and the list goes on. But in spite of this, God loves us all and can and will use us for His glory.

As we go about our daily lives hopefully we want to and will try to be a better people than we currently are. We want to please God with our thoughts and our actions. But let’s face it – we will never be perfect. Only Jesus is perfect. We can only go through life and try to be as much like Jesus as we can in the process. And sometimes we will succeed and sometimes we will fail. But we know that God will still love us and can still use us. We need not be perfect to do God’s purpose. Our future is unknown to us and only God knows what the future holds so let us willingly seek Him. Let us actively listen to how He wants to use us, His imperfect people, to build His kingdom on Earth.

So let us make a commitment to ourselves and to God. To seek and to listen. To always be the best we can. For God. For ourselves. For each other.

Because “with God, all things are possible.”  
Matthew 19:26

Debbie Fong, Deacon

**FRIENDLY REMINDER**

On July 17, 2022, the deacons will humbly request your contribution to the Benevolence Fund to support future requests. The last time deacons collected this fund was back in 2019, before the Covid-19 pandemic in early 2020 affected our lives with shut-downs in our community, our country and world.

Mahalo plenty for your generosity!  
Deacon Myra

**PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers



- ~ John Sakamoto on his recovery
- Praise God that he’s home from the hospital.
- ~ Colleen I. on health concerns, comfort needs
- ~ The Look family on losses of Raymond Look and his sister, Alice Chun dying the night before his funeral.
- ~ Richard Miyashiro on health recovery
- ~ Prayers for Florence’s grandchild
- ~ Debbie Fong ~ Dot Suzuki
- ~ Reggie & Myra Yamada
- ~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada
- ~ Kira Chong ~ Sheila’s friend, Jody
- ~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
- ~ Karen Shimizu ~ Alice Esaki
- ~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
- ~ Patt Emminger’s brother, Richard
- ~ Warren & Lynn Nakano
- ~ Sharon Nishihira, finger injury
- ~ Steve Hammann

~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Otsu Ohana  
 ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima  
 ~ Henry Tom ~ Jane Bailon  
 ~ Jiggs Tamashiro, 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.  
 ~ Zoom Worship Team and the safety of in-person worship. Esp. Andrew, Nani, & Gail.  
 ~ Prayers coveted for the families in Texas and for the healing these families need.  
 ~ Prayers for the family of the shooter  
 ~ Prayers for Ukraine and their people.  
 ~ Pray for Putin to find Jesus and stop this war.  
 ~ The progress of finding the pastor God has in store for us. Praying for our future as KCC.  
 ~ Rev. Ashley Childress who is in need of a liver transplant.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Aaron Tanaka  
 Jiggs Tamashiro  
 Justin Lau  
 June Tom  
 Dennis Fong  
 Patti Myers  
 Larry Siu  
 Kale Peters

Alianna Ramos  
 Karen Miyahira  
 Jane Tengan  
 Madeline St. John  
 Harry Imai  
 Rebecca Weible



Gail & Alan Yoneshige



Such a pleasant surprise to see Walter Yeda taking a walk down his street with daughter, Lynette and his precious granddaughter. You're looking good Walt! A warm aloha from Your KCC ohana...

### **WORSHIP NEWS**

Notwithstanding the significantly increased Covid cases in Hawaii in recent weeks, we have decided to continue to conduct in-person and online worship services. This will continue to be the case for the foreseeable future. We are currently having about 15 to 20 people come to the in-person service in the sanctuary and 25-30 participate online via Zoom. Many people do not feel comfortable in-person yet and others are not comfortable or capable of participating online. We are continuing to strongly recommend masks during the service and whenever we are indoors at the KCC facility until the Covid numbers improve.

We have been having live guest speakers each week. They appear enthusiastic to share a message with us and willing to fill in various parts of the service. We have been blessed with a wide variety of preachers and speakers and their messages have been inspirational. It is a lot of work to ask new people who we do not know well to come and serve in this capacity each week. Kammy has been doing that work for us along with preparing the songs, the scripture readings, the sermon notes, and other material for the PowerPoint slides.

Our Worship Team is working hard and doing a good job. Despite improvements in our volunteer Worship Team's ability to do this work, we continue to have setbacks due primarily to old equipment failures. Much of our AV and lighting system was installed before the turn of the century. In addition, when one or two people on the Worship Team fall ill, we encourage them to stay home. Often, we do not have readily available backup personnel for those who are ill.

We are planning to implement a significant overhaul to the audio-visual (AV) system that will probably involve replacing our projector with TV monitors so that the people in the sanctuary will be clearly seeing the same thing that is being broadcast to the online people. We might be able to mount cameras in such a way that they will be operated remotely. We will also try to marry our



two sound systems (online and in-person) together. The spotlights over the altar/pulpit area that were installed in the nineties will also receive an upgrade. We have been in contact with an AV consultant who is expected to help us with this transition and upgrade.

We continue to need people to be trained by Aaron Tanaka and Andrew Vallejo-Sanderson, to assist with the PowerPoint and Zoom broadcasting of the services. If you have these skills, or would like to learn these skills, please let us know.

Thanks for everybody's patience and for all the hard work by our Worship Team servants.



### NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA



(Angels in the Works for God)

Please join us for another excellent Hawaii Alzheimer's Association class on Sat, July 23, from 10-1130 a.m. **Effective Communication Strategies**, one of the most popular community education programs, will be delivered on Zoom. Details are still being worked on. Therefore, an email update will be sent to all as well as through the Sunday worship announcements.

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“**FAST, HEALTHY AND ONO**” series, featuring Chef Daniel Swift, WCC's Workforce Development Coordinator is on a summer break. Classes should resume in the Fall semester. If you are interested in other AARP events/classes, search [www.aarp.org/hi](http://www.aarp.org/hi), and click on **UPCOMING EVENTS**. Scroll to classes that interest you. Click on the **Join the Webinar** or **REGISTER** link.

**SAVE THE DATE, SEP 24, 2022! Chef Dan Swift and Alice Swift** will present a special class for KCC on Heart Healthy Cooking. Details will be provided in future monthly newsletters.

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series continue to provide excellent caregiving and health/wellness classes for the community.

**St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series.** Sign up for individual classes via <https://mailchi.mp/stfrancishawaii/july-2022-classes>. Click on the registration button for each selected class. Contact Melissa Caballes if you have questions or are having difficulty enrolling; 808-547-8138; [mcaballes@stfrancishawaii.org](mailto:mcaballes@stfrancishawaii.org). You will be sent a confirmation instantly when enrollment is successful, followed by an email confirmation with details and a Zoom link. Once enrolled in a class, you will receive a reminder the week of class and future monthly schedules.

### Individual Classes:

July 06: Wed, 10 – 11:30 am; The Basics of Advocacy

July 14: Thu, 5 – 7 pm; Career Changes to Care for Elders

July 20: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; Chronic Headache and New Migraine Treatments

July 21: Thu, 5 – 7 pm; Understanding Hawaii's Long Term Care Options

July 27: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; Kidney Options for Patient Empowerment (K.O.P.E.)

### Weekly Session Classes:

July 01/08/15/22/29: Fri, 6 – 6:45 pm; Boxing Fundamentals

July 02/09/16/23/30: Sat, 8 – 9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances (in person); no classes on 07/23 and 07/30

July 05/12/19/26: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body & Brain Tai Chi

July 06 – 29: Mon & Wed, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person); no classes on Mon, 07/04, 07/25 and 07/27

July 07/14/21/28: Thu, 11 am – 12 noon; New! Tripudio Movement System with Ellie

July 11/18/25: Mon, 8 – 9 am; Big Moves! Monday; no class on Mon, 07/04

Note: In-person sessions will be held at Senior Community Center at the Kupuna Village in Liliha. Contact me at 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 informative and free classes.

Mahalo and God Bless! Myra



### “NAME THAT AUTHOR”

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for June*, plus two new quotations for July. 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.

#### June Quotations:

1 – Though he stumbles, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.

(Psalm 37:24 – NIV)

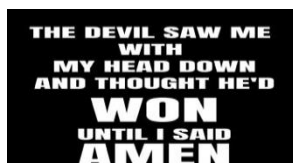
2 – The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.

(Nahum 1:7 – NIV)

#### July Quotations:

1 – They will no longer be plundered by the nations, nor will wild animals devour them. They will live in safety and no one will make them afraid.

2 – The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom shall I fear?



## Stories Behind the Numbers

### Update from IHS

This year's Point in Time Count numbers show that overall homelessness has declined. Since the last count in 2020, the number of homeless individuals on Oahu has dropped by 11%.

What we see on the streets tells a different story. That is because while overall homelessness has declined, the number of unsheltered homeless individuals (those living on the streets) has increased while those in shelters have decreased.

What this tells us is that for people who are willing and able to accept it, help is available and effective. Homelessness among families with keiki is down by 60% since 2015. Veterans homelessness is also trending downward. Federal and local programs paired with non-profits like IHS have helped families remain in their homes despite the economic impact of the pandemic; and have helped quickly rehouse those who have fallen into homelessness.

To help those who have been unwilling to accept help, we are increasing our efforts to build bridges and convince people to make a change. The homeless triage and transfer program provides intensive outreach to these individuals and will soon have a home in a new building in Iwilei that will provide medically assisted detox services along with mental health services and case management. I can't wait to tell you more as the site nears completion.

Until then, thank you as always for your unwavering support and the impact you've had on reducing homelessness among key populations.

Mahalo nui,



*Connie Mitchell*

Connie Mitchell  
Executive Director, The Institute for Human Services, Inc.

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**BIH 50-Year Anniversary  
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**Saturday, November 5, 2022,  
 10:30 am – 1:30 pm**

**Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom  
 NOW OPEN Seat/Registration**

*Consider putting this on your calendar.*

The Bible Institute of Hawai'i – Center for Christian Studies believes that transformation happens within the context of a learning community...

- A community grounded in the local church.
- A community learning not only how to read the Bible, but to be transformed by it.
- A community growing in the character of Christ and developing a more intimate relationship with Him.
- A community of authenticity, knowing that in Christ we have been reborn into a new reality.
- A community of compassion, cultivating in us a people of truth, peace, wholeness, and holiness.
- A community journeying together to encounter a living God, who turns our weaknesses and woundedness into spiritually vibrant lives.

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- 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.