

Waves of Faith

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MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Our Pastoral Search Committee (PSC) has completed our Local Church Profile and it has now been posted on the following

website: <https://oppsearch.ucc.prg>. The PSC will now be contacting and interviewing applicants and will have to maintain confidentiality while doing so.

Susan Morita has been in contact with many of you asking about your willingness to serve as an officer or committee member next year and she has been getting very good responses. Please be open and receptive when and if she calls you. Please also continue to pray for the leadership at KCC as we move into our next phase in ministering to each other and worshipping our Lord.

A 9/18/22 CNN article involving an interview with Christian author Phillip Yancey about racism and evangelicals caught my attention recently. The interview concludes with the following excerpt.

Would I still consider myself an evangelical? Well, the word means “good news,” and in most of the world, it still means good news. The United States is the one exception, because life (here) has become so political. But in most of the world, evangelicals are people who work in prisons, who work against sexual trafficking, who do health care.

I saw the other day that 50% of the health care in sub-Saharan Africa is done by Christian mission agencies. You ask the average African, what is an evangelical? Well, he or she might

not know anything about theology, but they'll say, “They're the people who come by in a van with a cross on the side once a month and treat heart diseases.” That's true all over the world.

I wish that when you say the word evangelical, people would still think to what Jesus said in his first sermon, that “I've come to free the captives. I've come to visit prisoners, to heal the sick and feed the hungry.” I wish people thought that when asked, What is an evangelical?

Well said. I wish that too.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable, Moderator



DEACONS CORNER

SUFFICIENT GRACE



Philippians 4:13 (NRSV); I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

I love to read each daily article from **The Upper Room**. These short writings are inspirational and often used as a Devotion for our Deacon's meetings.

After reading October 28, 2022's **Sufficient Grace**, I felt that this article would be helpful for many of us who are suffering from chronic illnesses (physical, mental and emotional). May your faith in God's compassion and healing power, be strengthened as you read K.D. Meewan's message.

Author, K.D. Meewan, writes:

“Since 2004, I have suffered from chronic pain due to an injury to my left leg. I have visited many doctors and tried various treatments and medications, but, nothing has helped me. I have difficulty walking due to my injury and I often feel depressed and dejected. I wonder, Why am I suffering?”

My wife, Sushma, has prayed earnestly for my healing for several years. My family members and many other people are also praying for me. And I have prayed too, but, with no change to my physical condition. However, as Paul writes, “The Lord’s grace is sufficient.”

I face many hardships due to my leg, but I can still get to work and do most of my routine tasks. Sometimes I am even able to forget my injury. I know these graces come from God’s goodness, and his mercies are new every morning (see Lamentations 3:23).

Maladies can make us weak physically, but, faith can make us strong. When we depend on the Lord, we find new strength. Thank God for the grace and strength we find in Christ.”

Taken from **The Upper Room** September-October 2022, pg. 69.

May you find comfort by this reading.
Love in Christ,
Deacon Myra Yamada



Derek & Debra Martinson
John & Terri Lipps



CONGRATULATIONS TO Caitlin (Viloria) Laforteza, daughter of Pauline (Miki Teruya) Viloria on the birth of her baby girl, Remi who was born in September in Montarey, CA.

Sending blessings to joyful grandparents, Miki and John Viloria and to the Laforteza family.

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers



~ Dot Suzuki ~ Kira Chong
~ Reggie & Myra Yamada ~ Nani Oda
~ John Sakamoto’s son-in-law, Tony Sarabia and Tony’s wife, Coreen (John’s daughter) John’s sister who lost her husband recently
~ Myrtle & Lowell Terada continued health
~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
~ Warren & Lynn Nakano ~ Henry Tom
~ Please keep Pastor Dale in your prayers as he has an infection in his inner ear bone that will be surgically dealt with but is now being handled with antibiotics while they reschedule this surgery.
~ Patt Emminger’s brother, Richard and sister, Barb’s healing
~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Otsu Ohana
~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
~ Damien Wong ~ Karen Shimizu
~ 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.
~ Vernon’s friend Clarence
~ Lily & Winchell Lee
~ Aaron’s daughter Marie
~ Zoom Worship Team and in-person worship.
~ 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nick Shiroma
Robert St. John
Debbie Glenn
Alice Esaki
Pam Morikawa
Debbie Ogasawara
Akiko Nakamura
Jane Shiroma
Jane Masuno



Chris Nakamatsu
Joan Sakaba
Barb Gomes
Lynette Pimenta
Jennifer Pang
Kingston Kapua

SPECIAL NOTES

Sincere condolences to Myra and the families of her friends who was lost to cancer, Brett and Val. Please continue to pray for Val's family, son, Scott, daughterinlaw, Lissa and Val's siblings as they continue to grieve her loss. We also would like to keep in prayer Myra's neighbor, Sophie (and her husband, Al). Sophie is in hospice care and her organs are shutting down.

Please pray for Pastor Lauren's father, Pastor Buck who is now in hospice care.

Please keep Emilie Vallejo-Sanderson's friend Bill in your prayers as he recovers from open heart surgery.

Please keep Ken & Lisa Kendall and their kids in your prayer as they recover from the hurricane in Fort Meyers, Florida.

Appreciate prayers for Steff's sister Dee in Orlando and Kammy's brother, Jeff in Spring Hill also.

Praise God for special celebrations!!!!



Happy 101st Birthday, dear Stella Wakamatsu!!!

God bless you and your awesome family!



WORSHIP NEWS

We hope to have a new Worship Chairperson leading the Worship Team next year. With that

development let's all be open to serving where we can to assist in making worship lovely and powerful and meaningful to our congregation and something pleasing to our Lord.

We have been so impressed by the quality and variety of teachers and preachers and guest speakers that have been leading our worship services. We thank God for their willingness to serve and for their skills in teaching and preaching.

Our Worship Team is also getting very good at doing the things that are necessary for the in-person and online service. The number of people coming in person is slowly increasing and we hope that people will be able to come together again soon to worship as we have done in years past without any concerns about spreading viruses. In the interim, we are continuing to wear masks and social distance and remain diligent.

On October 18-20, 2022, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm each evening, Hawaii Island Ministries (HIM) will be conducting its "Worship in the Spirit" worship leaders conference in person at the Ko'olau Ballrooms at the First Presbyterian Church here on the windward side of Oahu. For those of you on our Worship Team or those who have an interest in participating in the worship leadership at KCC, we would encourage you to attend. HIM puts on these conferences very well and they are a very good resource for us to access to improve our worship services. Please let us know if you are interested in attending.

One of my favorite worship songs is called "I Love You Lord". It's beautiful with music or acapella. When my granddaughters were babies, I sang it to them as a lullaby. The words are as follows:

I love you, Lord.
And I lift my voice
To worship you
Oh, my soul rejoice

Take joy my King
In what you hear
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In your ear

I encourage you to sing it to yourself or to the Lord or to others.

TRUSTEES NOTES

As I thought about the newsletter, I felt really grateful to be a member of Kailua Christian Church. We truly are a community that loves God and loves people, and for that we are blessed in return. KCC has much to be grateful for:

- Members are compassionate and caring
- Our million-dollar, debt free sanctuary, our classroom, and our parking lot
- Our staff Kammy, dedicated and on-call 24/7
- HR Resources, our janitors Harvey and his son, Corvey Lee, who has been cleaning and sanitizing our church as well as stepping in to help us accomplish other things
- Pastor Dale for his messages, love, stories, and for overseeing our refreshed office.
- Church leaders, namely our moderator Paul, clerk Dennis, Alan our treasurer; our trustees Dean, John, Michelle, Maureen, Reggie and Susan. Our deacons: Vernon, Myra, Winchell, Lily and Debbie. They faithfully and dutifully serve the community and the Lord with all of their hearts

Please continue to pray for your leaders as we begin to look for next year's slate of officers. We will be contacting members shortly regarding the matter.

As trustees, we are responsible for the careful stewardship of our money and maintaining our church grounds. We thank you for your cheerful generosity. Sometimes that means donating our tithing money but often times life affords us simple opportunities to give of our time and ourselves in valuable ways.

I know that all of our calendars are full but if time allows you to serve, please pray about serving when you are called upon. It is a true blessing when you can serve the Lord. It will bring you joy and friendships that will warm your heart.

We have not had a workday for quite a while and so much has yet to be taken care of to maintain the church. We hope you will set your priorities and put church above all.

Sincerely, The Trustees



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

Aloha!

We have finalized the Local Church Profile and submitted it to Rev. Jonathan Roach, Associate Conference Minister, Hawaii Conference UCC. Rev. Roach informed us that our profile has been posted on the National UCC Pastoral Search and Call site. He also indicated that it will be posted on the Hawaii Conference website soon. We are excited to get to this point and ask all of you for your continued prayers that the Lord will call a pastor to KCC, to work together with all of us, to grow spiritually and bring people to know Him. Please reach out to any of the PSC members should you have any questions.

Love in Christ!

Your PSC Committee



NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

Monthly Newsletter

Heart Healthy Cooking on Sep 24, 2022 (re-scheduled 9 – 11 am), was thoroughly enjoyed by ten (10) in-person and seven (7) Zoom participants. Thank you to all participants for taking time to learn!



Chef Dan's cooking demo was fun, inspiring and very informative. For those of us who were present at Uala Leaf Café, after eating a plateful of five ono, heart healthy dishes, will definitely include these dishes in our "comfort food repertoire".

Chef Dan will soon send us the demonstration video so we can practice along with him.

Mahalo to Chef Dan Swift for sharing his God-given passion/talents with Na Anela support group!

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If you are interested in Chef Dan's **Fast, Healthy and Ono** series of cooking sessions, go to: Aarp.cvent.com/hicooking. You will be taken to a screen that shows a registration button. Click on it and you will see his many AARP cooking sessions (recipes and recordings) from Sept 2020 through June 26, 2023. This AARP program ended on June 26, however, all video and recipes are available to all.

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/october-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.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, Oct 29, 2022, 9 am – 1 pm at Kupuna Village Courtyard and Senior Community Center, 2230 Liliha Street. **St. Francis Healthcare System Caregiver Education and Wellness Fair.** Kidney Screening and Cooking Demo; Wellness presentations, resource table, etc. For more info, please contact Kauai Asing at (808) 547-8092 or kasing@stfrancishawaii.org.

Individual Classes:

Oct 05: Wed, 9 – 10:30 am; Medicare Basics
 Oct 05: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; Core Retirement Decisions: What Kamaaina Need to Know
 Oct 13: Thu, 10 – 11:30 am; Rooted in Wellness
 Oct 13, Thu; 5 – 7 pm; Medical Decision Making, Power of Attorneys, Trusts and Wills
 Oct 15: Sat, 9-11 am; Understanding Hawaii's Long Term Care Options

Oct 19: Wed, 9:30 – 11 am; Facial Pain: Causes, Concerns, Diagnosis and Treatments
 Oct 20: Thu, 9:30 – 11 am; Lymphedema and Benefits of Tripudio

Weekly Session Classes:

Oct 01 – 29: Sat, 8 – 9 am; Zumba God by Frances (in-person)
 Oct 03 – 31: Mon and Wed, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person)
 Oct 03 - 31: Mon, 8 – 9 am; Free! Big Moves Monday!
 Oct 04 - 25: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body and Brain Yoga Tai Chi
 Oct 05 - 26: Wed, 10 – 11 am; Empower You! (designed for Parkinson's people)
 Oct 06 – 27: Thu, 11 am; Tripudio Movement System with Ellie (lymphatic and fascial system)

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



NEIGHBORS IN NEED SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING

The Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households, we wanted to provide a way to discuss this topic through a faith lens.

Join us by supporting this year's NIN "Behold!" campaign at our church. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Justice and Witness Ministries use two-thirds to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations and support various justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

KCC has scheduled collection for October 2nd, 2022, as a part of World Communion Sunday but will receive donations throughout the month of Oct. Mahalo for your kind consideration.



“NAME THAT AUTHOR”

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

September Quotations:

1 – And call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me. **Psalm 50:15**

2 – Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I... **Isaiah 58:9**

October Quotations:

1 – Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way...

2 – The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.



Getting On Zoom

- Open a browser and access zoom.us or open the zoom app
 - Access Join a Meeting
 - Meeting ID: 873 846 0097 (pw) branches
- Please call the church office for more help.



A BIG MAHALO TO YOU AND FOODLAND AND WESTERN UNION FOR THIS GREAT SUCCESS!

Kailua Christian Church family and friends donated a generous \$8,768 that will increase by additional funds to be donated by the Give Aloha program for the support of the good works non-profits like KCC are doing in the community. Final funds to be distributed to KCC will be announced by October 21.

We are so thankful for the many gifts given through this program and we would like to be sure to give credit to all who has given this year. But to do that we need to have a receipt noting who's giving statement to credit. Right now we have quite a numerous unknown donations. Foodland will not allow us information to identify the donors so if you haven't already turned in a receipt to KCC, please request one from Foodland and then send it in at your earliest convenience so we can be sure to include you on the giving statement for your tax purposes.

MAHALO FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT!



**BE STRONG and
COURAGEOUS!**

DO NOT *be* AFRAID
OR DISCOURAGED.

FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD
IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.

➡➡➡➡➡ *Joshua 1:9*



Rev. Rick Bartosik, teacher
The Gospel in the Old Testament (8 week course) now in session.



Come join us on Monday nights 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at KCC. You will be blessed!



**CELEBRATE WITH OUR PARTNERS
IN MINISTRY ON THIS SPECIAL DAY**



**BIH 50-Year Anniversary
"CELEBRATING A LEGACY
IN JUBILEE!"**

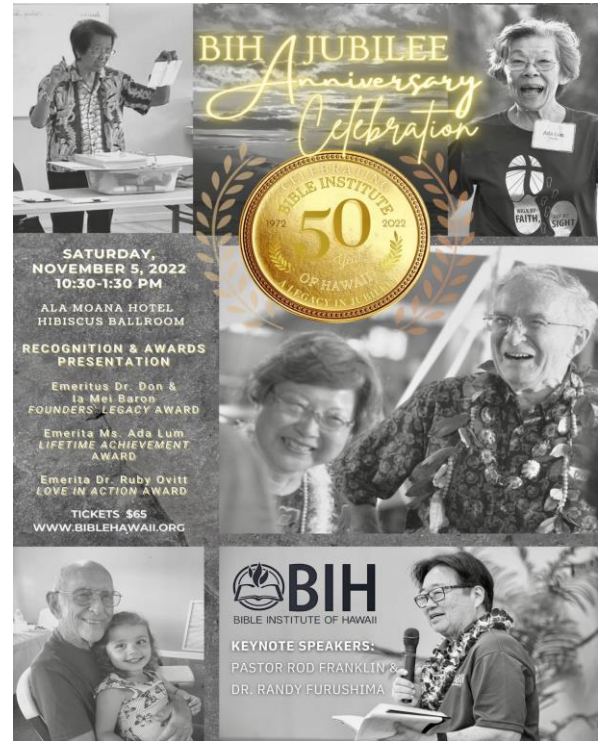
**Saturday, November 5, 2022
10:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom

Get Tickets

Bible Institute of Hawai'i – Partnering with churches to provide Christ-centered, life-changing, biblical teaching. We have been participating and supporting this special ministry since the 70s. We are happy that

Pastor Don Baron, Ada Lum, Dr. Ruby Ovitt will be honored during this special luncheon. If you would like to attend this special event, please contact the church office. Mahalo.



**CELEBRATING SPECIAL TIMES
WITH SPECIAL PEOPLE**



Emily, Jen Lee,
& Manuwai Peters



Rev. Lauren Buck
-Medeiros



Diane & Rev.
Rick Bartosik



Rev. Sharon Inake
and Kammy



Ramona, Jen Lee, Chef Dan, and Robert
Maeshiro

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**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
OUR GUEST PASTORS
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER**



Oct. 02 – Rev. Lauren Buck Medeiros

Oct. 09 – Ted Kawabata, Missionary

Oct. 16 – Dr. James Kwong

Oct. 23 – Dr. J.R. Cuevas

Oct. 30 – Pastor Dan Han



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If you would like to support the UCC Disaster relief fund, your generosity can aid hundreds of families in need of help to rebuild their homes and their lives. Through the Hurricanes 2022 Fund your gifts enables the church to be present with people amidst catastrophic and life changing situations, offer immediate relief and provide long-term recovery support. Working through a network of global and local partners, the church lives out its call to care for our neighbors as we strive together toward a just world for all. Checks can be made to KCC with notation for Hurricanes Fund 2022 in the memo section.

Mahalo for your loving support for our friends in need.

Volunteers interested in promoting a KCC Thanksgiving Food Drive for St. Anthony's Food Bank are invited to contact our church office immediately. Commitment for collection late Oct. through Mid-Nov. Mahalo.