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A Message from Interim Pastor Mary

We're looking forward to two great opportunities at CHC this June! I'm excited about both of them; please mark your calendars!

Saturday, June 14, 9- noon, we host the **“Enhancing Worship Workshop”** featuring **Rev. Donald Schmidt**, Associate Conference Minister and **Ken Makuakane**, Program Associate for Church Vitality. Both are on our Hawai'i Conference UCC staff and they're great! Donald and Ken will help us think about making worship more meaningful on Saturday morning. See page 5 for more information about the June 14 event. Sunday, June 15, Rev. Donald Schmidt will bring the message. He's an engaging speaker! Your OCWM (**O**ur **C**hurches **W**ider **M**ission) contributions to our Hawai'i Conference help make these experiences possible. Mahalo!

On Tuesday, June 24, 7 p.m. at a meeting of Interfaith Community in Action, held at CHC, **Dr. Allan Boesak**, a minister from Republic of South Africa, author and seminary professor will speak.

While today he teaches at two seminaries in the USA he has been an anti-apartheid activist and seeker of justice. **Dr. Boesak** was the keynote speaker at the UCC Hawai'i Conference 'Aha Makua in 2013. His latest book, is entitled Dare We Speak of Hope? It addresses the relationship between faith, hope and politics in today's world. See YouTube for a video of Dr. Boesak speaking. His books are available on Amazon.

He will also speak at a gathering at 9 am on Wednesday, June 25. You are invited to attend both events held in CHC Building of Faith! I'm looking forward to these two events and expecting messages of hope, faith, justice and peace!

I am also looking forward to attending the 2014 'Aha Makua of the Hawai'i Conference UCC June 6 and 7. Pentecost is Sunday, June 8 – as we celebrate the birthday of the church. Please wear RED, recalling the gift of the Holy Spirit!

Peace & Joy,

Mary

Coffee Ministry with UH Hilo Students

Thank you to Anna Kennedy and Connie Yoshiyama for providing Monday morning coffee to UH students! We appreciate your friendly outreach to the University community this winter and spring.



Let's gear up for VBS! Vacation Bible School will be held at our church on June 8, 9 and 10 from 5:30 - 8:00pm. Dinner at 5pm. Children will be participating in the "Workshop of Wonders" where they will be actively engaged to imagine and build with God! Open to students preschool - 8th grade, it's free and dinner is included! Call Dennis in the office to reserve your spot today.

Bread for the World

Bread for the World is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad. On May 4th many members sent letters to their congressional representatives urging U.S. food aid reform. Thanks to your participation, 107 letters were sent for this purpose and the Board of Stewardship and Missions thank you for taking the time to make your voice count.

The bake sale, was equally successful. We thank all who participated by baking and making goodies to sell as well as those of us who bought the delicious foods. A total of \$730 through sales and donations will be sent to Bread for the World. Many thanks for your generosity.

CHC IN THE MERRIE MONARCH PARADE

"From the **Hilo Japanese Christian Church in 1891** to THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS".... was the theme for the float in the Merrie Monarch Parade on April 26. The chapel was designed to replicate the first church which now stands in Nagoya, Japan.

Design and construction were done by Gary Loyd and Biff Kennedy. Woody Kita, Bob Smith and JP Thoma were great assistants. Meanwhile, the cardboard roof, ends of the chapel and picket fence were cut to size by the help of Alvin, one of Bev Dodo's workers and Biff. They were then painted by Gail Wung, Kay Kawachika, Margaret Torigoe and Anne

Sadayasu Sue and Bob Smith stapled the chicken wire to the flatbed.

An abundance of gorgeous flowers and foliage were provided by our generous florist members, Eric Tanouye, Vernon Inouye and Grayson Inouye. Anna Kennedy, Gloria Kobayashi, Pastor Mary, Connie Yoshiyama, Belinza Flasiak, Molina Rekis, Malia Mattos, and Swin helped cover the float with the foliage and flower arrangements along with Kay, Bev, Sandy Matsuura, Gail, Anne and Margaret. The float was ready to parade....

Sue and Bob held the banner to lead our float. Sitting in the chapel were Pastor Mary as a guest missionary, Newton Chu dressed in his coat and tie, youth Timothy Nakamoto in his white shirt and tie, Bev and Margaret in kimono representing the first parishioners. Our contemporary congregation: Molina; Gloria; Gloria's granddaughter, Andrea; Anna and granddaughter, Harriet Marusek; Malia and Swin, Woody and Belinza.

Jayson Rekis (helped before, too) and Woody did the final cleanup of the lumber and chapel after the float was dismantled with the help of most of the "builders". Flowers were so pretty that we were able to share them with those who came to worship on Sunday.

We are truly grateful for all the help we had to put this evangelism project together. Now the community knows about our start as the "Japanese" Christian church in Hilo and what we are now.

Alan Boesak Returns to Hawaii

Allan Boesak, a leader from the Republic of South Africa, the Desmond Tutu Chair of Peace, Global Justice and Reconciliation Studies at Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, will be in Hawaii this summer. He will speak around the islands in June and to guest preach at Keawalai Church on Maui in July. These events, sponsored by the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ, are free and open to the public.

Allan will be in Hilo:
Tuesday, June 24, 2014
7pm Church of the Holy Cross at ICIA meeting
(Interfaith Communities in Action)
Church members are cordially invited

Wednesday, June 25, 2014
9am Clergy Gathering
Public invited

Both will be held in the Building of Faith.

Member Gathering

Newer folks at Church of the Holy Cross are invited to gather on Sunday, June 1, 3 pm at Anna and Biff Kennedy's home to get better acquainted with one another and CHC. We'll enjoy some light refreshments too. Anna and Biff live at 255 Makani in Hilo. Please contact Pastor Mary at 935-2183, for more information or to let us know you are able to attend. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Choir Director/Music Coordinator Position Open

Pedro Ka'awaloa, our choir director/music coordinator since 2008, will be leaving for New York on June 17. His last day with us will be Sunday, June 15. Our church has been blessed as the recipient of Pedro's musical talents in voice and piano. At every rehearsal, choir members get voice and performance pointers and have learned spirituals and contemporary music pieces in addition to traditional sacred music. Pedro's friends have energized the choir with their youth and talent. We will celebrate Pedro's tenure with us at a reception after church service on June 15.

The Church of the Holy Cross is now seeking a new choir director/music coordinator who, working with the Interim Pastor, is the person responsible for providing appropriate music for Sunday worship services. The person will conduct rehearsals of the choir on Sunday morning and during worship service three or more Sundays a month. On the Sundays that the choir does not sing, the music coordinator will contact and schedule soloists or performers. This position is considered a part-time employee of the church. There is currently a choir accompanist, which is a fee-for-service position. Interested applicants should send their resume to Deacons Music committee chairperson, Gloria Kobayashi at rkbuild@gmail.com or drop off or mail their resume to the Church at 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo. The application deadline is Friday, June 20, with the first rehearsal by the new choir director scheduled for July 27.

Strengthen the Church

"Invest in the Vision" is the theme for this year's Strengthen the Church special mission offering of the United Church of Christ. The funds received from this offering are used to fund new churches, provide opportunities for youth and young adults and nurture current and future leaders.

Half of the money received stays in Hawaii to support Christian Investment Grants to churches for new ministries. Grants have been given to churches in Hawaii to support a

summer college intern program and to events that exposed youth to the wider church: the National Youth Event and a leadership development program at Kalaupapa.

This year we will dedicate this offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014. Strengthen the Church envelopes are enclosed in the mailed Messengers. For those of us who receive the Messenger via email, envelopes will be provided at church services or you can use your own envelope with a notation to direct your donation to this offering. Thank you for your generous support.

"Two to L.A." February 18-26, 2014 Part 1

Little does Woody (let's leave him as semi-anonymous for security reasons) know that he be a subject of a trip write-up involving me. I don't think he minds it anyhow. We had preliminary meetings to decide on general plans of action and another for more specific plans. We decided over a few beers what our final decisions would be like. So bear with me while I try to tell you the story of the two of us in LA.

With our new well-laid out plans finalized—we were off to LAX or Los Angeles International Airport. It was a short hop from Honolulu to LA—about 4 hours and thirty minutes or so. We enjoyed some expensive hamburgers at Honolulu International before boarding our Hawaiian Flight.

The first order of things after landing at LAX was to pick up our rental car early in the AM—and wisely Woody had brought along his GPS so we could find our way around. For instance it was invaluable in locating our first stop—the Miyako Hotel in Little Tokyo. Oh there was a little sweating as we took a wrong turn here and there but all in all it was a great help as the "guide" soon got us back on the right track as soon as we took a wrong turn. As a matter of fact the "person" on the GPS got us back in the right direction whenever we went astray. It was fun!

Wisely I left most of the driving to Woody as I took my turns at driving at the non-interstate routes that we took. Woody did a very commendable job of getting us around with the help of the GPS device. We found the Miyako Hotel quite readily and soon we were cutting some 777's to rest our weary and aged (at least mine) bodies. Got up in time to pay a visit to the American-Japanese Museum—one of the main reasons for our trip. The two floors of the Museum were packed with information about the AJA experiences in both the continental USA and Hawaii. There were displays about the famed 100th Battalion and the 442 RCT. It was a

refresher course for the most part but it was thoroughly enjoyable.

It is not easy to comprehend why President Roosevelt issued Order 1066 as he did. Being a liberal sort of person that he was, it seems as though he was under severe pressure from his advisory groups on which he relied for guidance. Eventually about 120,000 AJAs and Japanese aliens were sent to concentration camps. Most of them stayed there for the term of the War years. The following day we went to the Getty Museum which turned out to be an art museum which was somewhat disappointing since we weren't into art that much. There were hundreds of kids there though enjoying the day off from the agony of the classroom. Despite a wee bit of a parking fee the Admission to the Museum itself was gratis so it wasn't too bad.

Our next stop Manzanar- a place where the National Park Service has enshrined in memory of the AJAs who were confined there during most of World War II. While it was my third visit to the site, I was still greatly impressed with the progress made in making it a tourist attraction and a reminder to all that we should never let this happen again to any American. Manzanar is one of a dozen or so places where "Japs" were relocated to during the War.

Back tracking on Highway 395, we headed for Palm Springs- a far cry from Lone Pine at which we spent at a Best Western. Sometimes the best well-laid out plans can go awry and here is a case in point-to-wit: Somehow, I got the wrong BW on the itinerary and we spent valuable minutes looking for the right one...it was kinda late when we got to the right one and so we had to spend part of our dinner time looking for a place to eat and resting up for the night as we ended a long day of traveling.

Karl's adventures continue in Part 2 of "Two to L.A" in the June 4 edition of the Messenger.

Caregivers Meeting

Our next meeting will be on

Tuesday, June 10, 2014.

10 a.m. to 12 noon

Building of Faith

*We meet on the second Tuesday of each month.

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CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday

10am-4:30pm

Lunch

12pm-1pm

Friday

10am-12pm

Thank you Sunday School Teachers!

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers! Our children and youth thanked them in worship on Sunday, May 18. Our Christian Education

staff includes:

Yoko Hayano

Amy Yamaki

Ruth Farrell

Lei Jack

Gail Wung

Joyce Nakamoto

Church Volunteers

May 25, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Lily Inouye (Memorial)

Childcare:

Lei Jack

Layreader:

Newton Chu

June 1, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Anita Mathews

Childcare:

Michi Koizumi

Layreader:

Reilly Narruhn

June 8, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Eileen Shiraishi (Memorial)

Childcare:

Jane Kawazoe

Layreader:

Barbara Iwami

June 15, 2014

Chapel Decorations:

Rick and Pat Tanimoto

Childcare:

Jean Kita

Layreader:

Ruth Niino-Duponte

Senior Ministry

Our speaker is Ron Fujiyoshi. He will speak about the atom bomb testing 50 yrs ago in the Marshall Islands and it's current effects on the population today. Come, join the group. It will be from 10 to 12 noon in the Building of Faith.

Service Day Mahalo

Thank you to all who helped with the Service Day on Saturday, May 17! What a great group from CHC, the Chuukese Church, the United Church of Christ – Pohnpei, and the Marshallese Assembly of God Church, who use our space, as well as the ballroom dance group.

Enhancing Worship Workshop

Saturday June 14, 2014

Church of the Holy Cross
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8:30am Registration and Coffee
9am-12 noon Workshops

9-11am Dynamic Worship
11-12 noon Layreaders—improve your skills
-Musicians with Ken

Donald Schmidt and Ken Makuakane will focus on the order of worship and how it can speak its own message, and talk about the reasons why we do many of things we tend to do in worship. They will talk about ways to find scripture and use scripture to structure worship. We'll discuss ways to make worship come alive beyond just the spoken word. Different styles of music, the use of visuals, and innovative ways to present the scripture can help breathe new life into our forms of worship expression.

Donald Schmidt
Associate Conference Minister



Ken Makuakane
“Acting Papa Makua”



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