

# Church of the Holy Cross—UCC

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Sunday Worship Service begins at 10:00 am**  
**Interim Pastor: Rev. Choo Lak Yeow**

### **This week at the Church of the Holy Cross**

- **Bible Study**, Monday at 6:30 pm and Wednesday at 9:30 am in Pastors Study
- **Choir Practice**, Sunday at 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Tuesday from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
- **IYAA**, Bible Study Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Lounge. Mark chapter 10
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Building of Faith
- **Ballroom Dance**, class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Building of Faith
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele**, meets every Thursday at 9am in the Lounge
- **Qigong**, meets every Friday at 9:00 am in the Building of Faith.
- **Bell Choir**, every Saturday at 1pm in J's Café
- **Muslim Community Group**, meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith Meeting Room

### **Other Congregations that Worship here on Sunday**

- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the Sanctuary on Sunday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.  
**Rev. Stiven Pousima; Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa**
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships 10am in the Building of Faith.  
**Rev. Ichiro Annes**
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm in Sanctuary.  
**Rev. Take Sunia**
- **Chuukese Church** worships 3pm in Building of Faith Meeting Room.  
**Rev. Saburo Robert**
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships 4 pm in the Sanctuary.  
**Rev. Brandy Karben**



**CHURCH  
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday, &  
Thursday  
08:30 am-1:30 pm

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Wednesday  
09:30 am—12:30 pm  
Friday  
8:30 am —10:00 am

**Important Dates to  
Remember:**

*Sunday, October 11th  
Board of Christian Ed  
Meeting after worship*

*Sunday, October 11th  
Trustees meeting after  
worship*

*Sunday, October 18th  
Congregational Meeting  
After worship*

*Saturday, October 24th  
Imiola Church  
Aha Mele Hoike in  
Remembrance of Napua  
Ayala begins at 9 am and  
lunch is at 12 pm*

*Sunday, October 25th  
J's Mini Mart  
Before worship*

*Sunday, October 25th  
Deacons Meeting  
After worship*

*Saturday, October 31st  
Happy Halloween  
Be Safe and Enjoy!*



**BOARD MEETINGS**

Sunday, October 11th  
Board of Christian Ed  
Meeting after worship

Sunday, October 11th  
Trustees Meeting  
After worship

Sunday, October 18th  
Congregational Meeting  
After worship

Sunday, October 25th  
Deacons Meeting  
After worship



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
After Children's Word  
during worship

Please share  
this info with  
your family,  
friends and  
colleagues!

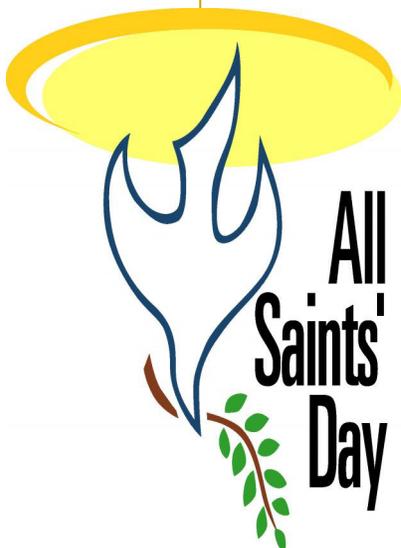


**Mark your calendar  
Care Partners Support  
Group Meeting**

Our next meeting will be  
on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2015.  
\*We meet on the second  
Tuesday of each month.  
10 a.m. to 12 noon in the  
Building of Faith



Saturday,  
October 24th  
Imiola Church  
Aha Mele Hoike  
Begins at 9 am  
Lunch is at 12 pm



Sunday,  
November 1st  
All Saints' Day

Candle lighting  
At 10:00 am

Pot-luck Lunch  
at 11:30 am

There will also be entertainment



Sunday, October 25th  
J's Mini Mart  
Before Worship  
Every 4th Sunday

## ***Pastor's Corner***

First and foremost, praise God for Lian's steady and progressive recovery. She's getting stronger every day. Praise God, too, for both your ardent prayers and kind extension of my stay in Beaumont, CA, to take care of Lian during her recovery.

Praise God, specially, for your digesting the proposed Road Map for our attempts to be a futuristic missional Church of the Holy Cross. I am specially moved that the able and devoted leadership in our church is so much sold on the idea of re-discovering and re-inventing ourselves in the process of launching a futuristic missional Church of the Holy Cross, a decades-old process that has been much blessed by God, so I believe.

It is always so thrilling to find and regard ourselves as a comma in this on-going process. Praise God that we dare not put a full-stop when only a comma is the order of the day. I feel so pleased and privileged to be a cheerleader [definitely NOT the quarterback!] in this process, cheering one and all to scale greater heights. From that high Chula Vista [beautiful vista in Spanish], we envision a futuristic missional Church of the Holy Cross with multiple language services.

In the process and from that height, we attempt to do three things.

1] Using maximization of space in our favorite two-car garage as an image, we endear ourselves to the idea of how we can maximize all our numerous assets in doing God's mission in our community.

2] We change imagery. This time, we think of ourselves as an incubator, incubating new births in our beloved Church of the Holy Cross. How? By focusing on how we can cultivate our Sunday school and Youth program [IYAA] as feeder groups that will feed into our cherished church.

3] We change imagery again. Now, I would like to use the old-fashioned laundry pegs to illustrate how we can lighten our burdens. A laundry pail full of wet clothes is heavy. Using laundry pegs to hang the wet clothes we see how light the wet clothes have become on a laundry line. To avoid fatigue in re-discovering and re-inventing ourselves to be a futuristic missional church, we laundry-peg all our heavy burdens one by one to lighten up our burdens.

Along and right in the middle of this laundry line, I envisage ourselves hanging the **bright Christmas lights!!!** Good Christian women and good Christian men, God-with-us [Emmanuel] is always there to energize us to carry out the Great Commission. Matthew 28: 18 – 20

The **bright Christmas lights** in the **middle** of the laundry line shows us that Christ is [to use a historic present] with us when we **first started** some twenty years ago and will still be with us **at the end** to carry out the Great Commission. The poem below captures brilliantly what I have tried to write falteringly.

After many years  
Of fumbling  
Of struggling  
Of seeking  
The highest life  
God meant for all  
As shown in Christ  
After all these years  
What next?

## Pastors Corner (Cont'd)

Can we boast we've passed the test?  
Can we say we've done our best?  
Can we fold our hands to rest?  
How can we?  
*For there's no end  
To our serving  
As far as we can see  
No end to our seeking  
For the best is always  
Yet to be.*

Go on  
Reach out  
Into all the world  
The Great Commission does echo  
As it did many, many years ago.  
Go on  
Preach the Good News  
Teach all nations  
The Great Commission is heard today  
Even more engaging  
Evermore demanding.  
Go on  
**Work as you would preach  
Live as you would teach  
That Jesus, our Lord,  
Be glorified, adored.  
In the Spirit of Christ  
In whose Name martyrs died  
And thousands [millions!]\* labored**  
We dare say  
As someone did say:  
'We are not afraid  
Of TOMORROW  
For we have seen  
YESTERDAY  
And we love  
TODAY.'  
Amen and AMEN and AMEN!

Cordelia A. Gobuyan  
[Italics & boldface mine]  
\*Bracketed mine



every Monday at  
6:30 p.m. and  
Wednesday at  
9:30 am in the  
Pastor's Study

### Bible Study for Beginners

Pastor Choo Lak will be encouraging members who are new to the Bible to form a group to do an introductory walkabout of the Bible for six (6) weeks. This is a good time to ask questions about the Bible with fellow beginners in studying the Bible. Enjoy! Mahalo Again!

Choo Lak



## From the Board of Stewardship and Mission

16 members and friends from Church of the Holy Cross braved the rain and wind for the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at Liliuokalani Park. A huge mahalo to Eileen, Kay, Connie and James, Barbara, Bob, Michi, Sets, Mary Ann, Gloria, Cindy, Bev and her friend Sandy, Merle and Wilfred, and Anne for representing the church. Thank you, too, to the members and friends who donated to the Association to help support those affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. This year teams were not recognized, but know that we were one of the bigger groups participating with much energy and determination! Thank you all for supporting this project!

Anne Sadayasu



Aloha Church of the Holy Cross Members,

As you may know our Church of the Holy Cross Budget committee has been working on our Budget for next year. The council has received the budget from the committee on September 13th. We plan to have a budget presentation on Sunday 9/27/15 by our treasurer Roberta Chu to help explain the budget agenda and our bylaws. Then on the following Sundays, we will have the boards share how the budget is being used for each board. October 4, 2015 will have the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Stewardship and Mission, with October 11, 2015 having the Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons.

This will lead to our general congregation membership meeting on October 18, 2015 following service, where we will vote on acceptance of the budget for 2016. We look forward to sharing with you our recommendations for the budget and answering any questions you may have. Thank you.

Woody Kita

## **Our Members Share in the work of our Denomination**

Several members of our Church are involved in the work of our denomination on island wide and statewide levels. Moderator **Woody Kita** is again serving as a Trustee for the Hawaii Conference Foundation and serves as the chairperson of the Investment Committee. **Gloria Kobayashi** is the current secretary of the Board of Trustees. The Hawaii Conference Foundation is the investment and property management arm of the Hawaii Conference.

The eleven Trustees and the members of the Conference Council of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ are responsible for managing the financial assets of our denomination, which total approximately \$53,295.644. These assets consist of cash, receivables, investments, real property and equipment. Funds from these assets are used to fund the work of our Hawaii Conference office as well as many local churches and associations. Investment funds for over fifty local churches and associations are also managed by the Foundation. The Foundation assists new congregations with the purchase of land and the construction of their first building. It has recently become a member of the United Methodist Federal Credit Union so that UCC churches and individuals may apply for microloans. The Foundation also facilitates property and liability insurance coverage and provides advice on non-profit, investment and legal issues to help churches conform to existing rules and regulations. It is an honor to have the Church of the Holy Cross represented by two of the eleven trustee positions.

Woody also chairs Stewardship Missional Team which encourages local church participation in Our Church's Wider Mission, planned giving programs, capital campaigns and scholarship and grant opportunities. Through this position, he serves on the Hawaii Conference Council and is a member of the Richards Friend Peace Scholarship Committee.

**Janet Fujioka** serves on the Audit Committee for the Hawaii Conference Foundation and was also a Trustee of the Foundation and chairperson of the Conference Council. She also chaired the Personnel Committee, the Conference Minister Search Committee and the Foundation Executive Director Search Committee. She is also chairperson of the Richards Friend Peace Scholarship Committee. This scholarship fund was established in 1911 by Theodore and Mary Atherton Richards and encourages building bridges by providing funds for students from Pacific Rim countries to study in America as well as allowing Americans to study in those countries. Awards are made on the basis of ability, need, and character.

**Sue Smith** is the team leader for the HCUCC Justice and Witness Team, which is called to be witnesses of the Good News of Jesus Christ, in covenant with local churches, Associations and partnership ministries and the Hawaii Conference. The Team works to develop compassionate ministries of justice, peace, and the stewardship of our earth. To date, the team has created liturgies for special Sundays such as Kalaupapa Sunday and Disabilities Sunday and makes available Bible study guides that go with lectionary topics. Materials can be found on the Justice and Witness tab of the hcucc.org website. Sue is also a member of the Conference Council and is secretary for the Hawaii Island Association.

**Anne Sadayasu** currently serves on the Hawaii Conference Personnel Committee as the Big Island Association's representative. This human resources committee reviews and updates personnel policies, salary ranges, hiring and dismissal procedures and other employee/employer issues of the Conference. She has been a long time member of the Association's Church and Ministry Committee, which receives applications for standing, examines pastoral candidates for licensure, ordination and installation for the Hawaii Island Association. It also maintains records of candidates and ministers of our Association and member churches.

You are invited to also learn more about and get involved in the work of our island Association and Conference.

Gloria Kobayashi



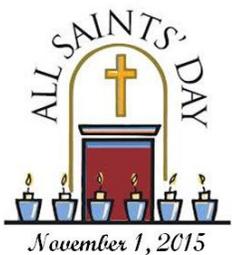
The Board of Stewardship and Mission thanks you for your generous gifts to the special offering Neighbors in Need received on October 4th. To date the office has received \$ 790.00. This money is used to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, and one third of NIN funds support enables these program ministries to continue to help our neighbors in Need.

Barbara Iwami

**SEARCH COMMITTEE**

Since its first meeting on May 20, 2014, the Pastoral Search committee has met at least thirty times and deliberated over forty pastoral profiles. These profiles come to the Committee after a vetting process by the Hawaii Conference office. The candidates come from all over the country and it has been a blessing to learn the stories of those who have chosen the ministry as their profession. Through Skype sessions, the committee has interviewed eleven potential candidates. The Search Committee is chaired by Stefan Tanouye. Members include Christian and Theone Albano, Newton Chu, Janet Fujioka, Erin Kita, Gloria Kobayashi and Anne Sadayasu. Please continue to pray for our Pastoral Search Committee.

Gloria Kobayashi



This year as in the past we will be celebrating All Saints Day and Homecoming. This will occur as part of worship on November 1 at 10 AM. The Church Council and the Boards of the Church invite and welcome you, your ohana and friends to this All Saints candle lighting service. This is a sacred service of remembrance for all who have passed on this year. Each name will be read, the bell struck and a candle lit in remembrance. After all who passed on this year are remembered, the congregation is invited to light a candle of remembrance for all those who have gone on before.

After the services there will be a Homecoming Celebration of Life pot luck luncheon. There will be entertainment and a time to sit and reminisce with friends and family.

Please contact the church office at 935-1283 if you would like to have a family member or friend who passed this year recognized.

Sue Smith

**The Messenger**

The Messenger is a bimonthly newsletter distributed by the Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo. If you have an article please either send it via email in word format to [holycrosshilo@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:holycrosshilo@hawaii.rr.com) or via post by October 19th.

The next scheduled Messenger will be October 21, 2015.

**October Ushers**

Ben Masutomi,  
Rei Masutomi,  
Sets Takimoto,  
Dorothy Matsui &  
Tammy Nagami

**Sunday, October 11th**

**Layreader**

Molina Rekis

**Chapel Decorations**

M/M Mark Sakumoto

(Mem)

**Childcare**

**Sunday, October 18th**

**Layreader**

Anne Sadayasu

**Chapel Decorations**

Amy Shiroma (Mem) &

Clarice Suzuki (Mem)

**Childcare**

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

**Sunday, October 25th**

**Layreader**

Barbara Iwami

**Chapel Decorations**

M/M Richard Miyake

**Childcare**

Jeanne Hernandez



Please pray for and send a greeting to these Birthday people

- 02 Pacheco, Irene Betty
- 03 Akiyama, Shizue Osterwalder, Christine
- 06 Hayashi, Wataru
- 07 Niino-DuPonte, Ruth Kimura, Johanna
- 09 Sakumoto, Mark
- 10 Chen, Christopher
- 11 Kita, Erin
- 12 Enomoto, Michiko Nakamoto, Jordon Tanouye, Eric
- 14 Kita, Jennifer
- 17 Ushijima, Andi
- 21 Nakamura, Chiyoko Tanaka, Moira
- 22 Albano, Theone
- 25 Mortemore, Avis
- 26 Miyashiro, Kimiyo Uchima, Lester
- 29 Tanouye, Mark