

A Letter from the Church Council Ad Hoc Committee for Joint Ministry Meetings

Aloha, Congregational Members!

One of this year's Church Council's goals is to increase and improve communication in the work of CUC's mission and vision. One pathway to that is to restructure our ministry meetings and host a CUC joint meeting night, on the first Wednesday of each month, starting on Wednesday, September 6.

We know, we know...change. Let's remember Abraham who is a great example of a man who committed to the future without fully understanding all that God had for him. ("By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." Hebrews 11:8)

The Church Council believes that transforming our meeting structures and hosting a monthly joint ministry meeting will:

- Transform our church to create deeper synergy within our church. In fact, our tag line for these meetings is "One church, one God, all working together."
- Provide time and space for collaboration and cooperation between ministries.
- Be a time of efficient and transparent communication.
- Increase participation from all congregational members.

We believe that this restructuring will change the nature of our ministers/staff members work, opening space for greater spiritual formation and spirit led programming to help our church live into its mission of "Engage and Embrace all as we seek to Embody Christ!" Let's face it, how many times have you heard that our church was doing something to help the elderly, the homeless or the youth and thought "how great" or "I wanna know more." This joint meeting will be your opportunity to learn, listen and join!

The *proposed* schedule is:

- 5:45 pm members arrive Meet and Greet!!!
- 6:00 welcome, announcements, prayer and share a meal (provided with calabash bowl), fellowship, and spiritual formation
- 7:00 pm members' breakout to meet with their various Ministries/Committees. Staff members will be assigned to some of the Ministries/Committees. The pastoral staff will float around to multiple groups.
- 8:00 pm individual groups adjourn

Where else can you share a meal, meet new like-minded folks, grow spiritually, and participate in your church in two hours?

Let us encourage one another to be like Abraham and work in unison with God, to help our church become a church for the 21st century and beyond! Excited? Mark your calendars to attend: 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 1/3, 2/7, 3/8* Thursday, 4/4, 5/2

Sincerely, Carolynn David, Head Deaconess; Suzie Schulberg; and Carolynn Bell-Tuttle, Secretary Church Council (Joint Meeting Committee Members); and the 2017-18 Church Council: Martha Balkin, Nickie Lum Davis, Rosemary Eberhardt, Evelyn Evie Hao, **Chair**, John Jacobson, Paul Ka`awalauole, Eppy Kerr, Tom Kiyabu, **Vice Chair**, Darlene Krenzke, Cara Nakamura, Anuhea Pizana, Dusty Santos, Carl Schlack, David Yee, **Treasurer**