

News to share from the Church Council 2/28/2017

“Christ lived serenely, as a greater artist...working in living flesh...this matchless artist made neither statues nor pictures...[but] loudly proclaimed that he made...living people.” Vincent van Gogh

“We are part of the divine’s portfolio.” Rev. Brandon Duran

As each of you know, communication is important. Thus, in our effort to be open and transparent to the decisions that are shaping our church and the conversations being held at the Council meetings, we have designed these highlights. Thank you for reading them and staying informed with our church happenings.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING:

The Annual Meeting will be held on **Sunday, May 7, 2017** from **4-6 pm** followed by a potluck dinner! More details coming.

PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH:

This year there won't be a Palm Sunday brunch. Instead, we encourage everyone to join us for our inaugural Annual Meeting potluck! **Purpose:** *To celebrate CUC Ministries, to host our Annual Meeting, to forge deeper connections through sharing a meal.*

NEWS FROM NOMINATIONS & GOVERNANCE:

In accordance with of Section 4.3(A) of the Bylaws, the Council recommends to the congregation the following approved candidates for election to At Large Council Member and Officer positions. (Note that **candidates up for election by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on May 7, 2017 are highlighted in yellow**; all others are continuing to serve existing terms for which they have been elected):

PROPOSED CONFIGURATION OF CUC COUNCIL AS OF JUNE, 2017

OFFICER POSITIONS (1-year term commencing 2017 and ending 2018):

Chair: Evie Hao	Vice Chair: Tom Kiyabu
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OFFICER POSITIONS (2-year term commencing 2016 and ending 2018):

Treasurer: David Yee	Secretary:Carolynn Bell-Tuttle
Chair of the Deacons: Dusty Santos	Chair of the Deaconesses: Carolynn David

AT LARGE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
1. Eppy Kerr	1. Carl Schlack	1. Sandy Fong
2. Anuheia Pizana	2. Martha Balkin	2. Paul Ka`awalauole
3. Nickie Lum Davis	3. John Jacobson	3. Cara Nakamura

ADDITIONAL NEWS FROM NEWS FROM NOMINATIONS & GOVERNANCE:

The Council has approved for submittal to the Congregation at the May 7, 2017 Annual Meeting certain Bylaw amendments proposed by the Nominations and Governance Committee. These proposed amendments are for the purpose of conforming certain existing Bylaw provisions with amendments to the Bylaws that were approved by the Congregation at the 2016 Annual Meeting. The text of the proposed Bylaw amendments will be submitted to the Congregation soon.

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS UPDATE:

In January, we shared our goal on how to reduce our endowment withdrawal rate to 4% annually by 2020. Ideas included reducing wasteful spending and increasing facility usage through forging relationships with other non-profits to maximize our mission. **Good news!** Since January, the following connections and savings have happened:

- CUC has a new digital, campus-wide phone system, which will reduce our monthly phone expenses by \$400.00!
- Please welcome our newest campus office renter, **Ho`ola Na Pua**, an organization committed to renewing the lives of girls who were victimized by the sex-trafficking industry. **Ho`ola Na Pua**, does this through health, education, advocacy, and reintegration programs. It is now renting office space in the

Family Life building in rooms 206 and 207.

- **Touch A Heart**, a non-profit dedicated to preserving and enhancing the dignity of the homeless and disadvantaged in Hawaii, is also in the process of joining our campus. Core to Touch a Heart's mission is providing vocational training in food services through social enterprise opportunities with organizations with under-utilized commercial kitchens to house its program and train women in transition with the marketable skills necessary to move toward sustainable, independent living through employment. Stable employment will provide these women with the financial means to eventually secure affordable or subsidized housing, enabling their families to move out of transitional shelters into more permanent housing. Fortunately the CUC kitchen recently passed inspection by the DOH and Touch of Heart was granted a license to begin operations! **Hooray!**
- Watch for **Honolulu Theater for Youth** who will be using areas on campus to provide workshops for youth!
- An Upcoming Eagle Scout Project from our own sponsored Troop 777 excites us! This project will replace, upgrade and install new signposts, signage, and information/direction centers throughout our campus.

Save the date to help us celebrate 130 years of Central Union Church ~ November 11, 2017

New mobile friendly website coming soon with a clean design, site map, and a compatibility with all devices!

Please come to hear about **CUC's biblically based value statements** from members of our strategic planning committee during the upcoming Learning Tree sessions. These values extend a perpetual invitation to have our lives reflect the continual transformative presence of the Holy Spirit while shaping how our community of faith behaves and serve as a bridge between belonging—described by our mission statement-- and the state believing ---described by our vision statement. Join us for the Council seeks to have the congregation affirm these values as we mark our 130th year of ministry!

March 5: *Mana`o`i`o (Faithfulness) - God is faithful in bringing love to life; therefore we live with hope. -Psalm 136.*

March 12: *Kaunana (Discovery) – We prayerfully contemplate the Scriptures discovering God's direction for us. -Psalm 119:25-32*

March 19: *Loli`ana (Transformation) – We reflect the continual transformative work of the Holy Spirit through our life and our service. - Romans 12:1-2*

March 26: *Kaulike (Justice) – Inspired by the courage and conviction of the saints of our church's history, we continue to act on God's love and justice for all. -Hebrews 12:1-2*

April 2: *Malama (Care) – As an `ohana of Christ, we joyfully accept all by caring for one another. -1 Peter 4:7-1*

April 9: *Aloha (Love) – As disciples, we follow the way of Jesus Christ by loving God and loving others. - Mark 12:28-34*

News about Windward United Church of Christ (WUCC)

In January of 1955, CUC launched the vision of creating a new campus on the windward side. The Harold K. Castle Foundation donated three and a half acres of land and the new facility was dedicated on September 9, 1956.

In 1963, the church became independent and was renamed Windward United Church of Christ (WUCC) with 500 members. With dwindling membership, unfortunately WUCC has discerned it is no longer viable and wants to ensure proper stewardship of its remaining resources and has discerned to enter into a conversation with CUC leadership on whether to rejoin with us. An Ad Hoc committee has been created by the Church Council with the directive to gather information and to vet this decision by focusing on the ministry/mission, the legal and the financial aspects.

Pastoral Care Update

The Church Council wants to ask our congregation for prayers, guidance and discernment for pastoral care. With our aging church population, there is a great need for visiting and caring for our congregation. Please join us in prayer for this important ministry.