



## Sunday Worship Services

### 5/12 – "Every Little Thing's Gonna Be Alright" by Rev. Jonipher

As we grow, we will inevitably encounter changes. Rather than be devastated by change, how can we engage in a "no worries" attitude that somehow, all will be well? Join us for a multigenerational perspective on what happens when we encounter transitions in our lives.

Worship Associate: Erin Brown; Greeters: Jim Cooper, Helen Slaughter (9:15) / Molly Rowland, Laurel Zeri (11:00); Decorator: Martina Queenth; Parking: Julie Elting; Coffee: Beth Marshall.

### 5/19 – "Transitions" by Gini Courtier

Ms. Courtier serves as Chief Governance Officer for the Unitarian Universalist Association. She is a founding partner of TRIAD Consulting, specializing in software training and collaborative solutions for businesses, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations.

Worship Associate: Jean Brokish; Greeters: Sheila O'Keefe, Nancy Schildt (9:15) / Nancy Mower, Ginny Fine (11:00); Decorator: Nancy Schildt; Parking: Dave Hafner; Coffee: Shirley & Gene Parola.

### 5/26 – "Love the One You're With" by Rev. Wendy von Zirpolo

Reverend von Zirpolo serves as parish minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead, MA. She is a mom of four amazing young adults and a swim coach for Special Olympics. Her blogspot titled "Living Values ~

Valuing Lives," encourages those called by faith to listen carefully.

Worship Associate: Russell Castagnaro; Greeters: Janice Davis, Theresa Moorleghen (9:15) / Carla Allison, Doreen Hakuole (11:00); Decorator: Theresa Moorleghen; Parking: Michael Brockert; Coffee: Shirley & Gene Parola.

### 6/2 – "What Goes Down Must Come Up" by Rev. Jonipher

Sometimes, it takes things falling apart in order for us to realize we need to engage in a spiritual practice that will lift us back up again. What are some tools we can use to pick ourselves back up?

Worship Associates: Paul Marshall, Erin Brown; Greeters: Molly Rowland, Carolyn Eaton (9:15) / Nancy Mower, Rick Mower (11:00); Decorator: Betsy Brandt; Parking: Bob Murphy; Coffee: Mitsue Stout.



We are a Unitarian  
Universalist  
community,  
inspired by our  
Principles,  
boldly growing  
compassion, justice,  
and joy.

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## From the Minister

According to the Tao I'Ching, change is part of what propels the dynamic nature of existence. We notice this in the cycle of the seasons every year, and we notice it moment by moment as cells in our bodies die and new ones are generated. The question is, how do we handle change? Do we embrace it as a gift or do we resist it because it seems "foreign" to us?



It may seem like human beings find a great deal of comfort in homeostasis. To do something differently requires a tremendous amount of work, experimentation, and may entail certain risks. What may not be so obvious to us is why we need to change if it's supposedly worked for us all along. There's some merit to that. As the saying goes, "If it ain't broke, why fix it?" But there may be habits we continue just because we don't see the other possibilities. There may be better possibilities if we keep an open mind and expand our way of thinking.

That's why I tend to weigh what I need to change through the lens of harmony. Will my thoughts, actions, and behavior lead to greater harmony and wholeness, or will it lead to a path that may not be so healthy in the long run? I may not know 100% of what the outcome may be, but based on previous experience, and by talking to people I trust, I can increase my chances of achieving even greater harmony by changing my thoughts, actions, and behavior.

So it is with our Church. We will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary this year and our Church was only able to do the wonderful things we've done because we've embraced the gift of change, and we've used the dynamic force of creativity not to revert back to homeostasis, but to move our society forward toward greater harmony. May it be so for the next 60 years and more!

Aloha me pumehana,

Rev. Jonipher

## From the President

Life transitions, I'm talking about the big stuff here. Yes, change is constant. But what about the life transitions, the ones we know are coming? Some we have consciously set in motion while others come with life.



Looking around our Church Community, you'll see lots of us choosing transitions: weddings/commitment ceremonies, becoming parents, expanding families, launching teens off to college, leaving jobs and looking for new ones, new retirees, career changes, new arrivals to O'ahu and those moving away, moves to retirement communities and extended health care facilities by Members of our Church 'Ohana and/or their family members, end of life planning and the list goes on.

Transitions can be initiated by taking on big questions, such as, who do I want to become during this life I've been given? What do I want my life to be about during the next number of years? What do I want to accomplish during my remaining time on this earth?

I believe our Church Community can provide one of the best environments in which to explore and be nurtured as we face these big questions during our life transitions. Are we taking advantage of this opportunity or is the busy-ness of everyday living filling our calendars? Are we entering the vulnerable conversations with each other or keeping them to ourselves, believing we need to figure it out on our own? If not here, in this Beloved Community of supporters, then where?

Warmest aloha,

Carla S. Allison, [cbm@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:cbm@hawaii.rr.com) , 396-1488

Want to know more about what's happening in your Church? All active Members are welcome to attend Board meetings held the fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30pm in the Gallery on the Pali. Your Board welcomes your questions or comments.

## Upcoming Events

### 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration On Saturday, May 18, 6-9pm

Yes, the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu is turning 60 and you are invited to join in the celebration!

Hear superb stories from our Kupuna Anthology Group as you enjoy the company of Church Members and Friends.

Entertainment provided by our exceptional Church Band plus be inspired by guest speaker Gini Courter, Unitarian Universalist Moderator and a fan of our Church Community.

Enjoy a sustainable-themed, luau-style buffet dinner featuring Kahalu'u raised kalua pig imued in Makaha, chicken luau (free-range, organic chickens and fresh coconut milk from Haleiwa, and luau leaves from Kahalu'u), aku poke fish locally-caught and prepared, sweet potatoes, salad greens

from Pupukeya and fresh steamed kale from Wai'anae steamed with locally produced tofu, a fruit medley of fresh pineapple, papaya, mango, and banana from our Island Paradise, and a dessert of fine chocolate and ice cream served with 100% Waialua coffee for the caffeine aficionados. Wine, sparkling wine, and sparkling water are available with two drinks included in the ticket price. The No Host Bar is open throughout the evening.

Social time starts at 6:00 pm, introductions and blessing at 6:30 pm followed by dinner and entertainment.

First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, 2500 Pali Highway

\$60/person. Childcare available for those with childcare reservations.

Purchase tickets on Sundays

following both worship services or via our Church website at <http://www.unitariansofhi.org>. Click the DONATE button.

Sponsored by the Board of Directors and our Church Band. Proceeds will fund ongoing Church programs plus help send our Church Band to the 2014 UU Musicians Network Conference.

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### Learning Sessions:

#### Our Church's Financial Health and the 2013/14 Budget

Save The Dates: On **Sundays, May 19th & June 2nd**, after the 11:00 am Service, the Budget Task Force will discuss and answer questions regarding the condition of our Church's financial health plus present the proposed

2013-2014 Budget and the thinking behind the numbers. Our beloved Church is in an enviable transition—we are growing. As we all know, we need to finance that growth. We need your input. The Budget will be up for a Con-

gregational vote on June 9th, and we all want it to reflect our commitment to our Faith Community; our commitment to boldly growing compassion, justice and joy.

### Pride Parade Booth

Our Church will again have a booth at Kapiolani Park, at the end of the Pride Parade, on Saturday, June 1st. There will be cold soft drinks for all Church Parade marchers.

Drop by the booth after the Parade.

We also need some folks to help speak to those who visit the Booth. If you are interested in talking about

our Church, please contact Charlotte (672-7341, [lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com)) or Veronica (672-7341, [veronicarmorgan@msn.com](mailto:veronicarmorgan@msn.com)).



## Lifespan Religious Education

Dear Church Community,  
 Religious education programs are blossoming at every age level this month. Now is the perfect time to get involved.

The keiki class is getting ready to launch their Summer Reading Program. All are invited to share a values-based book they recommend for six and under and one for ages seven and up! We are also looking for a summer team to lead two Sundays. We can provide materials and support; all you need is your enthusiasm for great literature!

The Youth Group is continuing to build momentum. We have between seven and ten youth most Sundays. They have moved upstairs and are making Room 3 their own. We are very excited for this teeming community and encourage the Congregation to celebrate our youth!

Our new Young Adult Group

had its first meeting Sunday, May 4th, and we planned a regular, spiritual gathering for people between the ages of 18-35. Look out for an invitation and details about our next meeting.

Margaret Mann will be facilitating an adult RE class based around her book *A Dramatically Different Direction*. It's about transforming your perspective, shaking loose from the shackles of our expectations, to experience life in a new way and awaken to the joy and happiness available to you. The six week course includes the themes: change, pain, sex, dying, spirituality, and grace. Course starts Monday, May 6th and goes six consecutive Monday evenings (skipping Memorial Day) from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please purchase a book from Margaret ahead of time (\$10) and sign up with me.

There is much more on the horizon for our program, and we look forward to everyone showing up, bringing their gifts, and sharing their struggles to make this a Beloved Community.

April 26-28, I will attend the Unitarian Universalist Association's Regional Assembly in San Jose, CA. I am looking forward to building connections with our religious educators, getting inspired anew by our faith, and sharing best practices and resources with our Congregation.

With Gratitude,

Emily Carroll

Director of Lifespan Religious Education

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## Nuts and Bolts: Things that keep our church running

### April Board Actions

- Continued strategic plan development process
- Discussed the Church's financial health including the 2012/13 Pledge receipts, 2013/14 Pledge Drive outcome & 13/14 Budget proposal
- Scheduled budget learning sessions with Congregation on May

- 19th & June 2nd
- Agreed on Annual Meeting agenda
  - Sent the \$10,000 undesignated contribution from the Robert Rust trust to the Finance Committee for their recommendation to the Board
  - Discussed how to publicize the voting delegate

- opportunities for the 2013 UUA General Assembly June 19th-23rd
- Coordinated Board's participation as volunteers for the 60<sup>th</sup> Celebration
- Scheduled the 2013 Board Retreat on Saturday, June 15th, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm





## Nuts and Bolts: Things that keep our church running

### Deadlines, Deadlines, Deadlines...

The deadline for the June Church Newsletter is NOON, on SUNDAY, MAY 26th. Please bring copy to the Church Office or email to Jennifer Kane, our Office Manager, at [office@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:office@unitariansofhi.org).

For the eBlast and the Weekly Bulletin, the deadline is TUESDAY, at NOON. Please bring copy to the Church Office or email to Jennifer Kane, our Office Manager, at [office@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:office@unitariansofhi.org)

and Charlotte Huszcza at [lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com). (Charlotte will be off-island and will not be working on the eBlast and Weekly Bulletin the weeks of May 12th and 19th. It is very important that you send the copy to Jennifer.)



### Our Fire of Commitment Burns Strong and Bright!

You are wonderfully generous! 77 pledges and \$163,720 have already been committed to fund our upcoming 2013/2014 year of boldly growing compassion, justice and joy through worship, LRE, and outreach expansion. Thanks to you, our future is indeed bright!

To join this sharing of abundance, complete your pledge form and place it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings throughout April. You may also give your pledge form to our Treasurer, Ross Newmann, to Stewardship Chair, Carla Allison, or email your pledge to Carla at [cbm@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:cbm@hawaii.rr.com). Questions? Call Carla at 396-1488.

**Mahalo** to the following pledgers for leading the way! (List current as of April 22.)

Larry Abbott & Donna Lum  
Carla Allison  
Betty Andrews  
Marie Anne  
Kay Armstrong  
Hershel Beazley, Jr.  
Harmony Bentosino  
Marilyn Bornhorst

Jean Brokish & Ben Schmidt  
Meghan Bundtzen  
Dan Carpenter & Sue Yamane-Carpenter  
Russell & Kristine Castagnaro  
Jim Cooper & Martina Queenth  
William & Genna Coursey  
Dan & Lee Curren  
Janice Davis  
Hilkka Easterwood  
Carolyn Eaton  
Lorraine Fay  
Ginny Fine  
Colleen Finnegan & Lacey Johnston  
Katy Gentry & Caryn Ackerman  
Lisa & Jeff Gillis-Davis  
Catherine Graham  
Theresa Greaney & Gary & Emma Kikuchi  
David Hafner & Theresa Moorleghen  
Doreen Hakuole  
Marshall Heaney  
Jytte Hendrick  
Judy & Bill Hepfer  
David Hill  
Leslie Horn  
Charlotte Huszcza & Veronica Morgan  
Travis Idol & Cortney Midla  
Kim Coco Iwamoto  
Eleanor Kleiber  
Nan & Pierre Kleiber  
Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kwong  
Ted Leon & Elaine Rossi  
Steve Lohse & Susan Lebo  
Jim Lomont  
Leanne MacIntire

Linda Magee  
Alan Mair  
Margaret Mann  
Joel Merchant  
Sylvia Mitchell  
Chris Monahan & Tina Zaffrann  
Phil & Dorothy Morris  
Frank & Liz Morrow  
Michael Mottl & Jill Rabinov  
Nancy Mower  
Rick Mower  
Bob & Betty Murphey  
Jim Myers & Grace Malakoff  
Paul & Beth Marshall  
Ross & Kris Newmann  
Ka'imi Nicholson  
Sheila O'Keefe  
Mary Jo Olson  
Lynda Orr  
Gene & Shirley Parola  
Ken Plonsky  
Nancy Schildt & Rob Borofsky  
Bethany Schwartz  
Evelyn Shepard  
Mickey Selwyn & Julian Showkeir  
Helen Slaughter  
Mitsue Stout  
Sali Toda  
Ian Valasek  
Karen & Richard Valasek  
Tuppence Van de Voarst  
Roger Wickenden  
Laurel Zeri

**THE FIRE OF  
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OUR  
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BEGINS  
TODAY!**

## Annual Meeting

### Official Notice

On **Sunday, June 9th**, we will have our Annual Meeting. At this meeting the Congregation will elect Board Members and Officers, Nominating Committee Members, and Social Justice Members. There are no absentee ballots for the Annual Meeting.

We will also hold a Congregational vote to:

- Approve the 2013-2014 Budget
- Change our bylaws regarding absentee ballots

See articles in this newsletter that go into detail on these voting items.

Registration begins at 12:15 pm. Lunch will be available.

### Agenda

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum
2. Reading & Chalice Lighting
3. Adopt Agenda/Appoint Parliamentarian
4. Approve Minutes of the January 13, 2013 Congregational Meeting
5. Election
  - Recognize Nominating Committee
  - Review Slate of Nominations from the Floor
  - Hold Election
6. President's Remarks

7. Minister's Remarks

8. Congregational vote: Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, No Absentee Ballots for Any Meetings of the Church Membership

9. Approve 2013/14 Budget

10. Closing Words

11. Move to Adjourn

12. Extinguish Chalice

### Proposed Amendment to the Bylaws of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu,

### No Absentee Ballots for Any Meetings of the Church Membership

WHEREAS, we covenant to affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of democratic process within our Congregations and within society at large (UU Principle #5); but

WHEREAS, no absentee ballots shall be available for the Annual Meeting (Church Bylaw IV.2.); and

WHEREAS, there shall be no absentee voting for [a Ministry] election (Church Bylaw V.2.); and

WHEREAS, the lack of absentee ballots is not deemed an infringement on democratic process for Annual Meetings or Ministry elections, among the most important meetings of the Church membership; and

WHEREAS, recent absentee

voting has not changed the outcome of any vote by Members present at a meeting of the Church Membership, though at considerable effort to administer an absentee voting process; and

WHEREAS, the Board wants to encourage active rather than absentee participation in democratic decision making of the Congregation; and

WHEREAS, amendments may be proposed by the Board or by petition of ten Oahu-resident Members (Church Bylaw IX.2.), and Bylaws may be amended or repealed by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the ballots cast at any Congregational Meeting (Church Bylaw IX.1.);

THEREFORE, the Board proposes to amend the Bylaws of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu to repeal Article IV, Paragraph 6, and to renumber Article IV, Paragraph 7 as the new Article IV, Paragraph 6; and

FURTHERMORE, the Board proposes to amend the final sentence of Article IV, Paragraph 2, to read, "No absentee ballots shall be available for the Annual Meeting or for any Meetings of the Church membership." [new material underscored]

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2013 - 2014 Slate for June 9, 2013, Annual Meeting

### BOARD

President: David Hafner

Vice President: no candidate at this time

Secretary: Laurel Zeri

Treasurer: Pierre Kleiber

Directors: Marilyn Bornhorst  
Michael Mottl

David Hill

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Theresa Moorleghen

Eleanor Kleiber

Mark Brasher

### SOCIAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

Susan Lebo - reelection to start a 2nd 2-year term

Rick Stanley - reelection to start a 2nd 2-year term

Theresa Moorleghen - election to start a 1st 2-year term

## Mission Based Budget 2013-2014

### 1. Provide transforming worship experiences.

The Staff and Worship Team have continued to develop Worship Services that fill Members with hope and inspiration. We've fine-tuned the Two-Service format to distinguish between the 9:15 am Reflective Service and the 11:00 am Celebratory Service. When possible, we've continued to include personal testimonies where members of our Congregation personally speak to the ways in which this Church Community has helped transform lives. We received a great deal of feedback from the survey and have incorporated suggestions as appropriate. We have also adopted various technological tools to enhance the worship experience, and to share the Services via our website, increasing our impact.

We trained four new Worship Associates and continue to develop our current pool of five committed Team Members who help ensure quality Services week after week as they practice lay leadership. Some highlights from the past year include month-long discussions on Compassion, Justice, and Joy, the Winter Solstice Service, Christmas Eve, and numerous special musical guests. Members and guests regularly comment that they appreciate the "upbeat music," and enjoy meaningful meditations and readings. The overall attendance on Sunday mornings is steadily increasing and has hovered near 150 since the beginning of 2013 (this includes children and Religious Education Instructors).

The plan next year is to train and certify three more Worship Associates on O'ahu.

We would like to build up the two Services at the Honolulu Congregation, increasing the 9:15 am attendance to 50 and the 11:00 am Service to 130. Our goal is to add at least 40 new Members to our Beloved Community. We plan to foster a deeper relationship with UUs on the Big Island by exploring collaborative training opportunities. We will provide a spiritual presence on a year-round basis, celebrating the seasons of life with services featuring the solstice and equinox, Yom Kippur, Christmas Eve and more. Excellent worship services transform lives. It is how we will boldly grow joy in our religious community and beyond.

Budget Total - \$190,000

(This includes a percentage of the Minister's salary, and housing expenses, Office Manager, Musician, Pianist, staff continuing education, Resident Manager, Church utilities, copier, insurance, and building maintenance.)

### 2. Provide continuous learning opportunities through Lifespan Faith Development programs.

Over the last year in children's LRE, we provided hands-on curriculum for our Kindergarten-sixth graders. Most significantly, our LRE Team Leader, Susan Lebo, wrote a curriculum and led our children through 12 Hawaiian Values classes. This curriculum has attracted attention from other local churches who want to borrow it! We explored values in the Hawaiian culture and worked in conjunction with Kanenuiakea to ensure authenticity.

We also had a very popular

Dr. Seuss summer reading program, which resulted in an explosion of parent volunteers and excitement. The youth program continues to coalesce nicely, and is currently engaged in "Popcorn Theology" wherein students watch clips of movies to explore issues of theology and ethics for Unitarian Universalists.

We hired a new Director of Lifespan Religious Education, Emily Carroll, who served the UU Church of Studio City in Los Angeles in a similar role. She is enthusiastic about building a Church Community where we explore together the deepest meanings of life, and have space to feel love, acceptance and belonging. She is eager to make the upstairs classrooms welcoming and inviting, determine the needs of the Congregation, and support an LRE program that coincides with the Congregation's mission to boldly grow compassion, justice and joy.

For the upcoming year, we seek to provide continuous faith, spiritual, and ethical development in a welcoming and inviting environment, and offer the following programming:

1. Sunday School classes for Pre-K through Senior High that provide a nurturing environment for faith development with age-appropriate curricula at every level.
2. Inspired by many of humanity's spiritual traditions, we will celebrate meaningful holiday celebrations, including Chalice (new UU holiday), Day of the Dead, IIIUuminations, Winter Celebrations, Easter, Passover,

Solstice, Vesak (Buddha Day), Earth Day, etc.

3. OWL training in August and an OWL program for the fall for Jr. and Sr. High students. We will collaborate with more churches and take it into the community and schools as an outreach both on O'ahu and the Big Island.

4. Young adult group for ages 18-35.

5. Participation in the Interfaith Campus Ministry Group (Progressive Religious Interfaith Student Movement or PRISM)

6. Adult LRE classes, groups and workshops (including "Building Your Own Theology" during the summer of 2013).

7. Continuous support for our 'Ohana Covenant Group, with an additional goal of involving our newer young families.

Budget Total - \$60,000

(This includes Director of Lifespan Religious Education salary, two Childcare Providers, program materials and curricula, a percentage of the Minister's salary, housing expenses, Resident Manager, Office Manager, Church utilities, copier, insurance, and maintenance. )

## Mission Based Budget 2013-2014, cont'd

### 3. Reach out beyond the walls of our Church.

This past year, our denomination continued to provide us with excellent resources, including visits by Rev. Jeanelyse Doran Adams in September for an Appreciative Inquiry process ("Gathered Here") and Tandi Rogers in February for a session on leadership development.

Unitarian Universalists of Hawaii Nei became an official entity August 30, 2012! We continue to partner with our emerging congregations in Puna and West Hawai'i thanks in part to the \$5,000 New, Satellite, and Emerging Congregation grant received from the Pacific Central District. This generous resource has enabled Rev. Jonipher to preach once a month in Kona. The Puna Congregation launched the "Kindles for Keiki" program, which has attracted four volunteers who will begin going to the Boys and Girls Club to read with children beginning April, 2013. Technologically, the Growth Task Force has also invested heavily in the upgrading of the worship experiences both in the Honolulu and West Hawai'i Congregations. In February, 2013, Services began to be recorded, allowing for the sermons to be archived on the Church's website and for the materials to be viewed from anywhere in the world, including future satellite congregations.

Our partner Church in the Philippines engaged in a pledge campaign that raised ₱2,200. We matched them with ₱6,600, enabling them to become more self-sustaining. The Honolulu Congregation responded to the call for a

more detailed study of the seawall project by raising enough funds to engage the local community in devising a more long-term solution to climate change in this seaside community. This project began March, 2013. Rev. Jonipher once again preached in Visayan at Caican in March, 2013 and brainstormed with the Congregation on their budget for their next fiscal calendar.

Unitarian Universalism took a more visible role through five major public witnessing events:

Sandy Hook Elementary School Interfaith Prayer Vigil. The Unitarian Universalist Church was the only one to open its doors to the community to provide a space for mourning and reflection on the violence that took place in Newtown, Connecticut.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January, 2013) attracted 45 marchers from our Church, and our Church took the lead in an interfaith blessing service for the first time.

Hawaii United for Marriage's Lobby Day in February, 2013: 15 members of our Beloved Community participated in the push to get the legislation to hear this historic bill that ended up being tabled for 2014 or beyond. Rev. Jonipher was one of the speakers.

Lighting the Way to Justice (March 2013). 11 participants from our Church showed their support for marriage equality as the Supreme Court began hearing the case for Prop. 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA).

Rev. Jonipher was the organizer for this year's Nu'uauu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. U.S.

Member of Congress Tulsi Gabbard was the keynote speaker and our band rocked the event!

Next year, we will more fully implement the Social Justice Team's "WARP" plan:

W = Welcoming Congregation. All members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community can find a safe haven in our midst. To this end, our plan is to continue to educate religious communities on the importance of marriage equality as a moral, ethical, and pastoral care issue and work to bring this about as a reality in our state. Interweave Hawaii, our LGBTQ group, will also guide us through a refresher course on what it means to be a Welcoming Congregation.

'Ā = 'Āina. We must respect the land and what it provides to us. We are looking into partnering with Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light to bring about a more sustainable world.

R = Reproductive justice. Women must have the right to control their own bodies and have access to appropriate and adequate resources. This is a denomination-wide study and action issue and a priority for us. The OWL Academy will help us bring our message statewide.

P = Political reform. The right to vote must be safeguarded. Our democracy must not be controlled by a few influential people. Our democracy depends on an informed and active electorate. We seek to ensure clean elections.

Rev. Jonipher asked the Caican Congregation to more than double their pledge to ₱5,000 this coming fiscal

year. If they do, he promised to pledge ₱1,000 more, helping them meet their budget for the first time with our triple matching grant. If they meet their pledge goals, Rev. Jonipher also promised to visit the Caican Congregation again in 2014!

Part of the Growth Task Force's goal is to begin Phase 1 of the OWL Academy with the help of the PCD Chalice Lighter's Grant. This begins with facilitator training and collaborations with other religious organizations and parochial/private schools, as well as our own children. The other major program is Kindles for Keiki. Upon completion of the pilot program in Puna, another one may be undertaken on the Leeward side of O'ahu. We would also like to establish a satellite congregation on that side of the island by the end of the fiscal year.

This strategic approach ensures we're not just chasing issues and focusing on the legislatures and which bills to pass (as important as that is), but our main focus is on the fulfillment of boldly growing justice while growing our prophetic witness throughout the islands, rooted in our principles and desire for social justice. Growth is not just about numbers, but also about our impact in the way we transform our communities and our world.

Budget Total - \$65,000

(This includes a portion of the Minister's salary and housing allowance, a portion of the UUs of Hawai'i Nei membership, denominational support, Social Justice Team budget, a portion of the Minister's Discretionary Fund, partner church in Caican)



## Nuts and Bolts: Things that keep our church running

### New Donation Guidelines

While we appreciate your generosity, effective immediately, the Church is no longer accepting any unsolicited donations of items. This includes medical equipment, tools, appliances, kitchenware, furniture, art or decorative items. If you have books to donate, please

contact Laurel Zeri ([zerik001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:zerik001@hawaii.rr.com)). For monetary donations, please contact the Board President.

If an individual or group needs a particular item, they can place a request in an e-Blast or the Newsletter. Please describe the

requested item in detail and include contact information. If an item is requested for the sanctuary, FHR or hall, the Aesthetics Task Force will be included in determining the appropriateness of the item before it is accepted.



### Work Party News

Thanks to Dan Curran, Lee Curran, Gene Parola, Charlotte Huszcza, Marina Queenth, Jim Cooper, Janice Davis, Alan Mair, Don Dvojacki Julian Showkeir, Al Rowland, and Molly Rowland our March 23 Work Party produced a lot of yard work, cleaning, recycling, and general maintenance work for the Church.

The next Work Party is scheduled for **Saturday, May 11**, from 1:00-5:00 pm. We have more of the usual tasks to do as well as some that our RE Director has asked us to help with in order to freshen up the second floor classrooms and office. We're hoping for some new volunteers to help with our challenge to maintain and

improve our entire Church home. We have on our list tasks to fit all levels of skill and strength. Participating in a Work Party is good fellowship as well as stewardship, especially as we gather at the end of the day for refreshments.

Please call Alan Mair (753-7520) or Al Rowland (988-4426) if you have questions.



## Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church

THANK YOU ALL who contributed to the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu 2013 Food Drive. From March 17th to April 14th, our Congregation contributed over \$2500 to "Feed the Hawaii Food Bank!" This year, we experimented with

a shared collection, with one half of each Sunday collection going to the Food Bank and one half going to the Church. How did this experiment work for you? All comments welcomed to the Social Justice Council. THANK YOU ALL also who

contributed to the Emma's Revolution Concert on Saturday, April 6th. It was an amazing event that contributed significantly to building our local Marriage Equality community to make marriage equality the law in Hawaii.



### WARP Social Justice Priorities

As a Social Justice Congregation, we focus effective action and partnerships through our WARP priorities – Welcoming Congregation, 'Āina, Reproductive Justice, and Political Justice. Welcoming

Congregation includes marriage equality and civil rights, as well as welcoming people of all faiths, walks of life, and spiritual practices regardless of gender, race, or political party. 'Āina includes land, water, climate,

cultural respect, and the Interdependent Web of all existence. Reproductive Justice includes healthcare, choice, comprehensive education (OWL), and our population footprint on the planet. Political Justice

includes Doctrine of Discovery, democratic process, economic justice, violence, and immigration. All comments welcomed, as always!

## Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church

### UUA General Assembly – June 19-23

Delegates to GA this summer will address environmental justice, immigration justice, anti-racism, anti-oppression multiculturalism (Doctrine of Discovery), organizing for justice, multigenerational

work, leadership education, spiritual growth and theology, and growing Unitarian Universalism. There will be many opportunities to worship! Delegates will also vote on adopting the draft

Statement of Conscience, “Immigration as a Moral Issue.” See <http://www.uua.org/immigration/re/moral/index.shtml> for more information.

### 2013 Honolulu Pride Parade & Celebration – June 1

Stand UP, Stand OUT, Stand PROUD! This year’s Honolulu Pride Parade starts from Magic Island at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 1st.

Following the Parade, the Celebration at Kapiolani Park Bandstand runs from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. UUs will be there, green and

marching for Social Justice with Compassion, Justice, and Joy! Watch for more details as the date draws near.

### “A Dramatically Different Direction” – Monday, May 6

Starting Monday, May 6th, Margaret Mann will present a six week course based on her book, “A Dramatically Different Direction.” Dealing with topics like suffering, change, pain, sex, fear of

death, spirituality, and living in a state of grace, this course is jointly sponsored by the Lifespan Religious Education (LRE) and the Social Justice Programs. Contact Margaret Mann

[Margaretmann2000@yahoo.com](mailto:Margaretmann2000@yahoo.com) with questions about the course or Emily Carroll [re@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:re@unitariansofhi.org), Director of Lifespan Religious Education (DLRE), to sign up and request childcare.

### Next Fifth Sunday – June 30

You won’t want to miss our next Social Justice Fifth Sunday on June 30, 2013! Jointly sponsored by the Social Justice Council and the Gallery on the Pali, our

special guest will be Nitya Brighenti, the featured artist in the Gallery from June 23 through July 25. Tentatively called “KGB Series,” Brighenti’s exhibit of haunting

portraits honors those lost to injustice. This Fifth Sunday worship service calls upon ALL our UU Principles!

### Next Council Meeting – May 16, 2013

The Social Justice Council of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu meets this month on Thursday, May 16th, at 6:00 pm in the Fred Harper Room. VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOMED to Council

meetings! If boldly growing Compassion, Justice, and Joy gets you all agitated, then please contact the Council at [sjc@unitariansofhi.org](mailto:sjc@unitariansofhi.org) or (808) 595-4047 or visit the Social Justice web pages on

<http://www.unitariansofhi.org/> for more information about the Social Justice Ministry of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu.

# In, Out, & About: Our church and the wider community

## Reflections and Observations

The members of the Kupuna History Project have been working for months to produce a written Church history, continuing on from the one that was done for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The work

will be finished (as much as history can ever be finished) in time for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on May 18. Copies will be available in print at the dinner on May 18th and on

line for those who do not want more paper in their lives. An order form for anyone wishing to have a printed copy mailed will be in the next newsletter.



## House Sitting Opportunities Wanted

World traveler and entrepreneur, Sherry Ott will be in Hawaii during August, September and October and is looking for house sitting

opportunities anywhere in the state. Sherry has been a guest speaker at our Church, as well as at Iolani School. You can learn more about

Sherry at [www.ottsworld.com](http://www.ottsworld.com) or by contacting our own Chef Ron (772-0554, [rdenesha@gmail.com](mailto:rdenesha@gmail.com)).



## General Assembly Voting Delegate Slots Available

If you are a voting member of our Congregation, you are eligible to be a voting delegate at the 2013 General Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky on June 19th-23rd. Vote as an

attendee at GA or as an off-site delegate. Detailed registration information is available at [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga). Find election information at [www.uua/elections](http://www.uua/elections). See the

Board's bulletin board for additional information. Interested? Contact Carla Allison, 396-1488 [cbm@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:cbm@hawaii.rr.com).



## Kindles for Keiki

What happens when you tutor children with Kindles? Four Unitarian Universalists of Puna are about to find out. These volunteers are participating in the Unitarian Universalists of Hawaii Nei pilot project called "Kindles for Keiki."

Kindles for Keiki (K4K) was inspired by the desire to help children learn to read and a program in Ghana, where children were given Kindles. The four K4K tutors assessed reading levels of four children at the Pahoia Boys and Girls Club, and they are about to embark on eight weeks of weekly hour-long tutoring sessions using Kindles,

before assessing reading progress during the last week of the school-year. Summer or fall continuation of the project will be discussed in May.

At some point, the K4K children may be able to take home the Kindles and perhaps keep them at the project's end.

Cathy says, "Mahalo to Jonipher Kwong, Minister of the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, for your inspiration to start this project, along with other UUHN team-mates! Mahalo to Margaret Drake, Ana Ellsworth, Ruth Larkin, and Diane Mallory for

volunteering their time and teaching skills! Mahalo to Mark Emsley at the Pahoia Boys and Girls Club for coordinating logistics there! Mahalo to the families who decided they want their children to be involved in the program!"

Please contact Cathy Young if you want to become a Kindles for Keiki Volunteer. Call her at 982-9307.



Pictured, from left to right, are Kindles for Keiki (K4K) volunteers: Coordinator Cathy Young, and three K4K Tutors Margaret Drake, Ana Ellsworth, and Ruth Larkin.

## In Our Circle: Membership life

### New Members!

First Unitarian Church of Honolulu is so pleased to welcome its newest members:

Chris Monahan was born and raised near Boston but ran away at a young age to seek his fortune. He roamed the planet until 2001, when he landed on the shores of Hawaii nei and met the love of his life, Tina, in a yoga studio. Chris is a husband, a father and an archaeologist. His spiritual journey was rooted in his Roman Catholic upbringing, took long detours into Atheism, Agnosticism and eastern religions, and he has finally settled into a belief in a universal God-consciousness that he doesn't fully understand but knows is at the controls. Daily service to others and trying to follow the Golden Rule are guiding concepts in his blessed life.

Born and raised in Rochester, NY, Tina Zaffrann passed many a frigid winter night watching the Don Ho Show on TV and dreaming of living in Hawaii. That childhood wish was fulfilled in 1999, when she moved from New York City to Kailua. Once she got over her bagel withdrawal, she fell in love with this place she is blessed to call home. A teacher for many years, she is also a mom, wife, yogi, student of hula and all around lifelong learner. Tina is delighted to be joining this vibrant Congregation, and looks forward to getting to know everyone.

Brian Vaeni and Liz Flannery were both born and raised in New England, Liz in Massachusetts, Brian in New Hampshire (Brian went to college in Boston so he has

some Massachusetts bona fides). They met in 1997 at Ferry Beach (a UU Camp in Maine.), and were married there in 2009. Brian's job in the Army brought them to Tacoma, Washington in 2008 where they fell in love with the Pacific Northwest (almost as much as they love the Northeast). While in Washington, Liz worked for Washington Youth Soccer as the marketing and communications director. They arrived in Hawaii in September, and Liz started work at Make-A-Wish Hawaii as the Donor Care Manager, Brian is still in the Army at Schofield Barracks. In their spare time they like to hike, run, Crossfit, read, cook (Liz cooks, Brian does dishes) and, of course, walk their two dogs Zoe and Charlie.

### All About Our Church

Interested in learning more about Unitarian Universalism or becoming a member of our Church?

The pathway to membership includes two steps.

**Step 1** An informal orientation about the beliefs of Unitarian Universalism, its history, and the benefits of membership.

These usually take place on the 3rd Sunday every other month. Next meeting is in June in the Fred Harper room at 12:15 pm.

**Step 2** An opportunity to meet with the Minister, Rev. Jonipher Kwong, and our Board President to learn about Church governance and what it means to be an engaged Church Member.

In preparation you can go to <http://nuuc.org/inventory/>

and complete the spiritual gifts inventory.

This takes place upstairs in Rev. Jonipher's office at 12:30 pm.

Dates and times will also be announced in the newsletter and on e-Blast.

### And The Eating Is Good...

On both the Second and Fourth Sundays in May, we will have lunch.

Second Sunday Lunch, May 12th, will be provided by the

(Ad Hoc) Men's Group. Their secret identity will be revealed at lunch.

Chef Ron will again tempt our taste buds with his secret

spaghetti sauce at Fourth Sunday Lunch, on May 26th.

Both lunches will be served after the 11:00 am Service. Come hungry.

### LOG In For The Meeting...

The Leeward 'Ohana Group will meet at 6:00 pm, on Saturday, May 11th, at the home of Dan and Sue Carpenter, in beautiful Wai'anae. If you live on the Leeward Side of O'ahu and are interested in joining us, please contact Charlotte Huszcza (672-7341 or [lottefish@msn.com](mailto:lottefish@msn.com)).

### May Birthdays

- Kathryn Armstrong
- Amy Asselbaye
- Buliet Begley
- Harmony Bentosino
- Marilyn Bornhorst
- Randall Francis
- Elizabeth Graham
- Amy Hill
- Paisley Johnson
- Debbie Jordan
- Sue Jordan
- Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kwong
- May Layanda
- David Mielke
- Liz Morrow
- Bob Murphy
- James Myers
- Gene Parola
- Miriah Simcock
- Julian Showkeir
- Helena Sroat
- Bill Trammel
- Malcolm Wasserman Star



## Art, Music, Literature, and More

### Gallery on the Pali

#### *Fantasy Meets Reality*

batiks and photo panoramas by Marshall Heaney

Artist's Reception: **Saturday, May 11, 5 - 7:30pm**

The contrast of modern batik painting and panorama photography come together from the imagination of UU artist Marshall Heaney.

His batik paintings, created with melted wax and dye on fabric, range from totally abstract to impressionistic scenes generating an illusion of reality.

On the other hand, Heaney's

beach and landscape panoramas represent a single moment in time, reality as it was at the exact time of capture.

Digital images are given a minimum of processing to keep colors true, with a bit of artistic spin to give the pictures a special aura of their own.

On display from **Sun, April 28-Thu, May 23**

Gallery Hours: M/F 10am-6pm, S/S 2-6pm

[www.UnitariansofHI.org/gallery](http://www.UnitariansofHI.org/gallery)

Marshall Heaney:

[www.hawaiiilovesart.com](http://www.hawaiiilovesart.com)

Upcoming Exhibit:

*Living in Waianae*, watercolors by Gloria Flores

Sunday, May 26th through Thursday, June 20th

Artist's Reception: Saturday, June 1st, 5:00-7:00 pm



### Friday Opera Group – May 24

The Friday Opera Group will watch two short operas on May 24th, *Dido and Aeneas* by Purcell and *Von Heute auf Morgen* by Arnold Schoenberg. They were

written about 250 years apart and differ immensely, but both concern the complications of love. Purcell's is tragic and--strange though it may seem

given his reputation--Schoenberg's is comic.

Potluck at 6:00 pm and opera at 6:30 pm.

### Second Friday Play Reading Group - May 10

*An Enemy of the People* by Henrik Ibsen

An 1882 play by Norwegian playwright Henrik Ibsen which addresses the irrational tendencies of the masses, and the hypocritical and corrupt nature of the political system that they support. It is the

story of one brave man's struggle to do the right thing and speak the truth in the face of extreme social intolerance. The play's protagonist, Dr Stockmann, represents the playwright's own voice. Upon completion of the play, Ibsen wrote to his

publisher in Copenhagen: "I am still uncertain as to whether I should call it a comedy or a straight drama. It may [have] many traits of comedy, but it also is based on a serious idea."

BYO snacks and reading 6:00 pm.

### Song of the Month

In May, the Worship Team is celebrating Transitions and, in response, the song of the month is *Woyaya*. According to the composer, Ghanaian drummer Sol Amarifio, *woyaya* means "We are going" although the song can translate to mean whatever you may want as they are African scat words. The words in the song are "We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within." So, whether you are graduating, retiring, starting a new job or family, or finding new paths on your life's spiritual journey may the confidence of *Woyaya* be your ear worm in

## CALENDAR (May 5 - June 08, 2013 )

**May 5 Sunday**  
 9:15 am 1st Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11 :00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)  
 12:15 pm Young Adult Gathering (FHR)

**May 6 Monday**  
 6:00 pm Adult RE (Sun Room)  
 May 7 Tuesday  
 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)  
 7:00 pm Men's Support Group (FHR)  
 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

**May 8 Wednesday**  
 7:00 pm Building Committee (FHR)  
 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**May 9 Thursday**  
 6:00 pm RE Team Meeting (MR#1)  
 7:00 pm Pali Paths (FHR)

**May 10 Friday**  
 6:00 pm Play Reading (FHR)

**May 11 Saturday**  
 1:00 pm Building Stewardship Working Party (Whole Church)  
 5:00 pm Art Reception "Heaney" (Gallery)

**May 12 Sunday Mother's Day**  
 9:15 am 1st Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11:00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)  
 12:00 pm 2nd Sunday Lunch (Sanctuary Kitchen)

**May 13 Monday**  
 6:00 pm Adult RE (Sun Room)

**May 14 Tuesday**  
 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)  
 6:00 pm Worship Team Meeting (MR#1)

**May 15 Wednesday**  
 6:00 pm 'Ohana Potluck/Games Night (Gallery)  
 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**May 16 Thursday**  
 4:00 pm Membership Team (Gallery)

**May 19 Sunday**  
 9:15 am 1 st Church Service (Downstairs)  
 10:00 am Listening Post (FHR)  
 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11:00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)  
 12:30 pm All About Our Church (FHR)  
 12:30 pm Budget Workshop (Sanctuary)

**May 20 Monday**  
 6:00 pm Adult RE (Sun Room)

**May 21 Tuesday**  
 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)  
 6:30 pm RE Team Meeting (MR#1)  
 7:00 pm Men's Support Group (FHR)  
 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

**May 22 Wednesday**  
 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**May 23 Thursday**  
 7:00 pm Pali Paths (FHR)

**May 24 Friday**  
 5:30 pm Opera Group (Sanctuary)

**May 26 Sunday**  
 9:15 am 1 st Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11:00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)  
 11:30 am Newsletter Deadline (Office)  
 12:00 pm Fourth Sunday Lunch (Downstairs)

**May 27 Monday**  
 Memorial Day (Observed) Church office closed

**June 2 Sunday**  
 9:15 am 1st Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11:00 am 2nd Church Service (Downstairs)  
 11 :00 am RE Program for Children (Upstairs)  
 12:30 pm Budget Workshop (Sanctuary)

**June 3 Monday**  
 6:00 pm Adult RE (Sun Room)

**June 4 Tuesday**  
 11:00 am Staff Meeting (FHR)  
 7:00 pm Men's Support Group (FHR)  
 7:30 pm Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

**June 5 Wednesday**  
 7:00 pm Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
 7:00 pm Book Discussion (FHR)

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