

# KUKUI LAMALAMA

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Minister Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kwong,

Dr. Nan Kleiber, Director R.E.

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## Sunday Church Services

Start at 10:15 a.m.

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February 12, 2012

### "What's Love Got to do With It?"

Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong

Love has deeper meanings than the platitudes we often encounter on Valentine's Day. What does it mean to have a truly generous heart? How can we as a community of faith increase our capacity for compassion?

February 19, 2012

### "Salvation as Right Relationship"

Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong

Come reclaim the word "salvation" in UU vernacular as a way to engage in right relationship with one another. How can we actively participate in the healing process and repair broken relationships? How can we save our own souls and that of the world?

February 26, 2012

### "Fireside Aloha"

Catherine Ishida

All Hawaii treasures aloha, but each island embodies it in a unique way. It's also true that each faith tradition, each congregation within a faith tradition, and each individual within or without a faith tradition, has distinct expressions of hospitality. What does our aloha look like? How do we integrate the many cultures that shape us to embody an aloha that is true to ourselves and, true to our living tradition, open to transforming, again and again?

March 4, 2012

### "Not Pau Yet: the Ongoing Struggle for Women's Rights"

with Mickey Selwyn and Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong

As we celebrate the achievements of remarkable women throughout the world and within the Unitarian Universalist movement, we also acknowledge that issues such as reproductive rights and self-determination still haunt not just women from other countries around the world, but our very own as well. Come hear a shared proclamation by Mickey and Rev. Jonipher on the need to be vigilant in preserving the inherent worth and dignity of every human being.

## Coming Events

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| Sunday, February 19, 12:00 p.m. | "Safe Congregations" discussion (see page 5)                                |
| Sunday, March 4, 11:30 p.m.     | Potluck Lunch for Norma Koenig (see page 14)                                |
| Saturday, March 24, 6:00 p.m.   | Fundraising Dinner with Peter Morales, President of the UUA<br>(see page 3) |
| Friday, May 11 – Sunday, May 13 | Camp Mokuleia All-church camp   |

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**FROM THE MINISTER****“The Complexities of Love”**

Valentine’s Day often conjures up “cute” images of what it means to be in love. Heart-shaped chocolates, flowers, cuddly teddy bears. Yet, those of us who have ever been in love know that being involved with others on an intimate level often entails struggles as well as the happy moments. Fidelity issues, economic hardships, conflicting decisions. Relationships are sometimes quite messy.

This month’s sermon will uncover some of this messy-ness, from misjudging others, to figuring out right relationships, and finally, what the spirit of aloha looks like from various cultures and faith traditions. You won’t want to miss our series on love this month!

Aloha me pumehana,  
Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong

**Lessons from my Travels**

As many of you know, I have been traveling this month to various parts of the country (mostly the freezing East Coast) to take advantage of the plethora of continuing education opportunities to help grow our congregation. The UUA (in collaboration with the United Church of Christ) held an excellent leadership development training facilitated by an Alban Institute consultant on the Art and Ministry of Supervision. This training taught me how to devise reasonable expectations for our staff members and how to draw clear boundaries in a religious environment as the supervisor. We’re putting this into good use right away! The chair of our Personnel Committee, our Board President and I will spend a whole day this month figuring out what the needs of our congregation are and how we can have a staffing structure to support those needs. We will keep you updated on our progress!

I also attended a conference put together by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force in Baltimore, Maryland for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Creating Change Conference. 3,000 LGBT activists from all over the country attended this event. Almost 1,000 were part of the “Practice Spirit Do Justice” track, which is the faith component of this conference, started two years ago. I facilitated a workshop on Interfaith Organizing in the Asian Pacific Islander community, along with an enriching interfaith worship service on Sunday. The UU’s Interweave Continental Convo was also held on Saturday night. This was a great way to find out how we can continue to revitalize our Welcoming Congregation policy as well as learn about the cutting edge of social activism and religious organizing.

Finally, I have been selected to be part of two programs this coming year. The First Parish Project gathers about 15 ministers from various faith traditions who are doing their first settled positions, are under 35 (I barely made it), and have congregations under 100 (barely squeezed through that part as well). We learn best practices from one another, serve as colleagues, and support each other’s work. There are gatherings quarterly that take place at a retreat center in North Carolina and our covenant group meets regularly throughout the year. The second announcement was made recently by the UU Minister’s Association. I have been chosen to be a trainer for the UUA’s “Who are Our Neighbors?” program. This seeks to deepen our understanding and work on multiculturalism by doing outreach work in our community and forging deeper relationships with our neighbors. More details to come on this in the upcoming months.

### A Church on the Move – Progress on Priorities

Last month, I mentioned my priorities for the first quarter this year, and I am proud to report that we are making tangible and exciting progress on those priority items. We had a successful Mission Statement Forum the first week of January, with ideas and suggestions presented on why we gather together as a Beloved Community. A group of three Refinement Task Force members have been identified so far: Hilka Easterwood, Lisa Wong Jacobs, and Laurel Zeri. House parties are scheduled throughout February and two forums will be held (February 26<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>) before our final vote on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Make your voices heard and take part in shaping the future direction of our church!

You may have noticed that we are growing in leaps and bounds. Except for the first Sunday in January, our attendance in the sanctuary has been over 115! Not to mention the children in RE and the instructors who teach them! Our parking lot has been full, so we appreciate those who have found an alternative parking spot to make room for our new guests at church. Please continue to bear with us as we figure out what our second service will look like beginning Easter, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting with the Music and Hospitality Team to iron out the details, but let us know if you're willing to help ensure our smooth transition into two services!

Our Growth Task Force continues to make great progress. Did you know that a group of 20 UUs met in Kona on January 29<sup>th</sup>? Our faith is growing throughout Hawai'i Nei and we're figuring out how to be in relationship with each other. There will be a Growth Task Force day-long retreat in Puna on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Charlotte Huszcza, Mark Brasher, Dave Hafner, and I will be there for this intense and exciting planning event to determine our direction.

### Coordinator

Our Director of Religious Education, Dr. Nan Kleiber, has been off island to visit the First UU Church of San Diego to learn about their RE program. She will also be going to the Philippines the end of February and most of March on the UU-sponsored Pilgrimage. Her tenure ends in June, but that will be one of the months she will be taking off this year. In her absence, we recently hired Lisa Wong Jacobs as our Temporary Religious Education Coordinator. Lisa has been a member of our congregation for a number of years and has served in various capacities, including as a Vice President and Board member. Her children have also gone through our Religious Education program, so she is familiar with the way things are run. Many of you may also know her as one of our Lay Ministers. Congratulations, Lisa, on your new role as Temporary RE Coordinator while our DRE is away.

### Standing on the Side of Love with Immigrant Families: A Fundraising Dinner with Rev. Peter Morales

Rev. Peter Morales, the President of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will be the keynote speaker for a dinner fundraiser highlighting the work that Unitarian Universalists and other people of faith are doing to address the moral issue of immigration. Co-sponsored by FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity), there will be a limited number of tickets (\$50 each) sold. Save the date: March 24, 2012 at 6 p.m., First Unitarian Church of Honolulu. If you would like to volunteer to help with the event, please contact Sue Yamane-Carpenter or Julie Elting. Pending Board Approval

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**From the President**

He/she is so annoying! You know, all the little ways people are...their quirks, unique habits, or personality traits...the ways they bug us and get on our nerves. So annoying!

In a world that generates a lot more negative messages than positive ones, it's easy and natural to fall into the habit of being critical. This habit becomes so practiced and natural that we don't even know we are doing it, and presto, he/she is not only annoying, that is who they become. That's also when we begin to tune them out, no longer hearing what they have to say or considering what they have to offer. They are annoying, and that's the Truth with a capital T.

Now, think of those you deeply love. Aren't they annoying sometimes, too? Yet love has a special transformative element...acceptance. Acceptance can override our tendency to be critical. It softens us in a way that has us perceive those quirks, unique habits and personality traits as endearing qualities. We even celebrate them! When people say, "Love is the answer," I believe it is love's element of acceptance that is at work. Acceptance is transformative!

Acceptance can be a conscious, purposeful act. A choice that, practiced often, becomes a habit. So if we hear ourselves thinking or saying critical things about someone's quirkiness, what if we stop ourselves, re-think the criticism and choose acceptance? Let's go against the flow, the automatic way of the world and move out of the habit of criticism and being annoyed into the conscious practice of acceptance.

Through acceptance, your unique habits and my quirkiness turn into endearing qualities and we are both transformed.

With warmest aloha,  
Carla Allison cbm@hawaii.rr.com

**January 2012 Board Actions**

- Enacted a policy effective July 1, 2012 that all staff professional expense allowance accounts are subject to a carry forward limitation of 20% of the annual amount and clarified that money allocated to these accounts is not part of employee compensation packages.
- Approved the part-time temporary RE Coordinator position through June 2012.
- Discussed with Social Justice Council (SJC) Chair Steve Lohse an SJC draft proposal to consider transitioning the current charter/bylaw-driven SJC to a mission-driven Social Justice Team.
- Reviewed an outline of Board member responsibilities for use at the Volunteer Fair and for use by the Nominating Committee when recruiting potential Board members.

## **DISCUSSION and VIDEO on "SAFE CONGREGATION" POLICIES**

Regarding Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

To be held February 19, immediately after church

"We have a responsibility to assure that children and youth will be safe in our congregation from sexual abuse.... even, or perhaps especially, when we do not know if there is an offender in our congregation." These words begin the Safe Congregation Policy adopted by our Board on 12/28/11.

To meet that challenge, we have a responsibility to educate ourselves about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it. As a first step, on Feb. 19, after church, we will view a brief video and welcome a Panel of experts on prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse. We will discuss the new church policies, what to do if you suspect abuse, and things that might make you suspect a child is being abused.

Our panel is:

Barbara Mullen - MA, LMFT, Director of Therapeutic Services at Catholic Charities, has been in this field in Hawaii since 1992.

Joe Bloom - LCSW, has given child sex abuse prevention trainings at UH and Catholic Charities, and was instrumental in working with the Catholic church here in Hawaii to develop policies pertaining to perpetrators.

Dirk Elting - Ph.D., Clinical Psychologist and one of our Youth Group leaders.

Joan Schumacher - MSW, Moderator

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### **House Meetings...**

#### **AKA Mission Parties...**

We are getting there.

We are moving into the final stages of drafting a compelling and inspiring Mission Statement. A series of house meetings led by our refining team is the next step.

**OUR GOAL:** To produce a mission statement that is memorable and compelling, one that will guide us in all of our decision making as a Church.

## **TO PARTICIPATE IN A HOUSE MEETING, SIGN UP AT CHURCH OR CALL THE HOST.**

### **Sat, Feb 11, 10 am**

HoHalawa (Aiea)

Richard and Karen Valasek, Hosts

99-066 Ohiaku St

Aiea

(between the Stadium and Arizona Memorial)

256-1646; richard.valasek@gmail.com

Lisa Wong-Jacobs, Facilitator

We will be outside under a canopy.

Potluck brunch, beverages provided.

### **Wed, Feb 15, 7 pm**

At the Church

Hilka Easterwood, Facilitator

537-2008; finngirl15@gmail.com

No food

### **Fri, Feb 17, 7 pm**

Windward

Laurel Zeri, Host and Facilitator

46-262 Kalaua Pl.

Kaneohe

236-3032; zerik001@hawaii.rr.com

### **Fri, Feb 24, 5:30 pm**

Leeward

Charlotte Huszcza and Veronica Morgan, Hosts

92-966 Makakilo Dr.

Kapolei

672-7341; lottfish@msn.com

Laurel Zeri, Facilitator

Potluck supper, beverages provided

### **Fri, Feb 24, 7 pm**

Hawaii Kai

Carla Allison, Host

1062 Oilipuu Place, Honolulu HI 96825

396-1488; cbm@hawaii.rr.com

Pupu potluck & we'll provide beverages.

We have significant stairs to climb.

Dr. Rev. Jonipher Kwong, Facilitator

Please come to one of these meetings.

They are critical to the future of our beloved Church.

**The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu February 09 - March 18, 2012**

**February 9 Thursday**

1:00 PM Gallery Committee (Gallery)  
7:00 PM FACE (Gallery)  
7:00 PM Poly Paths (FHR)

**February 11 Saturday**

1:00 PM Working Party (Whole Church)  
6:00 PM Art Reception David Friedman (Gallery)

**February 12 Sunday**

9:00 AM Communications Committee (FHR)  
10:15 AM Sunday Church Service (Whole Church)  
11:30 AM Second Sunday Lunch (Sanctuary  
Kitchen)  
11:30 AM DRESC (MR#1)  
12:00 PM Social Justice (FHR)

**February 13 Monday**

6:30 PM RE Team (MR#1)

**February 14 Tuesday**

Valentine's Day  
7:30 PM Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

**February 15 Wednesday**

11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Office)  
7:00 PM House Meeting Richard Valasek (Gallery)  
7:00 PM Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**February 16 Thursday**

4:00 PM Membership Committee (Gallery)

**February 17 Friday**

5:30 PM Opera Group (Sanctuary)

**February 18 Saturday**

2:00 PM RE Teacher Training (MR#1)  
4:00 PM Worship Associate Training (Sanctuary)

**February 19 Sunday**

10:15 AM Sunday Church Service (Whole Church)  
11:45 AM All About Our Church (Sanctuary)  
12:00 PM Safe Congregation Discussion  
(Sanctuary)

**February 20 Monday**

President's Day-Church Office Closed  
7:00 PM Pacific Orchid Society (Art Room)

**February 21 Tuesday**

11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Office)  
7:00 PM Men's Support Group (F.H.R.)  
7:30 PM Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

**February 22 Wednesday**

Washington's Birthday  
6:00 PM 'Ohana Potluck/Games Night (Art Room)  
6:30 PM Board Meeting (Sun Room)  
6:30 PM A Course in Miracles Group (MR#1)

**February 23 Thursday**

7:00 PM Poly Paths (FHR)

**February 26 Sunday**

9:00 AM Personnel Committee (MR#1)  
10:15 AM Sunday Church Service (Whole Church)  
11:45 AM Fourth Sunday Lunch (Downstairs)  
12:00 PM Mission Statement Forum (Sanctuary)

**February 26 Sunday**

12:15 PM H.U.U. Women's Federation (FHR)

**February 28 Tuesday**

11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Office)  
7:00 PM All Believers Network (Sun Room)  
7:30 PM Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

**February 29 Wednesday**

7:00 PM Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**March 4 Sunday**

10:15 AM Sunday Church Service (Whole Church)  
11:30 AM Newsletter Deadline (Office)  
11:30 AM Norma K. Potluck (Downstairs)  
12:00 PM Worship Committee (MR#1)

**March 6 Tuesday**

11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Office)  
7:00 PM Men's Support Group (F.H.R.)  
7:30 PM Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

**March 7 Wednesday**

9:30 AM Newsletter Collating (Gallery)  
7:00 PM Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM Book Discussion (F.H.R.)

**March 8 Thursday**

7:00 PM Poly Paths (FHR)

**March 9 Friday**

6:00 PM Play Reading (FHR)

**March 10 Saturday**

6:00 PM Art Reception Warren Stenberg (Gallery)

**March 11 Sunday**

10:15 AM Sunday Church Service (Whole Church)  
11:30 AM Second Sunday Lunch (Sanctuary  
Kitchen)  
12:00 PM Social Justice (FHR)  
3:00 PM Dedication Ceremony (Downstairs)

**March 13 Tuesday**

11:30 AM Staff Meeting (Office)  
7:30 PM Buddhist Meditation (Gallery)

**March 14 Wednesday**

6:30 PM A Course in Miracles Group (MR#1)  
7:00 PM Building Committee (Sun Room)  
7:00 PM Sunday Service Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

**March 18 Sunday**

10:15 AM Sunday Church Service (Whole Church)  
11:45 AM All About Our Church (Sanctuary)  
12:15 PM Communications Committee (FHR)

**At Your Service**

MUSIC COORDINATOR Karen Valasek  
PIANIST Dennis Graue

**February 12, 2012**

Greeters Carla Allison and Laurel Zeri  
Decorator Nancy Schildt  
Parking Michael Brockert  
Coffee Shirley and Gene Parola  
Usher Nancy Schildt

**February 19, 2012**

Greeters Ginny Fine and Charlotte Huscza  
Decorator Theresa Moorleggen  
Parking Jim Lomont  
Coffee Beverly Lahr and Bob Fraser  
Usher Jim Cooper

**February 26, 2012**

Greeters Nancy Mower and Rick Mower  
Decorator Martina Queenth  
Parking Julie Elting  
Coffee Liz and Frank Morrow  
Usher Carolyn Eaton

**March 4, 2012**

Greeters Molly Rowland and Betty Murphy  
Decorator Al Rowland  
Parking Bob Murphy  
Coffee Sue Jordan and Mitsue Stout  
Usher Volunteer Opportunity

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

6 Bill Hepfer  
Bill Malm  
8 Sam Spengler  
16 Robert Bowers  
23 Forest Abbott-Lum  
30 Amy Hill

**Coming book group selections**

The Book Discussion Group meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in the Fred Harper Room for an open discussion of the book at hand. Newcomers are welcome to join in. Allcomers select the books.

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville – Ishmael was the son of Abraham and Hagar, Sarah's handmaiden. Sarah had Abraham toss Hagar and Ishmael out. Ahab was the king of Israel, the northern kingdom; pleasing his wife Jezebel, he worshiped Baal; pigs licked his blood after he died in battle. Elijah was a biblical prophet who conjured a more powerful God, Yahweh, then Baal to prove a point and otherwise was a thorn in Ahab's side. *Moby Dick*

was a giant, white sperm whale. This novel is about them.

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 *The Glass Bead Game or Magister Ludi* by Hermann Hesse – The glass bead game encompasses life and is played by masters. This novel, Hesse's last, is about one of the masters starting with his selection when he was a child. After being denied publication in Germany, the novel was published in Switzerland in 1943 and was cited when Hesse won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1946. Robert Durick

**Stay In The Loop!!!!**

If you are not getting the Church emails or not getting the Church Newsletter or not getting The UUA World, you are not getting the information you need.

Not tapping into these critical news outlets? Please contact the Church Administrator, Don, at office@unitariansofhi.org.

Also, the latest Church Directory is available in the Church Office.

**It's Getting Crowded....**

Have you noticed that we have SRO (Standing Room Only) at our Services?

Fortunately, we can solve that: starting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have two Services every Sunday. One will be at 9:00 am and then one at 11:00 am. More about this in next month's Newsletter.

Did you also notice that parking is very challenging? Please use alternate parking (at the Krishna Temple or on Jack Lane) if you can.

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*e-mail us at Office@unitariansofhi.org*

Next deadline: Sunday, March 4, 2012 11:30 a.m. If you can have items in the newsletter box several days or a week beforehand, the editor appreciates it. **Email** should reach the church by noon on Friday, March 2, 2012.

**Life Span Religious Education**

Nan Kleiber, Director

**Coming Events:**

**Sunday, February 5:** Hebrew Bible Stories, Jonah and the Big Fish for Lower Elementary, Solomon for Upper Elementary.

**Sunday, February 12:** Hebrew Bible Stories, Job for both classes.

**Saturday, February 18:** RE Teacher Training on Islam and our new curriculum. See details below.

**Sunday, February 19:** Hebrew Bible Stories: Ruth and Naomi for both classes. After church: Forum on Preventing Sexual Abuse of Children 5 - 7 p.m. OWL Parent Orientation for 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Church of the Crossroads. See details below.

**Saturday, February 25:** 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade OWL program at the Church of the Crossroads, 3 - 7 p.m.

**Sunday, February 26:** Hebrew Bible Stories: Daniel, and celebration to mark the end of this part of our program. 5 - 7 p.m. 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade OWL at Crossroads.

**Sunday, March 4:** Five Pillars of Islam, and Unitarian Universalism for Elementary Classes and Youth Group.

**February, March, and April, mostly Sunday evenings: Our Whole Lives [OWL] program for 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders** and their parents, to be held at the Church of the Crossroads. The required Parent Orientation will be on Sunday, February 19, 5 - 7 p.m. The programs for children and parents begin on Saturday, February 24, at 3 p.m., and then on Sunday evenings through April 8. Again, please let Nan know ASAP if you and your family will be participating in this very important program. Cost: \$50 per participant with a cap of \$100 per family. Scholarships available upon request. Child care upon request, in advance only.

Picnic Table in our Play Area: We have one

again! Al Rowland bought, assembled and fiber glassed the new table. With an explosion of small children, this is a vital part of our equipment. Thanks, All!

**Youth Group:** We'll continue with Circle Questions and Popcorn Theology on Sunday mornings. We're also planning to make Spaghetti Lunch for the congregation on the Second Sunday of each month. First time will be March 11. Ron Denisha's Fabulous Fourth Sunday lunch will not be spaghetti.

Starting in March, the Youth Group will be focusing on Islam. We'll be watching and discussing parts of a Canadian TV program, Little Mosque on the Prairie, which explores the delights and challenges of a multi-ethnic mosque in a small Canadian town. And we are planning field trips, to the Mosque, to the Honolulu Museum of Art [formerly the Honolulu Academy of Arts] to see their collection of Islamic art and to Shangri La where more of Doris Duke's collection of Islamic art is displayed. Come join the fun. Questions, please contact Dirk Elting at [drelting@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:drelting@hawaii.rr.com).

**Pre Kindergarten Class changes:** Since September, children in the Pre K - Kindergarten class have been learning about stories from the Hebrew Bible. We have evaluated this part of our program, and decided that there are more productive ways for children in this age group to spend their time together. Sylvia Himeda, our long-time teacher, is changing the curriculum to focus on social and motor skills suited to this age group. We welcome your comments and suggestions, and your participation in the Religious Education Program.

**Safe Congregation Policies:** According to our recently adopted safety policies, Adults and Youth who participate in the RE Program must attend a workshop on recognizing and preventing sexual abuse of children. Joan Schumacher facilitated the first of these on Saturday, January 14. Fifteen of our teachers and child care providers attended this workshop. On Sunday, February 19, after church, there will be a forum for the whole congregation on the same subject. If you missed the January 14 workshop, you are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this forum.

**Attention RE Parents:**

To improve children's SAFETY, at the end of the RE Program each Sunday we will release the children in Pre K - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to their parents or guardians, in person in Room #1, upstairs.

Please join the RE Closing Circle in Room #1 at 11:20 this morning. And please collect your children from Room #1 promptly at 11:30, so that the RE Volunteers may continue with their lives. Children in Child Care in Room #5 should be retrieved by 11:30. By order of Nan the DRE.

We began this process on Sunday, January 15. It was wonderful to have lots of parents at the RE Closing Circle. Thanks. It is also a great opportunity for parents to meet one another, especially now that we have several new families with children six and under. Building community is an important part of our mission.

**Child care staff:** We are pleased to welcome Claire Rossi de Leon and Maya Kikuchi to our child care staff. Claire assists Phyllis Keohohou with the Two 'n' Under crowd in Room #5. Maya provides helping hands in Sylvia Himeda's Pre K class in Room #3. Both these young women have participated in our RE program for several years now.

**RE Teacher Training Workshop on Islam**

Saturday, February 18, 2 - 5 p.m.

At this workshop we will go over the basic tenants of Islam, and introduce the curriculum we will be using with the Elementary Classes. The workshop is designed for Adults teaching our two Elementary classes, and our Youth Advisors. Others, and members of the Youth Group are very much invited to attend. The focus will be on the teaching materials. We will be planning programs, and scheduling field trips. The curriculum, written by Rachel Brown of the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis, is available NOW for those interested in having a preview. And we will need additional volunteers to support this program.

Nan will be off island January 23 - February 13. She will be in California, visiting UU sites and sights and friends and mentors, learning how others manage multi-faceted Religious Education Programs.

**We Can All Get Along...**

The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, The Church of the Crossroads, Mo'ili'ili Hongwanji Mission and NetWorks Incorporated will present a series of workshops on Compassionate Nonviolent Communication at the Church of the Crossroads (1212 University Ave., Honolulu).

On Tuesdays, February 7<sup>th</sup> to May 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 - 8:30 pm, the 14-week course will be held in the Ross-Davis Room, Church of the Crossroads. There is no charge for the workshops and donations will be accepted.

The primary facilitator, Chris Miller of NetWorks

Inc. will use the text *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life* by Marshall Rosenberg as a guide for the workshop series. Copies of the book are available for only \$15.00 each.

The primary question is, "How do we avoid violence and suffering while changing the world?" Among the topics open for discussion will be listening deeply, practicing attentiveness and attitudinal healing.

Marshall Rosenberg asserts: "Nonviolent Communication shows us a way of being very honest, but without any criticism, without any insults, without any putdowns, without any intellectual diagnosis implying wrongness."

This information is perfect for dealing with workplace issues, family interactions, interpersonal relations and governmental situations.

Call or email Chris Miller ( 808-255-3860, [chris@netwinc.com](mailto:chris@netwinc.com)) for more information.

**You Have Until February 19...**

In March, our Minister, The Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong, and our DRE, Nan Kleiber and other UUs will be going to the Philippines on a pilgrimage to the UU Churches which have been established there.

Many of our fellow UU's in the Philippines can use our help.

We will be collecting such items as school supplies and clothing to be sent in advance of Jonipher and Nan's visit.

**February 19<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday we will collect items for the Philippines.**

**A Collection Box is in the foyer of our Church.**

If you need any reassurance about how important we are to the Philippine UU Community, the following email was received by Jonipher on December 18, 2011, from Rebecca Sienes concerning the Caican Congregation.

Rebecca reports: *The Caican Congregation is fine except that there were big waves that hit the shore. The water breakers constructed through the donation of your Church was indeed a great help to the safety of the people.*

We made a difference.

Please help our sister Churches who are in desperate need.

**RE Parents!**

Please Join Us to Discuss Your Vision of the Future of RE

Sunday, February 12, 11:45, Room #1 Upstairs  
Get a Second Sunday Lunch and Join Us  
Be There or Be Square!

Donna Lum

**YOU ARE SO NEEDED!!!**

We need to keep getting the good word about our Church out to the Community.

**WE NEED YOU!!!**

If you can write a simple declarative sentence or if you can administer a blog or if you can handle a video camera, the Communications Team wants you.

If you have one or two hours a week, you can help.

Call or email Charlotte Huszcza (808-672-7341, lottefish@msn.com), Chair of the Communications Team.

**The Peter Is Coming...**

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Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association is coming March 25<sup>th</sup> to our Church.

Not only will Peter be giving a Sermon during the Sunday Service, he will also be the keynote speaker at a fundraiser on Saturday, March 24.

If you would like to help plan this important event, please contact our Minister, The Rev. Dr. Jonipher Kūpono Kwong.

**The Church Leaders' Development Fund**

The Board has designated the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Lunch (previously called Spaghetti Lunch) a fundraiser which would underwrite the costs to send First Unitarian Church of Honolulu members to Unitarian Universalists Association (e.g., General Assembly) and Pacific Central District Activities (e.g., Leadership School).

Everyone who volunteers for the program acquires hours which will be used to determine eligibility for the scholarships.

The HI-5 Recycling Program is also incorporated into this program.

Shown here is the Scholarship Application Form. The deadline for submitting an application is February 29.

The Board President will appoint a Task Force of three Church Members to evaluate the Scholarship Applications and present recommendations to the Board at the March Board Meeting.

**Want to Learn All About Our Church?**

On Sunday, February 19 after the morning service, you are invited to gather in the Meeting Room #1 to get acquainted and to learn more about the history of Unitarian/Universalism and of this particular (some might say peculiar) congregation. Newcomers are especially invited, but anyone interested is welcome. Attending one of these sessions is one of the steps to formal membership in the church. Questions? Talk to Catherine Graham, Membership Committee chair.

**Church Leaders' Development Fund  
Scholarship Application  
(Deadline: February 29)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**UUA/PCD Event** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Requested \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**For** \_\_\_\_\_

**# Volunteer Hours** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hours Verified**                        **YES**     **NO**

**Scholarship Awarded**               **YES**     **NO**

**\$ Amount Awarded** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments From The Task Force:**  
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**Task Force Members:**  
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**SAVE THE DATES: Progressive Christianity Conference coming to Kailua, Oahu, from March 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Leadership from the organization ProgressiveChristianity.org will be presenting a multi-day conference titled, "Off The Map: Charting New Territory For Progressive Faith," at two churches located in Kailua from Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012. President of ProgressiveChristianity.org, Rev. Fred Plumer, will be leading the presentations. Rev. Plumer sets forth the following description of the essence of Progressive Christianity: "Progressive Christianity is an adaptable art form, not a rigid 'explain-all' dogma that over-literalizes and distorts the grand mysteries it seeks to illuminate." More information on Progressive Christianity is available at [www.ProgressiveChristianity.org](http://www.ProgressiveChristianity.org).

On Friday evening, March 9<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Rev. Plumer will be presenting at a dinner event titled, "Leading A Church Through Change." This event workshop is intended for clergy and church lay leaders. The cost of the Friday evening event is \$10.00 and includes dinner. Friday evening's workshop will be held at Windward United Church of Christ, 38 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kailua.

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Rev. Plumer will lead a full-day conference. Topics to be presented in the morning will include, "The State of the 'Old-line' Church in 2012" and "Creating a Vital Progressive Church." After lunch, ProgressiveChristianity.org Associate Director Deshna Uboda will present, "What Are We Teaching Our Children?," and will share ideas on nurturing children spiritually in today's world. The afternoon will wrap up with the topic, "The Spiritual Path – A Compelling Story for a New World" and will include a forum discussion on progressive Christianity. Forum panelists will include Rev. Kyle Lovett, Pastor at The Church of the Crossroads in Manoa. The cost of the Saturday's conference is \$25.00 and includes lunch, and also morning and afternoon refreshments. Saturday's conference will be held at Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians, 1300 Kailua Road, Kailua.

On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Plumer will be speaking at the 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning church service at Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians, 1300 Kailua Road, Kailua.

For more information about the conference, please contact Lay Minister Lisa Wong Jacobs, at [lisawongjacobs@gmail.com](mailto:lisawongjacobs@gmail.com) or (808) 263-6299. Please RSVP to any of these events by Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to Rev. Kerry Grogan, [kerrybgro@gmail.com](mailto:kerrybgro@gmail.com) or (808) 354-3427. The conference is sponsored by the Windward Coalition of Churches, and is co-sponsored by Christ Church Uniting Disciples and Presbyterians, Windward United Church of Christ, The First Unitarian Church of Honolulu, and The Church of the Crossroads.

**WORK PARTY Saturday, February 11 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Once again the Building and Grounds Committee is holding a Work Party to address various cleaning, repairing and maintenance needs of our church home. There will be yard work for those who prefer to be outside. Come for the exercise, the fellowship and the food and drink that come out at pau hana time. Call Al Rowland at 988-4426 or Alan Mair at 753-0503 if you have questions.

**Phillipines Summer Hosting Program**

Hawaii International Child (HIC), a 501(c)3 nonprofit adoption agency, is looking for families to host and possibly adopt a child from the Philippines. HIC is sponsoring a 3-week summer hosting program for adoptable children ages 10 – 12. Families would need to meet PI requirements (be church-going for at least 5 years, basically healthy, under the age of 58, and approved to adopt by HIC). The cost is about \$5,000 per family to cover expenses and a home study. Additional expenses would apply if the family adopted the child.

Please contact Kristine Castagnaro at 808-589-2367 or [kcastagnaro@h-i-c.org](mailto:kcastagnaro@h-i-c.org).

**WITHIN OUR CIRCLE**

Congratulations to **Genna and William Coursey** whose baby daughter was born at home on January 28. Her name is Penelope Luna, and she joins big brothers Miles and Brock.

**Shirley Parola** had hip surgery last week at Straub Hospital. She is now recovering at home and expects to be back with us soon.

We have this request from Evelyn Lipoitz:

*Beg, Borrow or --- a Bike*

*from Evelyn Lipowitz*

*I am very intereseted in using a recumbant exercise bike (now through April 8.)*

*On loan or by purchase. Would make a monetary donation to the church for transport assist of bike to Lanikai. (I've been checking Craigslist.)*

*Evelyn Lipowitz*

*lipowitz@prodigy.net*

*Phone contact update 989-486-4176*

*Mahalo*

Here are brief biographies of two of the new members we welcomed on Sunday, January 29.

**On behalf of Bob Graham, his wife Liz writes:**

Over fifty years ago **Bob Graham** visited Hawaii for the first time. When he returned to his job at Boeing in Seattle, WA he told his boss he was quitting. Within a few months the Graham family of five had moved to Hawaii and he has been here ever since.

Bob was a computer geek long before most of us had ever heard the words. The City and County of Honolulu recognized his talent and hired him to work in their fledgling data systems department where he subsequently became the director. Under his guidance the C & C became computerized.

Bob is an avid fisherman. If given a chance he will regale you with the preverbal "fish" story. Bob and his wife Liz are RVers and many of their trips on the mainland were in search of Bob's fish. In their quest they have traveled to every state in the union and every province in Canada, except one.

Spiritually Bob, like many of us, has had a tortuous journey. He was unaware of Unitarianism until Liz introduced him to it. He has joined her at many a Sunday service over the past few years. He finally decided that the Unitarian Church was where he belonged.

**Frank Morrow writes:**

I became a Unitarian in college; Liz and I have belonged to the Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship for 45 years. I moved to Bellingham to teach philosophy at Western Washington University, but later moved into law practice. I retired in 1997 after 22 years on the superior court, and we now spend half the year in Honolulu -- which Liz and I love very much.

If this is unintelligible or too long, see if leaving out every other word improves it. See you in church!

Aloha nui, Frank

Terry and Barbara Robinson are now at home in San Antonio, Texas. Their address is 7010 Lundys Lane, San Antonio, TX, 78239. Their phone number is (808) 277-6979.

**Volunteer Fair...****Thanks to All Who Participated**

It was a happening. Thanks again to the Committees/ Teams who shared their volunteer opportunities.

The Board, Building & Grounds, Communications, Finance, Gallery on the Pali, Lay Ministers, Membership, Personnel, Religious Education, the Social Justice Council, Stewardship and Worship were all there.

Special appreciation to the Social Justice Council for the palate-tantalizing Ice Cream Social.

It was enlightening to see how many hardworking groups it takes to support our Church.

# A VISIT WITH ELIZABETH FRY

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 5–8 p.m.  
 Honolulu Friends Meetinghouse  
 2426 O'ahu Ave., Honolulu  
 quakers@hawaiiquaker.org (808) 988-2714  
 The public is welcome! (Donations accepted)

## Elizabeth Fry: 1780- 1845

A courageous Quaker prison reformer and influential early female activist, her portrait is on the reverse of the modern British 5-pound note.



Brought to life by **Roena Oesting** of La Jolla Friends Meeting, this is a costumed, one-woman show. As part of the program, Roena will ask for a bit of audience participation.

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## Program:

- PART I 5:00–6:00 p.m.:** A Visit with Quaker Elizabeth Fry, as interpreted by Roena Oesting
- PART II 6:00–6:30:** Light Simple Supper
- PART III 6:30–8:00:** Panel and Discussion, "What's Happening in Hawai'i's Prisons? Recommendations for Reform" featuring:
- Kat Brady**, Community Alliance on Prisons
  - Pat Clough**, Women's Prison Writing Project
  - Jeff Kent**, Advocate, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
  - Andre Perez**, Advocate for Hawaiian Prisoners

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*"WHEN thee builds a prison, thee had better build with the thought ever in thy mind that thee and thy children may occupy the cells."*

— "Report on Paris Prisons," Addressed to the King of France

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**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**



**"Aloha, Norma!" Potluck**

Sunday, March 4, after church

You are invited to a farewell potluck lunch for Norma K. Koenig. As you may know, she'll be leaving our islands, her long-time home, for Spain, her ancestral home, on 3/28.

Norma will prepare a yummy lentil & veggie curry. Please contribute a bread and/or salad. After the coffee hour, we'll set up a few tables in the art room. Norma will be happy to converse with all of us and answer questions about her forthcoming adventure in the hills of southern Spain.

Please, no gifts (her suitcase is already full)! Instead, may I suggest, in token of our love and friendship, we request she take a small "purse," a dollar from each of us, to purchase an olive or other sapling to plant at her new home and remind her of her UU family on the Pali.

More details at the luncheon. Aloha, see you then!

Carolyn Eaton <makiki\_carolyn@yahoo.com>