

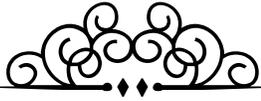


# Nu 'Oli

# GLAD TIDINGS WAIOLA CHURCH'S Pastoral Letter

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**WAIOLA CHURCH**  
(United Church of Christ)

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**Interim Minister:**  
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**Weekly Worship:**  
Sundays @ 9am

**Sunday School:**  
Sundays @ 9:15am

**Office Hours:**  
M, W-F 8am - 2pm



Nu 'Oli / Glad Tidings *FROM* Kahu Dennis

Members and Friends of Waiola UCC: Aloha Mai; Aloha Aku

Congregations, like most other organizations and families, do best when communication is prompt, accurate, focused, and useful. Transparency is crucial to trust within the church, and regular communication is crucial to the endeavor. So it is that we have begun a monthly printed newsletter.

Facebook and the Waiola web page are of similar importance. It is my goal to see that each is both current and inviting. In my experience, seekers find information these days by a group's "web presence." The website offers useful historical and logistical information; Facebook provides a day-to-day perspective, as we can post the Stillspeaking Devotional and up-to-the-minute reminders for interested persons.

Through these forms of communication, as well as through Sunday reflections, you are able to get an idea about me and what I am up to in our sojourn together. As a reminder, the kuleana of an interim minister is to build relationships (trust), ask a lot of questions (learn from you), offer encouragement (speak and act on your truth), assist in clarifying complicated matters (find a particular tree in the forest), provide feedback (challenge and console), point to your desired future (through Profile development and search for your next kahu), and keep a sense of humor.

I value conversation. No hilahila. Feel free to call me or send an email. I'll buy the coffee.

Speaking of encouragement, recently several began talking about the ever-present matter of unhoused folks using the church property overnight. This conversation has some passion behind it—a desire to show compassion and be responsible regarding property, safety, and public health. I've encouraged this action (following the model of Church of the Savior task forces). The next step is a gathering on September 18 at 2p.m. in Hale Keopuolani to which we are inviting neighboring churches, groups, and individuals. The long term goal is advocacy through a sharing of information and energies, as well as collective wisdom and focus.

Mahalo for inviting me to share this exciting time of transition with you.

# Waiola Church SPOTLIGHTS

## Na Kia'i O Waine'e

(A Waiola Church Committee)

Submitted by Rita Medina & Tama Kaleleiki

You **know** these people. You see them every time you pass Waine'e Graveyard, diligently working in the Lahaina sun, creating life, beauty and honor amongst our kupuna.

Made up of a core group of 8 church and community volunteers, but relying on the love and generosity of many others, Na Kia'i O Waine'e (NKOW) first came together in July 2011. The creation of the group was at the request of Tama Kaleleiki (po'o of NKOW) to the Waiola Board of Trustees for permission to pursue much needed restoration and caretaking of the "Royal Tomb" of Waine'e Graveyard.

As the group developed with the help of their cultural advisor, Auli'i Mitchell, they realized that there was so much more to malama within the cemetery, bringing its rich history to light in hopes of inspiring a younger generation of stewards. As well, other opportunities began knocking at their door; such as remapping/replotting the graveyard with professional archaeologist, Dr. Tanya Grieg; restoring the cement border of Kupuna Shaw's gravesite with volunteer contractor, Ian Bender; and cultivating a rich relationship with talented researcher Dr. Ron Williams on various projects, including a curriculum called "Ola Na Iwi" which visiting schools can download from our Waiola Church website. Now a close friend to Waiola Church and 'ohana to NKOW, Dr. Ron Williams has been a heaven sent gift as he continues to bring light to the history of na kupuna and Hawai'i's churches.

Currently, their restoration focuses on the weathered sarcophagus of Rev. William Richards, the first kahu of Waine'e Church and teacher to Queen Keopuolani, Ali'i Nui Hoapili and their 'ohana. He was assisted by Rev. William Ellis and two Tahitian chiefs, Auna and Matatore, in 1822. By February of 1823, Rev. Richards and Rev. Charles Stewart were being helped by Tau'a and Ta'amotu, also of Tahitian descent and acting as language and cultural interpreters.

Historical preservation is crucial, important work for the church, helping to maintain the tangible connection between our past, our Hawaiian spirituality and culture and our Christian foundation for the next generations.



Na Kia'i O Waine'e hosted a walkthrough of the graveyard for Dr. Noenoe Silva Professor of Political Science at UH, Mānoa and Dr. Ron Williams, Jr. the Director of Lāhui Hawai'i Research Center for the Hawai'iunuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge.

(From L – R / Back row: Rev. Kekapa Lee, Tama Kaleleiki, Kalani Salazar, Claire Paishon; Front row: Dr. Noenoe Silva, Grale Lorenzo-Chong, Dr. Ron Williams, Jr., Kahu Anela Rosa, Kahu Dennis Alger)



A meet and greet with the Great Granddaughter of Rev. William Richards, Mrs Wilma Spice, NKOW and our Waiola Board of Trustees.

(From L – R: Tama Kaleleiki, Grale Lorenzo-Chong, Susan Yap, Wilma Spice, Alexa Vaught, Jeannie Brew, and Kalani Salazar)

# The HAPS at WAIOLA

## OUR RUMMAGE SALE

Many hands made light work on Saturday, August 20, 2016 when our congregation held a community rummage sale and country kitchen. After months of collecting donated items in our office kitchen, the day came, sunny, bright, HOT, and super successful.

Moderator, Gracie Lorenzo-Chong, brought it all together as she headed the organizing, mustering live entertainment, lomilomi massage, chiropractic services, and YUMMY food to the event. Many community members brought their own items to sale, making this event a true community success.

The proceeds for the Waiola booth and food sales will be used to start a fund to organize Waiola Church's 195<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2 years. Be on the lookout for even more exciting opportunities to join us in the coming months!

## GUEST PREACHER: PAPA MAKUA KENNETH MAKUAKANE

We were blessed to welcome our Papa Makua for the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, **Kenneth Makuakane**, at our services on August 14. His sermon title: Tell Faith Yanagi, a throwback and hat tip to local comedian, Rap Reiplinger. As always, Kenneth's sermons are highly entertaining while gracing us with an intentional message that is thought provoking and heartwarming.



This is Kenneth's first visit to Waiola Church since he accepted the position from Acting Papa Makua to fully installed Papa Makua of AHEC. We hope we see him again soon!

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4	Communion Sunday – <b>Canned Food Donations</b>
September 5	Labor Day Holiday – Office Closed
September 10	Kalanikahua Hou's Ho'ike @ 9am – Lunch Provided
September 19	Board of Trustees Monthly Meeting @ 5:30pm
September 24	Tri-Isle 'Aha Moku-puni at Waiola Church @ 9am (volunteers for kitchen assistance, set-up, and breakdown needed)
September 26 – 28	HCUCC Annual Clergy Retreat at Ala Moana Hotel (Kahu Dennis will be attending)

# A LABOR DAY POEM

By Kahu Dennis Alger



## LABOR DAY

Maybe it is all about hot dogs and  
Watermelon and the anticipation of  
Back-to-school (happy or sad) among  
The younger set; one last party.

Maybe it is about the ubiquitous Race-  
To-the-Bottom Walmartification “sale to  
End all sales” phenomenon, enticements  
To spend as little as possible, all the time.

Never mind that chronic stinginess  
Harms those who labor--as well as the  
Environment, communities (especially  
Of color), and, ultimately, all of us.

Labor Day, in its authenticity, challenges  
The commodification of workers and points  
To solutions--often disdained by the Ruling  
Class--that would bring about well-being.

The ruling classes cry “Foul!” and “Class  
Warfare” whenever workers want a fair  
Deal. Never mind that the warfare between  
Classes is longstanding, heavily biased

Toward the privileged, that is, those who  
Feel somehow innately superior to those  
Upon whose heavily-burdened backs the  
Wealth is transported into few hands

Offshore, at that, in order to avoid taxes.  
Never mind that the civic burden falls  
Upon the Working Class--with our limited  
Ability to pay for society’s necessities.

Except for warfare; there is always enough  
Money for blowing stuff up and putting  
Minorities, mostly, in harm’s way. That  
Labor pool is appreciated--until returning

Home injured. And then, the Rulers cut  
Supports and services, further dismissing  
The sacrifice, the trauma, the slow death  
That too often is normative in our time.

Labor Day just might offer us all the  
Opportunity to put down the beer and  
Face the issues: workplace safety, wage  
Theft, discrimination, the devious

Misappropriation of pension funds, the  
Outsourcing of jobs, the busting of unions,  
The “part-time worker” benefit dodge,  
Sexual harassment, unequal pay for equal

Work. And field workers have additional  
Stressors--pesticides/herbicides, heatstroke,  
Lack of rest, hydration, and sanitation,  
Not to mention, issues of documentation

That holds power over those without papers  
Who are trying to feed and house loved ones,  
Just possibly in a land far away. Labor Day,  
Is it ever about them? Maybe this time.

Maybe this time we will actually THINK  
About the invisible ones who labor, who do  
The work we take for granted and the Rulers  
Cannot acknowledge. To acknowledge

Compels us to see our common lot, to honor  
Our shared humanity, and return to an ethical  
Perspective of respect within community. It  
Is the only way in which society survives.

Eons ago, the Prophet Isaiah spoke of each  
Worker enjoying the fruits of her or his labor.  
Each vine and fig tree sustains the worker  
Thereof, subject to no one’s theft and greed.

Labor Day. A time to stop and honor those  
Who put food on our tables, who transport  
Goods and provide services, who plan and  
Organize and complete the tasks of daily

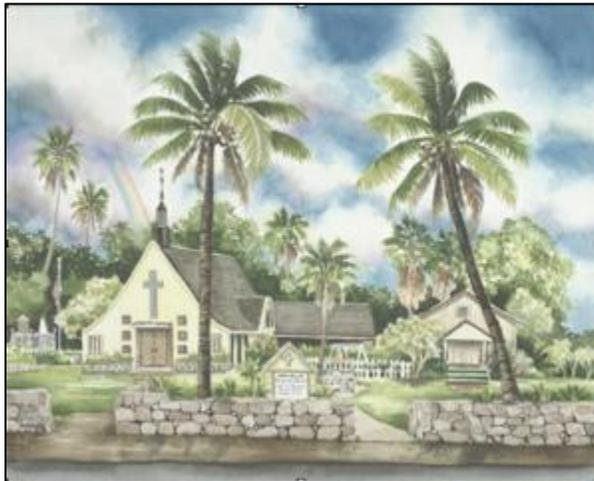
Living, who provide a network of functionality  
In order that chaos may not reign. Let us give a  
Word of appreciation for workers past, present,  
And future. May all our labors be blessed.

*Dennis Alger, Si Se Puede! August 30, 2014*

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Nu 'Oli FROM Waiola



# Our Cookbook

**NA OHANA O WAIOLA MEA ONO – For Sale \$10.00**

**Here's a sample recipe from our Waiola Cookbook.**

If you've ever had the chance to join us for fellowship in Keopuolani after worship – you may have been lucky enough to enjoy this amazing **Quinoa Salad** by our member, **Sue Johnson**. If you haven't, then this is a MUST try!

## QUINOA SALAD

1 ½ cups Quinoa	1 clove garlic – minced
3 cups water w/ chicken broth	2 tbs fresh mint or 1 tbs dry
Chopped Tomatoes, celery, peppers, cucumber and green onion	
DRESSING	
1/3 cup olive oil	1 tbs wine vinegar
½ tsp salt	

