MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HOLLY

Happy Advent and Mele Kalikimaka my CCH 'Ohana!

It is with profound joy and gratitude that I extend to you my prayers for a most holy and blessed Advent and Christmas season! During this time of Advent, as we celebrate and anticipate the presence of Christ in our world and in our hearts, I urge us all to find the time in the busiest of seasons to stop and reflect on the gift that is our faith. Our souls are naturally drawn to their Creator and 'tis the season of praise and adoration to the One who first loved us. It is for this reason that we gather together, now more than ever, to find the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love in this hungry, broken world.

As we move toward Christmas, we know that it is a very special time of the year that brings church families together. And here at the Community Church of Honolulu, this has never been more true! After almost two years of being together virtually, we will now move through this sacred season together in both body and spirit! I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome to our special Advent and Christmas celebrations. Come and find a renewed sense of unity and joy to carry you into a bright new year of fellowship with our 'ohana of faith. Let us come together and raise our hands, hearts, and voices as one family to God who brought us all together.

It would fill me with joy to worship with you! May God bless you, your 'ohana, and your loved ones this grace–filled season.

Blessings,

Pastor Holly
# 2021 Schedule for the Church Office and Pastor's Office

Aloha CCH ‘Ohana!

It is so good be home and one campus to be with you in-person! The following is the December 2021 schedule for the Church office (Ardis) and the Pastor’s Office (Pastor Holly):

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December 25 - January 2: **on-call**

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Dec 24 - Jan 1: **Church Office Closed** (this includes Glenn and Hari)

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2021 SCHEDULE FOR THE PASTOR’S OFFICE
AND CHURCH OFFICE continued...

What does that mean?

In-office: means that, with the exception of an emergency, we will be in the office and you are welcome to come in any time during those hours.

On-Call: means that Pastor Holly is available to meet on or off campus any time during those hours and you are encouraged to schedule your time with her!

Remotely: means that Ardis is fulfilling all of her duties at home. She will still respond to calls and emails as if she were here.

Church office closed: for Ardis Glenn and Hari, that means they are not working that week, so please allow them to enjoy their time with their ‘Ohana. They will be back in action on January 3!

We are so excited to get back to campus and explore in-person ministry together.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

CCH Staff

Looking forward to seeing you all soon
The past year and a half was full of COVID uncertainty. Due to public health safety issues, the Community Church of Honolulu (CCH) has been mostly closed. However, God’s never-ending love and still-speaking Holy Spirit are ever present.

Not able to hold our annual Stewardship Fair, we asked CCH’s hard-working ministry heads to write brief updates. Help us offer praise and thanksgiving, celebrating the work being done by God’s faithful stewards.

Executive Committee—Ryan Urabe, President

Your Executive Committee has been meeting every two weeks (occasionally more) to address urgent and routine issues regarding all aspects of church life. From when to open to in person worship, our pastoral situation, finances, security concerns, to structural and infrastructure issues of our campus to contemplating the future of our church campus -- there have been plenty of agenda items to discuss.

Stewardship we have witnessed...
The birth and development of our Exec team that has given and been forgiven.
A council, whose love through humble service, is sincerely appreciated.
The growing relationship with Pastor Holly and family.
An amazing office staff whose presence and faithfulness have allowed the church to remain open.
The patience, understanding and support by members and friends.
A church, whose founding principles of democracy and community, remain in flow.
The warm aloha and wisdom extended by Dr. Rev Popham and Conference staff.
The presence of the Spirit which binds us together.
The honor, resilience, trials and tribulations in doing church anchored by our Call, four pillars and E3.
The church’s legacy of enduring faith and service.

God’s mercy, grace and love.
Through it all, we greatly appreciate and thank those members who volunteer to serve on committees to advise and assist with the research. We are grateful for those who walk alongside executive council and for the support we have received from the congregation.

When it seems impossible, when it seems like nothing is going to work, you're usually just a few millimeters away from making it happen...

~Anthony Robbins

In humble service,
Ryan Urabe - moderator, Marti Taba, Sherman Hee, Rosita Chang, Paul Murakami, Art Lum, Pastor Holly Norwich
Deacons—Liz Chun, Chair

March 2021 Memoria Plant Gifts: Deacons delivered orchid plants to CCH families who have lost a member since Easter 2020. The pots were beautifully decorated by April Lum with Easter cards designed by 5th grade Sunday School student, Cassera Tomisato.

Easter 2021: Deacons assembled and sent to Pastor Holly pictures of CCH members and friends passed away since Easter 2020.

May/June/July 2021: Deacons met with Pastor Holly and the CCH Covid Team to develop protocols for in-church services. Deacons attended and carried out protocols for the one service which did occur.

CCH Covid Team: Deacon chair meets twice a month on Zoom with the Covid Team to be sure we are involved in developing the protocols for the anticipated utilization of the church and future services.

Christmas Poinsettias: The Deacons ordered poinsettias for Christmas and presented them, with cards created by artist Martha Hernandez and painted by our youth, to members who are not able to be out in the community. These plants were delivered to homes early in Advent so as to be enjoyed throughout the season.

It's not too late to pledge for 2022!

☞ Send your pledge card (below) to the CCH office OR
☞ Email Kathy Young [kayoung@hawaii.edu]
Stewardship, Missions, & Fellowship
THANKS YOU!!

NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY
Held on Sunday, November, 14, 2021
WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

★ 2022 Pledges made to God total $156,160.00 to date.
★ Cases of canned goods were collected and donated to River of Life Mission’s food boxes for poor families in the Chinatown area.
★ 120+ servings of Chef Dexter Choy’s delicious stew lunches were served by Arnold Hirotsu’s Fellowship Team.

Stewardship: Sandy Nishimura, Joe Lee, Gwen Murakami, Ryan Urabe, Ku'ulei Williams, & Kathy Young.


Fellowship: Arnold Hirotsu, Carol Gunn, Joe Lee, Sandy Nishimura, Ryan Urabe, Gwen and Paul Murakami with help from Chef Dexter and Lucille Choy, Yoshi Anno, Ellen Kawata, Kathy and Mike Young.
Christmas Collection
For Family Promise & Ryse

Sunday, December 19, 9 - 11 am
Bring to in-person service at 9 am
or drop off during Christmas lunch pick up 10-11 am

RYSE – Backpack Collection
RYSE is collecting back packs and supplies to fill them to gift to each of their youth:
- New back packs
- Headphones, earbuds, power banks
- New socks (any size, color, style)
- Men’s boxers, women’s underwear (any size, style)
- Body washes, perfumes, colognes, sprays
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Reusable water bottles
- Gift cards (any denomination to fast food restaurants & retail stores)

Or make a purchase from RYSE's Amazon Wish List: https://a.co/9zNUdMv

Family Promise – Family Wish Lists
Click on this link to choose a family and buy items on their: Holiday Wish List 2021
If you provide a gift card – please include a holiday card noting who the gift card is for
(example: $25 Target gift card to Tony of family #11).
RIVER OF LIFE was overjoyed with our very generous Thanksgiving donations!

Mahalo to all who donated so generously!

A Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) is a small group of persons who provide support for the pastor and provide a regular channel of communication between the pastor and the congregation. The PRC functions to augment and enhance the variety of informal and formal means of support and communication in the congregation.

CCH is excited to announce the following members will be serving on the pastoral relations committee for the next two years, please contact them with your praises and concerns:

Chair: Liz Chun
Members:  Kathy Chock  
Sue Ann Lau  
Preston Lum  
David Taba  
Sharlene Yamauchi

Mahalo to these members for agreeing to serve!
A message on behalf of your Community Church of Honolulu COVID Team

CCH COVID Team members are Brent Uyeno, Pastor Holly Norwick, Ryan Urabe, Marti Taba, Gwen Murakami, Arthur Lum, Paul Murakami, Elisabeth Chun, Lorraine Wong.

Aloha to the Body of Christ at Community Church of Honolulu,

Once again: THE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF HONOLULU IS (mostly) OPEN!!!

Throughout the pandemic your CCH COVID Team has been advising other church committees with drive-up activities, church campus cleaning/maintenance activities. The CCH COVID Team provided guidelines for our on-campus employees, as Ardis Gomes and Glenn Bolosan have continued their work for our church throughout the pandemic. The CCH COVID Team assisted with safety recommendations for meetings with Pastor Holly Norwick when she visited in May 2021.

The CCH COVID Team sent out a survey to our members May 2021 and received significant interest in starting in-person worship. Our first attempt at reopening was way back on June 27, 2021 with a hybrid in-person worship service with Pastor Holly joining via internet live stream. It was wonderful to see those who attended that hybrid service at that time. We followed the service with another survey of those who attended. The June in-person worship service was important to help the CCH COVID Team adjust the planning and procedures of in-person worship in the time of COVID. We were expecting to continue in-person worship but, alas, we were foiled again by COVID-19. The increasing cases at that time caused us to recommend against continuing in-person worship.

Our second attempt at in-person worship was November 21, 2021 with Pastor Holly leading the service via internet live stream. We were again reminded what a blessing it is to be able to worship together. We hope to continue in-person worship and other activities throughout December and beyond.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! Psalm 95:6

As the Community Church of Honolulu is starting in-person worship, we have invited our extended Christian family, the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, to worship in-person as well.

Pastor Holly and Hari Bayani will continue to produce online services for those who choose the Community Church of Honolulu virtual options.

Pastor Holly will be on island to lead us in worship throughout December!

December Events (subject to change)

12/4/2021  9:30am Carolyn Ching Memorial Service
12/5/2021  9:00-10:00am - CCH IN-PERSON SERVICE

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12/12/2021 9:00-10:00am - CCH IN-PERSON SERVICE
12/19/2021 9:00-10:00am - CCH IN-PERSON SERVICE

Youth Virtual Christmas Pageant

Fellowship committee Christmas lunch pick-up 10am-11am

12/24/2021 7:00pm - CCH CHRISTMAS EVE IN-PERSON SERVICE
12/26/2021 9:00-10:00am - CCH IN-PERSON SERVICE

We welcome our church family and visitors to once again worship together.

Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:7

We realize other churches have other policies and the Governor is loosening restrictions for large gatherings. At this time, the CCH COVID Team is still recommending a cautious approach. These are the CCH COVID Team guidelines at this time:

Anyone with signs or symptoms of infectious illness should stay home and enjoy virtual options of the Community Church of Honolulu.

Contact information will be required for all in-person activities

Masking required for all in-person activities. Mask may be briefly removed for sips and bites of food (e.g. Communion).

Speaking and singing and may be allowed by speakers and soloists from stage only.

Singing, while wearing masks, may be allowed by the congregation dependent on in-person worship service attendance numbers and community COVID-19 caseload. An announcement will be made prior to the service.

We welcome our fellow unvaccinated believers (and believers in the making) to all in-person activities.

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination will be required for any indoor activities involving prolonged periods without masking (e.g. eating, sleeping). Attempts will be made to accommodate unvaccinated participants (e.g. outdoor seating).

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Brent K. Uyeno, Chair, CCH COVID Team
Monthly Mission Moment
Submitted by Kacie Kato

Here are some service ideas for this month! Of course, these are not the only options but rather a list to give you some inspiration and ideas! I encourage you to take some time out of your schedules to lend a hand to the community around you in whatever way you can. Every effort makes a difference :) Continue checking the Watchman for new service ideas!

- **Make-a-Wish Hawaii** will be hosting a Jingle Rock Ride! You can register to attend this event from the safety of your car, and will be given a map of festive must-see neighborhoods on island! The funds will go towards supporting local keiki with critical illnesses. Registration is starting now! Go to the Make-a-Wish Hawaii website for more information and to register.

- **River of Life #MoreMealsBefore2022!** Go to [https://riveroflifemission.org/live/](https://riveroflifemission.org/live/) to see how many meals you can sponsor for this next year. It will be at the bottom of the page!

- **Compassion from the Arts** is an online holiday art sale to benefit Aloha Harvest. You can shop online between Wednesday, 12/8/21-Saturday, 12/11/21

- **Salvation Army Virtual Red Kettle!** The Salvation Army has brought the red kettle experience to virtual platforms. Go to linktr.ee/salarmyhi to donate to a virtual red kettle!

- **Salvation Army Bell Ringing!** Go to linktr.ee/salarmyhi and click on “Volunteer Opportunities” for more information on how to become a bell ringer!

- **Eat from The Counter @ Kahala Mall** and donate the Helping Hands Hawaii between November 26-December 9! The Counter will match donations up to $2500!

- **Koko Marina Center is hosting a Candy Cane Lane Drive-Thru** on Sunday, December 5th from 2-4 pm! Drive through the parking lot between Texaco and First Hawaiian Bank and drop off new, unwrapped toys for the Helping Hands Wish tree! You can greet Santa Claus and will receive a holiday goody bag!

Happy Holidays!!
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