

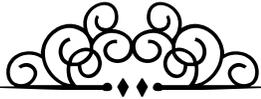


# Nu 'Oli

# GLAD TIDINGS WAIOLA CHURCH'S Pastoral Letter

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## WAIOLA CHURCH (United Church of Christ)

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**Sundays @ 9am**

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

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



## Nu 'Oli / Glad Tidings *FROM* Kahu Dennis

“E Huli Makou” was the theme on July 10<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday of our sojourn together. While that well-known mele invites us to dance, I chose that thought as an invitation for this congregation to “turn,” together, in facing the opportunities ahead. A time of interim ministry provides a unique opportunity for looking carefully at the past (shared history) with the insights of the present (corporate mana’o) in order to anticipate the congregation, and pastoral leadership, of the future. It is a time for an outsider (me, as interim kahu) to ask many questions, build relationships, encourage creativity, uplift areas of pain for healing, and help you prepare for calling of your next settled kahu. You’ve been on this journey before; I trust you found it useful and enriching. My endeavor is to encourage, clarify, challenge, and affirm...with your kokua. Mahalo for your welcome and your trust; I’ll work hard to earn it.

In conversation with several leaders of the congregation, we determined that, since communication is crucial, a periodic newsletter could be of benefit. We will provide a calendar of upcoming events, opportunities for volunteer participation, messages from me, and more. This communication will be shared in both electronic and printed form.

I’m appreciating the ways in which church members and friends support the mission of this history-rich congregation and their/your enthusiasm and creativity. During the quarterly meeting of the congregation on “Tropical Storm Darby Sunday” someone spoke about the ongoing challenge of homeless folks using the property. Several added to the spirited conversation. In my “book” such interaction indicates concern and such concern deserves attention and such attention suggests action; so, we formed a task force. That group of volunteers is already at work AND will be sharing insights, information, and potential interventions. Want to help?

Another good idea is to revisit the rummage sale opportunity for outreach and fundraising. A form is attached. Join us on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

The ongoing work of the folks involved with the graveyard is impressive. Watch for information from those involved soon.

Maintenance needs are always appearing (they do not go away, odd). More volunteers are needed. Grale reports progress regarding door replacement in the office building. Some of us can do the “heavy lifting;” others are needed for painting and less strenuous tasks. Kokua?

Mahalo and Aloha Pumehana,

FROM

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