

## 2024 MODERATOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

In 2024, God has been very faithful to KUC. We started out by walking in faith as we sought to acquire an adjacent property as an opportunity to expand our ministry. However, God closed the door, and we were not able to obtain the property. However, the sanctuary and two gym bathrooms were totally renovated this year, thanks to James Oshiro and crew. Right now, the Gym kitchen/pantry is being renovated, to be followed by sewer line repair and Chapel improvements.

Val Bigornia and Scot Sterenberg started 2024 as our new elders. They both have made good contributions to the elder board. In June the elder council voted to allow Pastor Kendal and Pastor John voting rights. Pat Chun has joined the elder council for 2025. The Elder Council is now 9 members strong.

God has continued to bless KUC financially. Our Finance Committee led by Terri Plewes has been giving good oversight. As we were thinking about a future audit, we hired Carole Kaapu who helped us restore and organize our church policies. Then she helped us as Director of Operations. At the beginning of the year, John Kim was our Treasurer for six months, filling a 2-year vacancy. Throughout the year he performed a thorough internal audit. Our Investment Committee (Dave Beers, John Kim, Caroline Kim and Leighton Lum) has been actively managing our investment accounts.

In the beginning of the year, we were praying to build up our youth ministries. I commissioned Kyle Fujii, one of our elders to start meeting with people interested in our youth, set up a youth committee and search for a youth minister. Early in the year Kyle was let go of his job of 23 years. As Kyle and Amy were praying about his next step in his career, the thought of working for the church came to mind. On May 5<sup>th</sup>, Kyle was voted in by the Congregation as the Pastor of Family Ministries. We have a person who has grown up and disciplined within KUC whose family is totally involved. An outside person would take a few years to acclimate to our congregation. With his supervisory experience he has been a great asset to the pastoral staff. Also to help with our youth ministries we hired Shantil Centino to be our part-time Children's Sunday School coordinator. Peter Pacada has been our gym coordinator helping with the weight room and Saturday Night Lights.

In addition to excellent preaching by Pastor Jonathan, we have a thriving Adult Sunday School led by Alan Nakamura. We have as many as ten Sunday School classes. One of the few churches has an Adult Sunday School. Since the Fall of 2021 we have offered Discipleship Training through Christianity 101, 201 and 301. We have a team of eight who are able to lead the Discipleship training classes and still looking to expand the team. We want to be a church that "Makes Disciples".

Last of all we will be voting to approve a totally revised KUC By-Law. Through the years we have had amendments, but the last total revision was in 1983, 41 years ago. The committee simplified, clarified and updated the By-Laws to current practices. The committee was started in August of 2022, there were various pauses for pandemic and petition, but finally completed in summer of 2024.

Prayer has been a great growth area for me this year. Being a regular member of the Saturday Morning Prayer group from 6-8am. I have seen so many answers to prayer. I have also enjoyed praying with many of you on Sundays. In Acts 6 talks about the apostle's priority on prayer and the ministry of the word. Many years I have been strong in the "Word", but now with "Prayer" He is allowing me to be more balanced. I will be retiring at the end of January. I am looking forward to retirement, planning to do more visitation and to be around church more especially during the day.

Warmest Aloha,

Glenn Nakasaki

KUC Moderator