

## SUNDAY SERVICES

>>Sunday, **June 14**, 4 p.m. – UU minister Rev. Catherine Ishida speaks on **“Aloha/Spirit”**. What do “aloha”, “spirit,” and “aloha spirit” mean to us? What does it mean to claim these words for ourselves as UUs?

**“Share the Plate Day,”** also on June 14, during which a special Donation Plate will be passed so that UUWH members may donate to The Food Basket, Inc. as they are able. This Social Justice Project – with The Food Basket as the beneficiary – will only happen twice a year so let’s really Make a Difference. Canned goods and other non-perishable food items can also be donated in the foyer. Big mahalo to whoever volunteers to deliver these contributions to the Food Basket. See page 2 of this newsletter for more information.

>>Sunday, **June 28**, 4 p.m. -- **“Our Creative Spirit: Links to a Larger Spirit or Links to Ourselves?”** Where do we come from and why are we here? How are we co-creators in the world? Join us for a guided discussion on the creative spirit, facilitated by Karen Gold. This circle discussion will be participatory... if you feel like it.

## UPCOMING PLANS:

>> **June 14**, at 3 p.m. Board Meeting will be held prior to the worship service, at Kona Outdoor Circle. As usual, any interested member is welcome to attend. Jamie will chair the meeting in the absence of Linda.

>> Sunday Services Committee will be meeting soon. If you are interested in joining that essential planning group, please contact Mary Garris or Karen Gold.

## THE ONLINE MAGAZINE of the UUA

Do you subscribe to the UUA magazine called **UU World**? Online, the website is called [uuworld.org](http://uuworld.org). Check it out.

If you want the print version of the magazine, there’s information on the website about how to subscribe. It looks like it’s possible to just read it online, however, and not pay for a subscription. When UUWH is a dues-paying member of the UUA (after we are recognized as an emerging congregation), we will each get a subscription paid for by the annual program fund dues that the church is assessed.

## UUWH website & Facebook

When was the last time you looked at our website? OR when was the last time you looked at our Facebook page? Occasionally last minute changes are posted on those pages and it would be good for each of us to develop the habit of clicking on those pages once a week or so. Click just to see how the outer world is seeing us, if nothing else. Web: [uuwesthawaii.org](http://uuwesthawaii.org)  
Facebook: Unitarian Universalists of West Hawaii

UUWH’s Farewell Fancy Pot-luck dinner for Rev. Jonipher at the home of Jamie & Bo. Almost all members who were on-island were able to attend. Thanks to Jamie and Bo for hosting!



Ouida, Karen, Sandee, and Patrick.



Mitchell Dixon, Rod, Jonipher, & Gini.



Alvis, Pat, and Master Chef Bo

## CONGRATULATIONS TO Rev. Jonipher!

The Pacific Western Region (PWR) of the UUA has just announced 3 new staff positions. Rev. Jonipher Kwong will be joining 2 other appointees in this relatively new formation of regional services provided by the UUA. The PCD is a member of the Pacific Western Region and the UUA’s emphasis is to regionalize services when appropriate and cost-effective. Jonipher will join PWR in the summer when his position as minister at the First Unitarian Church of Honolulu is completed.

Unfortunately, Josh Searle-White will be leaving the PCD to return to Pennsylvania, effective July 1. We are very sorry he is leaving! Rev. Jeanelyse Doran Adams will continue to be UUWH’s primary contact with both the PCD and the PWR.

# "Aloha Spirit Day"

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**"Share the Plate" – UUWH's project to help address issues of hunger here on the Big Island.**



**Q. How do we get the message out to UUs about our Aloha Spirit Day?**

**A. First, each of us can mail a flyer to UU people & churches on the mainland where we know someone.** (Pat Mrazek has printed flyers you can use.) Please ask that person to post the flyer on the church bulletin board. **Second, we have sent a press release to the UU World** for the fall edition. Print space is limited and there's no guarantee that it will be included. Here's what the press release looks like:

## **ALOHA TO GROW – AN INVITATION**

How does a start-up UU church on the Big Island of Hawaii get itself known? How does it serve? How does it welcome visitors?

Recognized as an Emerging Congregation by the PCD-UUA, the Unitarian Universalists of West Hawaii (UUWH) invite all UUs from the mainland and Canada to experience the "Aloha Spirit" with a special day. This day – February 20, 2016 -- will be devoted to in-depth workshops and speakers relating the Inside Scoop about the Real Hawaii.

Any Hawaii visitor who has ever wished to get beyond the surface of volcanos, hibiscus, and beaches, will find this "Aloha Spirit Day" key for connecting.

Already in its 4<sup>th</sup> year, UUWH has had visitors from more than 20 different UU congregations. The district congregational life staff – Josh Searle-White and Rev. Jeanelyse Doran Adams – pointed out to the group that these guests were hungry for more information about UUism on the Big Island and how it could help link to deeper issues.

Linda Olsen, board vice president, said "This was the obvious way we could serve the larger UU community. Our visitors – including returning snowbirds and newcomers to the island – want to learn about environmental issues, cultural diversity, and how they can help. We will have a complete guide to volunteering on the Big Island that will be a continuing resource for all of us. And there will be fun and entertainment, too. Music, dance, and a show of underwater photography by one of our members is spectacular."

The Big Island offers a raw sense of interconnection with nature and the church members are passionate about living on the island. Almost all have been UUs on the mainland previously and they look forward to sharing the "Aloha Spirit" and inside knowledge with visitors or those who have recently moved to Hawaii. Registration and updates on this activity may be found at [uuwesthawaii.org](http://uuwesthawaii.org).

**Ulu**, historically a staple food throughout the Pacific, is the symbol of our bi-annual collection on behalf of The Food Basket Inc, Hawai'i Island's Food Bank. Just as ulu could be the source of nutrition during bad times, so The Food Basket offers an island-wide supplemental food network that is the "wholesale" clearinghouse for those programs designed to meet individual needs.

UUWH members and friends are invited to make their personal donations to this program on two dates: **June 14** and **Nov. 8**. Let's do this as LARGE as you are able. We will deliver the food and monetary donations to the Food Basket at a single time with recognition that our Unitarian Universalist church is entirely supportive of the essential work they are doing.

Checks may be made payable to **The Food Basket, Inc.** On the memo line of your check, you could write "UUWH" to facilitate credit for our group. There are special programs for Keiki and Seniors, for those needing emergency supplies, and for weekly fresh food boxes. Everything helps but \$\$ may be the most useful.

At our service on Sunday, **June 14**, we will have a single passing of the collection plate. Any cash put into it will be designated for The Food Basket; hopefully checks for The Food Basket will be made payable to it. If you wish to donate to UUWH that day – to fulfill your pledge or otherwise – please put your donation into one of the provided envelopes.



"If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading." – Lao Tzu

"By three methods we may learn wisdom: first by reflection, which is noblest; second by imitation, which is easiest; and third by experience, which is bitterest."  
-- Confucius