

FROM THE JUSTICE AND WITNESS MISSIONAL TEAM: UPCOMING EVENTS

The Hawai'i Conference Justice and Witness Missional Team lifts up peace and justice activities in our churches and communities. Join us at any of these or let them inspire your own activities.

- ✦ **Hearing on Senate Bill 273 Relating to Identification Cards:** The hearing will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2 p.m., in Conference Room 016 at the State Capitol. SB273 will allow the examiner of drivers to accept a sworn statement from a victim services organization, attorney, member of the clergy, or medical or health professional as documentary evidence of a homeless person's address and other information. Show up in person to offer your testimony in support of this bill. For more information on this and other bills before the Legislature: http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2015/hearingnotices/HEARING_HSH_02-12-15_.HTM
- ✦ **Valentine's Day POPLuck for Houseless 'Ohana in Kaka'ako:** Come join a combination potluck gathering and goods donation for houseless 'ohana who live in Kaka'ako Gateway Park on Saturday, February 14, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., at Kaka'ako Gateway Park (corner of Ilalo St. & Ohe St., next to UH Medical School). Please bring your favorite potluck dish and fruit to share for lunch, plus helpful donations (toiletries, towels, blankets, gift certificates for food purchase). If you can help set up, meet at 11 a.m. in the park. For more information, contact Kathryn Xian at Kathy@passhawaii.org.
- ✦ **Fifth Annual National Preach-In on Global Warming:** Join the 2015 National Preach-In on Global Warming and stand with Hawai'i Interfaith Power and Light as faithful stewards of creation, responding to global warming through faith-based solutions for energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy. Go to preachin.org to register your participation for the Preach-In and to download your 2015 Preach-In Kit. When you have planned your activity, return to preachin.org to list your activity on the national map!
- ✦ **Fasting from carbon for Lent:** Thousands of Christians are fasting from carbon as their Lenten discipline to become more conscious of and conscientious about stewardship of our environment in our daily lives. Sign up at www.macucc.org/carbonfast and you will receive a daily email throughout Lent with the day's suggested carbon-reducing activity.
- ✦ **Webinar on Homelessness in Hawai'i and the Sit/Lie Law:** The Justice and Witness Team will present this webinar on Tuesday, March 17, 10 a.m. Faith communities have pursued a broad range of responses to homelessness including O'ahu's new Sit/Lie law. Connie Mitchell, Executive Director of Institute for Human Services (IHS), and Ellen Godbey Carson, attorney and former IHS board president, will discuss how people of faith can collaborate in creating a system where people can access shelters, case managers and support services toward finding housing and reaching self-sustainability. Register at tinyurl.com/pse8hll.
- ✦ **Women Supporting Women Fundraiser Event:** This fundraiser to assist women in transition from the Women's Community Correctional Center will take place on Friday, March 27, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m., at Kapiolani Community College's Ohia Dining Room and Cafeteria (4303 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu). Included are gourmet dining, silent auction and entertainment. Purchase tickets at www.puaafoundation.org (\$50 per seat, or tables at various levels of purchase) or contact Joanne Liupaono at 808-888-9463 or joanne.liupaono@puaafoundation.net.
- ✦ **Climate Change and Action: Voices of the Pacific Film on Tuvalu Crisis** (Pacific Peace Forum Series) will be shown on Friday, February 20, 6 to 8 p.m., at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (98-938 Moanalua Road, Aiea). Speakers include local church leaders and the Consulates General of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia. For more information, contact Haaheo Guanson at 808-330-3771 or visit www.pjrcclimatechange.wordpress.com.
- ✦ **National Open and Affirming Gathering:** Attend this gathering to be held just prior to General Synod from June 24 to 25 in Cleveland. In addition to a celebration of the 30th anniversary of the General Synod resolution endorsing the Open and Affirming movement, workshops for ONA churches seeking ways to deepen their commitment to LGBT inclusion and justice, and for congregations taking their first steps toward an ONA covenant will be included. For more information, email office@openandaffirming.org or visit the website at <http://openandaffirming.org/news/ona-gathering/>.

✦ **Immigration Action:** Join the UCC Immigration Taskforce to help support and prepare for implementation of the President's Executive Action on immigration that will create temporary relief from deportation for an estimated four million people. Many congregations are preparing to help with legal services and act as advocates to defend the Action from congressional attacks. If you would like to be part of this effort, email nandersen@cwsglobal.org. The Taskforce is also identifying Sanctuary and Immigrant Welcoming Congregations. If you are one or want further information, email tconnoley@uccswc.org.

To include your church's peace and justice activities in future notices, contact Diane Weible at 808-791-5633 or dweible@hcucc.org.