

CONFERENCE FAMILY FLYER

January 2018

Keep in Your Prayers

- Jan. 3: Retired Conference Pastor Robert Tsujimoto's wife, Mieko, went home to the Lord; memorial service on Feb. 10
- Crossway Church (San Fernando Valley) is searching for a new senior pastor
- Pastor Seki's wife of Honolulu is battling cancer

Word to the Wise

All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him (2Cor 5:18 NLT).

Hello!

Happy New Year! This is the first of a quarterly flyer which will be sent out by the **Holiness Shepherds Council** and the team of the Chief Financial Officer. We hope the news, information and reminders will be an enjoyable and useful way for all of us to keep more in touch with what God is doing in our Conference and churches. We see this as important and needed because as the Lord said through Paul, **“Run the race to win!”** When Paul wrote this to the Corinthians he brought to their minds the simple fact that God desires and deserves our sacrifice and our very best as we fight the good fight. So, expect a **new flyer each quarter.** Our faithful editor and chief is Lillian Shinoda, who is a member of the LA Holiness church and an active member of the Shepards Council. Any future complaints, address to her!

Trusting in Him,

Rick Iwanaga
Chairman

What's happening in our churches?

West Covina Christian Church

Our church is in a major and necessary transition. Starting January 1st, Pastor Kory Wenell will share pastoral responsibilities with Pastor Steven Yu. Hopefully they'll get along like "peas and carrots." Pr. Steve was raised in SoCal but comes to us from a church in San Diego. He and his wife, Esther, have two children and recently moved to Covina, a city about fifteen minutes from church. Pr. Rick retired at year's end. He served here for twenty years and continues in the Conference as the Chairman of the Shepherds Council. Like many of our Conference churches, and churches around the country, West Covina has had to say 'goodbye' to many faithful members who sacrificed and served the Lord with their heart and resources. Together, Pr. Kory and Pr. Steve bring to our church fresh energy to move forward in this challenging world. Please keep our two pastors in your prayers. ☆

Honolulu Christian Church

We have been moving forward with a new vision of "sharing God's Aloha to da max." We have a goal of discipling 219 people and baptizing 29 by 2019. This September, the church will hold an evangelistic Q & A outreach to UH students and young adults, with apologist, author, and radio host, Dr. Pat Zukeran. The English department, led by Pastor Randy Young, also seeks a closer, cooperative relationship with the Japanese department, as 25% of Honolulu, its mission field, is Japanese.

Pastor Makito Takagi, an assistant pastor to Pastor Seki, arrived in Honolulu on 11/2/2017. He has already given two messages and participated in the Equipper Conference held near Los Angeles along with Pr. Seki and 11 youths. He will be a great addition to HCC Nichigo for reaching the Japanese in Hawaii and for reaching out to Japan through networks he already has established and by further expanding that network.

Together, both departments are planning a short term missions trip to Japan for July 16 thru 31. There are about twenty participants, 10 each from Nichigo and English. They will be staying at Sakado Christian Church in Sakado, Saitama and are currently developing detailed plans for their mission work. Pray for revival for HCC, Honolulu, and for Christ's Church around the world! ☆