

Nu'uaniu Valley Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service
"Come To The Table"

Hawaii's longest running
Interfaith Service!

Press Release

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October 26, 2021

**60th Anniversary Milestone Commemoration
Nu'uaniu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 23, 2020, 7:00 pm**

**Hawaii's longest running Interfaith Service invites community to virtual historic
60th Anniversary Milestone .**

"Come to the Table," is an event to inspire all attendees that they are welcome and to take a moment to gather in friendship, unity & appreciation of Nuuanu Valley's diverse faith groups & to celebrate the shared humanity of all as we gather at this welcoming virtual event.

When: Tuesday, November 23, 2021 7:00 pm

Where: Facebook Live : @nuuanuinterfaith

2021 Theme: "Come to the Table" Program Highlights:

"Come to the Table," has been designed to commemorate the 60th Anniversary Milestone & to acknowledge the uniqueness of Hawaii's longest running Interfaith Thanksgiving Service.

Traditionally held two days before Thanksgiving in person, this will be the second year that participants will be able to join in virtually on Facebook Live.

"Come to the Table" will feature Guest Speaker, Lt. Governor Josh Green who will share the history & significance of this unique Interfaith, which is among the longest running Interfaith events in the United States.

Every year since 1960 (except 1962), the religious leaders of Nu'uaniu Valley have planned and organized a Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, taking turns in hosting among the varied religious communities.

The very first service was held in 1960 and called the "Interfaith Union Thanksgiving Service." Former Bishop Yoshiaki Fujitani of the Honpa Hongwangji Mission of Hawai'i who was there wrote in a reflection, "To this day, I am impressed that there existed in Honolulu a group of clergy of disparate background who were willing to join together in common worship – a "union" service – to express gratitude together for the blessings of life. "

2021 Charity Offering Recipient: Aloha Harvest

Each year a special non-profit or community group/cause is selected as a special Charity Recipient for this annual Interfaith event.

The 2021 Recipient is Aloha Harvest, the largest food rescue & redistribution organization in Hawaii.

The NVITS planning committee proudly supports Aloha Harvest & their dedicated work to pick up quality excess food from donors (including wholesale distributors, grocery stores, restaurants & hotels) and redistribute it to recipient agencies feeding the hungry in homeless shelters, social services & food pantries.

(alohaharvest.org)

2021 Nu'uuanu Valley Interfaith Thanksgiving Planning Committee :

Ahmadiyya Muslim Community of Hawaii

Hawai'i Baha'i Community

Community Church of Honolulu (Host Church)

First Unitarian Church of Honolulu

Harris United Methodist Church

Hawaiian Church of Hawai'i Nei

Muslim Association of Hawai'i

ISKCON Center Hawai'i

Nu'uuanu Congregational Church

SGI-Soka Gakkai International

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