

# News of the Churches

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## Paia Congregational Church

A worship service was held at our church at 10 a.m., Thanksgiving Day. The choir sang. Members of Makawao Union and Paia Evangelical (Filipino) churches attended our service.

ANNUAL MEETING was held Sunday, January 4, 1948.

Rev. Royden Susu-Mago conferred with all candidates for baptism on Christmas Day.

CANVASS COMMITTEE—The Every Member Canvass of the church began Sunday, November 16, with a dinner by the committee at Baldwin Park Pavilion at 6 p.m.

Paia Congregational Church conducted its financial canvass from November 16 to December 7, with Stephen Okada as chairman, and Mamoru Oda, vice chairman.

Rev. Y. Tsuda of Sacramento Methodist Church preached at our church Tuesday night, October 21, 1947. An informal entertainment followed the service.

## Beretania Church of Christ

Scheduled on November 28 and 29 at the Waiialua Fresh Air Camp was the annual conference of our church. The detailed program was planned by the Rev. Chong with the assistance of Muriel Yee. In the past, this conference has primarily been a planning conference, but this year's agenda promises more inspirational and fellowship meetings for the benefit of all church members of the various church groups.

Tentative plans were made for those who left the city Friday afternoon and returned either on Saturday afternoon or evening. Beddings and blankets were provided by the conferees themselves. The preparation of the meals was also the responsibility of those who went while the total cost for the two-day camp was about \$4.50 per person. Among the special attractions was the beach available for a wienie roast, and a special grass playing field.

REPORTS ON PROGRESS OF RELOCATION—The Rev. Stanley Underwood North, foremost church work adviser in metropolitan areas, is expected to leave San Francisco about February 24 to make survey of Beretania Church and her building needs during a three-week personal investigation. In a recent letter to Rev. Jow, Mr. North stated that February 24 was the preferred date of his departure from the West Coast. He will be accompanied by his wife.

The Hawaiian Board of Missions has already written to the standing committee of its approval of sharing the expenses of bringing Mr. North to Honolulu. The three-way plan calls for an equal division of expenses by Beretania Church, the Hawaiian Board and the Home Missions Board, so that each participant will be paying about \$200 each. A unanimous vote of approval of securing the services of Mr. North was made by the Beretania standing committee at a special meeting held August 19.

The island visitor has already asked Rev. Jow for spot maps so that preliminary work may be made. His request is for a spot map of the church membership, a second spot map of the church school membership, a third of the Pilgrim Fellowship membership, and a fourth showing the churches and their nationalities within a one-mile radius of the present building. He also stated that "if a proposed location is in the thinking of your officials, prepare spot maps, showing the relationship of such location to your constituency and to the religious institutions within the area of a one-mile radius." Data of the membership strength of neighboring churches of the present location will also be sent to Mr. North before his arrival.

Mr. North was dean of the Pastors School at Sylvan Dale Ranch, Colorado, where Rev. Jow was a student of his Conduct of Worship class this past summer.

He is recognized as one of the most prominent religious leaders in America, and one of the nation's experts in the field of city church work. Mr. North's work takes him on advisory and survey trips from coast to coast. This will be his initial trip to the Islands.

Mr. North has been pastor of the Congregational Church in Briarcliff Manor, N. Y., and since 1940, he has served as a member of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. For many years, he has also been moderator of the New York Congregational Churches conference. A graduate of Rutgers college, Union Theological seminary and Columbia university, Mr. North is the author of *The Radical Church* and *The Younger Churchmen Look at the Church*.

The most recent development in Beretania's plan for future relocation is a letter received from Dr. J. Leslie Dunstan, general secretary of the Board of Hawaiian Evangelical Association. Upon recommendation of the building committee, headed by Andrew In, a proposal was made by the Beretania standing committee to the Hawaiian Board for the purchase of the Caroline P. Green property at 313 Judd street as a new building site for the church.

In a reply to the standing committee, Dr. Dunstan said that the matter was dealt with at the meetings of both the committee on churches and the executive committee of the Hawaiian Board. The committees were "heartily in agreement with the decision of the church" to move to a new location but were "very hesitant to approve the proposal to purchase" the Green property for a number of reasons. The committee further recommended that Beretania work closely with the Rev. Stanley U. North, who is due here late in February to assist in solving the church's building problems.

The building committee is expected to be soon busying themselves with making spot maps for Mr. North as a

preliminary step to his survey. Members of the building committee who will be working closely with the city church specialist are William Chee, Raymond Ching, John Lau, Dr. Wai Sinn Char, Henry Lam, and Ching Lin Sing.

### First Chinese Church of Christ

**DOROTHY CHUN HONORED**—A tea was given in Damon Hall on November 16, 1947, in honor of Miss Dorothy Chun, a new staff worker. After she was presented to the crowd by Mr. Ben Kong, chairman of the church board, Mr. Peter Yee, president of the senior choir, gave her a pink carnation lei.

The Church Board has appointed Miss Chun, of Honolulu to serve as choir director for the coming year.

Miss Chun, a student of music for nine years, is a graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois, where she received her degree as Bachelor of Music Education. While in the East, Miss Chun toured from Canada to Florida as a soloist with the Women's Glee Club. Before she left for the mainland, she was a graduate of McKinley High School, and attended the University of Hawaii. She is also a graduate of the Honolulu Bible Training School.

At present, Miss Chun is with the Palama Music School. She wants to devote her time to music and church work.

On November 23, at 4 p.m., Miss Chun gave a recital at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. Miss Hope Troyer was accompanist. The program was opened to the public.

### Kapaa Community Church

**OUR MORNING SERVICE**—Instead of the "usual" type of service on Sunday mornings, we have instituted a new order. The first part is designated as the service of instruction. At this period we meet in the library for the sermon part which is based upon some section of the Bible. Following this period of instruction we go into the chapel for our period of meditation. During this period hymn singing, prayers, the offering, take place. Comments have been favorable as to this change. Anyway there's no harm in experimenting.

**STUDY GROUP**—A group composed of Lihue Union Church and our members met the past four Wednesday evenings to study the development of the idea of God in the Old and the New

Testaments. Gayle Strickler was the leader for this group. We enjoyed this fellowship with the Lihue Union Church very much.

**ANNUAL MEETING**—The Standing Committee has set aside the second Sunday in January (11th) for our annual meeting. Reports from the various committees should have been in the church office by the 15th of December.

We hope to take up the question of the merger between our churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church at this time.

### Community Church in Honolulu

**CAMP-CONFERENCE**—Our annual church Camp-Conference was held at Camp Harold Erdman from Friday, December 26, to Monday, December 29.

The annual camp-conference was the highlight of all church activities and something that all church members look forward to attending.

An effort was made this year to make this camp as well attended as the pre-war camps of past years. To encourage families to attend, children between 6 to 15, although they may eat as much as adults, were charged only half price.

Although the cost of food is way up, the cost of the camp was cut to the bone to enable us to live at camp as cheap or cheaper, as in town.

Those who have been to Camp Erdman know that facilities there are as modern as the best hotel—with hot and cold showers; clean linen, and excellent recreational facilities.

On the camp-conference committee were Hung Dau Ching, conference; Buck Kong Chun, registration; Chew Hin Au, worship; Albert Lum, transportation; Herbert Tom, recreation; Virginia Chee, fees; Stanley Chow, life-guard; Albert Soon, food; Robert M. Lee, publicity.

**REV. MARK RETURNS**—An informal dinner-reception was held on Friday evening, December 5, at 6 p.m. in the honor of the Rev. Stephen G. Mark, who returned to Hawaii by plane on November 21.

Mr. Mark has been away on leave the last three years, doing graduate work at the Union Theological Seminary. He was asked to resume his ministry at this church in December.

### Waialua Pilgrim Church

Mrs. Dorothy P. Chong, secretary of the Women's Board of Missions, was the speaker at the regular meeting of the Women's Society Sunday afternoon, November 16, at 2 o'clock.

The women brought the gifts for the patients at Kalaupapa Settlement.

A beautiful new hanging has been put up on the altar in the church chancel. "It is beautiful," "It looks different," "It is very nice" were some of the comments made by the worshippers.

Thanks are due to Clarence Hironaka who made the iron rod and hooks supporting the hanging.

### Wainee Church Burns

On October 20, the historic Wainee Church in Lahaina, Maui, caught fire. The cause for this remains unknown although it is quite possible that sparks from a neighboring rubbish fire landed on the structure. The fire department of Lahaina and the available equipment of the plantation responded to the scene and after strenuous efforts made difficult by the lack of water the fire was extinguished. The upper portion of the tower was completely destroyed together with a considerable portion of the roof. The bell dropped to the ground and was smashed.

This is the second time in the history of the congregation of Lahaina that they have suffered the effects of fire. However, again they have not been daunted. Only a few days have passed before the members of the church gathered together to make plans so that the building could be restored. At the present writing funds are in hand and more are being raised; the carpenters have begun work; before long the effects of the fire will have disappeared, and a newly refurbished structure will stand in Lahaina.

### Makawao Installation

The Reverend Augustus Griffing was installed as pastor of the historic church at Makawao, Maui, on November 5. Mr. Griffing was called to the church after his wartime work in the chaplaincy which took him to the islands of the Pacific and the island of Bermuda in the Atlantic. Previous to that time, Mr. Griffing served as pastor in New England and New York City as a graduate of Princeton Seminary. Mrs. Griffing and he came to