



The Crowing Moa Kane

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A Christmas Message from Our Spiritual Director

Luke 1:37. "For nothing will be impossible with God.

When the angel Gabriel gave Mary the news that she would conceive and give birth to the Messiah, he assured her with these words: "For nothing will be impossible with God." She must have been terrified, and confused, and uncertain. These words encouraged Mary and enabled her to say: "Here am I, the servant of the Lord." These are words of assurance to us as we celebrate the season of Advent when we anticipate the coming of the Christ child and what his coming means to us

Scripture is filled with proof that nothing will be impossible with God. Think of the creation of all that is out of emptiness of utter oblivion. Think of the creation of the great nation of Israel out of the void of an elderly barren womb. Think of the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery and bondage in Egypt. Think of the divine becoming flesh and being born to a frightened unwed teenage peasant girl. Think of the divine dying on a cross, and being raised again so that we might be delivered from slavery and bondage to sin and death. Nothing will be impossible with God. In fact, God specializes in bringing about the impossible.

If you are having difficulties with a relationship that seems hopelessly broken, remember: nothing will be impossible with God. If you don't see any conceivable way to have the kind of relationship with your spouse that God intended, remember: nothing will be impossible with God. If you are convinced that the longing for companionship you feel will never be fulfilled, remember: nothing will be impossible with God. If your children or grandchildren are wandering off in the far country, rejecting you and their upbringing, remember: nothing will impossible with God. If you are losing hope that a loved one will ever come to know Christ, remember: nothing will be impossible with God.

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Christmas Gathering

ELECTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Saturday, December 10, 2011

6:00 PM Singing and Communion

Butterworth Chapel

First United Methodist Church

Beretania and Victoria

Potluck dinner follows in Komuro Hall

Board of Directors for Class of 2014

These are the community members who have been nominated to serve in the Class of 2014

Dolores Oakes

Chandary Davenport

Rev. J.T. Greenleaf

RoseLee Kalili

Jesse Navarrete

If you are fighting what seems like a losing battle with private doubts and fears or with temptations or addictions from which you can't imagine you will ever be freed, remember: nothing will be impossible with God. If you are in any way discouraged because of what you see around you: in your self, in your home, in your community, in your church, in your country, and in the world, remember: nothing will be impossible with God. That heartache or discouragement or sadness or longing or grief that you feel is exactly the reason that Jesus came to us as the little baby in Bethlehem...and why he went to the cross. It is also why he rose again. Which of course is why we can know, beyond all doubt that nothing will be impossible with God.

2011 Christmas Message from your Community Lay Director

HOPE you had a Happy Thanksgiving. In these tough economic times at home and around the globe with tensions of wars and possible conflicts, let the season of Christmas bring us new HOPE and the possibilities for a more peaceful and just world. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life (John 3:16).

The Walk to Emmaus taught and shared God's LOVE with us. It also challenged us to share the Word and LOVE with others in our family, in our church, in our workplace and in our community. Please use this Christmas to rekindle that light of LOVE and HOPE.

2012 brings much challenges and possibilities for the Emmaus Community in Hawaii. We will once again hold our Men's Walk in May and our Women's Walk in August. We will also for the first time host the Western Region Leadership Development for the Walk to Emmaus. This is scheduled for November 9 & 10. Our goal is to have at least 30 of our community members participate in this training with folks from mainland and international communities. The Walk to Emmaus issued a new manual this year with some modifications and a new video. This training is for clergy and laity. We want to give our Board and community the opportunity to be trained by our regional trainers on the new manual. Our local planning team is also working to add a Music Section so we can strengthen our music and also share with musicians from other communities. A Chrysalis trainer will also be part of the regional team. Chrysalis is the youth and younger adult version of the Walk to Emmaus. Watch for the informational brochure and registration form that will be coming out shortly.

If you are not part of a Reunion Group please pray to get in one or in something similar. We need a group for support and to hold us accountable. Join us for our monthly Gatherings which are normally on the second Saturday of each month at the First United Methodist Church. We meet from 6-8 p.m. and it's a potluck.

As the Walk to Emmaus family in Hawaii may I wish you the Merriest of Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012!

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Hawaii Regional Leadership Training

The Regional Training for the Walk to Emmaus will be held at the St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi, November 9 & 10, 2012. We will have the opportunity to train with folks from the mainland and the Pacific Rim. We would like to see at least thirty (30) of our community members get trained on running a weekend walk using the new manual. There will be a Clergy Certification session which we are encouraging all clergy in our community to attend. We are getting more information on this session and will get them out to everyone. PLEASE KEEP NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2012 open on your calendar. Registration materials should be out in early 2012.

Walks for 2012

It is never too early to sponsor pilgrims for the 2012 Walks. Begin now to consider who you would like to sponsor for the 2012 walks. Pray for them before you approach them. Remember that Walk to Emmaus is an ecumenical movement and all members of the Christian faith interested in developing their leadership skills are invited. Also consider applying to work on either the men's or women's team. Applications are on our website www.hawaiiwalktoemmaus.com

Men's #37: May 24-28, 2012

Women's #38: August 16-19, 2012