

FAITH ACTION for COMMUNITY EQUITY Oahu & Maui Chapters Newsletter

July/August 2013

SAVE THE DATE!

OAHU

July 10&11 Corporate Drive Training, 6:30pm
July 13 HCIR Immigration Forum, 1pm
July 19&20 Annual Board Retreat
Sept. 5-7 FACE Key Leader Training

MAUI

August 23 Steering Committee Meeting, 6pm
September 20 Steering Committee Meeting, 6pm
October 19 Monster Mash Halloween Fundraiser
Jan. 20 2014 MLK Day Interfaith Service



FACE WINS DRIVERS TEST TRANSLATIONS IN 8 LANGUAGES... STILL FIGHTING FOR CHUUKESE, MARSHALLESE & ILOCANO

Hundreds of members of FACE have participated in the campaign to have Hawaii's written drivers test offered in Hawaii's most common languages. Currently, Hawaii is one of only five states in the whole country that is "English-Only" for the written test. The Hawaii Department of Transportation has guaranteed that translations in Spanish, Tongan, Samoan, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog and Japanese will be ready for the public by the end of 2013.

More than 70 Hawaii Clergy and organizations have signed on to a letter to the DOT urging them to add Chuukese, Marshallese and Ilocano to the list of languages offered in Hawaii. The road test will continue to be offered in English-Only for all potential drivers.

If your church, temple or organization has not yet signed onto FACE's Letter of Clergy and Community Support, please call FACE at 375-9560.



MAYOR WRIGHTS TENANTS STILL FIGHTING FOR SAFE HOUSING

FACE and Mayor Wrights tenants have been working together for more than six years to improve conditions at the complex. Over the years, residents have been active in FACE trainings, press events, and conferences.

More recently, over 100 MW tenants worked with FACE to complete a Tenants' Needs Assessment, a comprehensive review of the structural and social needs at MW Housing. This report has been distributed to dozens of policy makers around Oahu and has been praised by most.

If you or members of your family live at Major Wrights and you want to get involved in FACE's Housing Committee, call James Fitzpatrick at 232-6350.



FACE's NEWSLETTER IS 1-YEAR OLD!



Keep sending those photos and stories!

JUNE RETIREMENTS

Rev. Alan Mark and Rev. Bob Nakata, both UMC ministers celebrated their retirements at the end of June. But no worries, you will not have to miss them! They have committed to working for FACE in their retirement! Rev. Mark will be taking over organizing of the FACE Oahu Jobs Committee and Rev. Nakata is designing a legislative training program for staff and leaders.

Working as organizers for FACE after retirement is a trend started by Rev. Stan Bain, also a UMC minister. In his years as a volunteer organizer at FACE, Rev. Bain has lead significant campaigns in the areas of immigrant and workers rights.



HONOLULU IMMIGRATION FORUM

FACE has been active in National Immigration Reform for more than a decade. There is so much going on right now in DC that it is hard to keep up.

The Hawaii Coalition for Immigration Reform are organizing an Immigration Forum on Saturday, July 13 1:00 - 2:30 pm at Harris UMC in conjunction with the church's 125th anniversary. Special guests UMC Bishop Minerva Carcaño, Congress Members Colleen Hanabusa and Tulsi Gabbard.

This is your best chance for a full update.

WAHIAWA CENTER FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH MOVING AHEAD



FACE helped create the Wahiawa Center for Community Health (WCCH) in 2011 with the goal of opening a community health center meet the health care needs of our communities in and around Wahiawa. This area is the only area left in the State of Hawaii that does not yet have a health care facility.

WCCH has submitted grant applications to the City, State and Federal government, as well as private foundations, and has filed its application with the Federal Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA) for its designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC).

The Honolulu City Council has passed a budget item for funds to allow the WCCH to begin its design work, capital fundraising development, and environmental assessments to obtain the health center space at the Wahiawa Medical Building.

In a recent community outreach meeting, Mayor Kirk Caldwell and Rep. Marcus Oshiro, expressed their support of the needed health center. The WCCH is also collaborating with the Hawaii Health Connector to do community outreach to enroll the uninsured and underinsured into the Hawaii Exchange "ObamaCare".

FACE continues to collaborate with the new WCCH board and will join them in upcoming events and forums to connect with those citizens that have little or no access to health care.

FACE'S BIG Summer Events

Corporate Fund Drive...FACE's Patrick Zukemura will be leading FACE Oahu's 2013 Corporate Fund Drive. If you are interested in representing your church or organization in this year's Corporate Fund Drive, you will need to attend one of Patrick's evening trainings July 10 and 11. Please call Patrick for details.

Annual FACE State Board Retreat...FACE's State Board invites Maui Executive Committee and Oahu Executive Committee to join them for the 2013 Annual Board retreat July 19 & 20. For more info, please call Drew Astolfi at 782-3674.

2013 FACE Key Leader Training...FACE is also hosting a three-day leadership training for all Steering Committee Representatives, Alternates and key leaders September 5-7. This training will cover everything you need to know to help your inreach into units, building turnout for successful House Meetings this fall, and more.

