



Proclaiming Christ's Love in Mililani and the World:

Building For Eternity

Mililani Community Church

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Calendar of Events

Please mark your calendars for these stewardship campaign events:

May

The mission for our building: Our Master Plan

September

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Commitment and Silver Anniversary Dinner

Stewardship Campaign Chair's Corner

George Ehara

The Unity of the Holy Spirit

As we step out in faith on this building project, there will be thousands of decisions to make along the way, from what is built in the first phase to the color of the carpet. Building projects can be very stressful for any congregation, especially here in Hawaii where land and construction costs are so high.

During this stressful time, it will be of utmost importance that we

as the body of Christ are unified in the Holy Spirit. We are called in Ephesians 4:3 to be "diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Jesus' prayer in John 17:23 asked that we would be "perfected in unity."

As we pray fervently and ask God to give us wisdom and guidance, the Holy Spirit that indwells all believers will lead us as we make decisions about the church we

believe He wants to build on the property He has entrusted to us. To the extent that we follow the guiding of the Holy Spirit, we will experience the unity that the world does not know, the unity of the Spirit. Please pray for our stewardship campaign and building program, that our church will be unified in purpose, and pray about how God could use you in the building of His kingdom.

Proverbs 29:18: Where there is no vision, the people perish.

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Our Ministry Vision

The Lord has entrusted Mililani Community Church (MCC) with a beautiful piece of property in Mililani Mauka. This is exciting as well as humbling. Exciting, because so many opportunities lie ahead to proclaim Christ's love in Mililani and the World and to build lives for eternity. Humbling, because planning, fundraising, building, and actually occupying the property seem impossible for a small congregation like MCC's.

But as Luke 18:27 reminds us: "What is impossible with men is possible with God." If we have faith as small as a mustard seed, Matthew 17:20, we will be able to see, not the scary giants, but the milk and honey to be harvested on the land.

With the kickoff of the Stewardship Campaign, MCC members were asked to express their faith by sharing their dreams and visions for the land the Lord has blessed us with.

The responses reflected a unity of passion, compassion, and heart for the young, old, lost, weary, struggling, and hurting in Mililani and the broader community. MCC members believe that God is calling us to use the property to:

- ✓ glorify God and be a light shining forth in the dark world
- ✓ reach out to and serve the community and the island
- ✓ pray over and witness to those in the surrounding community
- ✓ provide daily support, comfort, guidance, tangible help, Bible studies, and refuge for the community
- ✓ provide a warm, caring, friendly place to call home for generations to come
- ✓ provide a safe and fun place for children and teens to gather

- ✓ be a place of fellowship where all ages can congregate and integrate
- ✓ be a Bible-teaching church
- ✓ love people one at a time into knowing how wonderful Jesus is and what He has done
- ✓ provide Christ-centered child/day care and senior care
- ✓ be a lighthouse showing the way to life and salvation
- ✓ bring families and especially children to God
- ✓ make disciples to reach all nations.

As we look ahead as a congregation, we pray that we may be like Joshua and Caleb, who believed God's promise and did not fear the mountainous challenges that were placed before them.

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Our Vision for a Ministry Center

Planning for a Ministry Center on the MCC land in Mililani Mauka is an awesome responsibility because we yearn to honor God, be obedient to His will, and be good stewards of His land and resources.

In planning how best to use the land to carry out God's vision, MCC members engaged in three "charrette" sessions. "Charrette" is a French word for a small-wheeled cart. During 19th century France, it was common for architectural schools to send a cart to pick up final project drawings from students. Often, the students would jump onto the cart and use the added time to frantically put finishing touches on their work.

Today, "charrette" is used to describe a design process that involves focused and intensive planning and decision-making sessions with interested project stakeholders. The primary role of a charrette is to build consensus among the stakeholders on a vision for a community's future. Charrettes actively involve stakeholders in needs assessment, interviews with community groups, prioritization of issues, and development of a master building plan and implementation strategies.

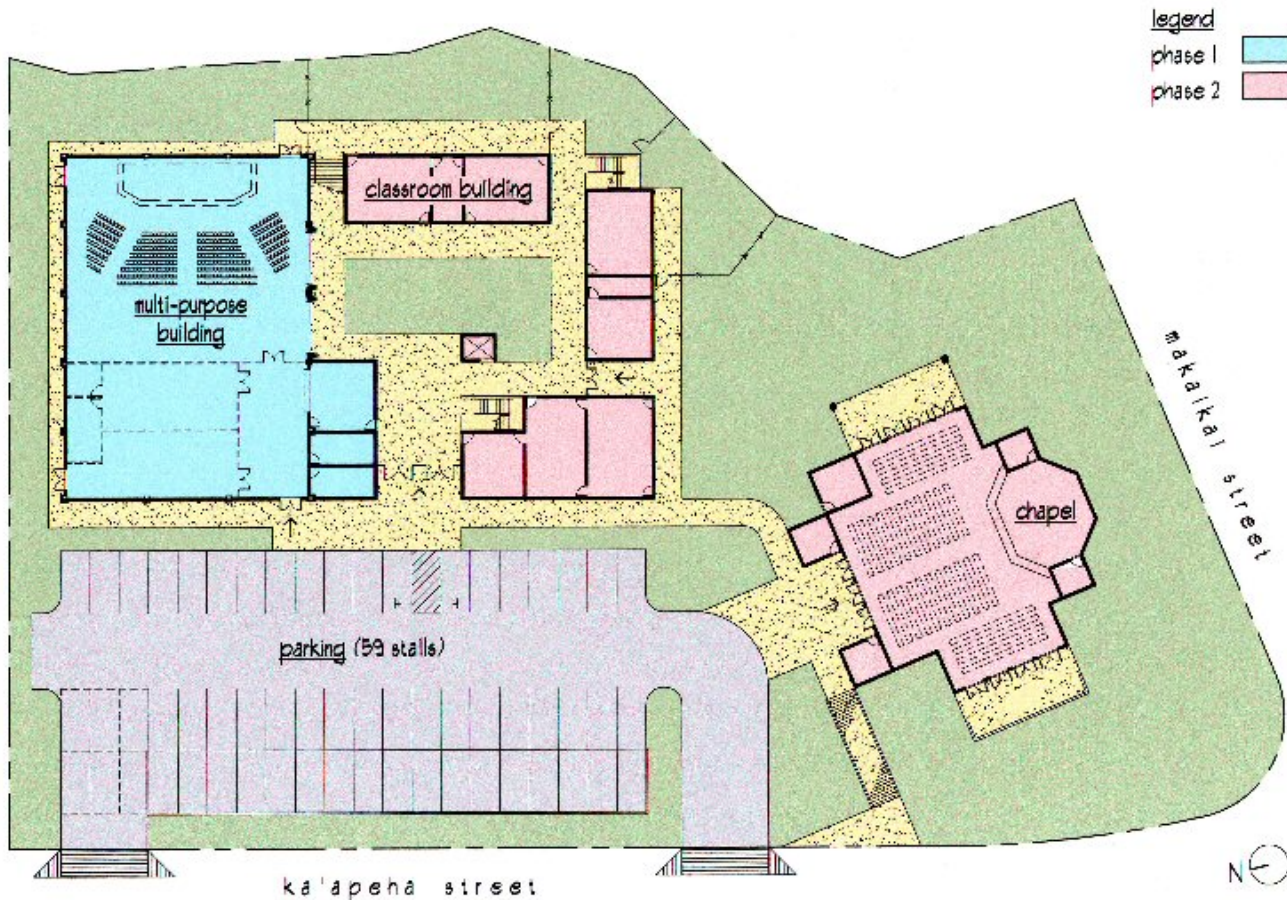
The first programming charrette session of congregation members was held on April 17, 2004. It was an exciting time, as architect member Warren Nakamura facilitated free-flowing and lively discussions

to discover who we are as a congregation (our core values), why we exist (our mission), where we are going (our vision), and what we should do next (our strategic initiatives). Each ministry group at MCC met in breakout sessions and developed a FAST" (Function Analysis System Technique) diagram of that group's ministry. Using active verbs paired with a passive noun, the groups charted what they did, how they did it, and when and why they did it. The groups also described what facilities they required to perform their functions.

Based on the results of the April 17, 2004 charrette, a continuation programming and design charrette was held on May 22, 2005.

The participants reviewed space programs and cost estimates, discussed alternative designs and site plans, and assessed and reassessed facility and infrastructure requirements.

A final design charrette session was held on September 18, 2005. The charrette sessions resulted in a layout and phasing master plan for building on the property that Warren Nakamura has captured visually below.



Watch for building details in future newsletters. Phase one includes the multi-purpose building; phase two includes the classroom buildings. A third phase includes the chapel.