

Amazing Grace

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A Missionary Basic Christian Community of Hawaii – Renew Newsletter

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Can you believe it's October already?? Advent will be upon us soon and then joyous Christmas.

Wow! Where has the year gone?

Last issue saw us bidding A Hui Hou to Fr. David Lupo as he returned to Massachusetts and next year sees us welcoming another Blessed milestone for MBCC- our **30th Anniversary!!**

Looking forward to many more years to come! Stay tuned for details in upcoming issues and email correspondence.

President's Corner

...a word from our President Larry Ritter

Aloha MBCC Ohana. Another Encounter weekend has passed leading us to our 30th year anniversary coming up in 2016! Thanks and praise be to our Awesome God for His abundant blessings. Over the years there have been many challenges but with God's help they were dealt with. There will continue

to be challenges now and in the future, some of them formidable. However if God is for us then who can stand against us? Not even the devil if we put our whole-hearted trust in the Lord. Hand in hand with trusting the Lord is being a fervent disciple of the Jesus as well. In my

humble opinion one cannot exist without the other. Total commitment is called for when following the footsteps of Jesus. Indeed we as an organization are at a crossroads in that there are numerous challenges that I would like to say are due to growing
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Pictured above:
MBCC Hawaii- Renew banner

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Come One Come All to the Masquerade Ball...

**Come one come all to the Masquerade Ball,
Wear your mask, dance or sway,
Or simply laugh the night away.
Come one come all to the Masquerade Ball,
It's MBCC's fun event this fall.**

Hello everyone,

Got your mask? It's almost here, our major FUNdraiser event for the year, the MBCC Masquerade Ball!

For several months now, members of the Finance Committee have been meeting regularly and working diligently to plan and break down the tasks for this exciting occasion. We thank you and all our different communities for your participation and cooperation especially with securing the prizes. This event will truly not be possible without the dedication and commitment of all MBCC members.

Please continue to sell the fundraiser tickets (12 for \$10). We will draw the winning tickets at the event. There will be cash prizes (\$500, \$300, 3x\$100) plus many more. Winners need not be present to win. We will also have dancing, crafts, a silent auction, photo booth, and more prizes. Be sure to invite your family and friends.

The MBCC Masquerade Ball will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel – Hibiscus Room, on October 30th, Friday, at 6:00 p.m.. Dinner tickets are still available at \$50.00 each. See your community coordinators or send an e-mail to Nadine at nadineyamamoto@hawaii.rr.com for any questions.

God's blessings to you and your families and see you there!

Love and Peace,
Nadine B. Yamamoto
Finance Committee Chairperson
MBCC of Hawaii- Renew

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Masquerade Ball

Friday, October 30th - 6:00pm

Ala Moana Hotel

Hibiscus Room

Dinner Ticket \$50

Prizes

Dancing

Lucky Number Drawing

Silent Auction

and more!

For more information contact
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Choose a mask and wear it well...

Getting to Know You...

New Missionaries from Encounter #102...



New Missionaries:

Danielle & Andriy Villhauer
Encounter #102

Community Name:

Synergizers

We are genuinely grateful to be a part of the MBCC Community. Because we came from a very active Dominican Parish, St. Thomas Aquinas, in Charlottesville, VA, we were used to potential nightly church activities such as Bible study, vespers with adoration followed by book club, Music Ministry practice, Men's group, Women's group, and various

social events on the weekends (contra dancing, game nights, movie nights, etc.). For the first few weeks after our arrival in Hawaii, we felt a little lost with what to do with our time and were seeking friendship in a Catholic community setting. When Vinnie, Ernesto, and Jenny invited us to the summer retreat, we eagerly accepted. After

the retreat, we happily joined the Synergizer Community and look forward to sharing our talents to help plan the next retreat.



SAVE THE DATES...UPCOMING MBCC RETREATS:

April 22, 23, & 24, 2016

July 22, 23, & 24, 2016

Oct 28, 29, & 30, 2016

“Go Out and Tell the Good News!!”

Invite your family and friends to experience an MBCC Retreat Encounter for themselves!

They will love you for it!

A Spiritual Note

From Deacon Kin Borja...

God is Love

Deacon Kin Borja

"The Church believes that God exists and that he loves us. We make this claim because we have encountered and trust Jesus Christ. This trust enables a relationship in which God's plan for all creation is revealed and disclosed. Confident in this plan, we are able to proclaim that each and every human being is created in the image of God. We believe that God creates us with a purpose and for a mission...."

"...Let us not be consumed by the world and replace our faith with spur of the moment ideology that give temporary fixes to our situations..."

The above passage was taken from the Summary Statement in the book, Love is Our Mission, page 7.

Let us not be consumed by the world and replace our Faith with spur of the moment ideology that gives temporary fixes to our situations. We have replaced God because some people blame Him for all that is happening in our world. Let us be steadfast in our convictions and commitments to the Love of Jesus and the mercies that we receive daily.

Let us take back our families, our children, our marriage, our communities, our cities, our States, our Country by continuing to Praise and Glorify His Wonderful Name.

Continue to proclaim the Gospel of Life and if necessary, use words. Blessings...Amen!

In Memory of Pam Andrews...

In memory of Pam Andrews, wife of Deacon Efrain Andrews, from Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Pearl City. Both Deacon Efrain & Pam are long-time members of MBCC and the Community of Na Kupa'a in Pearl City. As many of us remember, Deacon Efrain also served as Spiritual Director of MBCC for many years. Pam passed on from this life to her eternal Heavenly Kingdom on September 23, 2015.

To many, Pam was indeed a true friend. To Deacon Efrain, she was a loving wife and life-long partner. To her children, she was the loving mom who cared and nurtured them; to her grandchildren, she was the grandmother whom would always give them hugs and kisses and many other treats. To us, her friends, she shared her wisdom, her patience, her understanding and her great big smile. To you, we share:

***Your presence we miss
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always
Forgetting you never.
~Author Unknown***

~For now, rest and enjoy the presence of Jesus. You have worked hard; you have fought a tough fight...Welcome Home!

**Love,
MBCC Hawaii-Renew Ohana**

MBCC POST ENCOUNTER #103



Please join us at
St. Jude Catholic Church
92-455 Makakilo Drive
Kapolei, HI
Saturday, October 10, 2015
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**** Come meet the MBCC Communities ****



**** Fellowship * Food * Games * Prizes ****



**** Bring family and friends ** ** Donate canned goods, cereal or toiletries ****
For the St. Jude Food Pantry



Please call Lori Ing at (808) 393-1496 to let her know you're coming!

SEE YOU THERE!

MBCC Find-a-Word ...Give it a try! (answers on last page)

BIBLE ENTHRONEMENT COMMUNITY DINING CREW DORM FAITH JOURNEY FR DAVID GENESIS	GO OUT AND TELL KITCHEN CREW LOVE BOUQUETS MATRIMONY MBCC OF HAWAII RENEW MISSIONARY MUSIC CREW	OHANA ROOM PRAYER SIN & RECONCILLIATION SPEAKERS SR GRACE DOROTHY LIM ST ANTHONY'S VOCATION
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Ono Ono Recipies...



Stuffed Cabbage Rolls

Serves approximately 3-4 people

Ingredients:

- 2/3 cup water
- 1/3 cup uncooked white rice
- 8 cabbage leaves
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed tomato soup

Directions:

- * In a medium saucepan, bring water to a boil. Add rice and stir. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 20 minutes.
- * Bring a large, wide saucepan of lightly salted water to a boil. Add cabbage leaves and cook for 2 to 4 minutes or until softened; drain.
- * In a medium mixing bowl, combine the ground beef, 1 cup cooked rice, onion, egg, salt and pepper, along with 2 tablespoons of tomato soup. Mix thoroughly.
- * Divide the beef mixture evenly among the cabbage leaves. Roll and secure them with toothpicks or string.
- * In a large skillet over medium heat, place the cabbage rolls and pour the remaining tomato soup over the top. Cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer for about 40 minutes, stirring and basting with the liquid often.

Pumpkin Mochi

Perfect for your family or potluck get-together this Holiday Season

Ingredients:

- 2 cups white sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 (29 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 cup butter, melted
- 2 tsp vanilla extract

Directions:

- *Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Lightly grease a 9 x 13 inch baking pan.
- *Sift together the mochiko, baking powder, and sugar in a large bowl. Mix together the eggs, pumpkin puree, condensed milk, butter, and vanilla extract in a separate bowl.
- *Stir the egg mixture into the mochiko mixture.
- * Pour into the prepared baking pan. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour. Allow to cool completely before serving.



[Recipe from allrecipes.com]

President's Corner
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pains. The fact is we have not been growing in the manner as I would imagine a healthy living organization dedicated to Christ might be. We can be considered a part of the living Body of Christ with, of course, Jesus as the Head. MBCC of Hawaii – Renew has its function in the Body of Christ just as each of us individually plays a unique part in this same Body. Likewise each of us functions in a unique manner within MBCC as an organization. We answered a call by God to be part of something very special; to work together in love in spreading the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ by special encounter weekends and strengthening our faith through fellowship in communities. Who do we encounter? Ultimately, Jesus. Whether be it through prayer, brotherly love, the Word or the Eucharist; Jesus is our focus as Mediator with our Heavenly Father in unity with the Holy Spirit. This takes commitment. We must be committed to carry on the work of Jesus in building the Kingdom of God. This calls for discipleship. Jesus said we must deny our very self, pick up our cross daily and follow Him if we are to be His disciple. So let's each

be committed to doing our part with joy and gladness and love in making MBCC of Hawaii – Renew a healthy, vibrant vehicle of evangelization in building God's Kingdom in our special place within the Body of Christ. The Executive Board and I listened to concerns from various members and will continue to seek input to do our part in alleviating these and any other problems that are brought to our attention. However every member in the organization needs to contribute if any headway is to be made. None of us can do all that is required alone. We are always open to any constructive criticism and totally welcome positive solutions, preferably given in love. Before signing off I want to express my sincere appreciation, and may safely say all of our appreciation, to Fr. Tony Biswas, ss.cc. in offering his services to us as an organization and individually. Let us pray for Fr. Tony as he gets acclimated to his work here in Hawaii and continues discernment on whether or not Spiritual Director with MBCC of Hawaii – Renew is part of that work. When initially approached on serving as Spiritual Director I think I may have put Fr.

Tony in an awkward position being that Fr. David was assigned elsewhere and Fr. Tony was coming in as his replacement. After meeting with Fr. Tony at their provincial house in Kaneohe we agreed that more prayerful discernment was called for. Let's all join Fr. Tony in prayer calling upon the Holy Spirit to move within us and among us to place things as He sees fit, not only with each of our positions in MBCC but for the vitality of MBCC as an organization. Peace and Love in Christ Jesus,

Larry Ritter,
President
MBCC of Hawaii – Renew

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If **you** have an idea for our March 2016 Newsletter,
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Mahalo,
Kaleo Ho

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