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OUR CHURCH

The Pearl City Community Church is a member of the Denomination which was known as the National Council of the Congregational Christian Church, lately changed in name to the United Church of Christ after a merger with the Evangelical Reform Church. Our Denomination was introduced into our country by the Pilgrims who landed in Massachusetts in 1620, and into Hawaii in 1820 by the first missionaries to these islands. We have over 130 churches in the islands, by far the largest denomination in Hawaii. The better known churches of our denomination in Honolulu are the Central Union Church, The Church of the Crossroads, The Makiki Christian Church, Kawaiahao Church, The Nuuanu Congregational Church, The First Church of Christ, The United Church of Christ, The Honolulu Community Church, The Kalihi Union Church, The Kaimuki Evangelical Church, Church, The Kaumakapili Church, The Waikeola Church, The Manoa Church of Christ and many others. In the Leeward District we have The Pearl Harbor Memorial Community Church, The Kahikuonani Church, The Waipahu United Church of Christ, the Ewa Community Church, The First Samoan Congregational Church, The Nanaikapono Church, The Waianae Protestant Church.

There are many things we can be proud of in our denomination. As Look Magazine - (December 8, 1959) states:

"The Congregationalists gave America many of its customs and beliefs that sum up "The American Way of Life," and "if for nothing else, every living American is in debt to the first settlers of Massachusetts who gave us Congregationalism".....

They gave us the first Thanksgiving, our first University, our first coeducational college, our first public schools and Mother Goose. They started the American Revolution (The Minute Men at Lexington and Concord were Congregationalists almost to a man.) They brought the civil liberties of England's Magna Charta to the American continent. They helped to develop in America the system of free enterprise."

"John Wise of Ipswich popularized the idea of "No taxation without representation," and is often called the "father" of the Revolution." Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Amherst, Williams, Oberlin, Holyoke, Smith, Wellesley, Pomona, Carlton,.....47 colleges and Universities have Congregational roots. Maunalou College in Maui is a Congregational founded College. The first public school in America, supported by direct taxes, was started in 1639 by the Congregationalists at Dorchester, Massachusetts.

They were the first to send out missionaries. They printed the first Bible in the Indian language in America. "At the United Nations Organizational meeting in 1945, 29 middle Eastern Delegates were graduates of the American University, founded in Beirut, Lebanon by the Congregationalists. The Congregational Mission Board supports and maintains 760 schools and colleges abroad. In Medical Missions, the congregationalists also pioneered. Dr. John Scudder, the first medical missionary of modern times was sent to India in 1819. Today, the Board has 73 hospitals in 14 countries. Typical is a clinic and leper hospital in Kilanjunai in South India, conducted by Dr. Edward C. Riggs. He teaches classes in public health, gives inoculations, combats malnutrition and disseminates birth-control information. At Mount Salinda Hospital in Rhodesia, prenatal care and delivery cost a native mother \$1.50; a clinic visit is 36 cents, and appendectomy \$2.80.

