

“The Banquet”
Guidelines for Kaka’ako Park Worship Service and Dinner
Volunteer Handout

Date: On the last Thursday of each month various CUC ministries take turns participating in “The Banquet” worship service and hot meal in Kaka’ako Park.

Background:

Those who have shared in worship, fellowship and a meal at “The Banquet” service agree that it is a very special time together. Community Ministry is excited about the opportunity to bring new people from the congregation to the table to share in the experience. We have worked hard to cultivate a church family in the park that emphasizes the equality of all participants, CUC members and park residents, in the eyes of God. To this end we all worship together, call each other by name, and eat together. While members of church ministries and committees will help serve the meal, you will also be welcomed as a guest at the table. We ask that you join us with the humble spirit of a guest attending a new church for the first time.

Volunteer Requirements:

Volunteers Needed	Time	Place	Responsibilities and Instructions
2-people (must be able to lift 30 pounds)	4:30 to 5:00 PM	Church	Meet Rev. Radigan David or a Community Ministry member at the church to load heavy hot food containers and coolers full of ice and drinks into the church van.
6-people	5:00 to 7:00 PM	Kaka'ako Park	Meet Rev. Radigan David or a Community Ministry member at the park and participate in setup of chairs, tables, altar canopy (this is not hard skilled labor, but if you have physical limitations don't worry, there will be something for everybody to do.). 5:30 Participate in the worship service. 6:15 Wait for a cue from a Community Ministry member to start setting out trays of food and prepare plates for the congregation when the worship service is over. For sanitation purposes, hand sanitizer and plastic gloves will be provided for handling food. As the line goes down, volunteers are encouraged to prepare a plate for themselves and eat with other members of The Banquet congregation. 6:45 Clean-up, break down the canopy and load up the van when the food is gone and/or people are finished eating.
2-people	7:00 to 7:30 PM	Return to Church	Meet Rev. Radigan David or a Community Ministry member back at the church to help unload the van.

Helpful Hints:

- Introduce yourself to our guests, not only to the church members.
- Call people by name once you've been introduced. This means a lot.
- Small talk goes a long way. Ask open ended questions like, “what do you think about . . . ?”
 - The weather (seriously)
 - The worship service, the message, a song
 - Headlines, many people read the papers and are aware of local and national news.
 - Sports, who do you like for the Super Bowl, NBA playoffs, etc?
 - If you see somebody with a book, ask them about it.
 - If you see somebody with a walkman, ask them about the kind of music they listen to.

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- You can ask people about themselves, but as in any first meeting, don’t get too personal. “Where did you grow up?” or “What high school did you go to?” are probably okay. “Why are you homeless?” or “What do you do all day?” are a bit personal.
- Be a good listener and take genuine interest in what they share with you. This is one of the greatest gifts you can give.
- It is rare, but not unheard of, for someone to ask for money. If someone asks you for money, please refer them to Rev. Radigan David for assistance. Please do not give or lend money to our guests.
- There is no dress code. Please dress comfortably. Shorts and slippers are okay. Don’t wear anything too nice since we will be handling church chairs and serving food.
- HAVE FUN!!!

Safety:

The Worship and Meal Service at the park is safe. Safety always comes first. In the event that a situation feels unsafe, please remove yourself and notify Rev. Radigan David. If you perceive someone else to be in an unsafe situation, please notify Rev. Radigan David. Please look out for each other. Remember that there is safety in numbers. Try to walk with someone you trust and feel safe with when going to your car. This is the evening time and there is limited sunlight. Be aware of your personal space and your comfort zone. If you feel that your personal space or comfort zone has been invaded, let the other person know and if necessary, notify Rev. Radigan David.

Driving Direction to Kaka’ako Park from Central Union Church:

We worship in the park on the Diamond Head, Mauka corner of Ilalo St. The park is just Diamond Head of the University of Hawaii Medical building at 651 Ilalo St. There is metered street parking on Ilalo St. parking is free starting at 9 pm. Look for the CUC participants wearing lime-yellow Central Union t-shirts and the white church van carrying the supplies.

1. Head west on S Beretania St toward Punahou St - 0.2 mi
2. Turn left at Kalakaua Ave - 0.6 mi
3. Turn right at Kapiolani Blvd - 0.1 mi
4. Turn left at Atkinson Dr - 0.3 mi
5. Slight right at Ala Moana Blvd - 1.5 mi
6. Turn left at Keawe St - 0.1 mi
7. Turn left at Ilalo St - 207 ft

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