

I appreciate Pastor Chuck Frumin of the Kona, Hawaii Family Church

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Pastor Chuck Frumin deserves the warmest heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all the love, earnest faith and effort he and his wife, Mayumi, have invested here in Kona since the early 1990s. A UTS graduate sent to Ocean Challenge and eventually Ocean Church, Chuck was transferred to Kona to captain a fishing charter boat and naturally emerged as a leader, organizing Sunday services and witnessing efforts. Chuck is what many would call a "One-man band," because he trained himself to become a polished public speaker and is a professional-level guitarist and pianist as well. Pastor Chuck is the ultra-reliable kind of person everyone can trust and work with, accepting all responsibilities without hesitation and making it look easy, organizing Japanese missionary groups in addition to leading the congregation. He has been at the helm for all of these many years while raising three children and working full time. He takes an interest in everyone, and after Sunday Service he can often be seen playing with the children and making them laugh. Every little kid needs an Uncle Chuck!

One of Pastor Chuck's most notable accomplishments is the unique annual Thanksgiving Eve musical event here in Kona. This is a beautiful interfaith tradition that has been going on for over 15 years. Every Thanksgiving Eve (the Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving), multiple faith groups gather in a church or temple and each group offers a musical presentation. This includes faiths such as Buddhist, BaHa'i, the Jewish Synagogue, Unity, evangelical Christian churches and Episcopal, Lutherans, Methodists and Catholics too. This also crosses national and racial boundaries, including Spanish, Tongan, Hawaiian, Japanese and Micronesian congregations. Pastor Chuck took up the leadership torch for this project several years ago when the original leader, the Episcopal minister, became ill and no other minister felt up to it. He now organizes and leads the event every year.

This is a most-uplifting tradition and gives hope to many people that different faiths can actually come together in love, respect and warm-hearted appreciation for each other. This is surely a tradition that makes our Heavenly Parent happy!

Thank you, Pastor Chuck, from the bottom of our hearts, for so much love!

-Mary Ellen Legay