To Congregational Church of Pinehurst, UCC, Terry Yasuko Ogawabrings experience and passion for the ministry of the church as well as extensive experience building ecumenical relationships. Most recently, Terry served as the Associate Advancement Director of Pacific School of Religion where she focused on building relationships with alumni/ae, denominations, and congregations. Terry was previously the Chaplain and Community Liaison at The Institute for Human Services (IHS), the largest comprehensive homelessness services agency in Hawaiʻi, where she built the foundation for an interfaith chaplaincy program. As part of her work at IHS, Terry established the Hawaiʻi Faith-Based Summit on Homelessness and orchestrated, in partnership with the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa, an exhibition of photographs by clients to reflect their first year transitioning out of homelessness. The exhibit was held at Honolulu Hale (City Hall).

In her studies at Pacific School of Religion, Terry researched the legacy of missionary heritage of the UCC in Hawai‘i, its implication for the UCC’s relationship with Kanaka Maoli (Native Hawaiian) churches, and theologies of reconciliation. Terry’s experience extends to significant work in areas of economic, social, environmental, and gender justice work that has been international in scope.

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