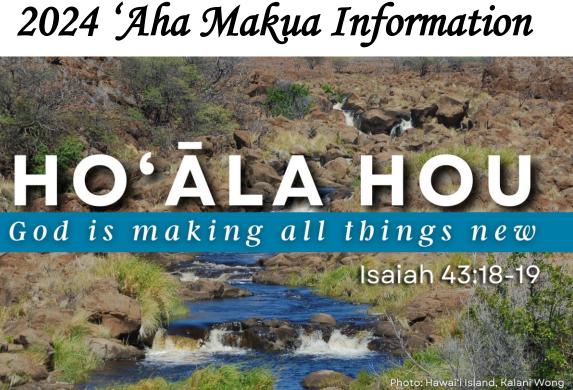
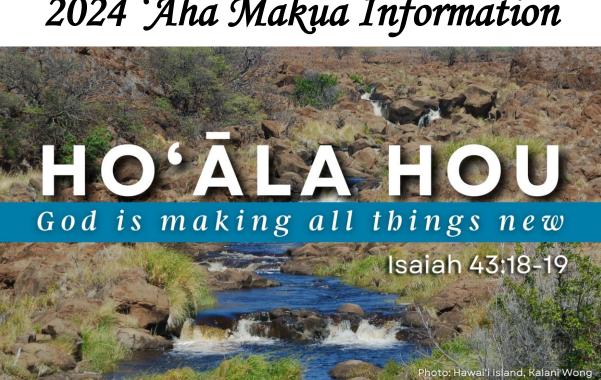
## **Other Important Information**

See the enclosed Tentative 'Aha Makua Program Schedule. Schedule

- Meals All registered delegates and visitors will be given a name tag. Please be sure to wear your name tag at all times during the 'Aha. It is your meal ticket; do not lose it. We will NOT be selling individual meal tickets.
- Special Diets Vegetables will be served with all meals, but we regret that we are unable to accommodate special dietary requirements.
- **BYOC!** Bring your own cups! In a continuing effort to be good environmental stewards, we are asking all attendees to please bring your own cup.
- In an effort to be good stewards, the 'Aha Handbook will not be printed but will be available Handbooks online. Notice will be given when handbooks are available. Delegates and visitors may choose to print out the handbook or download it to an electronic device. If you plan to use a laptop, please be sure to check the capacity of your battery or bring an extra one as it will not be possible (or safe) to string extension cords throughout the meeting rooms.
- **No Smoking** The entire Central Union Church campus is *non-smoking*. Please respect this and smoke only off campus.





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<u>Theme</u>	Hoʻāla Hou To arouse, stir up, renew, restore, reviv "Do not call to mind the former things to do something new, now it will spring I will even make a roadway in the wilde
Location	This year's 'Aha Makua will be in pers Street, Honolulu.
<u>Keynoters</u>	The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thon United Church of Christ (UCC), elected woman and the first woman of African Prior to accepting this call, Rev. Thomp setting of the UCC for 14 years, incl Associate General Minister for Wider Ministries. Rev. Thompson will deliver and participate in other activities throug
	The Rev. Dr. James Fouther, Jr. is to United Church of Christ. Prior to joining the United Church of Montebello in De

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or consider things of the past. Behold, I am going up; will you not be aware of it? erness and rivers in the desert." Isaiah 43:18-19

son at Central Union Church, 1660 S. Beretania

**npson** is the General Minister and President of the l at the 34th General Synod in 2023. She is the first descent to serve as the leader of the denomination. oson, a Jamaican immigrant, served in the national uding as Minister for Racial Justice, and as the Church Ministries and Co-Executive for Global • the message at the 'Aha Makua opening worship ghout the event.

the Western Region Generosity Officer with the ng the UCC Staff, Rev. Fouther served as pastor at enver, Colorado; Adjunct Instructor at Iliff School of Theology; and Pastor of Church of the Open Door, UCC in Miami, Florida. Rev. Fouther will serve as our theological reflector during the Makua.

<u>Registration</u>	This section pertains only to the 'Aha Makua. A separate registration packet and form for the annual meeting of Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, State Sunday School Association and Christian Endeavor have been mailed to Hawaiian churches. For 'Aha Iki information, go to <u>www.hcucc.org</u> .		<b>Departures:</b> We will <i>NO</i> . Church to the Daniel K. In your registration form, a list table. We cannot guarantee
· ·	• All who attend must register by May 13, 2024. One form for each registrant and full payment (\$165 per person) must be received at the Hawai'i Conference Office by the close of business on this date to guarantee your registration. (Please note that the deadline for	Parking	Limited parking will be ava
	'Aha Iki registration is the same.) Churches are encouraged to register all delegates at the	<u>Meeting In</u>	<u>nformation</u>
	<ul> <li>same time, including the youth/young adult delegate (see below under Voting Delegates).</li> <li>Late Registration: A late registration fee of \$30 will be assessed for registrations received after 4 p.m. on May 13.</li> </ul>	Business	Each delegate will be asked to your church's delegate(s) to f items. Updated information of under Quick Links "2024 'Al
· ·	• <b>Retired Ordained Clergy</b> with standing in an association of the Hawai'i Conference may have 'Aha Makua fees waived. Housing costs and airline reservations are on your own.	<b>Voting</b> <b>Delogates</b>	To be a voting delegate, you
<u>'Aha Youth P</u> i	<ul> <li>Online Payment: Registration and credit card payments can be completed online at <a href="https://ezregister.com/events/40285/">https://ezregister.com/events/40285/</a>. Both payment and form must be completed by May 13.</li> <li>rogram</li> </ul>	Delegates 1. Local churches with standir a. One lay delegate for t members or major fract with 251 members is ent	
	There will be a youth track at the 'Aha Makua. For more information, please refer to the		plus one lay delegate for church members is dete
	enclosed insert in the registration packet.		b. One youth/young adul
<u>Scholarships</u>	To donate or request financial assistance enabling all our churches to attend the 'Aha Pae'āina, please contact your Association directly. The Conference Office does not handle		2. Ordained, Licensed, or Co of the Hawai'i Conference.
Housing	this. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Pagoda Hotel (1525 Rycroft St., Honolulu).		3. Members of Hawai'i Cont committees.
	Please make reservations directly with the hotel using the enclosed Hotel Form. <i>To take advantage of this special rate, the hotel must receive your reservation by May 13</i> . Before leaving the hotel, please return your keys and pay for all hotel and incidental charges. Hawai'i Conference is not responsible for any of these expenses.		4. <b>Presidents of Associations</b> Missions, State Sunday Sch of Hawaiian Congregationa Islander and Asian America
<u>Transportatio</u>	<u>n</u>	Café Conversations	
Airlines	Delegates and visitors are responsible for their own flight reservations and payments. Up to \$70.00 of <b>one-way</b> airfare is reimbursable for neighbor islanders. Receipts should be submitted to Lori Yamashiro at the Hawai'i Conference Office <b>by June 21</b> .		We haven't met in person for have missed our annual gather new things that will be sprin
Shuttles	<b>Arrivals</b> : Shuttles will be arranged from the Daniel K. Inouye Airport to Central Union Church for those who fill out the transportation portion of the registration form and <i>turn it in by May 13</i> . Vans will meet only the flights for which we have scheduled pick-ups. If your plans change and you don't need a ride, please call Lori Yamashiro at 808-292-5249 so van drivers aren't kept waiting.		each other: To get to know s God is putting on your heart; wider Hawai'i Conference 'o will be taking place at differe and to give witness to what C Jesus, and the mana'o God ha
	We will <i>NOT</i> run continuous shuttles. Pick-up times will be arranged only for those providing arrival information on the registration form. Prior to your arrival, you will be notified of your shuttle pick-up information. Please be patient if the van is not at the airport when you arrive.		

*NOT* run continuous shuttles for departures from Central Union K. Inouye Airport. If you requested transportation to the airport on a listing of departure shuttles will also be posted at the registration untee any transportation after 2 p.m. on Saturday.

available at Central Union Church.

ed to vote on important issues and therefore it is vitally essential for to familiarize themselves with information about the business on can be found on the Conference's website at <u>www.hcucc.org</u> 'Aha Pae'āina."

you must be in one of these categories:

nding in an association of the Hawai'i Conference are entitled to: For the first 200 members and an additional delegate for each 100 fraction thereof, up to a *maximum of five*. (For example, a church s entitled to two delegates: one lay delegate for the first 200 members te for the major fraction [51] above 200. Note that the number of determined by 2023 UCC Yearbook listing.)

dult delegate, 30 years of age or younger.

Commissioned ministers with current standing in an association

### **Conference Council and Chairs of standing and special**

ions and recognized affiliate organizations (Woman's Board of School Association, Christian Endeavor Association, State Council ional Churches, Council of Samoan Churches, Hawai'i Pacific erican Ministries, and UCC Transition House).

In for a while...Some of us will be brand new to the 'Aha, others will gatherings, others are wondering what we will be doing. One of the pringing up during our 'Aha Makua is time for conversations with ow someone from a different church or another island; to share what eart; to connect with your brothers and sisters in the context of our ce 'ohana; to see that we are all in this together. Café Conversations fferent points of the 'Aha Makua to encourage reflection and sharing nat God may be doing among us. Bring an open heart, your love for od has given to you.