

Other Important Information

Schedule	See the enclosed <i>Tentative ‘Aha Makua Program Schedule</i> .
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. <i>It is your meal ticket; do not lose it.</i> 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.
Handbooks	In an effort to be good stewards, the ‘Aha Handbook will not be printed but will be available 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	Both Kapa‘a campuses are <i>non-smoking</i> . Please respect this and smoke only off campus.
Makeke	Need to take home “omiyage” (<i>local product or gift</i>)? The Kaua‘i Association will be hosting a Makeke (<i>market</i>) on Friday afternoon on the grounds of Kapa‘a UCC. Bring some spending money! Cash only, please.

2025 ‘Aha Makua Information



June 12–14, 2025
Hosted by the Kaua‘i Association

Theme	<p>Built on a Firm Foundation <i>Kūkulu ‘ia ma ke kahua kūpa‘a</i></p> <p><i>“Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine, and acts on them, will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and its collapse was great.” Matthew 7:24-27</i></p>
Location	<p>This year’s ‘Aha Makua will be hosted by the Kaua‘i Association at Kapa‘a First Hawaiian and Kapa‘a United Church of Christ, 1315 Ulu Street, Kapa‘a, Kaua‘i.</p>
Keynoter	<p>The Rev. Dr. Phiwa Langeni is a passionate leader and engaging speaker who works to build more welcoming and connected communities. As the Minister for Innovation and Strategic Collaboration with the UCC, Rev. Langeni helps reimagine how faith and leadership can meet today’s challenges. They also run their own company, Rev. Langeni LLC, where they offer coaching, consulting, and keynote talks—especially around leading through change, making tech more equitable, and promoting radical hospitality.</p>

Registration

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 www.hcucc.org.

- **All who attend must register by May 12, 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 ‘Aha Iki registration is the same.) Churches are encouraged to register all delegates at the same time, including the youth/young adult delegate (see below under Voting Delegates).
- **Late Registration:** A late registration fee of \$30 will be assessed for registrations received after 4 p.m. on May 12.
- **Retired Ordained Clergy** 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.
- **Online Payment:** Registration and credit card payments can be completed online at <https://ezregister.com/events/41893/>. Both payment and form must be completed by **May 12.**

‘Aha Youth Program

There will be a youth track at the ‘Aha Makua. For more information, please refer to the enclosed insert in the registration packet.

Scholarships

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 this.

Housing

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Outrigger Kaua‘i Beach Resort (4431 Kaua‘i Beach Drive, Lihue). Please make reservations directly with the hotel using the website [Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ - Room Block Weblink](#) or reservations can be made by calling the hotel at (808) 245-1955 and using the group code: **250612HCUCC**.

We were able to secure a rate of \$215.00+tax per night, no resort fee, and parking discounted to \$14+tax per vehicle per day.

*To take advantage of this special rate, the hotel must receive your reservation **by May 12.** 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.*

Transportation

Airlines

Delegates and visitors are responsible for their own flight reservations and payments. Up to \$70.00 of **one-way** airfare is reimbursable for neighbor islanders. Receipts must be submitted to Lori Yamashiro at the Hawai‘i Conference Office **by June 23.**

Shuttles

Arrivals: Shuttles will be arranged from the Lihue Airport to Kapa‘a UCC for those who fill out the transportation portion of the registration form and *turn it in **by May 12.*** 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.

We will *NOT* 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.

Departures: We will *NOT* run continuous shuttles for departures from Kapa‘a UCC to the Lihue Airport. If you requested transportation to the airport on your registration form, a listing of departure shuttles will also be posted at the registration table. We cannot guarantee any transportation after 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Parking

Limited parking will be available at Kapa‘a First Hawaiian and Kapa‘a UCC.

Meeting Information

Business

Each delegate will be asked to vote on important issues and therefore it is vitally essential for your church’s delegate(s) to familiarize themselves with information about the business items. Updated information can be found on the Conference’s website at www.hcucc.org under Quick Links “2025 ‘Aha Pae‘āina.”

Voting

Delegates

To be a voting delegate, you must be in one of these categories:

1. Local churches with standing in an association of the Hawai‘i Conference are entitled to:
 - a. **One lay delegate** for the first 200 members and an additional delegate for each 100 members or major fraction thereof, up to a *maximum of five*. (For example, a church with 251 members is entitled to two delegates: one lay delegate for the first 200 members plus one lay delegate for the major fraction [51] above 200. Note that the number of church members is determined by *2024 UCC Yearbook* listing.)
 - b. **One youth/young adult delegate**, 30 years of age or younger.
2. **Ordained, Licensed, or Commissioned ministers** with current standing in an association of the Hawai‘i Conference.
3. **Members of Hawai‘i Conference Council and Chairs of standing and special committees.**
4. **Presidents of Associations and recognized affiliate organizations** (Woman’s Board of Missions, State Sunday School Association, Christian Endeavor Association, State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, Council of Samoan Churches, Hawai‘i Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries, and UCC Transition House).

Delegate Orientation

For those who will be first time delegates to the ‘Aha Makua, a delegate orientation is being planned in early June. More information to follow.