



*Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches*

*2023 'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu*

*Friday, June 9, 2023*



**201<sup>st</sup>. ‘Aha Pae`aina**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**June 9, 2023**  
**‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu**  
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# **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**



# *2023 'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu*

*Friday, June 9, 2023*

## **Tentative Schedule** (Subject to Change)

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 2023**

'Aha O Nā Kahu Boundary Training Virtual

### **FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023**

<b>7:30 A.M.</b>	Shuttle from Honolulu International Airport to Kāne'ohe Congregational Church
<b>8:00 A.M.</b>	Shuttle from Honolulu International Airport to Kāne'ohe Congregational Church
<b>8:30 A.M.</b>	Last Shuttle from Honolulu International Airport to Kāne'ohe Congregational Church
<b>8:30 - 9:45 A.M.</b>	Registration
<b>10:00 - 11:30 A.M.</b>	Opening Worship, Praise, and Ho'ike
<b>11:30 - 11:45 A.M.</b>	Break
<b>11:45 A.M.</b>	Call to Order - Membership Meeting #1
<b>1:30 - 2:30 P.M.</b>	Lunch
<b>2:30 - 3:30 P.M.</b>	Membership Meeting # 2 – Reconvenes / CE and State Sunday School
<b>3:30 - 4:00 P.M.</b>	Closing Communion
<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	Grab and Go Dinner (Bento)
<b>4:15 P.M.</b>	Shuttle from Kāne'ohe Congregational Church to Honolulu International Airport Shuttle from Kāne'ohe Congregational Church to Aston at the Executive Centre Hotel

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023**

<b>7:30 A.M.</b>	AHEC Trailer and Trolley in Kamehameha Day Parade
<b>9:00 A.M.</b>	Trailer and Trolley will be leaving from 'Iolani Palace
<b>11:30 A.M.</b>	Kamehameha Day Parade ends at Kapiolani Park

# ALOHA LETTER



*I ko mākou pule aloha, welina ma ka inoa o ka Makua, ke Keiki a me ka 'Uhane Hemolele. To our beloved churches, greetings in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

As we count the days to our gathering in Kāneʻohe, on behalf the membership of Kāneʻohe Congregational Church, we bring greetings of “aloha” and welcome.

Founded on November 15, 1834, our church is the oldest Protestant church on the windward side of Oʻahu, established by missionary, Rev. Benjamin Wyman Parker, a member of the 6th company of missionaries that arrived in Hawaiʻi in 1833 from New England. After the division of lands known as the Great Māhele in 1848, the church was granted seven acres in 1849 by King Kamehameha III. The first building was a hale pili or grass hut, followed by other wooden structures located at the fork in the roads of Waikalua and Waikapoki in Kāneʻohe. Like the historical churches of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, the longevity of all of our hale pule is due to the grace of Almighty God, the power of the gospel of salvation and the steadfast faith and unity of its membership.

With great anticipation of your arrival, there is so much to thank God for, as we look forward to the privilege of being in Ke Akua's presence with all of you and drawing closer to Him. The Bible reminds us that we are the Temple of the living God and through the 'Uhane Hemolele (Holy Spirit), He says, “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God and they shall be my people” (2 Cor. 6:16). There will be much joy, hope, grace, power and love as together we embrace the favor God brings.

Welcome to Kāneʻohe!

Na ke Akua ia e ho'opa'a iā 'oe ma kona lima,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kahu Wendell B.K. Davis, Senior Pastor

## **II. BUSINESS ITEMS**





# ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu 2023

June 9, 2023

## BUSINESS AGENDA

**Opening Pule: Papa Makua**

**W. Davis**

**A. Call to Order**

**B. Welsh**

**B. Roll Call - Declare Quorum**

**L. Kamanu**

**C. Review and Approve Agenda**

**B. Welsh**

### **BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**D. Approve Minutes:**

**L. Kamanu**

- **ACTION: Approve 2022 Na Kai Ewalu Minutes**

**E. Finance Report**

**K. Carmelo**

- **Treasurer's Report**

- **ACTION: 2023-2024 Budget**

**F. Old / Unfinished Business**

- **ACTION: Papa Makua Relational Covenant**

**B. Welsh**

- **Information: Aha Makua Budget action**

**B. Welsh**

**G. New Business**

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- **Blessing of General Synod Delegates**

**Delegates**

### **REPORTS:**

**H. Leadership Reports**

- **Luna Ho'omalū**

**B. Welsh**

- **Papa Makua**

**W. Davis**

- **Luna Ho'omalū Hope**

**A. Rosa**

**I. Special Committee Reports**

- **Ho'ola I Ka Aina**

**R. Fujioshi**

- **Ho'okolokolo Committee**

**K. Wilson**

- **Ho'olala Committee**

**S. Masilamoney**

**J. Committee Reports**

**COM (Committee On Ministry)**

**S. Masilamoney**

**Program “Nā Lima Hō‘ike “E”**

**K. Arinaga**

**Scholarship**

**M. Warren**

**Hua Mua Endowment**

**A. Paleka**

**Nominations**

**K. Welsh**

**Bylaws**

**Inactive**

**K. Reports: Island Representatives**

O‘ahu

Kaua‘i

Moloka‘i

East Maui

West Maui

East Hawai‘i

West Hawai‘i

M. Abang

M. Baird

W. Higa

J. Costa

W. Higa

P. Scott Ah Nee

M. Kaupiko

**L. Partnership Ministries**

State Sunday School Association

Pacific Island Asian American Ministries - Hawai‘i

Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center

Kamehameha Schools

Christian Endeavor - Hawai‘i

A. Mercado

R. Mau

K. Patterson

K. Wong

M. Warren

**M. Election of Officers**

- **ACTION**: Voice vote for incumbent renewals

- **Ballot**: Floor nominations for open spots

B. Welsh

**N. Announcements / Reflections**

A. Parliamentary procedure: Review - <https://robertsrules.com/frequently-asked-questions/>

B.

**O. Adjournment / Closing Pule**

**AHEC CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2023**

**JUNE 9-10 – Na Kai Ewalu (AHEC Annual Meeting)**

Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Worship and Business Sessions at Kāne‘ohe Congregational Church

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> - (optional) Kamehameha Day Parade (Downtown Honolulu)

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – HCUCC ‘Aha Makua by Zoom

**(Future 2023-24 dates for Board and Halawai meetings pending.**

**Churches are urged to consider hosting the Halawai meetings!)**



# ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

*Hawaii Conference, United Church of Christ*

**2023 Spring `Aha Halawai**

**February 24-25, 2023\***

**Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church**

**Haiku, Maui**



## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

**11:15- 5:00pm**

**Opening Pule: Papa Makua**

**W Davis**

**Call to Order**

**B Welsh**

- **Roll Call - Declare Quorum**
- **Churches present: 16**

**L Kamanu**

- Bishop Memorial, Ewa Community, Haili Congregational, Hau`oli Kamaano Church, Hau`ula Kahuku Church, Ka`ahumanu Church, Kalanikahua Hou Church, Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church, Kawaiāha`o Church, Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church, Kona Lanakila Church, Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church, Ola`a First Hawaiian Church, Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church, Waihe`e Protestant Church, Waiola Church.
- Absent: Hauula Congregational Church, Healani Congregational Church, Hokuloa Chapel, Kahana o KeAkua Church, Kahikuonalani UCC, Kalihi Moanalua Church, Kaluaaha Congregational Church, Kaulana Pueo Congregational Church, Koolau Hui`ua Protestant Church, Lahuiokalani Ka`anapali Congregational Church, Liliuokalani Protestant Church, Oluwalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church,
- Guest Church: Wananalua Church
- Present: 4 Partnership CE Hawaii, Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries, Kamehameha School, State Sunday School Association
- Absent: Pacific Justice and Reconciliation

- **Review and Approve Agenda**

**B Welsh**

### **A. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- **Approve Minutes:**

**L Kamanu**

- [# 1. 2023 SAH – Motion to approve 2023 Fall Aha Halawai Minutes](#)  
[Motion: Kalei Tong 2nd: Joslyn Costa Motion Carried](#)

- **FINANCE REPORT**

**Report on File**

**K Carmelo**

- [#2. 2023 SAH Motion to accept Finance report Motion: Michael Warren](#)

\* SAH-Spring `Aha Halawai

## 2nd: Michele Pimentel Motion Carried

### • Old / Unfinished Business

- **Aha Na Kai `Ewalu** **B Welsh**
  - Announcement: Due to moving location and other challenges MAKUA will be zoom meetings only
  - **#3. 2023 SAH Motion: to have in an person Nā Kai `Ewalu Motion: Mike Warren 2nd-Maile Shaw Carried**
- Pacific Theological
  - **Shared that there is a November gathering for this organization**

### B. NEW BUSINESS

- **Papa Makua Relational Covenant** **Exec Comm.**
  - Discussion: more clarity, church input, include the word, have the promise from 1991 be a part of the covenant, Isaiah 61
- **#4. 2023 SAH Motion : To move this forward as a draft #1 pending clarifying language. Motion: Michael Warren 2nd Kalaniakea Wilson**
- **Pension Board Update** **K Makuakane**
  - **Kahu Ken Makuakane**- Shares ideas of how the Pension Board provides financial opportunities for our association's Kahu

### C. REPORTS:

- **Leadership Reports**
  - **Luna Ho'omalua** **REPORT ON FILE** **B Welsh**
    - **HCUCC National Delegate openings** – Pualani shares that she is representative currently. Her term will expire. Encourages churches to turn in nominations
  - **Papa Makua** **W Davis**
    - **Will hold monthly meetings** and will share a link and is asking for all church alakai to also join.
  - **Luna Ho'omalua Hope** **A. Rosa**
    - Encourages other to consider positions on the board like LHH. She will continue for another term.

### D. Special Committee Report

- **Ho'ola I Ka Aina** **REPORT ON FILE** **R Fujiyoshii**
- **Ho'okolokolo Committee** **REPORT ON FILE** **K Wilson**
  - A draft report sharing progress on the resolution will be written by Mama Kahu Karen Welsh that will be reported on a national level at the general synod.
  - The resolution for a new study regarding the Indian Boarding School and the boarding schools in Hawaii is presented
  - The second is the reparations to fund Christian Hawaiian Language Education programs...These resolutions have been submitted to the Synod.

- Ho'olala Committee      REPORT ON FILE      S Masilamoney
  - Asks for training for our Kahu to support our Churches

**J. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Committee on Ministry      Report on File      S. Masilamoney
  - Licsencing is back in the MOM for Hawaii
  - Program “Nā Lima Hō‘ike ‘E”      K Arinaga
  - Hua Mua      REPORT ON FILE      A Paleka
- Nominations      REPORT ON FILE      K Welsh
- Bylaws      Inactive

**K. REPORTS: ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES**

- O‘ahu      REPORT ON FILE      M Abang
- Kaua‘i      REPORT ON FILE      M Baird
- Moloka‘i
- East Maui      REPORT ON FILE      J Costa
- West Maui      REPORT ON FILE      W Higa
- East Hawai‘i      REPORT ON FILE      L.Kamanu
- West Hawai‘i      M Kaupiko

**L. PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES**

- State Sunday School Association      REPORT ON FILE      A Mercado
- Pacific Island Asian American Ministries - Hawai‘i      R Mau
- Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center      K Patterson
- Kamehameha Schools      REPORT ON FILE      K Wong
- Christian Endeavor - Hawai‘i      REPORT ON FILE      M Warren

**M. Announcements / Reflections**

**A. Parliamentary procedure: Review - <https://robertsrules.com/frequently-asked-questions/>**

**B.**

**N. Adjournment / Closing Pule**

AHEC CALENDAR OF MEETINGS - 2022-2023

APRIL 3 – Executive Committee – 6:30pm

APRIL 15 – Board of Directors – 9am-12pm

MAY 22 – Executive Committee – 6:30pm

AHA NA KAI EWALU – JUNE TBD

(HCUCC will be using ZOOM for the Aha Pae’aina.)

‘Aha Na Kai Ewalu  
Pu’ukū Report, Kerisa Carmelo  
June 9, 2023

*‘O Kākou Ke Kamali’i O Iesu Christo Ke Ali’i*

*“How you do everything is how you do everything” SRVP Barron Mizusawa 2009*

Aloha Mai Kakou,

Introduction:

5.1.5 The Pu’ukū

5.1.5.3 Shall at all time keep an accurate record of all transactions involving the various accounts entrusted to his or her care;

5.1.5.4 Shall submit a full report to the ‘Aha Na Kai ‘Ewalu

Finance Committee Members are Sam Masilamoney, chairperson (2021-2024) from Kona Lanakila Church; Russel Paio (2021-2023) from Laupahoehoe Church and Kerisa Carmelo, Pu’ukū - ex-officio member from Kona Lanakila Church.

The Pu’ukū annual report will consist of the following:

1. Balance Sheet
2. Budget vs Actual Operating Fund Summary
3. Hua Mua Report (Spring Halawai)
4. Investment Reports
5. Aha Iki Fund
6. AHEC Travel and Reimbursement Expense Polices
7. Additional Budget & Spending Accountability Report
8. Hawaiian Kingdom Bond
9. Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024

**Balance Sheet:**

The Balance Sheet report is currently “As of March 31, 2023”. We have a total of \$59,503.22 in the General Checking. The Program Fund used for Na Lima Hoike 5 E’s Grant has a balance of \$12,370.13 (This balance does not show any pending approved grants, please see NLHE Report). Scholarship Fund balance of \$11,438.98, which is used for Na Kahu towards educational programs. This fund is generated by donations collected by the Committee on Ministries during installations of Na Kahu and offerings from our meetings. A new designation account has been created for #1000.4 Papa Makua Fund (HCUCC).

During the June 2022 Aha Makua Delegates voted to uphold the obligations of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ as to recognizing the Papa Makua position and compensate for that position. After several meetings following the Aha Makua’s decision, a committee formed by the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ, tasked to create this compensation plan. A grant check issued by the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ in the amount of \$12,000 which has been deposited into the designated account. A monthly check in the amount of \$2,000.00 has been issued and deposited into

#1000.4 Papa Makua Fund (HCUCC). By June 2023 this account will have a balance of \$24,000.00. As a grant fund from the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ which has not earmarked the fund but specified AHEC used "anyway it is needed." **Recommendations is to use this #1000.4 for the proposed budget expenses #6670.1 & #6670.2 of the Papa Makua Expense Accounts.** The proposed budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 is attached at the end of the report.

**The amount in the Bank of Hawaii Checking is \$101,312,33.**

The bottom section of the Balance Sheet shows Other Current Assets \$2,500,213.01 which is our investments funds undermanagement.

**The Total of Current Assets and Other Current Assets \$2,601,540.11**

### **Budget vs Actual Operating Fund (Summary):**

This report is generated from beginning of the fiscal period July 2022 to March 2023. The top portion of the report shows the Income. As a nonprofit association we generate income by the Membership Dues, Contributions – Hua Mua Fund, Offerings – Scholarship, Offering – General, withdraw from AHEC Redress Fund or AHEC Hua Mua Funds.

The lower half of the spreadsheet shows the expense (spending) of each designated budgeted items (committees, programs, administration cost, etc.).

The middle column shows the fiscal year 2022-2023 Budget and the end column is the Variance which shows whether or not we brought in enough funds to cover expenses or if committees/programs overspent on their approved budgets.

### **Hua Mua Report:**

This report was generated for the Spring Halawai in February. Since then the Hua Mua Committee has deposited a batch of donations. (Please see Hua Mua Report). A question was asked if there any transferrance of funds collected sent to Generation Investment Services. The answer is NO. In June of 2021 the Hawaii Conference Foundation - AHEC Hua Mua Fund investment account was closed and transferred into Generation Investment Services. Covid was in full swing and with a difficult economy the HM GIS account declined . Meanwhile the Hua Mua Committee actively continued its campaign to raise money for the Hua Mua Fund. They also have been supplanting the Papa Makua position since 2021 of \$1000 a month. They collected and deposited (\$14,136.80) which was held in AHEC bank account. The current Papa Makua Monthly Stipend has been drawing from this account, and no withdrawal was needed from the Hua Mua's investment account.

### **Investment Reports:**

HCF Redress Fund: 12/31/21-12/31/22 the fund yielded \$11,635.76. There was two properties sold for millions during this period and I suspect it hedged the Foundation's investment accounts showing no signs of substantial decline and a slight increase.

**3/31/2023 report total of \$3,191.99**

GIS Redress Fund: 12/31/21-12/31/22 the decline of fund totaled \$-219,705.99 market loss. A upturn from October 2022 to March 2023 the Redress regained \$96,094,17.

**3/31/2023 report total of \$44,649.54**

GIS Hua Mua Fund: 12/31/21-12/31/22 the decline of fund totaled \$-60,235.29 market loss. A upturn from October 2022 to March 2023 the Hua Mua gained \$32,154.95.

**3/31/2023 report total of \$15,415.70**

**Total Assets Undermanagement: \$2,499,417.64** (As on the Balance Sheet)

**Aha Iki Fund:**

The Aha Iki Fund was established by the four-partnership relationship between Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, State Sunday School Association, Christian Endeavor Hawaii, and State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches in 2018. This fund generated revenue from the efforts of each partnership and the funds was used as an expense account for the Aha Iki. The Association was the entity that funded all previous Aha Iki overhead expenses before this fund was developed. This fund is held by Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. Since 2021 the Association has ended its partnership with State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. The Presidents of the remaining partnership (Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, State Sunday School Association, and Christian Endeavor Hawaii) has agreed to have the Aha Iki Fund account closed and to divide the funds equally between the entities. As of 2021 the balance in the Aha Iki Fund is \$6,775.47.

**AHEC Travel and Reimbursement Expense Polices:**

Attachment was created August 2017 and included for informational purposes.

**Additional Budget & Spending Accountability Report:**

On April 15, 2023 at the AHEC Board of Directors meeting, a vote was taken approving additional funds to the Hookolokolo Komike Committee of \$4,600.00. The Hookolokolo Komike Committee recommendation was to increase the budget so they can resend Chairperson Kalaniakea Wilson and Dr. Ron Williams another 14-day trip to Boston Massachusetts. The vote 9/3 approving additional budget.

**Spending Accountability:**

1st Boston Trip (July 5-17, 2022)	\$ 7,812.26 (Hookolokolo Komike Committee)
Additional Oahu Trip (June 30-July 25, 2022)	\$ 4,100.00 (Na Lima Hoike E Grant)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,912.26</b>
Hookolokolo Komike Committee Budget (2022-2023)	\$ 7,100.00
Additional Funds	\$ 4,600.00 (Increase FY 2022-2023 Budget)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,700.00</b>

\*\*\*A trip projected amount submitted \$8,998.00 by committee 5/3/2023

General Synod (June 30, 2023 to July 4, 2023)

General Synod Resolutions Presenters (2)	\$ 6,000.00 (BOD FY 2022-2023 Budget)
Pending	\$ 3,250.00 (Na Lima Hoike E Grant)
Josann Jenks & Wendell Davis (AHEC Delegates)	\$ 1,200.00 (GS FY 2022-2023 Budget)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,450.00</b>

\*\*\*Total cost of GS 2023 will show on the next fiscal year summary report.

**Hawaiian Kingdom Bond:**

The Hookolokolo Komike Committee request a \$1,000.00 to purchase a Hawaiian Government Exchequer Bond, it is currently held with AHEC’s documents at the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ office.

**Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024:**

Added Income to the Budget (HCUCC Fund PM)	\$ 24,000.00
Lowering Expense of the Charitable Contribution	\$ 900.00
Lowering Board of Directors	\$ 1,000.00 (No special in person meetings)
Lowering Executive Board	\$ 3,600.00
Lowering Committee on Ministry	\$ 3,600.00
Lowering Program Committee	\$ 500.00
Lowering Nomination Committee	\$ 120.00
Lowering Constitution & Bylaws Committee	\$ 100.00
Deleting General Synod	\$ 0
Lowering Hua Mua Committee	\$ 150.00
Increasing Hoola I Ka Aina Committee	\$ 2,000.00
Remaining Budget Hookolokolo Komike Committee	\$ 2,500.00
Lowering Hoolala Committee	\$ 2,000.00
Increasing Na Lima Hoike E Program	\$ 40,000.00
Lowering Professional Fees -Others	\$ 500.00
Increase Papa Makua Monthly (Hua Mua)	\$ 24,000.00 (\$2,000.00 monthly)
Adding on Pacific Conference of Churches	\$ 5,500.00

**Action items:**

- Approve #1000.4 BOH Checking – PM Fund (HCUCC) to be expensed #6670.1 Papa Makua Supplement Fund & #6670.2 Papa Makua Monthly (Hua Mua)
- Approve Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- Approve the Pu’uku Report

Mahalo to the Delegates of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, Host Church Kaneohe Congregational Church and all guest of the 2023 Aha Na Kai Ewalu.

E uku I ka pila,



Kerisa Carmelo, Pu’ukū  
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of March 31, 2023

31-Mar-23

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

**1000 - Bank of Hawaii Checking**

1000.1 - BOH Checking - General 59,503.22

1000.2 - BOH Checking - Program Fund 12,370.13

1000.3 - BOH Checking - Scholarship Fund 11,438.98

1000.4 - BOH Checking - PM Fund (HCUCC) 18,000.00

**Total 1000 - Bank of Hawaii Checking** 101,312.33

**1001 - Petty Cash** 14.77

**Total Checking/Savings** 101,327.10

**Other Current Assets**

1100 - AHEC Endowment Fund (HCF) 1,086,558.56

1210 - GIS - Redress Funds (UCF) 990,598.18

12100 - Inventory Asset 795.37

1220 - GIS - Hua Mua (UCF) 422,260.90

**Total Other Current Assets** 2,500,213.01

**Total Current Assets** 2,601,540.11

**TOTAL ASSETS** 2,601,540.11



# Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Budget vs. Actual Operating Fund (Summary)

July 2022 through March 2023

	Jul '22 - Mar 23	FY 2022-2023 Budget	Variance
<b>Income</b>			
4100 · AHEC Membership Dues	1,552.00	3,000.00	-1,448.00
4200 · Contributions - Hua Mua Fund	5,538.25	0.00	5,538.25
4210 · Offerings			
4210.1 · Offerings - Scholarship	551.00	400.00	151.00
4210.2 · Offerings - General	0.00	300.00	-300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,641.25</b>	<b>3,700.00</b>	<b>3,941.25</b>
42200 · Hua Mua Fund Draw 5%	0.00	12,000.00	-12,000.00
4300 · AHEC Endowment Fund			
4300.1 · AHEC Redress Fund Draw- AHEC	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00
4300 · AHEC Endowment Fund - Other	0.00	25,000.00	-25,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>67,000.00</b>	<b>-67,000.00</b>
4500 · William Crisp Fund Distribution	1,876.38	1,700.00	176.38
4600 · Aha Registration			
4600.1 · Aha Registration - Fall	1,910.62	3,000.00	-1,089.38
4600.2 · Aha Registration - Spring	3,725.80	3,000.00	725.80
4600.3 · Aha Registration - Aha Iki	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,512.80</b>	<b>10,700.00</b>	<b>-3,187.20</b>
4650 · Miscellaneous Income			
4650.2 · Reserve From Prior Year	0.00	23,880.00	-23,880.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23,880.00</b>	<b>-23,880.00</b>
4750 · Interest Income	15.75	20.00	-4.25
4900 · HCUCC Fund (PM)	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,169.80</b>	<b>105,300.00</b>	<b>-72,130.20</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>33,169.80</b>	<b>105,300.00</b>	<b>-72,130.20</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
6040 · Bank Service Charges	21.67	50.00	-28.33
6140 · Charitable Contributions	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
6180 · Boards & Committees			
6180.1 · Board of Directors	0.00	6,000.00	-6,000.00
6180.2 · Executive Board	1,552.02	6,000.00	-4,447.98
6180.3 · Church & Ministry	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
6180.4 · Program Committee	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
6180.5 · Nominations Committee	0.00	300.00	-300.00
6180.6 · Constitution & By Laws Comm.	0.00	150.00	-150.00
6180.8 · General Synod Committee	0.00	1,200.00	-1,200.00
6180.9 · Finance Committee	0.00	100.00	-100.00
618010 · Hua Mua Committee	26.85	300.00	-273.15
618014 · Research Committee	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
618015 · Ho'okolokolo Komeki Committee	2,719.21	7,100.00	-4,380.79
618016 · Hoolala Committee	606.22	5,000.00	-4,393.78
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,925.97</b>	<b>36,700.00</b>	<b>-31,774.03</b>

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**  
**Budget vs. Actual Operating Fund (Summary)**

July 2022 through March 2023

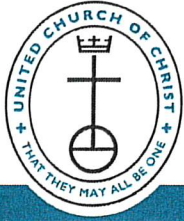
	<u>Jul '22 - Mar 23</u>	<u>FY 2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
<b>6400 · Association Meetings</b>			
6400.1 · Aha Planning	0.00	300.00	-300.00
6400.2 · Aha Halawai Fall	2,053.81	3,000.00	-946.19
6400.3 · Aha Iki	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00
6400.4 · Aha Halawai Spring	1,440.28	3,000.00	-1,559.72
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,494.09</b>	<b>9,300.00</b>	<b>-5,805.91</b>
<b>6460 · Programs, Grants, Scholarships</b>			
6460.1 · Na Lima Hoike "E"	17,629.87	30,000.00	-12,370.13
6460.2 · Scholarships	1,000.00	400.00	600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,629.87</b>	<b>30,400.00</b>	<b>-11,770.13</b>
<b>6470 · Miscellaneous - Investment Fees</b>			
6470.1 · Miscellaneous - Others	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>-200.00</b>
<b>6600 · Programs</b>			
6600.1 · Aha O Na Kahu	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>	<b>-1,000.00</b>
<b>6650 · Postage, Material &amp; Supp, Print</b>	459.17	2,200.00	-1,740.83
<b>6670 · Professional Fees</b>			
6670.1 · Papa Makua Supplement Fund	3,815.07	12,000.00	-8,184.93
6670.2 · Papa Makua Monthly (Hua Mua)	9,000.00	12,000.00	-3,000.00
6670 · Professional Fees - Other	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,274.24</b>	<b>27,700.00</b>	<b>-14,425.76</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>40,324.17</b>	<b>105,300.00</b>	<b>-64,975.83</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-7,154.37</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-7,154.37</b>

Account # 4200 Contributions – Hua Mua Fund  
By Kerisa Carmelo, Pu'uku

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Description:</u>
10/31/2019	Campaign Began
1/10/2020	Covid Hits
7/10/2020	Last transfer to HCF Investments
**7/20/2020	Papa Makua Fund established (\$34,000.00 to date)
*No withdrawal from Hua Mua Fund for fiscal year 2020-2021	
4/02/2021	Started Generations Investment Services Inc.(-\$2,619.20 + \$40.00)
**6/2021	First Withdrawal from HFC \$12,000.00 for fiscal year 2021-2022
**6/2021	Closed HFC Investments and moved balance to GIS \$448,301.17 *Investment account only
1/2023	Total Campaign Increase in fund account #4200: \$14,136.80  Adjusted ledger amount of \$12,000 to #6670.2 Papa Makua Monthly for fiscal 2022-2023
2/2023	<b>Balance to date \$2,136.80</b>

**Campaign Batches:**

<u>Batch Number</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
1	12/16/2020	\$ 2,189.15
2	02/18/2021	\$ 900.00
3	05/07/2021	\$ 1,914.35
4	09/07/2021	\$ 2,567.00
5	11/29/2021	\$ 940.00
6	03/02/2022	\$ 675.00
7	07/21/2022	\$ 1,020.00
8	10/21/2022	\$ 2,455.00
9	01/25/2023	<u>\$ 1,510.00</u>
Total Batch Deposits:		\$14,170.50
Additional Deposits:		\$ 2,625.50 ( -\$2,659.20)
#4200 Contributions – Hua Mua Balance		<u>\$14,136.80</u> ( -\$12,000.00)
#4200 Contributions – Hua Mua Ledger Balance:		<b>\$ 2,136.80</b>



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April 24, 2023

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Friends:

Enclosed is your first quarter 2023 custodial fund investment report. Also enclosed is the consolidated portfolio performance for your review, which breaks down historic performance by fund, showing returns over varying time frames and performance against the benchmarks.

The Kikawa Group of Raymond James has been engaged by the Hawai'i Conference Foundation to monitor and advise on all our investments. They shared the following observation on our portfolio and the market as of the quarter end:

During the first quarter of 2023, the Fed's monetary tightening program had its first birthday. On March 15, 2022, the Fed enacted the first of what would be eight (to this date) interest rate increases. The goal of these rate increases was to pull inflation back to its 2% target. Market participants continue to weigh the effects of a tightening monetary environment while pricing in the possibility of a recession. In March, we also saw the unexpected collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), the 16<sup>th</sup> largest bank in America. Fears of contagion spread across the globe and investor focus shifted towards the possibility of a growing banking crisis. However, a crisis of confidence was quickly averted by the Fed's announcement of backing all deposits and its promise of doing anything necessary to stabilize the banking system.

The Hawaii Conference Foundation's portfolio posted a positive return of 4.8% for the quarter. All broad sectors of the market were up and the gains were mostly led by equities as many investors viewed the SVB's failure a positive catalyst for the market, perhaps urging the Fed to pause from its interest rate hikes. The Bloomberg US Aggregate Bond Index had its best quarter since the first quarter of 2020, and HCF's fixed income allocation participated fully in the gains.

We begin the new quarter facing multiple sources of uncertainty including the number of Fed rate hikes left, a slowdown in economic growth and subsequent recession, and the possibility that the regional banking crisis may not be fully contained. Despite all the uncertainty, the markets have proven resilient and as such, the focus on long term investing should follow suit.

We are also enclosing for your information a letter from Lawrence V. Adam, III, the Chief Investment Officer for Private Client Group at Raymond James, with his current observations of the market.

As of March 31, 2023, our combined investment portfolio had the following market allocation:

This Foundation is dedicated to promoting the interests and welfare of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ, its member churches and affiliates, continuing the first Christian work started in Hawai'i in 1820.



As of March 31, 2023

Consolidated Portfolio Performance

	Market Value \$	% of Portfolio	2023 Q1 (%)	Fiscal YTD (%)	1 Yr (%)	3 Yrs (%)	5 Yrs (%)	7 Yrs (%)	10 Yrs (%)	Inception (%)	Inception Date
<b>Consolidated Portfolio</b>	<b>\$68,996,289</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>4.83</b>	<b>7.29</b>	<b>-5.56</b>	<b>11.36</b>	<b>5.43</b>	<b>7.34</b>	<b>6.78</b>	<b>8.04</b>	<b>Dec-85</b>
<i>Policy Index</i>			5.02	6.99	-4.29	10.16	6.10	7.19	7.20	8.66	
<i>CPI - All Urban Consumers (Unadjusted)</i>			1.70	1.86	4.98	5.35	3.88	3.44	2.63	2.76	
<b>Total Equity Composite</b>	<b>\$32,363,178</b>	<b>46.91</b>									
UCF Domestic Core Equity Fund	\$20,527,829	29.75	7.61	9.21	-8.60	18.00	9.69	11.16	11.20	10.99	May-11
S&P 500 Index			7.50	9.98	-7.73	18.60	11.19	12.42	12.24	11.87	
Vanguard Value ETF	\$552	0.00	-1.02	-	-	-	-	-	-	-0.81	Dec-22
CRSP U.S. Large Cap Value TR Index			-1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-2.56	
Parnassus Mid Cap Institutional	\$3,209,627	4.65	0.53	0.36	-11.41	11.53	-	-	-	3.08	Aug-19
Russell Midcap Index			4.06	9.70	-8.78	19.20	-	-	-	7.64	
JPMorgan Small Cap Sustainable Ldrs I	\$2,656,606	3.85	-0.11	5.78	-14.24	15.80	-	-	-	2.67	Aug-19
Russell 2000 Index			2.74	6.75	-11.61	17.51	-	-	-	5.12	
UCF Beyond Fossil Fuels Fund	\$2,809,814	4.07	6.76	9.88	-7.59	16.48	5.71	8.55	-	7.52	Mar-15
Blended Index - BFFF			6.95	9.68	-7.68	15.64	6.58	8.97	-	7.90	
UCF International Equity Fund	\$3,158,750	4.58	7.30	12.13	-5.10	11.25	1.82	5.53	3.62	4.50	Jan-12
70% MSCI EAFE/30% MSCI Emerging Markets			7.12	10.99	-4.10	11.59	2.30	5.93	4.20	4.91	
<b>Total Fixed Composite</b>	<b>\$7,357,098</b>	<b>10.66</b>									
Calvert Bond I	\$1,403,266	2.03	3.55	1.23	-3.91	-0.07	-	-	-	-0.15	Aug-19
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate			2.96	-0.09	-4.78	-2.77	-	-	-	-0.85	
Morgan Stanley Inst Core PlsFxdInc Instl	\$1,419,553	2.06	3.64	0.35	-5.37	-0.76	-	-	-	-0.73	Aug-19
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate			2.96	-0.09	-4.78	-2.77	-	-	-	-0.85	
Transamerica Bond I	\$1,431,913	2.08	2.99	1.17	-5.35	0.08	-	-	-	-0.62	Aug-19
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate			2.96	-0.09	-4.78	-2.77	-	-	-	-0.85	
Hartford Strategic Income I	\$1,451,182	2.10	3.01	5.05	-3.71	3.25	-	-	-	0.90	Aug-19
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate			2.96	-0.09	-4.78	-2.77	-	-	-	-0.85	
Neuberger Berman Strategic Income I	\$1,494,323	2.17	3.83	5.55	-3.19	4.83	-	-	-	1.44	Aug-19
Blmbg. U.S. Aggregate			2.96	-0.09	-4.78	-2.77	-	-	-	-0.85	
Calvert Short Duration Income I	\$3,088	0.00	2.23	3.62	1.18	2.90	2.25	2.26	-	2.25	Oct-15
Bloomberg Bond Fund 1-5Y Invlt Grade			1.74	1.49	-0.29	0.58	1.75	1.60	-	1.67	
Comerstone Fund	\$153,774	0.22	0.00	0.83	1.58	1.53	1.25	1.05	-	1.00	Apr-15
FTSE 3 Month T-Bill			1.12	2.46	2.61	0.95	1.40	1.20	-	1.07	





## Letter from the Chief Investment Officer

### Time Is On Our Side

*Start me up!* Why would this iconic Rolling Stones song keep racing through my mind? Because it seems like the drivers of this turbulent market—Federal Reserve tightening, inflation, recession worries and geopolitical fears—feel like they will *never stop*. They seem to have more staying power than lead singer Mick Jagger (who turns 80 in July). As we dig deeper into our more optimistic market and economic views, we'll unearth relevant lyrics from some of the Stones' impressive 422-song portfolio to make our case. With equities struggling and interest rates moving higher, investors could be seeking some *emotional rescue*. But *time is on my side, yes, it is*, for two reasons. First, we believe we are closing in on the end of the equity bear market, peak yields, and Fed hawkishness. Second, we expect investors to be rewarded for enduring the current volatility as it should lead to robust performance for most asset classes in the long term.

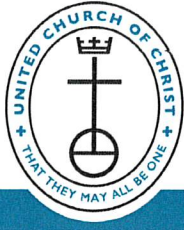
The US economy remains resilient, driven by the *wild horses* of consumer spending. While consumers are shifting spending from goods to services, overall spending continues at a healthy clip. But three factors—dwindling excess savings, higher interest rates and softening job creation—should curb growth soon. Despite the outsized job gains in January and February, economic undertones suggest employment gains are already slowing. Withholding taxes' growth has slid lower on a year-over-year basis, companies have begun to lay off employees (particularly in tech-related businesses), and both online and professional recruiters have lamented slackened hiring. Indeed, the unemployment rate could climb near 5% from its current level of 3.6% by year end. Weakened consumer consumption is one reason our economist expects a mild recession in the second half of this year.

Another recession reason: The Federal Reserve (Fed) kept raising interest rates because it *can't get no satisfaction* with inflation until recently. Look for possibly another rate hike in the fed funds rate to 5.25% at the May meeting. The problem is this: Monetary policy acts with a lag of approximately one year. So, much of the economy is just starting to feel the impact of the first interest rate increases from about a year ago. As we progress further into the year, the accumulation of these rate boosts will crimp both capital spending and consumer spending. We've already seen a bit of this *beast of burden* in the Silicon Valley Bank failure. While we believe the SVB fallout will be contained before things go *all the way down*, it's an example of the Fed squeezing ... until things break. This year, there will be little, if any, help from Washington as lawmakers focus on the battle to avoid a government shutdown over the debt ceiling. We believe they'll avert a shutdown at the eleventh hour—as usual.

In bonds, investors have complained for decades that *you can't always get what you want* when it comes to higher interest rates and meaningful income. But wait ... now you can ... with interest rates soaring to levels not seen since 2008. The rate reset has flipped the script to focusing on attractive yields rather than stretching for yield in lower-quality bonds. In addition, improved yields afford investors the ability to balance their portfolios better. But the higher interest rate opportunity probably won't last long. We are still forecasting the 10-year Treasury yield to head lower toward 3.00%. Lower rates will enhance the returns of the sectors we favor, including Treasuries, munis, investment grade, and emerging market bonds. We still shy away from lower-quality high-yield bonds; their yields aren't compensating investors for the threat of a recession.

Equity markets want the Fed and inflation to *get off of their cloud*. Why? Because equities tend to rally when the Fed ends its tightening cycle, inflation decelerates, and interest rates fall. Assuming the Fed doesn't overtighten and take the economy into a severe recession, S&P 500 earnings should remain solid around \$215. If anything, the economy's better-than-expected start this year gives us more confidence in the upside potential of those numbers. A weaker dollar, quickly improving supply chains, and easing commodity and labor costs should help support margins. The current decline in equities has likely already priced in a mild recession. When we finally get to the recession, sentiment should turn more positive—as markets anticipate coming out of it. As these factors improve, the S&P 500 should move higher, ending the year at ~4,400. While selectivity remains paramount, given the transi-

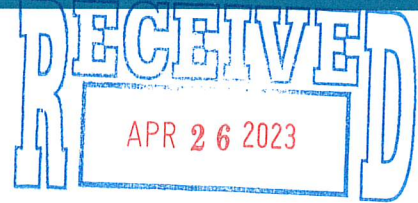
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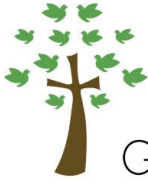
By: \_\_\_\_\_

**REPORT ON COMMON TRUST FUNDS**

For the quarter ended 3/31/2023

Account # 9110

	BOOK VALUE	NO. OF UNITS	MARKET VALUE/UNIT	MARKET VALUE
Balance @ 12/31/22	\$855,528.23	1,393.6184	\$744.4536	\$1,037,484.26
Additions to Investments	-	-		
Gain (Loss) on Investments	(\$3,583.57)			
Dividends/Interest	\$ 7,553.67	9.8817		
Distributions	(\$0.00)	-		
Administrative Fee	(\$778.11)	(1.0452)		
Balance @ 3/31/23	\$ 858,720.22	1,402.4549	\$774.7547	\$1,086,558.56



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## Account Statement for The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches of the Hawaii Conference

### **Redress Fund**

January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

#### **Account Summary**

Beginning Balance	\$	945,948.64
Receipts and disbursements		
Cash receipts		-
Cash disbursements		-
Earnings		
Realized gains(losses)		-
Unrealized gains(losses)		44,649.54
Ending Balance	\$	<u>990,598.18</u>

#### **Investment Holdings**

Funds		
Money Market Fund	\$	101,807.77
Equity Fund		567,966.81
Bond Fund		320,823.60
Total Investment Holdings	\$	<u>990,598.18</u>

#### **Transactions**

##### Purchases

No transactions

##### Sales

No transactions

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## Account Statement for The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches of the Hawaii Conference

### **Hua Mua Fund**

January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

#### **Account Summary**

Beginning Balance	\$	406,845.20
Receipts and disbursements		
Cash receipts		-
Cash disbursements		-
Earnings		
Realized gains(losses)		-
Unrealized gains(losses)		15,415.70
Ending Balance	\$	<u>422,260.90</u>

#### **Investment Holdings**

Funds		
Money Market Fund	\$	126,744.92
Equity Fund		175,752.67
Bond Fund		<u>119,763.31</u>
Total Investment Holdings	\$	<u>422,260.90</u>

#### **Transactions**

##### Purchases

No transactions

##### Sales

No transactions

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**HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Statement of Revenue and Expenditures**  
**Aha Iki 2018**

	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Registration Fees (\$125 X 60)	-	7682.25
Offering All Worship Services	-	3227.80
<b>Total Revenue</b>	-	<b>10,910.05</b>
 <b>Expenditures</b>		
Copies & Postage	-	
Copies		492.50
Postage		65.00
Supplies	-	295.80
Budget Car Rental	-	797.18
Meals & Snacks (at 80 guests)	-	1,321.20
Makana	-	2,000.00
On-line Registration Fee	-	23.00
Refund of registration		250.00
Aha Planning Mtgs		164.36
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	-	<b>5,409.04</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) CARRY OVER TO 2019</b>	-	<b>5,501.01</b>

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures  
Aha Iki 2019  
12/11/2019

	Budget	Actual
<b>Carry Over Balance from 2018</b>	5501.01	5501.01
<b>Revenue</b>		
Registration Fees (\$125 X 60)	7,500.00	9260.73
Offering All Worship Services	2,500.00	1675.65
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>15,501.01</b>	<b>16437.39</b>
 <b>Expenditures</b>		
Copies & Postage	560.00	108.05
Supplies	300.00	347.54
Budget Car Rental	850.00	1,550.03
Meals & Snacks	5,000.00	5,908.42
All Meals calculated at 80 guests		
2 Breakfasts @ \$7 per person		
2 Lunches @ \$10 per person		
1 Dinner @ \$12 per person		
Makana	2,000.00	2,750.00
Gift for Interim Conf Min G. Chavez		165.30
On-line Registration Fee	25.00	38.00
Refund of registration		125.00
Aha Planning Mtgs		1,710.25
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,735.00</b>	<b>12,702.59</b>
 <b>NET INCOME (LOSS) CARRY OVER TO 2020</b>	<b>6,766.01</b>	<b>3,734.80</b>

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Budget  
 Aha Iki 2020

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>Carry Over Balance from 2019</b>	3734.80	3,734.80
<b>Revenue</b>		
Registration Fees (\$125 X 60)	10,000.00	1,923.35
Offering All Worship Services	2,000.00	0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>15,734.80</b>	<b>5,658.15</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Copies & Postage	350.00	334.45
Supplies	400.00	26.96
Budget Car Rental	1,600.00	0.00
Meals & Snacks	4,000.00	0.00
All Meals calculated at 80 guests		
2 Breakfasts		
2 Lunches		
2 Dinner		
Makana	2,500.00	100.00
On-line Registration Fee	40.00	63.00
Aha Planning Mtgs	500.00	53.65
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>9,390.00</b>	<b>578.06</b>
 <b>NET INCOME (LOSS) Carry over to 2021</b>	 <b>6,344.80</b>	 <b>5,080.09</b>

Notes:

In FYE2020, there were 2 Aha due to the pandemic. Both were held online.

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
 Budget  
 Aha Iki 2021

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
<b>Carry Over Balance from 2020</b>	5080.09	5,080.09
<b>Revenue</b>		
Registration Fees (\$25 X 60)		1,837.40
Offering All Worship Services		0.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,080.09</b>	<b>6,917.49</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Copies & Postage		94.02
Supplies		0.00
Budget Car Rental		0.00
Meals & Snacks		0.00
All Meals calculated at 80 guests		
2 Breakfasts		
2 Lunches		
2 Dinner		
Makana		
On-line Registration Fee		48.00
Aha Planning Mtgs		0.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	-	<b>142.02</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS) Carry over to 2022</b>	<b>5,080.09</b>	<b>6,775.47</b>

## ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

### ACCOUNTABLE REIMBURSED EXPENSE PLAN

To be an accountable plan for reimbursements or allowance arrangement must comply with all four of the following rules:

**BUSINESS CONNECTION:** Your expenses must have a business connection- that is; you must have paid or incurred deductible expenses while performing services for **AHEC**

**ADEQUATE ACCOUNTING:** You must adequately account to **AHEC** for these expenses within a reasonable period of time (not more than 60 days after an expense is incurred).

**RETURNING EXCESS REIMBURSEMENTS:** You must return any excess reimbursement or allowance within a reasonable period. An excess reimbursement or allowance is any amount you are paid that is more than the business-related expenses you adequately accounted for to **AHEC**.

**REIMBURSEMENTS NOT MADE OUT OF SALARY REDUCTIONS:** The income tax regulations caution that in order for an employer's reimbursement arrangement to be accountable, it must meet a "reimbursement requirement" in addition to the three requirements summarized above. The reimbursement requirement means that an employer's reimbursements of an employee's business expenses come out of the employer's funds and not by reducing the employee's salary.

\*\*Tax guide for non- profit organizations

## **ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**

### **Travel and Expense Policies**

Good stewardship and fiscal responsibility should be the guide when making decisions for all business-related expenses. Papa Makua is expected to seek the lowest rates for hotel and transportation expenses and avoid extravagant meals and events.

Relatable Business Connections: Air Travel, Ground Transportation, Hotel Lodging, Meals, Incidentals, faxes, photocopies, internet charges, data ports and business-related telephone calls while on travel status, etc. **NO PERSONAL EXPENSES**

Expenses that are non-reimbursable include, but not limited to, the following:

- Personal travel insurance
- Personal reading materials
- Toiletries, cosmetics, or grooming products
- Laundry/dry cleaning
- Housekeeping service
- Personal telephone calls
- Airline upgrades
- Business class or first-class flights
- Cost incurred by traveler's failure to cancel travel or hotel reservations
- Expenses incurred by spouses, children, or relatives
- Childcare
- In-room movies, video games or snacks
- Alcoholic beverages
- Sporting events, shows, etc.
- Other expenses not directly related to the business of **AHEC**
- Prorate expenses when combined business and personal travel

Fill out the form below completely. All receipts should be attached to the form.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payable to:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE(S) OF EVENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AIR FARE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CAR RENTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LODGING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Airport parking, meals, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

(AUTHORIZED PERSON)

CHARGE TO: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer Use Only**

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Finance Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





**KAU'I P. SAI-DUDOIT**

Acting Minister of Finance for the Hawaiian Kingdom  
P.O. Box 4146  
Hilo, HI 96720

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August 29, 2022

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches  
c/o Kahu Wendell Davis  
1848 Nu'uaniu Avenue  
Honolulu, HI 96817

Dear Kahu Davis:

Herewith please find enclosed Bond Certificate number 22-00014 issued in exchange for your subscription of \$1000.00 in accordance with the conditions accepted by you on behalf of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches.

This certificate will be your record that when the Hawaiian Kingdom appealed to you in the name of humanity and the rule of law you responded with Aloha.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kau'i P. Sai-Dudoit'.

Kau'i P. Sai-Dudoit  
*acting* Minister of Finance

Enclosure: Bond





**\$1000.00**

**EXCHEQUER BOND**

**ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS**

No. 22-00014

To Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches



The *acting* Government of the Hawaiian Kingdom, by its Council of Regency, acting of and by the authority vested under Hawaiian law and the doctrine of necessity, issues this certificate in acknowledgment of your subscription of \$1,000.00 USD to the National Loan to the Hawaiian Kingdom. This certificate is not negotiable but it is exchangeable. It is redeemable at par within one year after the fifth year from the date when the United States of America's military occupation of the Hawaiian Islands has come to an end for \$1,000.00 USD. Said Bond to bear interest at two and one half per cent per annum from the date the American occupation comes to an end and that the Hawaiian government is in complete control in the exercising of its sovereignty.

*Keiōi Uehata*  
Minister of Finance

*David P. ...*  
Chairman, Council of Regency



**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**AHEC PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024**

Income		FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
4100	AHEC Membership Dues	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
4210.1	Offerings - Scholarships	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
4210.2	Offerings - General	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,000.00
42200	Hua Mua Fund Draw	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -
4300	Redress Fund Draw: Program	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
4300.1	Redress Fund Draw: AHEC	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
4500	William Crisp Fund Distribution	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,700.00
4600.1	Aha Registration- Fall	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
4600.2	Aha Registration- Spring	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
4600.3	Aha Registration- Iki	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
4900	HCUCC Fund PM	\$ -	\$ 24,000.00
4650.2	Reserve from prior year	\$ 23,880.00	\$ 17,000.00
4750	Interest Income	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
<b>5% Redress 80/20 Split TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$ 105,300.00</b>	<b>\$ 111,120.00</b>
Expense		FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
6040	Bank Service Charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
6140	Charitable Contributions	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 900.00
6180.1	Board of Directors	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
6180.2	Executive Board	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,600.00
6180.3	Committee on Ministry	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
6180.4	Program Committee	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
6180.5	Nomination Committee	\$ 300.00	\$ 120.00
6180.6	Constituion & Bylaws Committee	\$ 150.00	\$ 100.00
6180.8	General Synod	\$ 7,200.00	\$ -
6180.9	Finance Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
6180.10	Hua Mua Committee	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00
6180.14	Hoola I Ka Aina	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
6180.15	Hookolokolo Committee	\$ 11,700.00	\$ 2,500.00
6180.16	Hoolala	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
6400.1	Aha Planning	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6400.2	Aha Halawai Fall	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
6400.3	Aha Iki	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
6400.4	Aha Halawai Spring	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
6460.1	Na Lima Hoike E Program	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
6460.2	Scholarship	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
6470.1	Miscellaneous- Others	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
6600.1	Aha O Na Kahu	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
6650	Postage, Material & Supplies, Printing and	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
6670	Professiononal Fees-Others	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
6670.1	Papa Makua Supplement Fund	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
6670.2	Papa Makua Monthly (Hua Mua)	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 24,000.00
6700	Pacific Confernce of Churches	\$ -	\$ 5,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$ 109,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 111,120.00</b>

# **III. ANNUAL REPORTS**





**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches  
Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ**

**LUNA HO'OMALU REPORT**

**Na Kai Ewalu**

**June 9, 2023**

Blessings to the members of the Na Kai Ewalu. Our AHEC churches are meeting in-person for our Annual Meeting because of the passion of our delegates to fellowship together and continue our beautiful traditions. It is an honor to serve the Hawaiian churches as the Luna Ho'omaluu and I want to share in my report about events within AHEC from the past year starting with most recent.

**GENERAL SYNOD RESOLUTIONS:** The new AHEC Resolutions are still moving forward. Papa Makua Kahu Wendell Davis and Josann Meyer Parker Jenks from Kawaiaha'o Church are the 2023 AHEC General Synod delegates. The titles are 'A Resolution Calling for a New Study by our Church on our Relationship with the Indian Boarding Schools and the boarding schools in Hawaii' and secondly, 'A Resolution to Urge All Responsible Entities to Join In Reparations to Fund Christian Hawaiian Language Education Programs to Undo a Century of Extinction. Americanization and Indoctrination Policies Extinguished the Original Christian Hawaiian Alphabet.' These Resolutions are still moving forward as 'Resolutions of Witness' under the guidance of the Synod sub-committee of Disposition.

**PAPA MAKUA RELATIONAL COVENANT:** The presidents and vice-presidents of both AHEC and the Council have had a series of meetings over the past few months to put together a covenant regarding our many conversations about AHEC and the Papa Makua. The Executive Committee brought the covenant to the AHEC Spring Halawai and it was passed with small additions of historical context and then the HCUCC Council passed it with one change. The document is included in our packet for the Na Kai Ewalu to make a decision on.

**SPRING HALAWAI on Maui at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church:** Our theme of ***"E Ho'omana Kakou e Ke Akua, E Ho'onani 'ia Ke Akua - We are empowered by the Lord, The Lord is Glorified!"*** was fitting for the beautiful time AHEC had on Maui. Great appreciation and gratitude is given to the members of Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church for being wonderful hosts and in particular for the amazing food! Highlights were the Friday workshop on the Ku'e Petition by the host church and the evening Aha Mele. Many thanks to Kalaniakea Wilson for stepping in last minute, due to Ron Williams' unexpected illness, for the Saturday presentation on the New England artifacts that were researched last summer.

**FALL HALAWAI at Ewa Community Church:** AHEC met in-person for the first time since the pandemic to celebrate our Fall Halawai. We have great gratitude for the Ewa Community Church ohana which did a magnificent job in hosting our delegates. I wrote a summary for the Coconut Wireless. *"AHEC Luna Ho'omalua (President) Kahu Brian Welsh shares, "A highlight was the Saturday teaching by Ron Williams called "From Ku to Cook", a presentation about the summer research trip to the New England archives. Important documents and artifacts were shared that may change the way Hawaiian history is viewed as further research comes to light. Another highlight was the wonderful State Sunday School Ho'ike on Friday night with many amazingly talented musicians sharing their gifts in song."*

**HAWAIIAN KINGDOM HISTORY: The Kingdom, The Church and The Land:** The 12 sessions are currently available on the HCUCC website and the link can be shared with interested people. <https://www.hcucc.org/hawaiian-kingdom-history-series>. Notably, there is a growing movement of seeking justice for the crimes of the past among a diverse group of organizations. The Methodist Church has taken steps of apology and reparation. UH Manoa presented a symposium this year called, "The Royal Commission of Inquiry-- Investigating War Crimes and Human Rights Violations Committed in the Hawaiian Kingdom." Finally, there has been a learning opportunity on the HCUCC website called "The Land Back Movement." I am very grateful, in particular, for the hard work in putting on the Sunday history series which has had hundreds of people register for it. Truth has great power and we are seeing truth change the hearts of people.

The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Church is an active and vital association that continues to "live into" the 1993 Redress. We are blessed with the ministry of our Papa Makua Kahu Wendell Davis who keeps us focused on God. It is an honor to serve these wonderful congregations.

Blessings,  
Kahu Brian Welsh  
[kahubrian@gmail.com](mailto:kahubrian@gmail.com)

(DRAFT- 4/12/23)

## **Relational Covenant**

Between the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ and  
the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, United Church of Christ

### **UCC Background**

On January 17, 1993, the President of the United Church of Christ, Paul Sherry, presented an Apology to the Hawaiian people. In the Apology he shared these words of the ongoing process of repenting for the original complicity in the overthrow of the Queen in the past and righting wrongs in the future. ***“We are gathered here so that, as President of the United Church of Christ, I can apologize for the support given that act by ancestors of ours in the church now known as the United Church of Christ. We do so in order to begin a process of repentance and reconciliation for wrongs done. We are here not to condemn, but to acknowledge. We are here to remember and ask forgiveness. We are here to commit ourselves to work alongside our Hawaiian sisters and brothers - both those in the United Church of Christ and those beyond - in the hope that a society of justice and mercy for them and for all people, everywhere, may yet emerge.”***

### **Introduction**

This covenant between the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ (HCUCC) and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) makes advice and counseling services available to HCUCC member congregations and leadership through the ministry of the AHEC Papa Makua.

### **Foundations**

The Papa Makua is the spiritual leader, chief executive, and administrative officer of AHEC, with duties outlined by the AHEC bylaws and further defined by the AHEC Board of Directors. The AHEC Board of Directors calls and supervises the Papa Makua. AHEC serves as the calling and compensating setting of the church for the Papa Makua.

Both HCUCC and AHEC believe that the resources of the Papa Makua's ministry can and should be available more broadly to churches around Hawai'i. Further, both believe that coordination of ministry between the HCUCC staff and the Papa Makua has great potential benefit. This covenant between AHEC and HCUCC brings the Papa Makua's ministry to the HCUCC on a consulting basis.

### **Expectations**

The primary responsibilities of the Papa Makua are defined by AHEC and its Board of Directors.



HCUCC will invite the Papa Makua to meetings of staff that are appropriate to coordinated ministry. These meetings would be those in which the Papa Makua would gain and share useful information about conditions of AHEC churches, or in which HCUCC program discussions would benefit from the input of the Papa Makua.

HCUCC staff would make requests of the Papa Makua for time and consultation with HCUCC congregations. The Papa Makua will respond to these requests as time and other responsibilities permit with the basic goal to kokua one another. Likewise, the Papa Makua would make requests of HCUCC staff for time and consultation as well, which HCUCC staff will respond to as time and other responsibilities permit. The HCUCC staff cannot direct the activities of the Papa Makua, nor can the Papa Makua direct the activities of the HCUCC staff.

### **Supervision**

The Papa Makua will be supervised by the AHEC Board of Directors.

### **Evaluation**

The Relational Covenant shall be reviewed annually prior to the 'Aha Pae'aina by a committee comprised of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference Council, and the Luna Ho'omalua and Luna Ho'omalua Hope of AHEC. They shall report their review to the HCUCC Conference Council and the AHEC Board of Directors.

### **Scriptural Basis**

Reconciliation is a process that can take time. The overthrow of the Queen in 1893 caused many problems for the Hawaiian people that are not solved quickly. The good news is we have a God who empowers healing and reconciliation. These words of the Prophet Isaiah to the nation of Israel give hope in God's passion for ongoing justice, even today for the Hawaiian people. ***"For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed."***



# Kahu Wendell B.K. Davis

## Papa Makua Report

### – Aha Na Kai ‘Ewalu 2023

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“Don’t lose your courage or be afraid. Don’t panic or be frightened. The Lord your God goes with you. He will fight for you against your enemies. And he will save you.” – Deuteronomy 20:3-4

#### Hālāwai (Meeting)

- Attended Church On Ministry (C.O.M.) Meetings as scheduled
- Attended meetings with the Ho’okolokolo Committee as scheduled.
- Attended meetings with the AHEC Board of Directors as scheduled.
- Attended meetings with the AHEC Executive Committee as scheduled.

#### Pili Lehulehu (Public Relations)

- I met with Rev. Dr. Upolu Vaai, Principal of the Pacific Theological College and very excited with more initiatives through this partnership in equipping our church through continuing education and degree opportunities for our AHEC pastors and leaders, including our youth.

#### ‘Oihana Kaila (Outreach Ministry)

- KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS - Ongoing efforts and connections with the CEO, Jack Wong and its Faith Advisory group.
- KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS – BISHOP MEMORIAL CHAPEL – Continued support and assistance chapel memorial services, as needed.
- UCC NEWS – Participated in a publication through the UCC News, along with other AHEC leaders (Kahu Ron Fujiyoshi, Pualani Muraki, Joyclynn Costa and Kalaniakea Wilson) on the resolutions being addressed by the General Synod 2023.

#### Ho’ola Ana (Healing)

- On behalf of AHEC, attended the celebration of life memorial service for Kahu Henry Boshard held at Hulihe’e Palace on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Many of our AHEC ‘Ohana also attended. It was a beautiful celebration for Kahu Henry.
- Officiated a celebration of life memorial service for the Bruce Tong, Jr. ‘Ohana held at Ola’a First Hawaiian Church. Wife, Kalei and four daughters.

#### Kahu Hapanui (Pastor to Pastor)

- Kūkā Time: With Na Kahu & Na Alaka’i ‘Ohana Hour (Zoom Meeting) An ‘Ohana Hour schedule for all pastors and lay leaders to meet with me has been scheduled and shared. First meetings were held for Na Kahu (1/30; 3/27) and Na Alaka’i (2/27; 4/24).

Meetings were resourceful and a blessing to “kukakuka” and openly share our hearts for each other, our families, and our churches.

- **Papa Kahu Outreach:** Continued contact with churches, pastors, and lay leaders both active, inactive, and retired.
- **Kaneohe Congregational Church Ho’ike (April 1):** A blessed event of testimony and biblical sharing on the topic of the Holy Spirit. Ewa Community Church attended and was one of ten churches that gathered in praising the Lord and sharing the good news of the Gospel.
- **Kaneohe Congregational Church – AHA NA KAI EWALU (June 9):** KCC will host our one-day Aha Na Kai Ewalu this year.

### **Nā Hana I Holomua (Ongoing Initiatives)**

- **AHEC WEBSITE/FACEBOOK:** Our website: <https://ahechawaii.org> continue be updated and posting of Hawaiian Kingdom History Series as well as transparency and communication purposes. Our AHEC Facebook page is active and another great tool of communication and transparency.

### **Nā Hanana E Hiki Mai Ana (Upcoming Events)**

**May 15** – Na Kahu “Ohana Hour”

**May 27** – Waiola Church - 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**June 9** – Aha Na Kai Ewalu at Kaneohe Congregational Church

**June 30 - July 4-** General Synod - Indiana

**July 15** – Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Congregational Church – 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**August 5** – Laupahoehoe Congregational Church – 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Komike Hookolokolo Report Aha Na Kai Ewalu June 9, 2023

1. Submitting the AHEC resolution that was approved at the 2021 General Synod to be approved by the Hawaii Conference UCC. Titled “A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 years of War Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom”.
2. Komike Hookolokolo is submitting two new resolutions to General Synod 2023. Both of these resolutions are a result from the Department of Interior investigative report from May 2022. This report outlines the civilization process that indoctrinated native languages from the natives. The vehicle’s were boarding schools “A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A NEW STUDY BY OUR CHURCH ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS AND THE BOARDING SCHOOLS IN HAWAII”. Eleven boarding school’s in Hawaii were named for facilitating these programs. The second resolution “A RESOLUTION TO URGE ALL RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES TO JOIN IN REPARATIONS TO FUND CHRISTIAN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO UNDO A CENTURY OF EXTINCTION. AMERICANIZATION AND INDOCTRINATION POLICIES EXTINGUISHED THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN HAWAIIAN ALPHABET”. The attachments have the final wording in these resolutions. The impact of these two resolutions could reinvigorate the Christian faith amongst Hawaiians by perpetuating the the Christian Hawaiian language through luakini programs as the nucleus.
3. AHEC through Komike Hookolokolo is sending Dr. Ronald Williams and Komike Chair Kalaniakea Wilson to Boston to excavate archives at the Harvard library system. The letters from the beginning of the ABCFM mission in Hawaii are held in this archive. The purpose is:  
Research in Boston into ABCFM missionary letters, documentation and records for the two resolutions in relation to financial relations between the War Department of the U.S. and the civilization act of 1819. The War Department is the U.S. government department that funded the civilization act that implemented policies of Americanization that extinguished the Christian Hawaiian language. The War Department is now known as the Department of Defense whose 2023 Budget is 1.98 Trillion. If a link and connection exist between the ABCFM and the War Department to funding schools in Hawaii we could request from the Department of Defense for financial aid to revitalize the Christian Hawaiian language and to build Christian schools perpetuating Christian Hawaiian language from our Hawaiian Churches.
4. Komike Hookolokolo collaboration with the Justice & Witness Missional Team was a success. 12 presentations, one every Sunday for three months. This collaboration is the best and most current compiled presentation created about the current situation in the Hawaiian Kingdom. AHEC, the Hawaii Conference and all of Hawaii and the world benefits tremendously from this collaboration and 12 presentations. “The Kingdom, the church and the land”.

5. Komike Hookolokolo is currently working on funding mechanisms to process 6,000 items discovered in Boston archives in the summer of 2022 that haven't been seen in Hawaii for a very long time. These items portray a story that is not commonly know today.

6. Komike Hookolokolo is working to complete a General Synod report to the United Church of Christ and the United Church of Christ Board from the Be It Resolved requirement embedded in the 2021 AHEC resolution. The Be It Resolved section requires an accounting of all the actions that occurred over the course of two years from 2021 to 2023. The Be It Resolved section "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ Board will provide the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church of Christ with a written and oral update on the progress on the implementation of this resolution".

Komike Hookolokolo Chair  
Kalaniakea Wilson  
kupaiwialoha@gmail.com

[05-01] **A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 Years of War Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom**  
 Sponsor: No Assignment  
 Committee: [05] Committee #05  
 Event: 2021 General Synod  
 Type: General Synod Full Consideration

### Action Summary

#### Recommendation

#### Action

On Recommendation (A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM), the Committee #05 Committee acted as follows:

Approve as Amended (CA)

On Recommendation (A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM), the General Assembly acted as follows:

Approve (AA)

## Assembly Action

*On Recommendation (A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM), the General Assembly acted as follows:*

#### Approve

Electronic Vote - Plenary

Affirmative:328

Negative:122

Abstaining:34

## Committee Recommendation

*On Recommendation (A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM), the Committee #05 Committee acted as follows:*

#### Approve as Amended

Voice Vote

**Final text:** Show Amended Text

*Below is the text of the resolution as revised by the committee. This is the text the Plenary will be discussing and voting on. To see the edits made by the committee, please click on the link at the bottom of this resolution text.*

#### TEXT OF THE MOTION

**WHEREAS** Henry Opukahaia is known as the missionary from the Hawaiian Kingdom that encouraged American missionaries to arrive in Hawaii; [i], [ii] and

**WHEREAS** the first Christian nation in the Pacific, the Hawaiian Kingdom constitution in 1840 began with a quote from the Bible "God hath made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on the face of the earth in unity and blessedness"; [iii], [iv], [v] and

**WHEREAS** on December 19, 1842, United States President John Tyler agreed to recognize the independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom; [vi] and

**WHEREAS** the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom through treaties with friendly nations around the world, successfully modernized Hawaiian self-governance at the time to prosper in peace, trade and friendship through treaties with friendly nations around the world for fifty years; [vii] and

**WHEREAS** Rev. Rufus Anderson, the author of the three-self method (self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating) and the long-term secretary of the ABCFM (American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission) arrived in Hawai'i in 1863 to tell the missionaries to create self-reliant, self-governing churches and "to devolve upon it (the Hawaiian churches) the responsibilities of self-government in ecclesiastical matters"; [viii] and

**WHEREAS** Rev. Anderson's advice was not followed and the government of the Hawaiian Kingdom was overthrown on January 17, 1893; [ix] and

**WHEREAS** on December 18, 1893, President Grover Cleveland's executive agreement to restore the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom was signed by Liliuokalani and received by U.S. ambassador Albert Willis; [x] and

**WHEREAS** in 1991, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ directed President Paul Sherry to issue an apology on the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy for the complicity of the church in the overthrow; [xi], [xii] and

**WHEREAS** in 1993 President Clinton, with senators and representatives from Hawaii, signed Public Law 103-150 apologizing for the United States role in the illegal occupation; [xiii] and

**WHEREAS** the National Lawyers Guild recommended to the Governor of the State of Hawaii "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands"; [xiv] and

**WHEREAS** the United Church of Christ has historically stressed the importance of Justice as a key faith component for the Church; and

**WHEREAS** the correction of injustices depends upon correct history based upon factual matters, and history is often based upon who writes the history and factual information available; and

**WHEREAS** the information included in this resolution will be available at <https://ahecchurch.weebly.com/> about the founding of the Hawaiian Kingdom to correct false history about the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS** various General Synods of the United Church of Christ have taken proactive stands on Justice; and

**WHEREAS** justice depends upon action, not just stating what is true and just and right (pono in Hawaiian);

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls upon all settings of the church, denomination officers, conferences, associations, and congregations to live into the 1993 Apology of the United Church of Christ delivered to the Native Hawaiian People by President Paul Sherry;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call upon the United Church of Christ's General Counsel's office to listen to and consider recommendations from the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, other Native Hawaiian organizations, and Native Hawaiian voices drafting communications to local, national and international leaders and organizations calling for compliance with international humanitarian law and an end to the illegal occupation of the Hawaiian islands;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ reaffirm its commitment to stand alongside and in support of the efforts of Native Hawaiians to seek redress and restitution for the war crimes of the US against the Hawaiian Kingdom including, but not limited to, the crime of denationalization;

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the United Church of Christ Board will provide the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church of Christ with a written and oral update on the progress on the implementation of this resolution.

**FUNDING:** The funding for the implementation of the Resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** The Officers of the Church, in consultation with appropriate ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.

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Link to PDF of resolution showing committee's amendments

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## Recommendation

### A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM

*Below is the original resolution as submitted and referred to a General Synod Committee.*

*Please note: internal hyperlinks to endnotes are not functional and will send you out of the resolution. Please look for the corresponding endnote at the end of the document. Endnote hyperlinks to external documents do work.*

*A link to a PDF of this resolution as submitted is at the end of this listing.*

The Business Committee of the Thirty-Third General Synod has recommended this proposed resolution be sent to a Committee of the General Synod.

### A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM

#### A Resolution of Witness

Submitted by the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches of the  
Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ

#### SUMMARY

This Resolution calls the United Church to actualize its historical commitment to justice and peace with the friendly Christian Hawaiian Kingdom nation whose constitutions are founded upon Christian values.

#### BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL RATIONALE

In the beginning humans were created in the image of God and were called "good". Thus, all humans were created equal. The call to justice by the prophets is God's commandment to treat everyone justly by acting righteously.

God's moral law, enshrined in the Ten Commandments, is eternal and unchanging. Our bible is built on it. These laws are God's stated will, the way he wants his kingdom and his universe to operate. In order, for justice to prevail, human laws must mirror God's law. Justice is to prescribe the right way, to do things in an appropriate way. Moses demonstrated this concept when he said, "You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God's." (Deuteronomy 1:17). Justice has to do with equity in judgment without regard for a person's status. It is an equitable application of God's moral law to all people without partiality. (Numbers 15:16). When we do not operate according to biblical standards, we have abandoned God's moral law, so every man does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

Jesus came to proclaim liberty and freedom to announce God's justice being satisfied through what he called, "the favorable year of the Lord", Old Testament Year of Jubilee. It was when God set society back in order. According to Leviticus 25:8-9, Israel could not have Jubilee until the people first observed the Day of Atonement. They could not have true justice on the human level until they got right with God on the vertical level. Social justice will not be complete until the people in a society, even the Church, get right with God. It is bringing the presence, precepts, and power of God to bear on society, pulling society back in an upright position.

### **HISTORICAL GROUNDING**

Responding to the wish of Henry Opukahaia [1] [2] but burdened with the false ideology of White Supremacy, missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission (ABCFM) were sent to Hawaii arriving in 1820 (201 years ago).

Rev. Rufus Anderson [8] attempted to correct the evils of White Supremacy and advocated for a Hawaiian-led and Hawaiian-run church during his visit to the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1863.

In 1893, descendants of missionaries led the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

President Paul Sherry traveled to Hawaii and on January 17, 1993, the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom government, apologized to the Hawaiian people at Kaumakapili Church [12]. This apology was cited in Public Law 103-150 signed by President William Clinton on November 23, 1993. [13]

Given the present COVID-19 pandemic and the institutional racism seen recently, the "God is Still Speaking" church, the United Church of Christ, is challenged to actualize its struggle to fulfill the principle of justice and reconciliation within the United Church of Christ. 128 years of war crimes continues to target and violate Christian Hawaiian citizens in Hawaiian Kingdom territory and abroad which amount to a colossal scale of humanitarian and human rights violations daily.

### **TEXT OF THE MOTION**

**WHEREAS**, Henry Opukahaia is known as the missionary from the Hawaiian Kingdom that encouraged American missionaries to arrive in Hawaii[1] [2]; and

**WHEREAS**, the first Christian nation in the pacific, the Hawaiian Kingdom constitution in 1840 began with a quote from the bible "God hath made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on the face of the earth in unity and blessedness" [3] [4] [5]; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 19, 1842, United States President John Tyler agreed to recognize the independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom [6]; and

**WHEREAS**, the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom through treaties with friendly nations around the world, successfully modernized Hawaiian self-governance at the time to prosper in peace, trade and friendship through treaties with friendly nations around the world for fifty years [7]; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Rufus Anderson, the author of the three-self method (self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating) and the long-term secretary of the ABCFM (American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission) arrived in Hawai'i in 1863 to tell the missionaries to create self-reliant, self-governing churches and "to devolve upon it (the Hawaiian churches) the responsibilities of self-government in ecclesiastical matters." [8]; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Anderson's advice was not followed and the government of the Hawaiian Kingdom was overthrown on January 17, 1893 [9]; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 18, 1893, President Grover Cleveland's executive agreement to restore the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom was signed by Liliuokalani and received by U.S. ambassador Albert Willis [10]; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ directed President Paul Sherry to issue an apology on the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy for the complicity of the church in the overthrow [11] [12]; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993 President Clinton, with senators and representatives from Hawaii, signed Public law 103-150 apologizing for the United States role in the illegal occupation [13], and

**WHEREAS** the National Lawyers Guild recommended to the Governor of the State of Hawaii "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands" [14]; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Church of Christ has historically stressed the importance of Justice as a key faith component for the Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the correction of injustices depends upon correct history based upon factual matters, and history is often based upon who writes the history and factual information available; and

**WHEREAS**, the information included in this resolution will be available at <https://ahccchurch.weebly.com/> about the founding of the Hawaiian Kingdom to correct false history about the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS**, various General Synods of the United Church of Christ have taken proactive stands on Justice; and

**WHEREAS** justice depends upon action, not just stating what is true and just and right (pono in Hawaiian);

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges the Mayors for the counties of the State of Hawaii "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges the Governor for the State of Hawaii "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges the U.S. Congress "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands."

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges the U.S. President "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands."

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges all United Nation member States and non-member States to cooperate to ensure the United States complies with international humanitarian law and bring an end to the unlawful occupation of the Hawaiian Islands.

**FUNDING:** The funding for the implementation of the Resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

**IMPLEMENTATION:** The Officers of the Church, in consultation with appropriate ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.

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## Additional Resources

Educational Intensive: Hawaiian Self Governance

Educational Intensive: Hawaiian Self Governance

Presenters: S. James Anaya, and Robert A. Williams, Jr.

For the topic related to the Hawaiian Sovereignty resolution, we are fortunate to have permission to share a 2015 previously-recorded presentation on this topic by **S. James Anaya, and Robert A. Williams, Jr.**, This presentation is from the INDIGENOUS PEOPLES LAW AND POLICY PROGRAM

At THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, JAMES E. ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW, and titled **STUDY ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY RELATING TO THE SITUATION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE**

Link to the Full Report: **STUDY ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY RELATING TO THE SITUATION OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE**

**S. James Anaya** is now the Dean and University Distinguished Professor at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder. He has taught and written extensively on international human rights and issues concerning indigenous peoples. Among his numerous publications are his acclaimed book, *Indigenous Peoples in International Law* (Oxford Univ. Press (1996); 2d ed. (2004)), and his widely used textbook, *International Human Rights: Problems of Law, Policy and Process* (Wolters/Kluwer, 6th ed. 2011) (with Hurst Hannum and Dinah Shelton). He served as the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples from May 2008 to June 2014.

**Robert A. Williams, Jr.** is the Regents Professor, E. Thomas Sullivan Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Chair of the University of Arizona Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program. He was named the first Oneida Indian Nation Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard Law School (2003-2004), having previously served there as Bennet Boskey Distinguished Visiting Lecturer of Law. He is the author of *The American Indian in Western Legal Thought: The Discourses of Conquest* (1990), which received the Gustavus Meyers Human Rights Center Award as one of the outstanding books published in 1990 on the subject of prejudice in the United States. He has also written *Linking Arms Together: American Indian Treaty Visions of Law and Peace, 1600-1800* (1997) and *Like a Loaded Weapon: The Rehnquist Court, Indian Rights and the Legal History of Racism in America* (2005). He is co-author and contributor to a variety of other books and publications. Professor Williams has also served as Chief Justice for the Court of Appeals, Pascua Yaqui Indian Reservation, and as Justice for the Court of Appeals and trial judge pro tem for the Tohono O'odham Nation.

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PDF of Original Resolution: A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE  
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The Business Committee of the Thirty-Fourth General Synod has recommended this proposed resolution be sent to a Committee of the General Synod.

**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A NEW STUDY BY OUR CHURCH ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS AND THE BOARDING SCHOOLS IN HAWAII**

**A Resolution of Witness**

**Submitted by the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches  
of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ**

**SUMMARY**

This resolution calls on the United Church of Christ to do a new study on the United Church of Christ’s relationship with Indian boarding schools and boarding schools in Hawaii. On May 11, 2022, the Department of the Interior held a press conference to reveal a “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report.”<sup>1</sup> The report showed that between 1819 and 1969, the United States operated or supported 408 boarding schools including 7 schools in Hawaii. Although the Executive Summary mentioned 7 schools in Hawaii, within the report 11 schools are named.<sup>2</sup>

In the section on Hawai`i, the report reads, “Between 1819 and 1847, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM), which received Federal support through the Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819, sent 12 missionary companies to Hawai`i to promote Calvinism and claimed civilized practices.”<sup>3</sup> In a June 22, 2021 Memorandum from the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland—a tribal member of the Pueblo of Laguna—to the Assistant Secretaries, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries, Heads of Bureaus, and Officers, under the subject “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative” she writes:

“Beginning with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819 and running through the 1960s, the United States enacted laws and implemented policies establishing and supporting Indian boarding schools across the Nation. During that time, the purpose of Indian boarding schools was to culturally assimilate Indigenous children by forcibly relocating them from their families and communities to distant residential facilities where their American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian identities, languages, and beliefs were to be forcibly suppressed.”<sup>4</sup>

With this information alleging that the ABCFM received federal funds from the Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819 and these funds went toward the schools in Hawai`i listed in the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report, questions are raised concerning the purpose of the schools being to culturally assimilate the Native Hawaiian students by forcibly suppressing their identities, languages, and beliefs.

A study investigating this history between the Federal civilization act of 1819, the ABCFM, and the identity altering education programs upon American Indians, Alaska natives and native Hawaiians needs to be completed.

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## **BIBLICAL, THEOLOGICAL, AND ETHICAL RATIONALE**

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God’s moral law, enshrined in the Ten Commandments, is eternal and unchanging. Our Bible is built on it. These laws are God’s stated will, the way God wants his kingdom and his universe to operate. In order for justice to prevail, human laws must mirror God’s law. Justice is to prescribe the right way, to do things in an appropriate way. Moses demonstrated this concept when he said, “You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God’s.” (Deuteronomy 1:17). Justice has to do with equity in judgment without regard for a person’s status. It is an equitable application of God’s moral law to all people without partiality. (Numbers 15:16). When we do not operate according to biblical standards, we have abandoned God’s moral law, so every man does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

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## **HISTORICAL GROUNDING**

The history of genocide on natives began with the first arrival of missionaries to Turtle Island from England in 1492. Since then 20 million Native Indians have been exterminated through a policy of genocide (American Genocide). The Federal government passed the 1819 Civilization Act to “kill the Indian and save the man” with identity altering education programs through the Indian Boarding School System that was created. Shirley E. Buchanan, in her “Indigenous Destinies: Native Hawaiian and Native American Crossroads,” in 2011 wrote, “The ABCFM, funded in part by the federally legislated Civilization Fund of 1819, initiated missionary efforts among the so-called Five Civilized Tribes (particularly, the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Creek) and the Native Hawaiians concurrently in the 1820s.”<sup>5</sup> With this information alleging that the ABCFM received federal funds from the Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819 and that these funds went toward the schools in Hawai`i listed in the “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report,” questions are raised concerning the purpose of the schools to culturally assimilate the Native Hawaiian students by forcibly suppressing their identities, languages, and beliefs. On May 11, 2022, the Department of the Interior held a press conference to reveal a “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report.” The report showed that between 1819 and 1969, the United States operated or supported 408 boarding schools including 7 schools in Hawaii. Although the Executive Summary mentioned 7 schools in Hawaii, within the report 11 schools are named:

- 82 1. Hilo Boarding School
- 83 2. Industrial and Reformatory School (Kawailou)
- 84 3. Industrial and Reformatory School (Keoneula, Kapalama)
- 85 4. Industrial and Reformatory School (Waialeale, Waialua)
- 86 5. Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls (Keoneula, Kapalama)
- 87 6. Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls (Maunawili, Ko`olaupoko)
- 88 7. Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls (Mo`ili`ili, Honolulu)
- 89 8. Kamehameha Schools
- 90 9. Lahainaluna Seminary
- 91 10. Mauna Loa Forestry Camp School
- 92 11. Molokai Forestry Camp School

93 The number discrepancy may be due to changing of the names of the school and/or the location.  
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95 Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM), which received Federal support through the  
96 Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819, sent 12 missionary companies to Hawai`i to promote  
97 Calvinism and claimed civilized practices.”

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99 **TEXT OF THE MOTION**

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101 **WHEREAS**, an estimated 15 million Native American Indians have been exterminated in what  
102 is known today as the United States of America through policies defined as genocide<sup>6</sup>, and  
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104 **WHEREAS**, among the policies of genocide Native American Indians became victims of  
105 identity altering education programs, and  
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107 **WHEREAS**, the Civilization Fund Act of 1819’s intention was to introduce to Native  
108 Americans “the habits and arts of civilization”<sup>7</sup> (to force native American Indians to assimilate  
109 to White American culture), and  
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111 **WHEREAS**, in the decade following 1869 the Christian denominations began to establish  
112 boarding schools with the underlying policy to “kill the Indian and save the man,”<sup>8</sup> and  
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114 **WHEREAS**, one such boarding school was the Hampton Institute, founded by General Samuel  
115 Chapman Armstrong, son of A.B.C.F.M. missionaries to Hawai`i Rev. Richard and Clarissa  
116 Chapman Armstrong, which opened its doors to Indian students in 1878; and  
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118 **WHEREAS**, boarding schools were of paramount significance in the attempted cultural  
119 genocide of an entire people, and  
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121 **WHEREAS**, the mandatory placement of Indian children in the boarding schools resulted in  
122 the loss of hundreds of languages, spiritual beliefs, traditional practices, and the destruction of  
123 healthy family life;<sup>9</sup> and  
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125 **WHEREAS**, in 2003 the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), the American Indian  
126 organization that is part of the United Church of Christ, submitted a resolution “American



127 Indian Boarding Schools” that was passed by the General Synod<sup>10</sup> but did not result in  
128 reparations, and

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130 **WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, a “Statement Supporting the Establishment of a Truth  
131 and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies” was signed by the following  
132 church groups<sup>11</sup>: The Episcopal Church; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Franciscan  
133 Action Network; Friends Committee on National Legislation; Jesuit Conference Office of  
134 Justice and Ecology; Office of Race Relations, Christian Reformed Church of North America;  
135 The United Methodist Church—General Board of Church and Society,

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137 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Thirty-fourth General Synod of the United Church  
138 of Christ directs the UCC to conduct a thorough survey of its history beginning with the  
139 American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission (A.B.C.F.M.) on its work done both  
140 with Native American nations and the Hawaiian Kingdom and evaluate the results of this survey  
141 in terms of whether actions need to be taken by the United Church of Christ to make amends of  
142 moral, and legal (both under U.S. laws and under international humanitarian laws) violations that  
143 have occurred, and requests that the UCC Board ask for the cooperation of the Association of  
144 Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) and the Council for American Indian Ministries  
145 (CAIM) in so doing.

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147 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the A.B.C.F.M. did receive funds from the Indian  
148 Civilization Fund Act of 1819, an act of the U.S. government, the survey shall reveal what  
149 effects this had upon the mission of the church, and

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151 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the survey reveals clear violations, that the United Church  
152 of Christ begin its reparation process by formally apologizing for the harm done to the Native  
153 American nations connected to the A.B.C.F.M. and to the Native Hawaiians; and

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155 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, if the survey reveals violations, that the United Church of  
156 Christ Board propose specific steps in the reparation process, and begin the reparation process by  
157 formally apologizing for the harm done to the Native American nations connected to the  
158 A.B.C.F.M. and to the Native Hawaiians.

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160 **FUNDING:** The funding for the implementation of the resolution will be made in accordance  
161 with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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163 **IMPLEMENTATION:** The Officers of the Church, in consultation with appropriate ministries  
164 of other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementation body.

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<sup>5</sup> <https://scholarworks.calstate.edu/downloads/gf06g7266>, p. 13.

<sup>6</sup> Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, *An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States*, (Boston: Beacon Press, 2014), 10.

See also, David Michael Smith, “Counting the Dead: Estimating the Loss of Life in the Indigenous Holocaust, 1492-Present, 2017.

<sup>7</sup> Act of March 3, 1819, Ch. 85, 3 Stat. 516, codified at 25 U.S.C. at 271 (2020).

<sup>8</sup> <https://new.uccfiles.com/pdf/gs24minutes.pdf>, p. 41.

<sup>9</sup> Ibid. p. 41.

<sup>10</sup> Ibid. p. 41f.

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Statement%20Supporting%20the%20Establishment%20of%20a%20Truth%20and%20Healing%20Commission.pdf>.

The Business Committee of the Thirty-Fourth General Synod has recommended this proposed resolution be sent to a Committee of the General Synod.

**A RESOLUTION TO URGE ALL RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES TO JOIN IN REPARATIONS TO FUND CHRISTIAN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO UNDO A CENTURY OF EXTINCTION, AMERICANIZATION AND INDOCTRINATION POLICIES EXTINGUISHED THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN HAWAIIAN ALPHABET.**

**A Resolution of Witness**

Submitted by the  
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches of the United Church of Christ

1 **SUMMARY**

2  
3 This resolution calls on the United Church of Christ and its conferences to collaborate with  
4 the Federal government, local organizations and protestant entities to fund the Association  
5 of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Christian Hawaiian language revitalization program  
6 (adult education, preschool programs). In 1819 the Federal Government funded the  
7 civilization act that funded boarding schools which initiated acts of cultural genocide on  
8 Hawaiians and American Indians. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign  
9 Missions missionaries assisted to translate and develop the first Christian Hawaiian  
10 language Bible. The Kamehameha Schools was one of eleven boarding schools listed in the  
11 May 2022 Department of Interior investigative report that implemented policies of cultural  
12 genocide on Hawaiian children. The spoken Christian Hawaiian language has been extinct  
13 for centuries. Two hundred years later the AHEC would like to undo the atrocities that  
14 were committed by Kamehameha Schools and others by providing Christian Hawaiian  
15 language luakini<sup>1</sup> education programs.

16  
17 **BIBLICAL, THEOLOGICAL, AND ETHICAL RATIONALE**

18 “In the beginning humans were created in the image of god and were called “good”. Thus, all  
19 humans were created equal. The call to justice by the prophets is God’s commandment to  
20 treat everyone justly by acting righteously.

21  
22 God’s moral law, enshrined in the Ten Commandments, is eternal and unchanging. Our bible  
23 is built on it. These laws are God’s stated will, the way he wants his kingdom and his  
24 universe to operate. In order, for justice to prevail, human laws must mirror God’s law.  
25 Justice is to prescribe the right way, to do things in an appropriate way. Moses demonstrated  
26 this concept when he said, “You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the  
27 small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God’s.” (Deuteronomy  
28 1:17) Justice has to do with equity in judgment without regard for a person’s status. It is an  
29 equitable application of God’s moral law to all people without partiality. (Numbers 15:16)  
30 When we do not operate according to biblical standards, we have abandoned God’s moral  
31 law, so every man does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

32  
33 Jesus came to proclaim liberty and freedom to announce God’s justice being satisfied through  
34 what he called, “the favorable year of the Lord”, Old Testament Year of Jubilee. It was when  
35 God set society back in order. According to Leviticus 25:8-9, Israel could not have Jubilee

36 until the people first observed the Day of Atonement. They could not have true justice on the  
37 human level until they got right with God on the vertical level. Social justice will not be  
38 complete until the people in a society, even the Church, get right with God. It is bringing the  
39 presence, precepts, and power of God to bear on society, pulling society back in an upright  
40 position.”

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## 42 HISTORICAL GROUNDING

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44 The history of cultural genocide upon Hawaiian children through formal policies of  
45 Americanization indoctrination programs began from the 1819 Civilization act according to  
46 the Department of Interior Investigative Report of May 2022. “As the U.S. Senate has  
47 recognized, funds from the 1819 Civilization Fund “were apportioned among those societies  
48 and individuals—usually missionary organizations—that had been prominent in the effort to  
49 ‘civilize’ the Indians.”<sup>2</sup> The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission  
50 missionaries arrived in Hawaii in 1820. The sons and grandsons of these missionaries  
51 implemented Americanization polices that enforced strict rules and corporal punishment to  
52 extinguish all semblance of native Hawaiian identity in Hawaiian children. “The Federal  
53 Indian boarding school system deployed systematic militarized and identity-alteration  
54 methodologies to attempt to assimilate American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian  
55 children through education, including but not limited to the following: (1) renaming Indian  
56 children from Indian to English names; (2) cutting hair of Indian children; (3) discouraging or  
57 preventing the use of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian languages,  
58 religions, and cultural practices; and (4) organizing Indian and Native Hawaiian children into  
59 units to perform military drills.”<sup>3</sup> “Federal Indian boarding school rules were often enforced  
60 through punishment, including corporal punishment such as solitary confinement; flogging;  
61 withholding food; whipping; slapping; and cuffing. The Federal Indian boarding school  
62 system at times made older Indian children punish younger Indian children.”<sup>4</sup> Senior cadets at  
63 Kamehameha Schools enforced corporal punishment on incoming Hawaiian students well  
64 into the 1990’s. More importantly The first principal of Kamehameha Schools, Reverend  
65 William Oleson, banned the Hawaiian language in Kamehameha classrooms and playing  
66 fields.<sup>5</sup> He also drafted and signed the Bayonet constitution in 1887 which led to White  
67 Supremacist control of the Hawaiian Kingdom. On January 16, 1893, US ambassador  
68 Stevens and the USS Boston marines invaded the Hawaiian Kingdom initiating a State of  
69 War.<sup>6</sup> In 1896, the all white ruling oligarchy Republic of Hawaii created Act 57 that banned  
70 speaking Christian Hawaiian language at all public schools.<sup>7</sup> These combined actions  
71 eventually extinguished the spoken Christian Hawaiian language that Princess Pauahi learned  
72 growing up as a Christian. The first alphabet of the Christian Hawaiian language printed in  
73 the first book separated the Hawaiian alphabet into Hawaiian letters and “The following are  
74 used in spelling foreign words:” Gg ge, Ff fe, Se si, Yy yi.<sup>8</sup> The revitalization of Hawaiian  
75 language that began in the 1980’s only recognized 13 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet. This  
76 resolution supports the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches’ initiative to revitalize  
77 the Christian Hawaiian language that Princess Pauahi learned.

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## 79 TEXT OF THE MOTION

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81 **WHEREAS** the US congress passed the 1819 Civilization Act<sup>9</sup> which funded missionary  
82 organizations to civilize natives in Hawaii, America, Alaska and

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84 **WHEREAS** in 1820 the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions arrived in  
85 the Sandwich Islands<sup>10</sup>, and

86  
87 **WHEREAS** in 1823 Luakini Maunakea ma Kalapana was the first church built on the East  
88 side of Hawaii island<sup>11</sup>, and  
89  
90 **WHEREAS** December 19, 1831, Princess Pauahi was born an heir of the Kamehameha  
91 family<sup>12</sup>, and  
92  
93 **WHEREAS** the process to translate and print the first Hawaiian Bible titled “Palapala  
94 Hemolele” began in 1822 - 1839 and was published in two parts 1832 Buke I (Old Testament  
95 and 1839 Buke II (New Testament)<sup>13</sup> and  
96  
97 **WHEREAS** the all white officers of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association board was  
98 created in 1854<sup>14</sup>, and  
99  
100 **WHEREAS** in 1863 Rufus Anderson Secretary of the ABCFM recommended to the all  
101 white board members to transfer control of the church in the Hawaiian Kingdom to  
102 Hawaiians which the churches officers did not do continuing their control today<sup>15</sup>, and  
103  
104 **WHEREAS** on October 16, 1884 Princess Pauahi passed leaving a legacy through her will to  
105 educate Hawaiian children in the Christian Hawaiian language<sup>16</sup>, and  
106  
107 **WHEREAS** on November 4, 1887 the founding ceremony blessed the opening of the  
108 Kamehameha schools for boys<sup>17</sup>, and  
109  
110 **WHEREAS** Reverend William Oleson the first principal for the Kamehameha Schools  
111 banned the Christian Hawaiian language from being spoken on the Kamehameha Schools  
112 campus<sup>18</sup>, and  
113  
114 **WHEREAS** in 1887 White church officers of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association and  
115 Reverend William Oleson forced King Kalakaua to sign a new constitution<sup>19</sup>, and  
116  
117 **WHEREAS** in 1893 White church officers of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association  
118 collaborated with U.S. minister Stevens to overthrow the Hawaiian Kingdom<sup>20</sup>, and  
119  
120 **WHEREAS** in 1895 the Republic of Hawaii implemented Act 57 which banned Christian  
121 Hawaiian language from being spoken in public schools<sup>21</sup>, and  
122  
123 **WHEREAS** in 1906 the Department of Public Instruction implemented policies of  
124 Americanization in Public schools to Americanize all the children<sup>22</sup>, and  
125  
126 **WHEREAS** in 1916 the Congress passed the National Defense Act that funded the identity  
127 altering JROTC program at Kamehameha schools<sup>23</sup>, and  
128  
129 **WHEREAS** all of these actions and more combined to extinguish the Christian Hawaiian  
130 language of twenty-one letters from 1822<sup>24</sup>, and  
131  
132 **WHEREAS** in the 1980’s revitalization of Hawaiian language only thirteen letters were  
133 recognized as being Hawaiian letters;  
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135 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United  
136 Church of Christ recognizes the first Christian Hawaiian language alphabet of twenty-one  
137 letters which was created by Hawaiian Chiefs and ABCFM missionaries that was printed in  
138 1822 as relevant and valuable and calls on all other settings of the United Church of Christ to  
139 do the same; and

140  
141 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church  
142 of Christ encourages all settings of the Church to increase awareness of the indoctrination  
143 Americanization policies enforced in the Hawaiian Kingdom that led to extinguishing the  
144 spoken Christian Hawaiian language as part of a larger project of cultural genocide; and

145  
146 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church  
147 of Christ encourages all settings of the Church to support the Association of Hawaiian  
148 Evangelical Churches' initiative to solicit funding from all settings of the church to revitalize  
149 the Christian Hawaiian language through luakini<sup>25</sup> education programs from preschool  
150 through adulthood.

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152 **FUNDING:** The funding for the implementation of the resolution will be made in accordance  
153 with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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155 **IMPLEMENTATION:** The Officers of the Church, in consultation with appropriate  
156 ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the  
157 implementing body.

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.congregationallibrary.org/finding-aids/ABCFMOverview>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.papakilodatabase.com/pdnupepa/?a=d&d=KLHA18750826-01.2.12&srpos=1&anchor=sectionleveltabtranslationarea&e=-----en-20--1--txt-txIN%7ctxNU%7ctxTR%7ctxTI-%22Luakini+Maunakea%22-----#sectionleveltabtranslationarea>

<sup>12</sup> [https://www.ksbe.edu/about\\_us/about\\_pauahi/#:~:text=Pauahi%20P%20C4%81k%20C4%AB%20was%20born%20on,under%20his%20rule%20in%201810](https://www.ksbe.edu/about_us/about_pauahi/#:~:text=Pauahi%20P%20C4%81k%20C4%AB%20was%20born%20on,under%20his%20rule%20in%201810)

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**AHEC Ho`ola I Ka `Aina Komike** (AHEC Land Research Committee) Report  
AHEC Aha Na Kai Ewalu, June 9, 2023

***“The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers.”*** (The Year of Jubilee: Leviticus 25:23)

The goals of our Ho`ola I Ka `Aina Komike:

1. To research the titles of our AHEC churches to determine who owns the land.
2. To research the history of the land of the HCUCC (Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ).

Our committee members have:

1. Gone in-person twice to research at the Mission House Library, the Hawaii State Archives, and at the Bureau of Conveyances.
2. Joined a zoom webinar “Papa Palapala `Aina” (Land Documents Class) led by Dr. Ronald Williams, Jr., Archivist at the Hawai`i State Archives on Sunday, April 2, 2023.
3. Joined a free tutorial led by Mr. Donovan Preza on The Great Mahele of 1848. Recently he has included Joyclynn Costa, Kerisa Carmelo, La`akea Kamakawiwoole and Ronald Fujiyoshi in typing the data from The Mahele Book onto excel sheets making available information to those researching land.
4. Suggest for those wanting to learn more about researching the land titles: To view the four (4) video presentations on The Great Mahele by Mr. Donovan Preza at [www.hcucc.org/hawaiian-kingdom-history-series](http://www.hcucc.org/hawaiian-kingdom-history-series). Videos covered: 1) An Overview of the Great Mahele, 2) Government Lands, 3) Konohiki Lands—emphasis on the King’s (Crown) Lands, and 4) Kuleana Lands.

We are steadily acquiring more knowledge of the land in Hawai`i:

For example, in the Great Mahele of 1848, approximately 1/3 of all lands in Hawai`i were designated as “Crown Lands”: “To be the private lands of His Majesty Kamehameha III., to have and to hold to himself, his heirs, and successors, forever; and said lands shall be regulated and disposed of according to his royal will and pleasure subject only to the *rights of tenants.*”

The AHEC Ho`ola I Ka `Aina Komike has offered help to member congregations in researching their church lands requesting a member of the church to be designated to work with us.

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**REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR**  
**Churches Authorized with Standing in the Hawai'i Conference**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**May 25, 2023**

**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**

<u>Hawai'i Island</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Kainaliu:	LANAKILA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	TAKETA, Charlene	P
Kurtistown:	'OLA'A FIRST HAWAIIAN CHURCH	MASILAMONEY, Sam	Sup
Nanawale:	KALAPANA MAUNAKEA FIRST HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC	KAPUNIAI, Agnes Lani	P
Punalu'u:	HOKULOA/HENRY 'OPIUKAHA'IA CHAPEL	WARREN, Michael	P

**Kaua'i**

Anahola: KO'OLAU HUI'IA PROTESTANT CHURCH

**Maui**

Ha'iku:	KALANIKAHUA HOU CHURCH	AARONA, James	P
Honokowai:	LAHUIOKALANI (KA'ANAPALI) CONG'L CHURCH		
Huelo:	KAULANAPUEO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	AARONA, James	P
Kihei:	KEOLAHOU CONGREGATIONAL HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Lahaina:	WAIOLA CHURCH	ROSA, Anela	P
Olowalu:	OLOWALU LANAKILA HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Pa'ia:	PA'IA HAWAIIAN PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Waihe'e:	WAIHE'E PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Wailuku:	KA'AHUMANU CHURCH	HIGA, Wayne	P

**Molokai**

Puko'o: KALUA'AHA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OGOSHI, Janice P

**O'ahu**

'Ewa	'EWA COMMUNITY CHURCH	MAU, Rennie	P
Hale'iwa:	LILI'UOKALANI PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Hauula:	HAU'ULA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC	CHEE, Sage	P
Honolulu:	BISHOP MEMORIAL CHURCH		
	KALIHI AND MOANALUA CHURCH	NAEOLE, Manu	P
	KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH	MAKUAKANE, Kenneth	P
Pearl City:	KAHIKUONALANI UCC	HIRAKAWA, Rick	P
Wai'anae:	KA HANA O KE AKUA CHURCH		

**CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

Hilo:	HAILI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Holualoa:	HELANI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Laupahoehoe:	LAUPAHOEHOE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	CACABELOS, Alvira	P
Milolii	HAUOLI KAMANAO	KAUPIKO, Charles	P

# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING

## ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Alger, Richard	RT	Makuakane, Violet	RT
Davis, Wendell	CH	Masilamoney, Sam	P
Ha'alilio, Nancietta K.L.	RT	Mau, Rennie	P
Kaina, William H.	RT	Merseberg, James	RT
Kaupu, David K.	RT	Twigg, David	RT
Kekuna, Curtis	RT	Warren, Michael	P
Makuakane, Kenneth	P	Welsh, Brian	CH

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Higa, Wayne	Kaupiko, Melveen
Hirakawa, Rick	Rosa, Anela
Kapuniaia, Agnes Lani	Taketa, Charlene
Kaupiko, Charles	

## MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT

Hoomanawanui, Kauanoë (Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant)

## MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING OUR CHURCHES

(Without standing in the Hawai'i Conference)

Chee, Sage

**LEGEND:**

AP	Associate Pastor
CH	Chaplain
CM	Commissioned Minister
CME	Conference Minister Emeritus
CP	Co-Pastor
CW	Conference Work
D	Dual Standing
DW	Denominational Work (UCC covenanted, affiliated or associated ministries)
EW	Ecumenical Work
ED	Educational Work
HW	Health and Welfare work in UCC institutions
IN	Interim Minister
IS	Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist
LA	Leave of Absence
Lic	Licensed Minister
MD	Member in Discernment
MY	Missionary (Global Ministries or other)
OD	Ordained Minister of another denomination serving a UCC church
OL	Other Local Church Position
OMP	Ordained Ministerial Partner
OP	Other Profession
OR	Other religious work (Bible Society, YM/YWCA, etc.)
P	Pastor
PC	Pastoral Counseling
PD	UCC Ordained Minister serving another denomination
PE	Pastor Emeritus
RPM	Recognized Partner Minister
RT	Retired
SU	Supply Pastor
UC	Unclassified
Y	Youth Ministry

Na Lima Hoike "E"  
 Program Committee Report  
 Na Kai 'Ewalu - June 09, 2023  
 Page 1 of 3

<u>DATE GRANT RECEIVED</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PROGRAM/ EVENT DATES</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE FINAL REPORT REC'D</u>	<u>UNUSED FUNDS</u>
07/02/22	Kalanikahua Hou	Kukulu Kumuhana o Maui - Ka Wai Akua 07/20/22 - 07/31/22	\$ 3,650.00	08/20/22	xxxxx
09/27/22	Kalapana Maunakea	Fall 'Aha Halawai at Ewa Community Church 10/21-22/22	\$ 1,938.94	11/28/22	\$ 95.04
09/28/22	Kalanikahua Hou	Fall 'Aha Halawai at Ewa Community Church 10/21-22/22	\$ 314.00	11/01/22	xxxxx
09/29/22	Ka'ahumanu	Special Meeting of the Aha Pae 'Aina 10/01/22	\$ 26.00	10/01/22	xxxxx
09/29/22	Laupahoehoe	Special Meeting of the Aha Pae 'Aina 10/01/22	\$ 52.00	10/03/22	xxxxx
10/02/22	Ka'ahumanu	HCUCC Pastoral Leaders Event 10/11-14/22	\$ 201.00	10/14/22	xxxxx
10/04/22	Laupahoehoe	Fall 'Aha Halawai at Ewa Community Church 10/21-22/22	\$ 419.79	10/26/22	xxxxx
10/20/22	Kona Lanakila	Fall 'Aha Halawai at Ewa Community Church 10/21-22/22	\$ 392.13	11/21/22	xxxxx
01/24/23	Kona Lanakila	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 1,552.00	Due 03/25/24	
01/25/23	Kalapana MaunaKea	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 1,647.79	3/16/23	xxxxx

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01/26/23	Laupahoehoe # 1	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 634.00	3/01/23	xxxxx
02/10/23	Haili	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 270.00	3/01/23	xxxxx
02/05/23	Ewa Community	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 2,570.33	3/16/23	\$ 14.63
2/05/23	Hauula Kahuku	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 1,143.61	3/11/23	\$ 751.00
02/15/23	Wai'oli Hui'ia	HIM Conference 03/16-18/23	\$ 1,000.00	Due 04/18/23	
02/17/23	Laupahoehoe # 2	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 980.50	3/11/23	xxxxx
02/23/23	Hauoli Kamanao	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 1,787.34	3/25/23	xxxxx
02/24/23	Kalaiakamanu	SCHCC Hooponopono 03/11/23	\$ 158.00	4/18/23	xxxxx
02/24/23	Kauahaao	SCHCC Hooponopono 03/11/23	\$ 357.42	04/05/23	xxxxx
03/14/23	Hauula Kahuku	Christian Endeavor Camp 03/15-18/23	\$ 2,609.80	04/25/23	123.47
05/07/23	Kalapana Maunakea	Christian Endeavor World Convention 07/18-23/23	\$ 3900.00	Due 08/23/23	
Kalapana Maunakea (Grant issued 06/05/22)			xxxxxx	xxxxxx	\$ 1,676.74

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GRANTS AWARDED: July 01, 2022 - May 10, 2023	TOTAL AWARDED 25,604.65	TOTAL UNUSED \$ 2,660.88
AVAILABLE BALANCE TO GRANT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023  *** FYI - START UP GRANT JULY 01, 2022 (\$ 30,000.00)	\$ 7,056.23	

<p><b>Kalei Arinaga, Chair/Kaua'i c/o 2022</b>  <a href="mailto:arinagakalei@gmail.com">arinagakalei@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>VACANT - Youth Rep</b></p> <p><b>Rennie Mau, O'ahu Rep c/o 2025</b>  <a href="mailto:kahumau@gmail.com">kahumau@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Joyclynn Costa, Maui Rep c/o 2025</b>  <a href="mailto:jkalai.kauihou@gmail.com">jkalai.kauihou@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Angie Warren, CE Rep.</b>          Appointed c/o2024, <a href="mailto:angiewarren.hi@gmail.com">angiewarren.hi@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Brian Welsh, Luna Ho'omalua,</b>  <a href="mailto:kahubrian@gmail.com">kahubrian@gmail.com</a></p> <p><b>Kaimi Kaupiko, West Hawaii Rep c/o 2024</b>  <a href="mailto:Kkaupiko@gmail.com">Kkaupiko@gmail.com</a></p>
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Report Submitted by Kalei Arinaga on 5/11/23

**Committee Members: Chairperson, L. Alaka‘i Paleka, West Hawaii, Pualani Muraki, East Hawaii, Ron Fujiyoshi, Oahu, Sandy Kaina, At Large, Russell Paio, Ex-Officio: Papa Makua Wendell Davis, Puukū, Kerisa Carmelo**

*Leviticus 27:30- A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord, it is holy to the Lord.*

**Generations Investment Services Inc. January 1, 2023-March 31, 2023**

**Hua Mua Fund Account Summary**

Beginning Balance	\$ 406,845.20
Gained	\$15,415.70
Ending Balance	\$ 422,260.90

**BATCH 10 DEPOSITS-MAY 18, 2023**

<b>DATED</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CHECK#</b>
• 02/01/23	\$200.00	1256
• 03/20/23	\$235.00	1318
• 05/01/23	\$67.23	16873
• 05/01/23	\$200.00	1283
• 05/01/23	\$250.00	1320
• Total Deposit	\$952.00	

***CELEBRATE Hua Mua in the months with 5 Sundays in 2023***

***Iulai, Okakopa and Kekemapa***

Please make checks payable to AHEC Hua Mua  
Mail to PO Box 1872, Kailua Kona, HI, 96745.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
**Alaka'i Paleka**

L. Alaka'i Paleka, Chairperson

Aloha Kakou,

Here is the updated 2023 Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Nomination Slate. Please peruse the document both prayerfully and carefully. Because it is past the deadline to submit a new nominee for review, the Nominations Committee has not added any new names. However, several of our island representatives, who are currently serving in the position, are either carrying out official elected duties in other key areas of AHEC or have realized they are unable to successfully complete another term and are willingly stepping down in order for other members in our Body to serve in those positions. Because it is past the time to put new candidates on the slate before the Na Kai Ewalu, those positions will be received from the floor and will be the only ones voted on during the meeting.

For those planning to bring a name or names forward during the election at the meeting, please make sure you have their permission to bring their name forward and have a short bio ready to share at the meeting as to why they are qualified to serve in this capacity.

We humbly ask that all who are nominated are:

- Believers in Jesus Christ
- Members of an AHEC Church
- Willing to attend and participate in AHEC meetings, both in-person and on Zoom as their position requires
- Are of sound mind and strong moral character
- Experienced with writing reports
- Willing to represent their area faithfully and effectively

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [karensuewelsh@icloud.com](mailto:karensuewelsh@icloud.com).

Blessings In Christ,

Karen Welsh, AHEC Nominations Committee Chair



## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2023-2025)**

Papa Makua – Kahu Wendell Davis (Incumbent)

Luna Ho'omalua (President) – Kahu Brian Welsh (Incumbent)

Luna Ho'omalua Hope (Vice-President) Anela Rosa (Incumbent)

Kakau 'Olelo (Secretary) Loke Kamanu (Incumbent)

Pu'uku (Treasurer) Kerisa Carmelo (Incumbent)

## **ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES (Delegates) (2023-2025)**

Oahu Delegate – Myrna-Lyn D. Abang (Incumbent)

East Maui Delegate – Joyclynn Costa (Incumbent)

**West Maui Delegate – Open (Will take nominations from the floor)**

West Hawaii Delegate – Charles Mahina Kaupiko (Incumbent)

**East Hawaii Delegate – Open (Will take nominations from the floor)**

**Kauai Delegate – Open (Will take nominations from the floor)**

**Molokai Delegate VACANT (Will take nominations from the floor)**

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (2023-2026)**

Kahu Rennie Mau (Incumbent)

Maile Baird (Incumbent)

**Report to AHEC**  
**Compiled by AHEC Oahu Rep: Myrna-Lyn Abang**  
**Board of Directors Meeting May/2023**

Ewa Community Church  
Minister: Kahu Rennie Mau  
Moderator: Olive Douglass Echano

**AHEC:** As the AHEC Oahu Isle churches representative, Myrna-Lyn D. Abang checked into the virtual AHEC Board of Directors' meeting in April.

**Council:** ECC remains dutiful to maintaining its campus yard and buildings. ECC is awaiting cost estimate for the installation of its kitchen fourth sink (dedicated to hand-washing only). When project is completed by a professional plumbing team ECC will have a certified kitchen. As recent as May 7, ECC experienced an electrical incident in the sanctuary building and is counting on a local electrician to make the repairs.

**Diaconate Board:** Relegated to only two members (five positions remain open), the church ohana pulls together to help activities and worship service continue. In the third week of March, ECC was able to welcome into the church ohana two adults and two young adults into membership. There is another family of Hawaiian ethnicity who have come to church regularly and have participated in church events. In fact, the patriarch (Cal Eaton) has been a guest in pulpit when Kahu Mau has been off campus. The last week of March, ECC welcomed the Kamehameha School Deputation Team. On April 8, the Ewa Community Church and a few of its members attended and participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoike at Kaneohe Congregational Church. Ewa Community Church held a Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday and hosted an Easter Breakfast followed by the Easter Worship Service. On April 16, ECC held its annual Holy Humor Sunday, and April 30, ECC had a joint service with the Nukuno Protestant Church (who meets in ECC on Sundays at 2:00P). John Wesley Samoan Methodist Church continues to meet in the ECC sanctuary at 11:00A. ECC invited the neighborhood to its monthly "Luau Church" which presented potluck dishes, but also dancing, singing and fellowship (special guests and at least 30 persons in attendance). Partner, the Ewa Plains Enrichment Preschool held its annual Mother's Day Tea with guest speaker, Pastor Charis Chinen of Moanalua Gardens Missionary Church.

**Spiritual Development** ECC cancelled its Sunday morning Bible Studies at 8:00A as it no longer has a Bible Studies leader. The Wednesday evening Bible Studies continues at 6:00P.

**Celebration of Life** Ewa Community Church supports ohanas who have ECC ties (John Wason, Fermina Diaz, Robert Dennis Pagdilao, Moises Echano)

**Missions and Outreach** held its first quarter fundraiser sponsoring a 9:00A to 1:00A Baked Goods, Plants and Yard Sale. The proceeds are used to support the ministry including the missionaries in the field as well as financially challenged families in the surrounding community and area with \$75.00 Gift Cards to local supermarkets. The second quarter on-campus fundraiser is on Saturday, June 24. On that same day, community neighbor The Ewa Federal Credit Union will conduct a "paper shredding" event.

ECC successfully collected offering for campaigns One Great Hour of Sharing, the Angel Charities (Hawaii Food Bank) and AHEC's Hua Mua Fund. ECC is on point to collect for Strengthen the Church.

**Community** April 15, ECC members Myrna-Lyn Abang and Lori Arizuma, along with Kahu Mau participated in the Ewa Villages Historical Society presentation of Talk Story as regards life on the Ewa Sugar Plantation. Kahu Mau maintains a schedule that includes his studies toward his PhD., his liaison and leadership in PAAM, Pacific Council of Churches, etc. Coordination of the AHEC trolley in the Kamehameha Day Parade is facilitated by Kahu Mau.

Respectfully submitted, Myrna-Lyn D. Abang, Church AHEC Delegate

### **Hauula Kahuku Church**

Minister: Kahu Linda Kaaihue

No report received. Kahu Linda is expected to be in Oregon June 9 and June 10.

### **Kahikuonalani Church (written report)**

**Pastor Rick Hirakawa**

**Moderator David Wong**

**Delegate: Joanne Kishimori**

Ministries: Outreach - Park and Community – Pastor Rick continues to do the outreach ministry for the church. The church supports him financially by paying for the gas expenses and two members provide the goody bags that Pastor Rick gives out when he does his park ministry. Pastor Rick also does a lot of community outreach ministry. Two recent examples: Pastor Rick joined an interfaith Clergy Prayer vigil on April 4 for the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center. On April 5, Pastor Rick joined Pearl City Community Church for a park ministry at Blaisdell Park.

Another ministry we continue to do is to provide worship space for three congregations on Sunday and other days of the week – United Church of Pohnpei Pearl City, Tuvalu Fou Church, and Wilderness Church in Hawaii.

Other events: Scout Sunday on March 5, 2023 where Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Pack joined us for their annual visit to worship with us. They have been chartered with our church for more than 50 years. Three of them were honored as Eagle Scouts at a ceremony attended by David Wong, who gave the invocation and benediction.

We also had services on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. On Easter, our Sanctuary was graced by two floral arrangements and two dozen potted blooming lilies provided by Wilderness Church in Hawaii for all the congregations to enjoy their floral arrangements bringing glory to God.

## **Kawaiaha'o Church (written report)**

**Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne**

**Moderator: Brandon Keoni Bunag**

**Delegate: Ka'iulani Hess and Arminta Nishimura**

Worship - God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

- Sunday, 8:30am, in person and viewed on our Kawaiaha'o Church TV channel. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday at 6pm; and Easter Sunday Worship Services in person and viewed on Kawaiaha'o TV channel.
- Light and Salvation Church led by Pastor Shin Oh holds Sunday services for our homeless community each Sunday, 8:30-10:30am. This service includes a hot meal and a worship service in our gym.
- HEBEDOMA WEEK Daily Scripture and Prayer each day in the month of January.
- Pastor James Hahm from Good News Hawai'i Church holds its bible study in our Wedding Center from 11:00am-1:00pm each Sunday.
- Kawaiaha'o Church hosts a monthly morning devotion with the Kawaiaha'o Plaza staff of Kamehameha Schools 8:30-9:00am. These gatherings can be viewed on our Kawaiaha'o Church TV channel.
- Bible Study, Sunday, 10:00am, in person Kane and Wahine.
- Bible Study Fellowship Groups throughout the week via Zoom.
- Sunday School begins in the Sunday worship service at 8:30am and continuing in CE classes after the youth scripture reading.
- Worship Wednesdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects. Matthew 19:26; Mark 10:27
- Kawaiaha'o Church historical self-guided, audio-walking tour. Scan QR codes placed throughout campus, download, play from smartphone.
- Host Spring Break high school and college guest choirs who performed in our Sunday Worship Services and free mini concerts after the worship service.
- Music and Performance Department, Nola Nahulu, Church Choir Director provided workshop on history, music, language and culture for guest choirs.
- Host HYOC Concerts with a 100+ youth choir free for family, friends, and community.
- Archives continue the work of digitizing records with a team of supportive workers.
- Workshop Na Makamae O Kawaiaha'o, March 30, 2023, 10-12noon, Liliuokalani Conference Room.
- Youth Friday Nights, 5:00-9:00pm, Games and fellowship in the gymnasium.
- Wednesday Pickle Ball for the community in the gymnasium, 5-8pm.
- Safety and Anti-Violence Workshop (OCHCC), Saturday, January 14, 2023, 10am-12noon, at Kaumakapili Church Hale Kamika Hall, Speaker: Danny Tengan, HCUCC Disaster Ministry Coordinator.
- SCHCC: Workshop: Hooponopono with Kumu Earl Kawaa, Saturday, March 11, 2023, 10:00am-2:00pm, at Kaumakapili Church Hale Kamika Hall.
- AHEC Spring Aha Halawai 2023, Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church, Haiku, Maui Island, February 24-25, 2023. Two church delegates and Kahu Ken attended from Kawaiaha'o Church
- Hosted Ali'i Sundays honoring Ke Akua! Acts 17:26-27

### **Life Celebrations:**

- Patricia Warren - August 19, 2022
- Abby Nery - March 10, 2022
- Henry Imaikalani Young - July 31, 2022
- Jerold Hansen - - November 2, 2022
- Lydia Maiwela - February 21, 2023
- Aulani Hoomanawanui - March 21, 2023
- Lanikiekie Dias - March 11, 2023
- Kaulani Ramos - May 13, 2021

### **Lili'uokalani Protestant Church (LPC) (written report)**

**Church Name:** Lili'uokalani Protestant Church

**Kahu/Pastor:** Guest Ministers

**Moderator:** John Hirota

**Church Delegate:** Laurie H. Kauleinamoku

### **Worship Services:**

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. -in-person only

15 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai

22 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai

29 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai & Na Opio of Kamehameha Schools Intermediate Division  
(no electricity)

05 Feb 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett

12 Feb 2023 Kahu David Popham

19 Feb 2023 Kahu D. Neal MacPherson

26 Feb 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

05 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

12 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

19 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

26 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

02 Apr 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Holy Communion)

09 Apr 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Easter Sunday/Resurrection Day)

### **Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects:**

14 Jan 2023 Safety Anti-Violence Class @ Kaumakapili Church @ 10:00 a.m.

14 Jan 2023 OCHCC meeting @ Kaumakapili Church following class

15 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

22 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

28 Jan 2023 SCHCC meeting via zoom @ 9:00 a.m.

29 Jan 2023 LPC Special General Membership meeting re: Cesspool/Septic Tank Issue after  
worship service

29 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

12 Feb 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

18 Feb 2023 Punahoa Heritage Forest Benefit @ Waimea Falls Park (cancelled due to bad  
weather)

19 Feb 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

22 Feb 2023 Wedding of Diane Skyland & Wayne Reis officiated by Kahu Kordell Kekoa

24 Feb-25 Feb 2023 Spring 'Aha Halawai @ Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church in Haiku, Maui  
(church delegate or representative did not attend)  
28 Feb 2023 Na Alakai with Papa Makua @ 6:30 p.m. via zoom  
11 Mar 2023 Ho'oponopono Workshop @ Kaumakapili Church @ 10:00 a.m.  
18 Mar 2023 LPC Annual Spring Kalua Pig Fundraiser  
21 Mar 2023 SCHCC special meeting @ 7:00 p.m.  
25 Mar 2023 Punahou Heritage Forest Benefit @ Waimea Falls Park  
04 Apr 2023 Papa Palapala `Aina-Lapule 2 @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.  
04 Apr 2023 LPC Council meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in board room

#### **Upcoming Events:**

29 Apr 2023 SCHCC meeting @ 9:00 a.m. via zoom  
20 May 2023 Oahu Association meeting  
21 May 2023 LPC General Membership meeting after worship service  
09 Jun 2023 AHEC `Aha Na kai `Ewalu @ Kaneohe Congregational Church  
15 Jun 2023 `Aha Iki SCHCC Annual meeting via zoom  
16 Jun-17 Jun 2023 `Aha Makua via zoom

#### **Life Celebrations**

21 Feb 2023 Services for Joseph Grilho (non-member) at St. Michael's Church

#### **There were no reports received from:**

Bessie Kamakeeaina [bessiekamakeeaina@yahoo.com](mailto:bessiekamakeeaina@yahoo.com)

Toni Ku-Daniels [tkudaniels@gmail.com](mailto:tkudaniels@gmail.com)

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Sage Chee [sagechee@gmail.com](mailto:sagechee@gmail.com)

Kahu David Twigg [leatavita@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:leatavita@hawaii.rr.com)

**COMMENT TO THE BOARD:** There was a concern reported from Kawaiaha'o Church that the notice of the openings for the AHEC were not communicated efficiently or in a timely manner. As the AHEC OAHU Isle representative, I take my questions from what I receive in my email. I admit that I should have been more attentive; I do recall hearing a small report at the recent Board meeting, however, I believed that the Nomination Committee would have followed up as regards the needs.

**Note:** Kahu David Twigg respectively reported that he is retiring for the fourth time and at this time there is no delegate from Ka Hana ke Akua Church.

**Sincerely ke Akua,**

**/s/ Myrna-Lyn D. Abang**  
**AHEC Oahu Representative**

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**  
**Aha Na Kai Ewalu**  
**June 2023**  
**East Maui Report**

Aloha Brothers and Sisters In Christ

As we anticipate the General Synod let us give praise for one another presence. Mahalo to our Papa Makua to host such a beautiful venue. We are truly blessed. Since our last face to face on Maui, Kalanikahua Hou luakini we had made the decision to continue in the same fashion of meeting each other in person. We trust the Lord will keep us in his most Holy hands as we do his good work at Kaneohe on Oahu.

**Paia Hawaiian Congregational Church:** Kahu Roy has been faithfully serving Paia and it is community. During the pandemic Paia had continued the service of Ho`ike with only it is church members and ohana. In fact they called it Ho`ike Ohana. This year they would like to continue this new tradition and celebrate not one but two Ho`ike. They have an annual one in November, but this year they would like to also have one in July called Ho`ike Ohana. What a way to praise Him and fellowship. Watch for future announcements.

**Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church:** This beautiful little church by the sea continues to support its community and members. Service is held on Sundays starting at 9:30 am. Other activities follow with youth and adults. Please stop in if you are ever in the Kihei area.

**Keanae Church:** The ohana in Keanae seem to have a resurgence to come back to church and worship. They are looking to update the by-laws and repair the luakini. Let us pray for the ohana there as they prepare their way back into the fold. The luakini is well on its way under construction. Beams are going up and the walls will be made firm once more. Praise be the Lord.

**Nahiku Hawaiian Protestant Church:** They continue to worship once a month on the first Sunday. Kahu Aarona faithfully makes the long drive to his luakini and brings the good word. Mahalo to the Kaho`okele ohana for continuing to open the doors in the little village of Nahiku. A hui hou to Mike and Irene Pavao, former Moderator. They have closed up residency in Hana and packed their bags to live closer to their son Mikaele in Arizona. They will be deeply missed by their community and the village of Nahiku.

**Kalanikahua Hou Church:** The luakini continues and thrive. We are busy planning for our annual Ho`ike, however as scheduling goes we needed to adjust our normal 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in September. All is welcomed please join us if you can. On August 17, 2023 Kalanikahua Hou will greet and host the First Nation Indigenous Stories and Songs Convention. There will people from all over the globe that will participate. This is the first time they have held this event in Hawaii. We are honored to be a part of the gathering. They will be here to speak of many topics such as resources, culture, history and spirituality and it all begins at Kalanikahua Hou and makes its way around Maui.

May our creator continue to Bless our Association and find grace and favor in our work.

Joyclynn Costa  
East Maui Island Representative

**West Maui & Molokai AHEC Churches**  
**Report to the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches BOD**  
**June 9, 2023**

Aloha Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches,

**Lahuiokalani Ka`anapali Congregational Church:**

We continue to have church in-person services, which begin at 10 AM. Attendance appears to be lower than previous years. Celebrated Easter with 70+ attendees; there were many young families. A new members class is slated for mid-June.

**Waiola Church:**

Waiola Church celebrated Easter Sunday service with piano accompaniment attended by members and visitors. All energies are focused on Waiola's 200th anniversary celebration! Plans include a Friday night presentation for History Theater. Join us on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> for activities on the church grounds. There will be a luau in the evening.

Work has centered on readying the church grounds and graveyard and improvements have been made for several of the church's rental homes. Board and member meetings are now held in person and services are recorded and posted on our Facebook page.

**Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church:**

Olowalu's Moderator, Paul Keator

**Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church:**

We at Keolahou are doing fine! Still keeping our door open on Sunday and thanking Ke Akua for His Blessings and direction.

**Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church (PHPC):**

Shared Sunrise Service with Maluhia Church. Resurrection Worship Service was held at Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church 11 a.m. On March 26, Paia Church hosted Royal Order of Kamehameha Kahekili Chapter and Nā Wahine Hui o Kamehameha & the 'Ahahui Ka`ahumanu Society in honor of Prince Kuhio. Praising God for His constant blessings!

**Waihee Protestant Church:**

Is working with the Pohnpei Ministry to build a Hale Lua for men and women. It will also include shower facilities. Verl and Susan Klassen lead Waihee Protestant Church spiritually. Verl is currently working with the AHEC COM for authorization as a UCC pastor.

**Ka`ahumanu Church:**

Ka'ahumanu continues having Sunday services in-person and virtually via Facebook live at 9:00am. In-person attendance has been good averaging 20-30 regulars. Ka`ahumanu Church, `Iao UCC, and Wailuku Union had joint worship services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunrise services. After sunrise service the three churches had their individual Sunday services at their respective churches. At Kaahumanu 9:00 am Easter Worship, there was reaffirmation of Baptism and Faith followed by Holy Communion. Everyone enjoyed breakfast.



**Kalua`aha Congregational Church:**

Kalua`aha Congregational Church and the other Top Side Moloka'i churches continue to have worship services with the Pastoral leadership of Pastor Janice Ogoshi.

Blessings to all for the Advent and Christmas seasons!

Mahalo Ke Akua a me ka Ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Higa". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Wayne Higa  
West Maui & Molokai Representative

**Association Of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**  
**2023 Nā Kai `Ewalu `Aha `Iki Kauai Island Report**  
**June 9, 2023 – Kaneohe, Oahu**

Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant Church is nestled below Kalalea Mountain in Anahola, Kaua'i, a prominent peak that beckons you to share in it's beauty and feel God's presence. Bask in his arms and feel his presence, feel his arms around you, ahh what a joy this is! Mahalo Ke Akua!!!

The first sanctuary at Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant Church had a dirt floor. Many came to the services wearing boots and cowboys hats after traveling many miles through rain and on rough, dirt roads on horse-driven wagons to get there. At least 85 percent of the people in Anahola belonged to the church. Over the decades, it has steadily served as a refuge and sanctuary during storms. It has provided shelter and food regardless of religious faiths. It has filled physical and spiritual needs.

Today, it blends a liturgy that is both traditional and contemporary. It unites generations of young families, seniors and singles, as our worship follows ancient Christian patterns, yet is situated firmly in Hawaiian traditions. Hymns, anthems, and prayers are in Hawaiian and English. Scripture is read in Hawaiian and English; the sermon in Hawaiian and English, depending on who our visiting kahu is.

We even have a sign by the main highway that was made by a member, which attracts visitors from afar.



Just recently we started up our Sunday School Program. It takes a lot of manpower to run a Sunday School program. There are many opportunities with different commitment levels to take advantage of. Volunteers do not have to be a Sunday School parent to help: but all are welcome.

Our Sunday School goals are: to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to all children, to create a program where the children feel valued and have fun so they can't wait to come back each week, to provide children with lasting adult and child friendships grounded in good Christian beliefs, and to provide a balanced approach to learning through classroom study/activities, music, and worship service opportunities

We have so much to be grateful for, especially to Ke Akua for providing all that we need: kahu and speakers who share their mana'o, dedicated leaders, 'ohana, friends, members and deacons who generously serve our church and community of Anahola.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kalei Arinaga, Moderator

**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**



**STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION REPORT**

**Nā Kai `Ewalu `Aha `Iki Annual Report**

**May 16, 2023 Kaneohe Congregational, Oahu**



*He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy; Psalms 105:43*

Aloha Kākou!

As we continue through the year, keep focused on Jesus Christ our Savior. Jesus brings joy and hope to all through his love in our life as we turn to him. We all bear burdens, but he encourages us to praise him...sharing the joy in our hearts as we move through our daily paths Mahalo i ke Akua for his light and joy in our lives. We are his beloved children.

This past Spring `Aha Halawai meeting at Kalanikahua Hou was so blessed! Joyclyn Costa's congregation were such gracious hosts to us all and they made all of us feel right at home. It was so heartfelt to see all the churches who attended and participated at our meeting sharing in JOY for the first time on Maui returning face to face from a 5-year absence. The worship and fellowship was anointed we felt the spirit on the move. JOY! This serves to remind us that as a body of Christ, we should meet and worship together praising the Lord and thanking him for the blessings he shares with us freely and graciously to remind us of what is important.

This year marks the 200th Anniversary some of our churches. Praise the Lord! Kalapana Maunakea Church, Laupahoehoe Church, and Waiola Church share 200 years of worship and service to Hawaii's po'e. Kawaiha'ō Church and Mokuaikaua Church have also had their 200th year anniversary and how rich and blessed are our people to be the children of God in service for the Lord.

As a reminder, we will continue to collect Quilt Patterns for our Ka Pāhana Kuiki Hawaii project. This endeavor has merit. Currently, we are looking to decentralize the process for this project and will be reaching out to each island for a leader. The leader will encourage their churches to make a quilt representing their island. We can accomplish this with each Island taking care of their kuleana and share the beauty and grace of their island churches reflected in their quilts.

Brothers and sisters be blessed in all you do. Face to face meetings bring joy and bind us together. Let us renew our love and trust in our Heavenly Father, we his chosen children. Know the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of our Lord and he lives in our lives preparing us evermore to serve and love in his spirit.

Blessings in the Holy Spirit,

Loke Kamanu

State Sunday School Association President

## **REPORT 'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu Handbook – May 17, 2023**

### **Report of the Covenantal Relationship between Kamehameha Schools and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**

The Covenantal Relationship between Kamehameha Schools and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches provides opportunities for nā haumāna to participate in activities with the local churches. These activities have provided opportunities for the students to grow in their faith and character. The churches have been reinvigorated and encouraged to see youth leading worship and practicing servant leadership.

#### **Goals of the Covenantal Relationship**

1. KS will establish deputation teams which will be available to local churches to lead worship and demonstrate servant leadership. This would demonstrate to the local church that youth are contributing members of the worship experience.
2. Support the local churches by providing opportunities for the students to demonstrate servant leadership in their church and home communities. KS will assist the student in developing the projects.
3. Encourage pastors of the local churches to be a part of our ministry to our children by serving as resources for our Chapels and Christian Education classes.
4. KS will make its facilities available for AHEC functions, provided they do not conflict with KS events/functions.

#### **Tri Campus Deputation Teams – Local Ministry w/ Pastoral Support Activities SY 2022-2023**

**KS Kapālama: Kahu Manu Naeole KS Maui: Kahu Kalani Wong**

**KS Hawai'i: Kahu Kaunaloa Boshard**

- April 30, 2023 – KS Hawai'i / KS Kapālama Kahu Kaunaloa and Kahu Barrett Awai with KSK Middle School DT at Haili Church
- March 19, 2023 – KS Hawai'i at Haili with DT
- March 6, 2023 – KS Hawai'i at Haili with DT
- March 5, 2023 – KS Maui Kahu at Kalanikahua Hou Church with DT
- February 26, 2023 -KS Kapālama at Ewa Community
- February 12, 2023 – KS Kapālama Kaumakapili Church
- October 15, 2022 - KS Kapālama at Kalihi Moanalua Church.
- September 30, 2022 – KS Hawai'i at Kahikolu Church and Mokuaikaua Church Historical Presentation
- September 30, 2022 - KS Hawai'i / KS Kapālama Kahu Kaunaloa and CE Kumu Kalei Cosma led ES DT on a Huaka'i about Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia at Moku o Keawe.

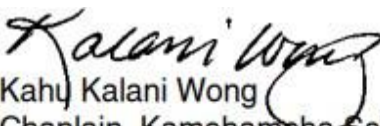
- September 10, 2022 - KS Kapālama at Kawaihae Church – Faith Journey of Pauahi
- August 28, 2022 - KS Maui and KS Hawai'i Deputation Teams led worship at Ka'ahumanu and were blessed by the experience.
- August 27, 2022 - KS Maui and KS Hawai'i Deputation Teams helped the church 'ohana at Ka'ahumanu Congregational located in Wailuku, Maui clean their Hale Pule and outside areas.
- May 15, 2022 – KS Hawai'i at Haili with DT

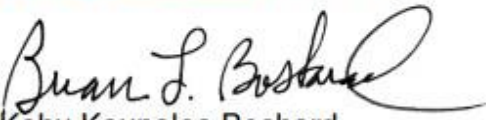
Aloha nō kākou,

E aloha 'ia mai 'oukou, a e maluhia ho'i e ke Akua, e ko kākou Makua, a e ka Haku e Iesū Kristo. What a blessing it is for Nā Kahu 'o Nā Kula Kamehameha to be in ministry with everyone in AHEC. This SY 2022-2023 all three of our campuses returned to our normal functions with all major convocations being well attended by staff and students. We have successfully moved past the previous two years of having students attend school in isolation to hybrid programs to finally getting back to a regular school schedule. Although there is still a significant need for spiritual, social, and emotional healing for both our haumāna and staff, we thank Ke Akua that we are on the road to recovery.

Consequently, there is still an increase in student issues with anxiety along with academic and social disengagement concerns. Despite these challenges, we have experienced a slight increase in our Deputation Teams' engagement with our local church communities from the two previous years. This is a good sign that the remnant of faith is still moving mountains at Kamehameha Schools with faith, hope, and love. We look forward to engaging our students in more community activities for SY 2023-2024. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

E aloha mai iā mākou, e Iēhova,

  
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# Christian Endeavor Report 2023

By Kahu Maluhia Warren

Aloha Kakou

We have been blessed this year moving forward with our Programs for our Luakinis. Here is a list of Programs this year, Mahalo for your participation in the events planned by Christian Endeavor Hawaii. Be looking for more next year in 2024 for our Pacific Regional Convention in American Samoa. We want to encourage all to be apart of what Jesus said, go into all the world baptizing and making disciples.

Mahalo Iesu

## PROGRAMS 2023

1. CE Pacific Leadership Conference January 14 – 18, 2023 in American Samoa  
January 18, 2023, Celebration in Honolulu, HI - Kanana Fou Church Rally of the Samoan Churches
2. Spring Youth Gathering at Luakini Church Hauoli Kamanao spring break event  
March 14–18, 2023
3. CE World Conference Flensunger Höf, Germany from July 19 – July 23, 2023

Still have time to make your arrangements to make this trip, contact me if you need more information. We will reserve 2 bungalows at the location of the Conference. Round Trip to Germany is about \$2500 + \$300 for food and logging.

For Christ and His Church,

# **IV. AHEC DIRECTORIES**





**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES  
BYLAWS**

**Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ  
Revised on 9/19/2020  
@ 2020 Virtual Halawai, Haili Church Hilo, HI**

**ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

- 1.1 MEMBERSHIP:** The Association shall have two (2) classes of members. The designation of such class and the qualifications and rights of the members of such class shall be as follows:
- 1.1.1 REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** The Regular Membership of this Association shall include the following:
- 1.1.1.1 Any church within the boundaries of this Association that expresses its Christian Faith in native Hawaiian cultural forms as expressed in the Constitution of this Association.
  - 1.1.1.2 Any Kahu who holds standing in this Association.
  - 1.1.1.3 The officers of this Association.
  - 1.1.1.4 Chairperson of all Association Committees.
  - 1.1.1.5 The Conference Minister of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ.
- 1.1.2 ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:** The following persons shall be Associate Members of this Association upon a majority vote of any regular members presiding at any meeting of the membership:6
- 1.1.2.1 A minister of the United Church of Christ holding standing in an Association or Conference other than the Hawai'i Conference.  
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  - 1.1.2.2 A minister serving a church under Privilege of Call.
  - 1.1.2.3 An ordained minister holding standing in another denomination while serving as a minister in a church of an Association of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ.
  - 1.1.2.4 A member in good standing of any Conference Church of the United Church of Christ.

- 1.1.2.5 Such other persons who may be designated as Associated Members by the membership
- 1.1.2.6 Recognized partners in Ministry as defined by Article II herein.

1.1.3 **AUTONOMY OF MEMBER CHURCHES:** The Association recognizes the autonomy of the local church. Therefore, a church that is a member of this Association shall have a voice in the affairs of this Association and shall be expected to enter fully into the life and work of this Association, to be faithful to that life, and to serve in its mission.

1.2 **PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP:** All members of this Association shall have a voice in the affairs of this Association and shall be expected to enter fully into the life and work of this Association, to be faithful to that life, and to serve in its mission.

1.2.1 **NA EKALIESIA (Churches):**

1.2.1.1 **Mau Noa (Freedom)** The autonomy of the local church is inherent. Nothing in the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association shall destroy or limit the right of any local church.

1.2.1.2 **Mau ‘Ohana (Fellowship)** All actions, decisions, and advisories emanating from the ‘Aha Nui (General Synod) and the ‘Aha Pae’aina and the ‘Aha Na Kai ‘Ewalu shall be given proper and prayerful consideration by every member church.

1.2.1.3 **Mau Kuleana (Responsibility)** Each church is expected to fulfill its membership responsibility by paying the per capita assessments as determined by these Bylaws and/or by the ‘Aha Na Kai ‘Ewalu to continue membership.

1.2.2 **NA KAHU (Ministers):** This Association recognizes that God calls certain persons to full and part-time service for various forms of ministry in the Church. This calling is ‘apono (affirmed) by ordination and/or other appropriate service of dedication refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association The Kahu of the Association, then, shall be recognized with the title affirmed by the rite of ordination.

1.2.2.1 **Kahu La’a** The Kahu La’a, having fulfilled the requirements for ordination shall refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima

with with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association.

- 1.2.2.2 **Kahu Pono** The Kahu Pono, having fulfilled the requirements for recognition as a Minister sanctioned by the Association and/or having fulfilled the requirements for licensing as a Licensed Minister shall refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with **with reference to** the Manual on Ministry **as needed** and **respect** Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association
- 1.2.2.3 **Kahu Hiki** The Kahu Hiki, serving a Church of the Association in a specific ministry shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association.

### **1.3 VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

- 1.3.1 Each church, as defined in Section 1.1.1.1 of these Bylaws, shall have one vote for each delegate that a church is entitled to send to a meeting as defined in Article III hereof.
- 1.3.2 All Kahu, as defined in Section 1.2.2 of these Bylaws and the Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ, shall each have one (1) vote.
- 1.3.3 All members of the Board of Directors representatives of Partnership Ministries: State Sunday School Association, Hawaii Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries, Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center, Kamehameha Schools, State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, and the Christian Endeavor of Hawaii; and chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall each have one (1) vote.
- 1.3.4 Associate Members of this Association, and any new representatives of Partnership Ministries, shall have a right to voice their thoughts and opinions in the affairs of this Association but shall not have the right to vote.
- 1.3.5 Members must be present at a meeting to vote.

- 1.4 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP:** The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and may, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership. A church that does not meet its Mau Kuleana under Section 1.2.1.3 herein and for which a ho’oponopono process by the Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu has failed, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, to redress the problem may be expelled from membership as established in this Section 1.4.
- 1.5 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER:** Any member may resign from the membership in this Association by filing a written statement to that effect with the Secretary, but such termination shall not relieve the member of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

## **ARTICLE II-PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES**

- 2.1 RECOGNITION OF PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES:** The Association, in the event that another organization agrees with the purposes of the Association as stated in the Constitution of this Association, may recognize such an organization as a Partnership Ministry and by a majority vote of the Board of Directors invite such an organization to become an Associate Member of this Association.
- 2.2 ROLE OF PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES AS MEMBERS** Partnership Ministries, which have standing in this Association as recognized under Section 2.1 herein, shall promote the purposes and programs of this Association and cooperate in its mission.

## **ARTICLE III- MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

- 3.1 ‘AHA NĀ KAI ‘EWALU (Annual Meeting):** The Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu shall be the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall be held in the month of June in conjunction with the ‘Aha Pae’āina (the Annual Meeting) of the Hawai’i Conference and prior to the ‘Aha Makua (Business Session of the Annual Meeting).
- 3.2 ‘AHA HALAWAI (Regular Meetings):** Two regular meetings shall be held during the months of February and October of each year, with dates to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 3.3 ‘AHA KUKA (Ecclesiastical Council Meetings):** The Board of Directors shall call an Ecclesiastical Council at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee on Ministry. An Ecclesiastical Council is a meeting of the Association called for the purpose of deciding ordained ministry and state of the churches.

- 3.4 'AHA LA'A (Special Meeting):** A Special meeting(s) for fellowship or business of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors at the request of seven (7) or more churches.
- 3.5 PLACE OF MEETINGS:** The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of Hawai'i, as the place of meeting for any 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu, 'Aha Halawai, or 'Aha Kuka called by the Board of Directors. If no designation is made or if an 'Aha La'a be otherwise called, the place of meeting shall be the registered office of the Association in the State of Hawai'i; but, if all of the members shall meet at any time and place, either within or without call or notice, and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.
- 3.6 KAHEA ANA (Notification)** The Board of Directors shall provide written notice of all meetings to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. Said notice shall state the place, day, and hour of the meeting, as well as the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, and shall be delivered either personally or by mail.
- 3.7 KAHU ANA (Representation)** Each church shall be represented by two (2) lay delegates and a youth delegate who is 30 years of age or less at the time of meeting. Those Churches with more than one hundred (100) members shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each additional fifty (50) or major fraction thereof. The total delegates from any one church shall not exceed seven (7). All Kahu, the Conference Minister of the Hawai'i Conference, members of the Board of Directors, representatives of recognized Partnership Ministries and Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall represent themselves.
- 3.8 KE KOHO ANA (Quorum)** A quorum for the transaction of business shall be declared when at least one-third (1/3) of the churches in the Association are represented.

#### **ARTICLE IV-BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 3.9 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the following:
- 3.9.1 The Officers of the Association;
- 3.9.2 One director from O'ahu, Kaua'i, East Maui, West Maui, East Hawai'i, West Hawai'i and Moloka'i, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting;
- 3.9.3 One representative from each of the following: State Sunday School Association; Hawai'i Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries; Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center; Kamehameha Schools; State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches; and Christian Endeavor of Hawai'i; and,
- 3.9.4 The chairpersons of standing committees.

**4.1 TENURE** Each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may not serve for more than (3) consecutive terms.

**4.2 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

4.2.1 The purpose of the Board of Directors is to set the direction for the Association in the pursuit of its purpose and mission and to submit to the Association for its approval at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu the program plans and budget for the attainment of the Association's goals.

4.2.2 The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancies in the Board or its offices, committees, and positions for the interim period until the next scheduled election or appointment by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors then serving.

4.2.3 The Board of Directors shall issue calls for meetings of the Association.

4.2.4 The Board of Directors shall act for the Association between Association meetings and shall carry out those as instructed by the Association.

4.2.5 The Board of Directors shall have the power to designate any officer or agent to enter into any contract and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the Association provided such authority should be confined to specific instances.

4.2.6 The Board may endorse to the Conference Nominating Committee a candidate for the Hawai'i General Synod delegation.

**4.3 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

4.3.1 **Regular Meetings** Board shall meet as needed and not less than four (4) times a year. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than these Bylaws. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and place for holding additional meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolution. The Board may call for meetings and voting by video conferencing or by telephone conferencing, and may permit electronic voting.

4.3.2 **Special Meetings** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the president or any three 3 directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place, either within or without the **Pae'āina** Hawai'i, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them. The discussion and resolution will be limited to the item(s) which the Special Meeting was called for.

4.3.3 **Quorum** At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the

transaction of business and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, excepts as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or by these Bylaws.

4.3.4 **Notice** - Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least five (5) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by electronic correspondence to each director at his or her address as shown by the records of the Association. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need to be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these Bylaws.

4.4 **Compensation and Reimbursement** Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their services as such, but by resolution of the Board reasonable expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at such regular or special meeting of the Board. The Board of Directors shall have power in its discretion to contract for and pay to directors rendering unusual or exceptional services to the Association special compensation appropriate to the value of such services.

4.5 **REMOVAL** Any Director may be removed from office at any time with or without cause by the affirmative vote of the majority of votes entitled to vote at any special meeting of the Board of Directors called for such a purpose.

4.6 **RESIGNATION** Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

5.1 **OFFICERS:** The Officers of this Association shall be members in good standing of a church that is a member of this Association. There shall be a PAPA MAKUA (Association Minister), a LUNA HO'OMALU (President), a LUNA HO'OMALU HOPE (Vice President), a KAKAU 'OLELO (Secretary), and a PU'UKU (Treasure). The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

### 5.1.1 **The PAPA MAKUA**

5.1.1.1 Shall be the spiritual leader of the Association and its chief executive and administrative officer, having general

supervision over the work of the Association under the direction of the Board of Directors;

- 5.1.1.2 Shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and all other committees of the Association unless there are specific provisions to the contrary stated in these Bylaws;
- 5.1.1.3 Shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee, without vote;
- 5.1.1.4 Shall be a minister in good standing of the United Church of Christ, nominated by the Board of Directors and elected by the Association at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;
- 5.1.1.5 Shall serve a term of office of two (2) years, and there shall be no limit to the number of terms that may be served;
- 5.1.1.6 Shall be representative of the Association on the Conference Council of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ; and,
- 5.1.1.7 Shall be accountable to the Association.

**5.1.2 The LUNA HO'OMALU**

- 5.1.2.1 Shall preside at meetings of the Association , the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;
- 5.1.2.2 In consultation with the Association officers, shall propose the direction for the Association to the Board of Directors for its approval, and shall make an annual report to the Board of Directors and to the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;
- 5.1.2.3 Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and except where provisions to the contrary may be stated in these Bylaws;
- 5.1.2.4 May be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) years, and may be elected to another term if one (1) year has elapsed from the time that the person ended the prior term;
- 5.1.2.5 Shall represent the Association on the Conference Council of the Hawai'i Conference UCC;
- 5.1.2.6 Shall execute all contracts and other documents as ordered by the Association or Board of Directors; and,
- 5.1.2.7 Shall in alternating terms be a Kahu and a layperson.



5.1.2.8 After extensive searching, in the event an eligible nominee is not available, then a nominee from the other category may be presented.

5.1.3 **The LUNA HO"OMALU HOPE**

5.1.3.1 Shall perform the duties of Luna Ho'omalua in the event of his or her absence or inability to act, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors; and,

5.1.3.2 May be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) years, and may be elected to another term if one (1) year has elapsed from the time that the person ended the prior term.

5.1.4 **The KAKAU 'OLELO**

5.1.4.1 Shall maintain a permanent record of all meetings of the Association, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu; Minutes are to be completed and sent to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days.

5.1.4.2 Shall make an annual report to the Association including a roll call of all churches and Kahu participating in the Association and shall report all changes to the Association;

5.1.4.3 Shall issue notice of meetings as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws; annually publish a roster of officers, directors, standing committee chairpersons and its members, and perform such other duties as may be required; and,

5.1.4.4 Shall serve a term of two (2) years and may be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) years, or until his / or her successor is elected and installed. Consenses accepted

5.1.5 **The PU'UKŪ**

5.1.5.1 Shall receive all assets, contributions and assessments made for the work of the Association;

5.1.5.2 Shall make payments of funds as may be directed by the Board of the Directors or Association or donor gifts;

5.1.5.3 Shall at all time keep an accurate record of all transactions involving the various accounts entrusted to his or her care;

- 5.1.5.4 Shall submit a monthly report of the financial operations of the Association to the Board of Directors, and a full report to the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;
- 5.1.5.5 Shall perform other duties that usually pertain to the office or as directed by the Board of Directors;
- 5.1.5.6 Shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee; and,
- 5.1.5.7 Shall serve a term of two (2) years and May be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) or until his / or her successor is elected and installed.

**5.2 ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - Officers shall be elected for the terms designated in Article 5.1 and installed at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

- 5.2.1 An election shall be held at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu every year.
- 5.2.2 Election shall be by either secret ballot or, where there is only one (1) nominee for an office, by voice vote. A majority of the votes cast shall be sufficient to carry the election.

**5.3 REMOVAL** Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the membership whenever in its judgment the best interest of the Association would be served thereby, except for the Papa Makua who may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**5.4 RESIGNATION** Any officer may resign upon submitting ninety (90) days' notice to the Kākau 'Ōlelo of the Association.

**ARTICLE VI-COMMITTEES**

The Standing Committees of this Association shall be: the Executive Committee, the [Committee on Ministry](#), the Nominating Committee, the Program Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Hua Mua Committee. Each committee will follow their Operating Policy & Procedures following board approval. The Board of Directors or the Association may appoint Special Committees as deemed advisable.

**6.1 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the Luna Ho'omalulu, Luna Ho'omalulu Hope, Kākau 'Ōlelo, Pu'ukū, and Papa Makua.

- 6.1.1 The Executive Committee shall meet as needed. The Luna Ho'omalulu may call special meetings. A [minimum of three or more](#) of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. Accepted by consenses

6.1.2 The Executive Committee shall be the instrument of the Board of Directors between Board meetings and is empowered to carry out the duties of the Board and/or the Association.

## **6.2 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

6.2.1 The Committee on Ministry shall consist of seven (7) members; three (3) of whom should be lay persons, and shall include one (1) person from each of the islands as stated in Article 3.9.2. Members, who shall serve staggered terms, are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu. Members shall serve for a term of three years beginning July 1 of the year elected, and may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms. In case of a vacancy, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term.

6.2.2 The Committee on Ministry shall decide upon the frequency of meetings. It shall be responsible for matters relating to Kahu; Members in Discernment; ordination; granting, maintenance, transfer, and termination of ministerial standing; privilege of call; installation; commissioning; and granting, maintenance, and termination of local church standing ; and shall, refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the association.

6.2.3 The Committee on Ministry, through development of programs for professional growth, continuing education, personal support and denominational relationships, shall be responsible for matters relating to the support of the Kahu in the Association and the recruitment and nurturing of students of Hawaiian ancestry interested in entering the ministry, as defined in Section 1.2.2 hereof.

**6.3 NOMINATING COMMITTEE** The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members and be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve staggered terms of two (2) years each beginning on July 1 of the year appointed.

6.3.1 The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for the offices of Luna Ho'omalulu, Luna Ho'omalulu Hope, Kākau 'Ōlelo, and Pu'ukū; one or more candidates for island representatives to the Board of Directors; and one or more candidates for the Committee on Ministry.

6.3.2 The names of the nominees, with information of their qualification, shall be submitted to member churches no less than one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

6.3.3 Nominations may only be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, if there is a vacancy in a position at that time, a second is provided, and motion approved by the body.

#### **6.4 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

6.4.1 There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of three (3) members, appointed by the Board of Directors to serve staggered terms.

6.4.2 The appointed term shall be three (3) years.

6.4.3 The Pu'ukū shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee with the right to vote.

6.4.4 The Finance Committee shall present an Annual Budget to the Board of Directors for the next fiscal year.

#### **6.5 NA LIMA HO'IKE E PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

6.5.1 There shall be a Program Committee of eight (8) members, one (1) from each of the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, 'Oahu, and Kaua'i, and one (1) youth delegate under **30** years of age, plus a representative from a recognized Partnership Ministry of this Association, and a representative of State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches as appointed by that body.

6.5.2 Each member of the Program Committee will serve a staggered three (3) year term. Accepted by consenses

6.5.3 The Program Committee members shall help the local churches develop programs.

6.5.4 The program committee will review and evaluate the grant applications.

6.5.5 The grant applications that are denied will be presented to the BOD for final consideration.

#### **6.6 HUA MUA COMMITTEE**

The Hua Mua Committee exists to ensure that the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches is truly self-governing and financially self-sustaining as written in the mission statement.

**6.6.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Committee will be composed of five (5) members with terms of three (3) years that are staggered, or until replaced. Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, and Three (3) at large members.

**6.6.1.2** The Papa Makua and Pu`ukū are ex-officio members of the committee.

**6.6.2 PURPOSE:** To develop capital campaigns to raise funds for financial sustainability and present proposed plans, visions, and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Consensus accepted

## **6.7 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

6.7.1 Special Committees may be created by the Association or the Board of Directors to fulfill the purposes of the Association and/or represent the Association in other affiliated and/or non-affiliated organizations.

6.7.2 Duties and functions of the Committee will be delineated by the Board of Directors.

6.7.3 The term of the Committee will be determined at the time of formation.

**6.8 CHAIRPERSONS** One member of each committee *may* be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors of this Association, and/or to consider a committee recommendation.

**6.9 QUORUM** Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

**6.10 RULES** Each committee may adopt rules of its own government not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII-INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

**7.1 INDEMNIFICATION** Any person who is made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, committee member, or a member of a member Church serving in a position at the request of the Association, shall be indemnified by the Association against the expenses (including amounts paid by way of judgement, and settlement and including attorney's fees) reasonably and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of such action, suit, or proceeding, whether or not such defense shall be successful in whole or in part, or in connection with any appeal therein, or any settlement thereof, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit,

or proceeding that such person is liable for willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duties.

- 7.2 AUTHORIZATION** Unless ordered by a court, any indemnification under Section 7.1 of this Article shall be made by the Association only if authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer or committee member has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 7.1. The determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the proceeding; or (b) if a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion to the Association; or (c) by a majority vote of the members; or (d) by the court in which the proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the Association or the director or officer or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not he application by the director, officer, attorney, or other person is opposed by this Association.
- 7.3 ADVANCE PAYMENTS** Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in a particular case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that the director or officer is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article VII.
- 7.4 OTHER RIGHTS** The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such a person.
- 7.5 INSURANCE** The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any director or officer of the Association , against any liability asserted against or incurred by the directors or officer's status as church, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the director or officer against liability under this Article.

## **ARTICLE VIII-EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS**

- 8.1 PERSONS AUTHORIZED** Except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, or by resolution of the Board of Directors or by law, the person authorized to make and execute all written instruments of Association, including the checks, drafts, notes, bonds, acceptance, deeds, leases, and contracts shall be the Luna Ho'omalū (President), the Luna Ho'omalū Hope (Vice

President), the Kākau 'Ōlelo (Secretary), the Papa Makua (Spiritual Leader), and the Pu'ukū(Treasurer). accepted by consenses

- 8.2 CONTRACTS** The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- 8.3 CHECKS, DRAFTS, ORDERS, AND NOTES** All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by any officer if the amount of the instrument is under one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, the Vice President, or the Secretary of the Association if the amount of the instrument is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or over.

## **ARTICLE IX-FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- 9.1 BUDGET** A proposed Annual Budget as presented by the Finance Committee, approved by the Board of Directors and distributed to the churches together with the notice of the Annual Meeting.
- 9.2. RECEIPTS**
- 9.2.1 **Uku Kumau (Dues)** Each church member, as defined in Section 1.1.1.1 hereof, shall pay annual per capita assessment based on the total number members of that church. The Association shall establish the rate of assessment.
- 9.2.2 **Lulu (Offering)** An offering may be received at meetings of membership to support the work of the Association.
- 9.2.3 **Fund Raising** The Association may undertake special fund raising activities approved by the membership or Board of Directors.
- 9.2.4 **Deposits** All funds of the Association shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

**9.3** **DISBURSEMENTS** All disbursements shall be paid by the Pu'uku (Treasure) as may be directed by these Bylaws, the Board of Directors or this Association.

**9.4** **AUDITS** Within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, the Pu'ukū will submit to the Board of Directors an annual financial statement prepared in-house and verified as to accuracy by an authorized officer or member of the Board, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Findings will be reported to the membership at the next meeting of the Association.

**9.5** **GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENT**

The Association may appoint a special committee to search and investigate grants that entitlement that may be available to the Association.

**9.6** **GIFTS**

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes as for any special purpose of the Association. The Board may appoint a Special Committee to receive and mangae endowments and special gifts.

**ARTICLE X-BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors and Committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. Any member, or his agent or his attorney may inspect all books and records of the Association for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

**ARTICLE XI-FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 through June 30.

**ARTICLE XII-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

All meetings of the Board of Directors, Committees, and the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, which shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not covered by the Constitution or the Bylaws of this Association, as amended.



### **ARTICLE XIII-AMENDMENT AND REVIEW**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, if at least thirty (30) days written notice is given of the intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting. These Bylaws shall be reviewed every three (3) years.