

# **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**



State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)

Welcome to the 2024<sup>th</sup> 'Aha Pae'aina

June 11, 2026

Welina and Aloha mai kakou,

Warm greetings on behalf of the State Council Executive Board to all of you. We gather once again on the O`ahu, known as the “gathering place”, to strengthen friendships, partnerships and collaborate in the spirit of Aloha.

As we look ahead to a new season of blessings and new beginnings, we can't help but look back with gratitude for how God has blessed us and carried us through joys, celebrations, sadness and hardships.

It is in the spirit of gratitude that we forge ahead in anticipation of what new is stirring in our faith communities yet to be uncovered, possible new relationships, new programs, new interactions, or new growth opportunities. May the Holy Spirit be our guiding light and force that keeps us moving toward Christ Jesus.

May your time at the 204<sup>th</sup> `Aha Pae`Aina provide you with opportunities to make new friends, hug old friends and create memories that will carry you through 2026-2027.

Fondest Aloha,

Lorna Motas  
President SCHCC



# SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

*‘Aha ‘aina Wai Maka*



**204<sup>th</sup> ‘Aha Pae‘āina o ka ‘Ahahui Hawai‘i o ka  
‘Ekalesia Hui Pū‘ia o Kristo (HCUCC)**

**June 11 – June 13, 2026 – Honolulu a me Waipahu, O‘ahu**

**STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (SCHCC)**

**‘Aha Iki – SCHCC Annual Meeting**  
Thursday, June 11, 2025 – 10 a.m.  
Kaumakapili Church – Keone‘ula, Honolulu, O‘ahu

**↑THE CALL INTO WORSHIP**

Roberta Jahrling  
Kahu Keoki Kiwaha

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*Roberta* As we begin our Service of Remembrance, we open with the traditional protocol of asking and receiving permission to enter into this time and space of worship and sacred observance. Through ‘oli we call our kūpuna into this space with us – especially those with *pilina* to this mokupuni of O‘ahu – lifting the veil and connecting the spiritual and physical realms together. By doing so, we are uplifted – knowing that though we mourn, life itself and our connection to one another and to this land is eternal.

*A Wabo Mākou o Āwawamalu* is a chant that honors the island of O‘ahu as a sacred and living ancestor, tracing its origins through traditional mo‘olelo as the child of Papa and Lua. Composed by Manu Boyd, the chant serves as a respectful request for entrance into the sacred realm of hula and ancestral knowledge. Beginning at Āwawamalu and nearby Hālonā, the imagery of the watchful blowhole and its rising sea spray symbolizes attentiveness, learning, and the sharing of ‘ike (knowledge). The chant also honors the legacy of the ancient ali‘i Mailikukahi, remembered for organizing O‘ahu into its six traditional moku, affirming the island’s cultural unity, sacred geography, and enduring traditions of aloha, mutual respect, and stewardship.

*Kahu Kiwaha* ‘Ae, a waho mākou o Āwawamalu  
I kahi a ka lā e puka mai ai  
‘Ōlali nā ‘ale hānupanupa o Kaiwi  
‘Oaka Hālonā i ke po‘ipo‘i ‘ehu kai  
Ike i ka nani o O‘ahu a Lua  
‘Āina kau i ka hano Mā‘ilikūkahi  
Lokahi ke aloha ē welina mai nei  
No Ko‘olaupoko i ka la‘i o Mololani  
No Ko‘olauloa i ka Malualuaki‘iwai  
No Waiālua i ka ‘ihikapu o Kūkaniloko  
No Wai‘anae i ke alo kehau o Ka‘ala  
No ‘Ewa i ka lei momi o ka i‘a hamau leo  
No Kona i ka papa kōnane a‘o Māmala  
Mālama iho ‘ia ke aloha no ka ‘āina uluwehiwehi  
E hea mai ka leo i pae aku mākou i uka  
He noi leo kēia, he kānaenae i aloha ē, ‘ae

**↓THE GREETING**

Kahu Frank Mulec

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*Lorna* We gather this day as God’s people aware of those who have died and of our fragile existence here on earth. We come to into this space and time to comfort

and support one another in our common loss. We gather to hear God’s words of hope that drive away our despair and move us to offer God our praise. We commend to God with thanksgiving the lives of those who have gone before us, for whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Christ who is Lord of the living and the dead.

*Kākou*

**It is God who has made us. We are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture. Amen.**

↑**THE HYMN** | NOU NO AU IESŪ (NH #122)

*Laiana/Crosby*

↓**MEDITATION**

Laurie Kauleinamoku  
Kahu Keoki Kiwaha

*Laurie*

The ‘Aha‘aina Wai Maka, or Feast of Tears, was celebrated by our kupuna to mark the first anniversary of a person’s death. Our kupuna understood that tears shed at the time of a person’s death were an expression of sorrow at the loss of a loved one. However, during the ‘Aha‘aina Wai Maka, tears shed were an expression of joy and gratitude because for our loved ones – there is no more death, pain, mourning, or crying, for all these things have passed. In this space of worship and remembrance, we come still grieving the loss of the people we love and hold dear. But, we also come with joyfulness and thanksgiving that there is peace and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

To precede the reading of names, *He Akua Hemolele*, a hymn written by the Rev. Lorenzo Lyons, known affectionately as *Makua Laiana*, will be offered. Originally written to the tune *Sicilian Mariners* as it appears in *Nā Himeni O Ka ‘Ekalesia*, it will be offered in the style common to the *po‘e ho‘ano* of Ni‘ihau.

*Kahu Kiwaha* He Akua hemolele, Ke Akua no kākou,  
Maika‘i wale, hewa ‘ole, pono loa ola mau.  
Nani wale ko Iēhowa, luli ‘ole ka maika‘i,  
‘Ahonui wale ‘oia, i ka hanai pono mai.  
‘Oia no ka Haku mana, ‘o na mea i lalo nei;  
Nānā kākou nei i hana, ‘a‘ole na ka lima e.  
Pono ho‘i e pule aku i ka Haku o ke ao,  
I ola kānaka iāiā la, i ola nui no kākou.

↓**READING OF THE NECROLOGY**

Island Council Presidents or Designees

↓**THE RESPONSE** | MAIKA‘I E LAUNA ME ‘OE (NH #97)

*Hyde/Bilborn*

↓**THE MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Kahu Heather Barfield

In a moment of silence, we remember our ancestors who stand in back and in front of us - from the rising to the setting sun – we remember all the days and months and years in between

when babies were born and children grew up; when others committed themselves to one another and when loved ones and friends among us came to the end of their earthly lives; when others moved away to new places and others returned home. We recognize and we celebrate these times of passage, of endings and new beginnings even now as we share this time of aloha and give thanks for the many ways in which we were able to become a part of each other's lives. We give thanks that we have been able to discern God's path through the community of the faithful who have gone before us.

*A brief moment of silence is kept. When the moment of silence is ended, the Congregation will pray together the Prayer of Our Savior in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.*

*Kākou*      E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani,  
E hō'ano 'ia Kou inoa. E hiki mai Kou aupuni.  
E mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma ka honua nei,  
E like me ia i mālama 'ia ma ka lani la.  
E ha'awi mai iā mākou i kēia lā i 'ai na mākou no nēia lā.  
E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i ka mākou lawehala 'ana,  
Me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i kā mākou.  
Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai.  
E ho'opākele no na'e iā mākou i ka 'ino.  
No ka mea, Nou ke aupuni, a me ka mana,  
A me ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa aku. 'Āmene.

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**↓PRAYER**

Wendy Ann Garcia

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of life, for the breath in our lungs and the love that surrounds us. We thank You for our kūpuna and for all those who have passed from this world, whose lives have paved the way for ours and whose wisdom, courage, and sacrifices continue to shape our journey. We are grateful for the deep and sacred connection we share with them, a bond that transcends time and reminds us that we are part of a greater story. Thank You for the promise and joy of eternal life, where love never ends and where we will one day be reunited in Your divine presence. May we honor their memory by living with purpose, faith, and compassion. Amen.

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**↑THE HYMN | MELE LA'I (NH #193)**

*Laiana/Orr*

## ↑THE BENEDICTION

Kahu Keoki Kiwaha  
Kahu Heather Barfield

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*Kahu Kiwaha* I mau aku ka lokomaika‘i o ka Haku, ‘o Iesū Kristo, a me ke aloha o Ke Akua, a me ka launa pū ‘ana o ka ‘Uhane Hemolele, me ‘oukou āpau.

*Kahu Barfield* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen.**