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Pastoral Leaders Retreat
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Hokuloa UCC, Hawai'i Kai UCC, Cup of Freedom UCC, Makiki Christian Church, Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church, First Marshallese UCC, 'Ōla'a First Hawaiian Church, Kaua'i Marshallese Ministry, Central Christian Church, 'Ohana Ni'ihau O Waimea Church, Filipino UCC, Nu'uano Cong'l Church, Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church



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