



O'ahu Association United Church of Christ

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UCC Polity Classes during 'Aha Pae'āina

Thursday, June 6, 2019 from 9am-6pm

@ Kaumakapili Church, 766 N. King Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

All Are Welcome!

The O'ahu Association Committee on Ministry offers a cycle of five three-hour classes to fulfill the O'ahu Association requirement for "UCC polity" for those seeking authorization for ministry. We'll be offering three of the five classes compressed into one day in conjunction with the 2019 'Aha. All who are considering or preparing for authorized ministry in the Association, as well as *absolutely everyone else*, are welcome to attend and fully participate in these free classes!

- ☞ **Polity of the UCC** (Class 3 of the series)
- ☞ **Theology of the UCC** (Class 2 of the series)
- ☞ **Ministry in the UCC** (Class 4 of the series)

Please let us know you plan to attend!

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Description of Classes being offered:

1. Polity of the UCC

- Constituent parts & settings of the United Church of Christ—i.e., local church, conferences and associations, national setting, General Synod (Constitution and Bylaws).
- Past and present structure of the United Church of Christ (“covenantal polity”).
- Patterns of accountability and autonomy in the various settings of the church.
- Other topics to be added.

2. Theology in the UCC

- Theological documents and texts (e.g. Statement of Faith, Basis of Union, Prism articles, various working papers of the national setting, ecumenical documents, pronouncements of General Synod, etc).
- Worship (including Book of Worship, New Century and other hymnals).
- Ecclesiology (the nature of the church).
- Creeds and confessions (“testimonies, not tests” of what is commonly held among us).
- Other topics to be added.

3. Ministry in the UCC

- Forms of ministry—licensed, commissioned, ordained; ministerial partners (Christian Church Disciples of Christ); emerging patterns for authorized ministry; ministry of all the baptized.
- Structures and patterns of accountability—i.e., ordination, standing, discipline.
- Ministerial ethics (*Ordained Minister’s Code*, in MOM; other ethics documents).
- Understandings of ministry in the UCC: “embodiment” and “empowerment” models.
- Other topics to be added.

Description of the series:

This series is not the equivalent of a UCC Polity class at an accredited seminary. No papers are required for the classes in this series. Completion of the series satisfies the O’ahu Association requirement for “UCC polity” for those seeking authorization for ministry. The paper required of candidates by the O’ahu Association Committee on Ministry, depending on type of authorization being sought, will include a section on UCC Polity, which will be dependent on absorption of and reflection on the information in this series.