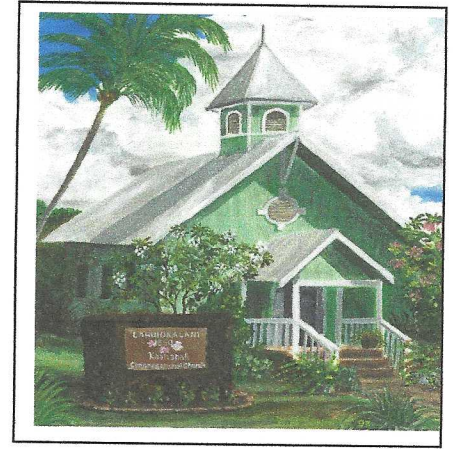


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To: Resolution Committee of AHEC

Re: A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 Years of War
Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:14

First and foremost, I believe that we, the Hawaiian people, should do as our Queen Lili`uokalani did in 1895; she forgave the sins of those who placed her in house-arrest. *Mai nānā `ino`ino, nā hewa o kanaka.* She forgave. Only when we truly forgive, then we can be cleansed and made whole. *E hui-kala mai a ma`e-ma`e no.* Beginning in 1807 when young Opūkaha`ia left Hawaii through the overthrow of the kingdom in 1893, the Hawaiian people lived through a sad time in history. Even though Lili`uokalani fought tirelessly for the return of the kingdom, it NEVER happened.

In January 1993, the national church apologized to the Hawaiian churches. In addition, reparations were made. With monetary compensation from the national church and the Hawaii Conference, each qualifying church received funds; the Pū`ā Foundation was established to promote education of what really happened in the overthrown; and the Hawaiian churches realized the formation of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, a non-geographical association. Foremost, we have been blessed because: the legacy of the missionaries led us to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This resolution details an accurate history. However, the four (4) Calls of the resolution do not provide tangible goals. What does it mean "to compel" the President and Congress to justly compensate the Hawaiian kingdom for 128 years of occupation? Instead of pursuing matters of compensation, we should step out of the ills we suffered and focus on mission to aid the struggling segments of our population. I do not forsake my Hawaiian heritage but I don't want it to take precedence over my Christian duty to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and welcome the stranger. Matthew 25:35.

As the sole member of Lāhuiokalani Ka`anapali Congregational Church, I believe the goals of this resolution do not align with the mission of our church. Therefore, we do not support this resolution. We would prefer the goals to switch from money to mission.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Aileen Trout".

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Moderator