

Ka'Ohana O Kalaupapa



*"E Ho'ohanohano a E Ho'omau. . .
... To Honor and To Perpetuate"*

Hatai elua

In Spirit We are All Together:

The Kalaupapa Memorial



The family of the late Ed Weight gather at the future site of the Kalaupapa Memorial with friends Boogie and Ivy Kahilihiwa on February 28, 2015. Ed was born at Kalaupapa on December 27, 1930 to Harold Weight and Marcia Ka-ne. He died December 8, 2014.

Photo: Valerie Monson

★ PONO ★ DIRECTION ★ UNDERSTANDING ★ COMMUNICATION ★ CHERISH ★ EFFORT ★ LOVE ★ UNITY ★ REMEMBER

LOKAHI ★ JUSTICE ★ EDUCATE ★ DIGNITY ★ HOPE FOR THE BEST ★ MALAMA ★ CULTURAL HERITAGE ★ PROMOTE

CONSERVATION ★ HO'OPONOPONO ★ COMMITMENT ★ AWARENESS

PERPETUATE ★ DEDICATION ★ ENVIRONMENT ★ LIVING MONUMENT

"I want to see a monument honoring the people of Kalaupapa before I die. I want to see all the names. These people are my friends—even though many of them died before I came here and I didn't know them personally, in spirit we are all together. I know their hearts and souls."



— **Olivia Breitha**, author, sent to Kalaupapa in 1937. Mrs. Breitha died in 2006 on the day that these very words were read into the Congressional record in Washington D.C.
Photo: Valerie Monson



"Everybody's name... I want to see their names on the Memorial... I want my children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to know that we were here."
— **Kuulei Bell** postmistress, first President of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, sent to Kalaupapa in 1956.
Photo: DeGray Vanderbilt



"It is good for people to remember who were here before us. It is just like those who went to war and died, there are monuments with their names on it. My mother was also sent to Kalaupapa."
— **Peter Keola Jr.**, tour driver and musician, sent to Kalaupapa in 1940.
Photo: Valerie Monson



"I think we deserve to be remembered. We are part of this world. We didn't want to be sent here. It was for the safety of other people that we were put away. Greater love hath no man than to give up his life for a friend. That's what we did."
— **Cathrine Puhala**, sent to Kalaupapa in 1942, a few years after being taken away from her family at age 9.
Photo: Valerie Monson

Our Words of Foundation

When Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa organized in 2003, participants were asked to express, in a single word or phrase, what they hoped the 'Ohana would represent. That list of words, located around the border of these pages, continues to guide all of our activities and programs.



"You have to hear the voices to feel the people. You have to know their names. If you don't say the names, it's like something has been lost."
— **Bernard K. Punikai'a**, songwriter, musician and human rights activist, sent to Kalaupapa in 1942.
Photo: Valerie Monson



"When you see all the names on the Memorial, it will be like everyone from Kalawao and Kalaupapa is standing right in front of you. It will bring tears to my eyes."
— **Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa**, President of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa, taken from his family in 1950 when he was 9, the fourth child his parents were forced to give up.
Photo: Valerie Monson



"The passage of the Kalaupapa Memorial Act should be a proud moment for all Americans. We will now be able to recognize the Hansen's disease patients of Kalaupapa for the way they led dignified, inspirational lives under extremely challenging circumstances. I would like to thank the members of Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa for their ongoing efforts... I will continue to work with them until the Kalaupapa Memorial becomes a reality."
— **Representative Mazie Hirono** (now Senator Hirono) from press release announcing the signing of the Kalaupapa Memorial Act into law by President Barack Obama on March 30, 2009.
Photo: Valerie Monson



"...The memorial will be their everlasting presence at Kalaupapa, memorialized as a profound chapter in the history book of Hawaii, the United States and the World."
— **Pauline Ka'iulani Hess**, daughter of Catherine and Jubilee Puhala, testimony in support of The Kalaupapa Memorial Act.
Photo: Wayne Levin

ALOHA ★ EMPOWERMENT ★ PERSEVERANCE ★ SUPPORT ★ INTEGRITY ★ TRUST IN THE LORD ★ FAMILY ★ CONTINUITY

★ GETTING ALONG ★ HUMILITY ★ RESPECT ★ HONOR ★ COMPASSION ★ LEGACY ★ ADVOCATE ★ COMMUNITY ★ MANA ★



"The former Old Baldwin Home site is ideal... HCUCC is committed to assisting Ka 'Ohana O Kalaupapa in its efforts to see the Memorial through to its completion."

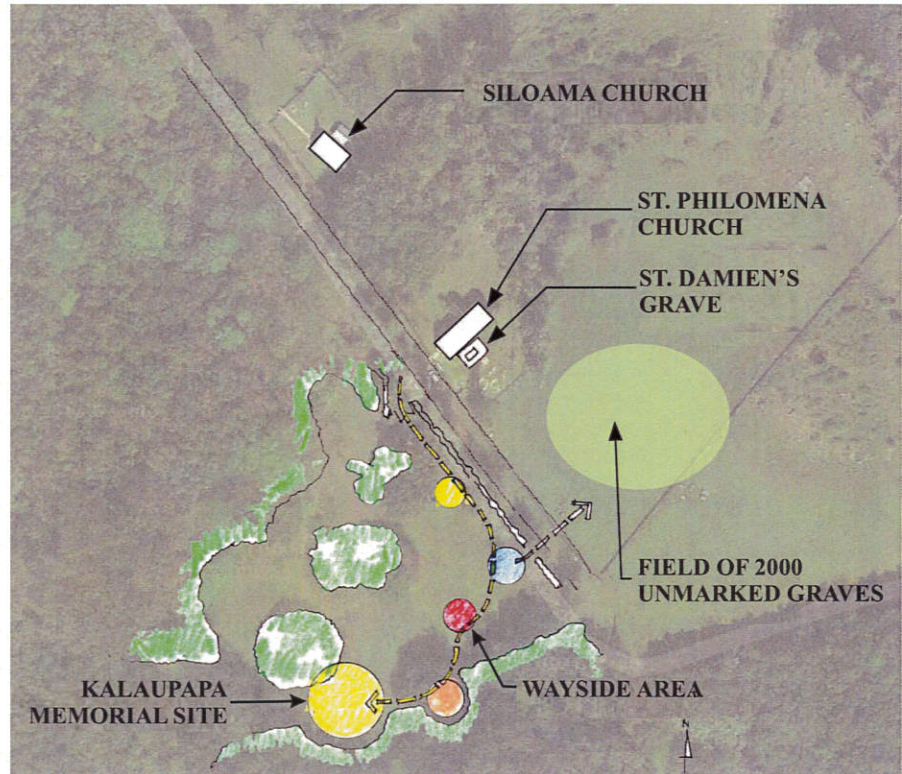
—**The Reverend Charles Buck**,
Conference Minister, Hawaii
Conference, United Church of
Christin letter to Ka 'Ohana O
Kalaupapa, March 18, 2015.
Photo: Wayne Levin



"The area of Kalawao is a sacred place... The Memorial would serve as kind of a communal 'headstone' so that all buried on the Peninsula, whether in marked or unmarked graves, could be remembered."

—**The Most Reverend Larry Silva**,
Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of
Honolulu, whose 'ohana lies buried
at Kalaupapa.
Photo: Wayne Levin

Conceptual Site Diagram



The owners of both churches shown on the diagram above, the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu (St. Philomena Church) and the Hawaii Conference, United Church of Christ (Siloama Church) are both strong supporters of the Kalaupapa Memorial being located on the neighboring site of the former Old Baldwin Boys Home.

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