

# **III. ANNUAL REPORTS**



# AHEC Report to the Na Kai Ewalu

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**E nā hoa makamaka o ke Aha Pae‘āina, e nā luna, nā kahu, nā ‘elele, a me ka ‘ohana o ko kākou Haku — aloha nui iā kākou āpau.**

In the spirit of *E nānā i ke kumu*, we gather once again to look to our Source — to the God who has carried our kūpuna, sustained our churches, and continues to guide our collective work across Hawai‘i nei. With gratitude and humility, I offer this report on behalf of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC).

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## 1. Mission & Kuleana of AHEC

AHEC continues to serve as the spiritual and cultural home for our Hawaiian churches within the Hawai‘i Conference. Our kuleana remains steadfast:

- To uplift Hawaiian congregations and ministries
- To support kahu and lay leadership
- To preserve and honor our mo‘omeheu Hawai‘i within the life of the church
- To advocate for justice, equity, and the well-being of our lāhui
- To strengthen the relationship between AHEC and the wider Conference

This year has been one of rebuilding, deepening trust, and strengthening our shared mission.

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## 2. Leadership & Governance

As Luna Ho‘omalua, my focus has been on ensuring that AHEC’s governance is clear, accountable, and aligned with our mission. Key updates include:

- Regular leadership meetings to address church needs, pastoral transitions, and administrative matters
- Clarification of roles and responsibilities within AHEC
- Strengthening communication between AHEC leadership, kahu, and congregations
- Review of policies and procedures to ensure transparency and pono decision-making
- Preparation for upcoming leadership transitions and succession planning

These efforts ensure that AHEC remains a stable, trustworthy, and culturally grounded body within the Hawai‘i Conference.

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## 3. Financial Health & Stewardship

AHEC continues to demonstrate strong and responsible financial health. Through disciplined stewardship, faithful giving, and careful management, our financial position has grown significantly during this fiscal year.

This year alone, AHEC realized **financial gains exceeding \$600,000**, strengthening our reserves and expanding our capacity to serve our churches and clergy.

This growth enables AHEC to:

- Launch an **additional program** for the 2027–2028 fiscal year
- Provide increased support to several of our committees
- Fund and host a **kahu retreat** focused on spiritual renewal, fellowship, and well-being
- Continue expanding services and resources for our clergy and congregations

Our financial stability is not simply a number — it is a testament to the trust placed in us and the kuleana we carry to steward these resources with integrity, aloha, and vision.

## 4. Clergy Formation Milestones

In my first year of service as Luna Ho‘omaluku, I have been blessed to participate in significant moments of clergy formation across AHEC. This year included:

- **26 Licensed Ministers**
- **2 Official Ordinations**
- **1 Non-official Ordination** acknowledged by Hawai‘i Conference leadership

These milestones reflect the growth of our clergy ‘ohana and the continued strengthening of leadership within our Hawaiian churches.

## 5. AHEC Clergy ‘Ohana

AHEC is blessed with a diverse and dedicated body of clergy serving across our islands.

### Full Standing (7)

Alger, Richard  
 Ha‘alilio, Nancietta  
 Kaupu, David K.  
 Kekuna, Curtis  
 Makuakane, Violet  
 Merseberg, James  
 Twigg, David

### Chaplains / Ordained (3)

Davis, Wendell  
 Naeole, Manu  
 Welsh, Brian

### Pastor / Ordained (5)

Makuakane, Kenneth  
 Taketa, Charlene  
 Mau, Rennie  
 Warren, Michael  
 Kaupiko, Melveen

### **Dual Standing (3)**

Klassen, Verl  
Lloyd, Brianne  
Ogoshi, Janice

### **Clergy Supply (5)**

Dunham, Tim  
Fernandez, Tom  
Aarona, James  
Chee, Sage  
Newton, Roy

### **MID Licensed Ministers (26)**

(Full list included in your clergy document; will be appended in the final submission)

### **Members in Discernment (4)**

Costa, Joyclynn  
Hoomanawanui, Kauanoe  
Logan-Kinimaka, Alika  
Wong, Kevin

We honor each of these individuals for their service, calling, and commitment to the spiritual well-being of our communities.

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## **6. Pastoral Support & Church Vitality**

Our Hawaiian churches continue to navigate challenges related to pastoral care, aging congregations, and resource limitations. This year, AHEC has focused on:

- Supporting kahu through pastoral care, check-ins, and resource sharing
- Assisting congregations experiencing transitions or vacancies
- Encouraging lay leadership development and training
- Strengthening relationships between churches and their communities
- Promoting culturally grounded worship, education, and ministry practices

The resilience of our churches remains a testament to the faith of our kūpuna and the steadfastness of our people.

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## **7. AHEC Member Churches**

AHEC is comprised of **36 member churches** across Hawai'i:

Bishop Memorial Church  
Ewa Community Church  
Haili Congregational Church  
Hauoli Kamao Church

Hauula Congregational Church  
Hauula-Kahuku Church  
Henry O./Hokuloa Chapel  
House of Glory  
Imiola Congregational Church  
In His House of Restitution  
Ka Hana O Ke Aua Church  
Kaahumanu Church  
Kahakuloa Hawaiian Congregational Church  
Kahikuonalani UCC  
Kalanikahua Hou Church  
Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church  
Kalemela Church  
Kalihi and Moanalua Church  
Kaluaaha Congregational Church  
Kaulanapueo Congregational Church  
Kawaiahao Church  
Ke Akua Ministries  
Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church  
Kona Lanakila Church  
Koolau Hui‘ia Protestant Church  
Lahuiokalani Kaanapali Congregational Church  
Laupahoehoe Congregational Church  
Liliuokalani Protestant Church  
Olaa First Hawaiian Church  
Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church  
Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church  
Puula UCC  
Wananalua Congregational Church  
Waihe‘e Protestant Church  
Waimea Hawaiian Church  
Waiola Church

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## **8. AHEC Partnership Ministries**

AHEC partners with **10 ministries and organizations** that support our mission:

Aloha Ke Akua Ministries  
Christian Endeavor Hawai‘i  
Christian Voice Hawai‘i  
Harvest Family Life HI  
Henry Maunakea Center for Discernment & Church Development  
Kamehameha Schools  
Pacific Conference of Churches  
Pacific Islander & Asian American Ministries Hawai‘i  
Pacific Justice & Reconciliation  
State Sunday School Association

These partnerships expand AHEC's reach and deepen our impact across Hawai'i.

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## 9. Priorities for the Coming Year

Looking ahead, AHEC will focus on:

- Strengthening governance and operational clarity
- Expanding pastoral support and leadership development
- Deepening collaboration with the Hawai'i Conference
- Enhancing communication with congregations
- Continuing advocacy for Hawaiian communities
- Supporting churches in revitalization and mission work

Our goal is to ensure that AHEC remains a strong, vibrant, and culturally grounded presence within the Conference.

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## 10. Personal Accomplishments as Luna Ho'omalulu

This year has been one of deep learning, service, and growth in my role as Luna Ho'omalulu. I humbly acknowledge the following accomplishments that have strengthened both AHEC and my own spiritual and leadership journey:

- **Initiated Kōkua Hale Pule**, a new missional ministry focused on providing small-scale repairs and maintenance support for AHEC church properties, helping congregations address long-standing needs and prevent further deterioration.
- **Participated in the Conference Minister's Lenten Storytelling Series**, sharing personal mo'olelo of faith, family, and calling.
- **Continued service on the Hawai'i Conference Foundation's Property Management Committee**, contributing to stewardship and oversight at the Foundation level.
- **Engaged in active collaboration** with both the Hawai'i Conference and the Foundation to strengthen communication, alignment, and shared mission.
- **Continued to serve as Moderator** for my home church, Kalanikahua Hou, supporting governance, worship, and congregational life.
- **Participated in the exposure and ministry of the giant Umeke**, designed by Meleanna Meyer, now available on Maui as a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and healing.
- **Prepared for continued theological education**, with plans to travel to Vancouver, BC to enroll in the ISP program toward a **Master of Divinity**.
- **Continued to serve my home church every first Sunday**, maintaining pastoral presence and connection with my congregation.

These experiences have deepened my understanding of our churches, strengthened my commitment to our clergy and congregations, and enriched my calling to serve AHEC with humility, courage, and aloha.

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## 11. In Memoriam

This year, we pause to honor and remember three beloved members of our clergy ‘ohana who have **ascended to Glory with our Lord**:

- **Kahu Daniel Kiwaha**
- **Kahu Richard Alger**
- **Kahu Charles Mahina Kaupiko**

We give thanks for their faithful service, their leadership, and the ways they touched the lives of their congregations and communities.

Their ministries continue to bear fruit, and their legacy remains woven into the life of AHEC and the Hawai‘i Conference.

*E moe i ka maluhia o ke Akua. Aloha ‘āina, aloha ‘ohana, aloha mau loa.*

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## 12. Closing Mana‘o

**E nā hoa o ke Aha Pae‘āina**, mahalo for your continued support, prayers, and partnership.

As we move forward, may we remain anchored in our faith, guided by our kūpuna, and united in our shared mission to serve God and God’s people across Hawai‘i.

*‘O ke Akua pū me kākou i kēia huaka‘i o ka lokomaika‘i, ka pono, a me ke aloha.*

With aloha and gratitude,

**Joyclynn Costa**

*Luna Ho‘omalū, Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC)*

## PAPA MAKUA YEAR-END REPORT – 2025-2026

As we come to the close of another year, serving as Papa Makua within our association has revealed both the profound challenges and enduring rewards that made this year a blessing. We've walked alongside our congregations through seasons of uncertainty, grief, transition, and spiritual testing, yet, we have witnessed lives transformed, faith renewed, the beauty of unity and communities strengthened through the power of God. *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."* — Galatians 6:9 As we look toward the coming year, may we continue to lead with humility, serve with compassion, draw strength from the Lord and walk faithfully together.

### NA HALAWAI (Meetings)

- I attended Church On Ministry (C.O.M.); AHEC Board of Directors and AHEC Executive Committee monthly meetings as scheduled and managed the zoom meetings.
- **HO'OKOLOKOLO COMMITTEE** – I have been active in seeking archiving and digitizing efforts for the artifacts of our discovery. Efforts for this goal continues through communication and zoom meetings with the Native American Boarding School Coalition and its **Digital Archive Director, Ms. Fallon Carey**. Currently, in April, I was informed that NABS has been undergoing funding cutbacks and management changes that have slowed our progress together. Additionally, **Christian American Indian Ministries (CAIM)** has begun communications with AHEC and actively incorporated the setting up of a **CAIM/AHEC Task Force** to work together on the Boarding Schools issues and Doctrine of Discovery. This doctrine accorded Christian nations the right to take land away from indigenous peoples, paying for it with the gift of religious conversion. An October meeting in Black River Falls, Wisconsin is in the planning.
- **HO'OLALA COMMITTEE** – I am encouraged that after a long period of inactivity, one of our church leaders, Desmond Haumea from Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Church, has come forward to take on this task of strategic planning for the future of AHEC,  
**HO'OLA I KA 'AINA COMMITTEE** - Under the leadership of Kahu Ron Fujiyoshi, this committee continues to serve requests for kokua and clarity regarding lands, titles and deeds. I initiated a meeting between this committee and Andy Bunn, HCUCF Foundation Director last year on **June 23**, and opportunities were given to this committee to research all records pertaining to lands, titles and deeds of churches at the HCUCF office.

### NA HUI (Partnerships)

- I am active as a member of the **National American Boarding Schools Coalition** for justice, truth and healing, and the shared historical trauma of boarding schools. In the **UCC Rural and Small Town Church and Ministries Coalition**, I continue to participate in the National Gathering of Meetings held quarterly. We are recognized as a first member of Hawai'i of the **Pacific Conference of Churches**. Under the guidance of General Secretary, James Baghwan, AHEC continues to support initiatives of self-governance and self-determination throughout the Pasifika Household of God. In October, I was able to travel and gather with leaders in Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia and Australia. While in Fiji, I was able to attend one of the Anglican churches and met with its Archbishop. On behalf of AHEC, I presented a Hawaiian stole, as well as Dr. Baghwan. I was also able to visit the Pacific Communities University (PCU) located in Fiji, where numerous students come for seminary education. I also support the **Pacific Conference of Churches Regional Ecumenical Youth Council (REYC)** and assist in sending youth leaders to leadership development opportunities with other youth throughout the Pacific. My participation and partnership as the UCC representative on the **World Council of Churches** remains active. In support of our partnership with the **Pacific Asian American Ministries (PAAM)**, I was able to engage with the **Micronesian Council of The UCC** executive officers of the various Micronesian churches.. I will be attending the **PAAM Convocation** to be held in Irvine, California from June 24-26 and have begun conversations with **COREM (Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries)** leadership in considering a possible partnership. **Harvest Family Life Hawaii (foster care)**, **Aloha Ke Akua Ministries (homelessness)**, **Henry Maunakea Center for Discernment and Church Development**, and **Christian Voice Hawaii** are other partnerships that I had initiated, including an AHEC brochure

## **PILI LEHULEHU (Public Relations)**

- **HARVARD UNIVERSITY** – I participated in a zoom meeting on the topic of church polity with students attending Harvard University – **December 18.**
- **KEANU SAI:** I continue to communicate with Keanu Sai, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who has been a supporter of AHEC regarding updates on the recognition of the Hawaiian Kingdom and the Council of Regency. Partnership discussions were made into becoming an active part of AHEC in the future.
- **QUEEN LILIUOKALANI SERVICE** - I participated in this event held at Mauna Ala in Nu'uauu – **January 29.**

## **KAHU I KE KAHU (Pastor to Pastor)**

- **HCUCC OAHU ASSOCIATION PASTORS MEETING** - Since November, I have been attending the Oahu Clergy monthly meetings and find it very rewarding and resourceful in developing relationships, as well as listening to the challenges and rewards that pastors have endured. I have also been invited to the **Kaua'i Association** meetings.
- **ANTI-RACISM TRAINING** –I attended this workshop led by Kahu Aldred on November **15 & 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **MOKUAUKAUA RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY** – Attended this event – **November 21-22.**
- **BLUE CHRISTMAS** - **December 17** – Participated in the Blue Christmas Candlelight service held at Ewa Community Church and at Kaumakapili Church -**December 21** and participated as a narrator for the Christmas Story drama performance for the Nu'uauu Seventh-Day Adventist Church – **Dec.19-20.**
- **KAHU JOHN DEMELLO** – **January 13** - I attended a meeting with Kahu Michael Warrend, Luna Ho'omalua Joyclyn Costa and incoming pastor, Kahu John DeMello on Maui to discuss the transition of his church into AHEC. While on island, Kahu Michael and I had a chance to visit **Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church** and saw that it could also be a sight for youth camps. We also visited Kahu Anela and Kailani Ross on the grounds of **Waiola Church.**
- **LICENSING and ORDINATION** - I have supported the installation of eighteen licensed (Na Kahu Pono) and two ordained (Kahu La'a) AHEC pastors.
- **FOUR NEW CHURCHES** – Along with Kahu Warren, I assisted him with the enlistment and launching of four new churches into AHEC: (**Aloha Ke Akua – Kaimu**), (**House of Glory Hilo**), (**In His House Of Restoration**) as well as **Waimea Hawaiian Church** on Kaua'i.
- **KAHU KOKUA** – I commenced this program to incorporate experienced pastors willing to assist with the pulpit supply needs of our churches. Current pastors: **Tim Dunham, Tom Fernandez, Linda Iwamoto.**
- **HALE PULE KOKUA** – I recruited support from **Kahu Matt Higa** (New Hope Kaua'i) to organize an ecumenical group of churches to assist with this project on island, working together to help churches needing structural repairs. My goal is to enlist and establish ecumenical groups on each island for this purpose.

## **NA HANANA HALE PULE (Church Events)** – Numerous, including the following:

- **Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Congregational Church Ho'ike** - **June 28**
- **Laupahoehoe Congregational Church Ho'ike/Church Anniversary** - **August 2**
- **First Annual "Ho'omana Ke Akua" Worship Hula Festival** - **August 2** – I hosted this event and Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Congregational Church attended.
- **Mama Kahu Kaapu (wife of Kahu David Kaapu) Memorial** - **August 23** - I officiated this memorial service.
- **Uncle Donald McComber** - **August 29** - I assisted in officiating this memorial service.
- **Haili Church** – Served as guest pastor on **April 12.**

## **HO'OLA ANA (Healing)**

- **AHEC Pastor's Retreat:** Still in the planning, I helped in the organization of an inaugural pastor's retreat sponsored by AHEC at the 'Iole in Kohala. This event is being planned for April 2027.

**Report for ‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu**  
**Rev. Jonathan C. Roach, Ph.D., ACM**  
**May 1, 2025 through May 1, 2026**

Aloha Kākou,

I. Introduction:

This year has been a blur of activity! After last June’s ‘Aha Pae‘āina, it was off to General Synod, then our Conference Minister, David, was on sabbatical, and every team and committee was gearing up for the fall.

The fall was a time of lament on Hawai‘i Island. The sanctuary building of Helani Congregational Church was destroyed by fire. Leaders such as Sharon Matsuyama and Kahu Diane Hultman were and continue to struggle with significant health problems, congregations are struggling to pay the bills and keep the doors open, and we are mourning the passing of our beloved Kahu Charles Mahina Kaupiko, Kahu Daniel Kawaha, and Uncle Harry Aiu, the long-serving moderator of Helani Congregational Church. But there have been rich and powerful moments of ministry in the midst of this lament.

Our COM Chairs hosted an important Anti-Racism Training with Dr. Ray Aldred in November, the Pastoral Leaders Retreat Planning Group offered a great retreat with Dr. Manulani Meyer and Larissa Marks, and the Innovation and Engagement Missional Team presented three great ministry labs. In addition, we celebrated the installation of ten kahu pono at Kawaiaha‘o Church, enjoyed a great worship service at Mokuaikaua as they re-opened their sanctuary building after six years of fund raising and remodeling, and danced for joy with the ordination of Kahu Melveen Kaupiko and the installations of Kahu John Leong and Kahu Rosalind Ioane. I was also able to attend the 100th Anniversary celebration of Kuhio Chapel to support their wonderful ministry and join the Pū‘a Foundation for their Open House and see the amazing progress at their Papali Street property.

In addition, I have been hard at work with the COM Chairs to facilitate a joint UCC History, Theology, and Polity class which we have scheduled to be offered in August and September. I am grateful for the over 30 clergy and lay leaders from around the Conference who provided feedback and insights into this class’s objectives and content.

II. My duties include the following essential functions:

1. Work collaboratively and openly with all Conference staff.
2. Support and resource all Hawai‘i Conference churches and ministers.
3. Work in partnership with the Papa Makua for support of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches’ congregations.

4. Support and resource Hawai'i Island Association's Board and Committee on Ministry.
5. Support and resource the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Board and Committee on Ministry.
6. Spearhead Search and Call support of congregations in pastoral transition.
7. Staff and resource missional teams of the Conference Council and staff as assigned.
  - a. Editorial Team
  - b. Committee on Ministry Chairs
  - c. Pastoral Leadership Retreat Planning Team
  - d. Innovation and Engagement Missional Team
  - e. Justice and Witness Missional Team (until December 2025)
8. Ensure that Conference files of churches, ministers, and associations are kept current with minutes and all supporting documentation.
9. Attend meetings, as assigned, of Conference staff, Conference Council, associations, and ecumenical events.
10. Perform other duties as assigned by the Conference Minister.

### III. Change in Essential Functions:

With the increasing demands of Search & Call, the responsibility of being the liaison for our Justice and Witness Missional Team was removed from my duties by the Conference Minister in December. Although I will miss working with this great team, I needed the time to focus upon Search & Call.

### IV. Bill 60:

Last June while we were at the 'Aha Pae'āina, Hawai'i County Council brought forward Bill 60 with the intent to provide more regulation over houses of worship in the County Code. In its first version, this bill would have even set hours of operations for churches. Working with Interfaith Communities in Action, an organization that I am the current president of, and other faith leaders, we started to educate and organize our members and to open dialogue with our County Council. After three revisions of the bill, numerous phone calls and emails, and an in-person meeting with the Planning Department and Councilmember Ashley Kierkiewicz, not only were we able to get the hours of operation dropped completely, but also we got changes to the definition of meeting facilities (which houses of worship now fall under in the code), changes to the definition of events (which is now called special events and only includes events outside the normal range of activities), and a carve out for house churches that will not need permits if they are under 25 in attendance and met two times or less per week.

### V. Search and Call:

I am currently serving as the Conference support person for Nu'uaniu Congregational Church, Waikeola Congregational Church, Haili Congregational Church, Wai'oli

Hui‘ia Church, Makiki Christian Church, Church of the Crossroads, Koolauhuiia Protestant Church, UCC Judd Street, ‘Iao UCC, First Chinese Church of Christ, Waialua UCC, United Community Church, Hawai‘i Kai UCC, Lāna‘i Union Church, and Filipino UCC.

In the last 12 months, I reviewed profiles of 77 UCC clergy, met with 34 clergy via Zoom or in person to discuss ministry opportunities, and worked with 23 clergy outside of the UCC who were interested in ministry at one of our congregations.

Since last June, we have welcomed:

1. Pearl City Community Church has called Rev. Jon Lilley who started Sunday, March 15
2. Keawala‘i Congregational Church has called Rev. Mitch Nelson who started Sunday, February 15
3. Makawao Union Church has called Martha-Lee Bohn who is seeking authorization for lay ministerial standing and who has already started
4. ‘Opihikao Congregational Church has called Frank Mulec who is seeking authorization for licensed ministerial standing and who has already started

## VI. Meetings and Support

Over the last 12 months, I have participated in 414 meetings and events for my job duties and responsibilities. In addition, during David Popham’s sabbatical, I covered additional meetings with the O’ahu COM, Micronesian Committee, and ‘Aha O Nā Mokupuni ‘O Maui, Moloka‘i a Me Lāna‘i COM. I have the boring details if anyone is interested, but I will note that these meetings fulfill all the duties of my call. With my Conference-wide responsibilities in my ministry, I have made in-person visits to:

- a. ‘Aha O Nā Mokupuni ‘O Maui, Moloka‘i a Me Lāna‘i
  - i. ‘Iao UCC (Preaching and Search & Call)
  - ii. Makawao Union Church (Preaching and Search & Call)
- b. Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches:
  - i. Ewa Community Church (‘Aha Hālāwai and Installations)
  - ii. Haili Congregational Church (Preaching)
  - iii. Hau‘oli Kamana‘o Church (Ordination and Installation)
  - iv. Imiola Congregational Church (Safe Church Training)
  - v. Ka‘ahumanu Church (Preaching)
  - vi. Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Church (‘Aha O Nā Kahu)
  - vii. Kawaiaha‘o Church (Installations)
  - viii. Kona Lanakila Church (‘Aha Hālāwai)
  - ix. Koolauhuiia Protestant Church (Huaka‘i Hele)
  - x. Kuhio Chapel (100th Anniversary)
  - xi. Pu‘ula UCC (Preaching and Ho‘ike)
- c. Kaua‘i Association
  - i. Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church (Huaka‘i Hele)
  - ii. Kapa‘a First Hawaiian Church (‘Aha Pae‘āina)

- iii. Kapa‘a UCC (‘Aha Pae‘āina)
- iv. Kōloa Union Church (Huaka‘i Hele)
- v. Lihue United Church (‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu)
- vi. Ohana Ni‘ihau O Waimea Church (Huaka‘i Hele)
- vii. Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church (Preaching and Search & Call)
- d. Hawai‘i Island Association:
  - i. ‘Opihikao Congregational Church (Preaching)
  - ii. Church of the Holy Cross (Preaching)
  - iii. Helani Congregational Church (Memorial Service)
  - iv. Hilo Coast UCC (Preaching, Kids’ Summer Splash, and ‘Aha Mokupuni)
  - v. Hokuloa UCC (Preaching)
  - vi. Kauaha‘ao Congregational Church (Preaching and Search & Call)
  - vii. Living Stones Church (Memorial Service)
  - viii. Mokuaikaua Church (Re-opening of Sanctuary and Anniversary)
  - ix. Puka‘ana Congregational Church (Preaching and ‘Aha Mokupuni)
  - x. United Community Church (Retirement of Pastor)
- e. O‘ahu Association:
  - i. Church of the Crossroads (Preaching and Presentation)
  - ii. Community Church of Honolulu (Installation)
  - iii. First Chinese Church of Christ (Preaching and Search & Call)
  - iv. Makiki Christian (Preaching and Search & Call)
  - v. Nu‘uanu Congregational Church (Preaching and Search & Call)
  - vi. Pearl City Community Church (Preaching and Luncheon)
  - vii. Waialua UCC (Pastoral Leaders Retreat, Preaching, and Search & Call)
  - viii. Waiokeola Congregational Church (Preaching and Search & Call)

I have had online meetings with lay leaders and/or clergy from numerous other congregations and with pastoral leaders. In addition, I was blessed to design and teach a three-session seminar to five lay leaders at Haili Congregational Church about offering lay sermons. I have also offered safe church trainings at Imiola Congregational Church and Hilo Coast UCC that was attended by over 40 of their members and Pastoral Leader Support training for Hokuloa UCC, United Church of Christ Judd Street, and Keawala‘i Congregational Church. And finally, I was blessed to continue my education by participating in the Spring ‘Aha O Nā Kahu on the “Teachings of Jesus” with Dr. Ray Aldred from the Vancouver School of Theology, “How to Design Healing-Centered Ministries” with Jermine Alberty, the seminar “Meetings that Work” at the University of Hawai‘i Hilo with Hana Hala‘i instructors Eric Smith and Athena Lou, and successfully becoming a mediator at the Ku‘ukahi Mediation Center including special training for domestic mediations and apprenticeship, as well as numerous short webinars and workshops.

Mahalo ke Akua!  
Jonathan Roach

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**  
**Committee on Ministry Report**  
**‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu – June 11, 2026**

**Members of the Committee on Ministry:**

Chairperson: Michael Warren; Members: Ken Makuakane (O‘ahu); Michelle Pimentel (East Maui); Susan Klassen (West Maui); Loke Kamanu (East Hawai‘i); Melveen Kaupiko (West Hawai‘i); and Toni Kaaa (Kaua‘i).

**Ex-officio Members:**

Joycelyn Costa (Luna Ho‘omalulu), Wendell Davis (Papa Makua)

Staff: Jonathan Roach (Associate Conference Minister)

Prepared By: Kahu Melveen Kaupiko

**Primary Responsibility:**

The Committee on Ministry is responsible for granting, maintaining, and, when necessary, terminating the standing of authorized ministers and local churches within the association. The committee also collaborates with individuals discerning a call to ministry.

The following actions and updates were approved by the Committee on Ministry:

- Approved: Aloha Ke Akua Ministries update regarding membership in AHEC. Papa Makua will send a letter of welcome. (3/3/26)
- Approved: Waimea Hawaiian Church update regarding transfer of church membership into AHEC. Pending documents to follow. (3/3/26)
- Motion approved to proceed with the ordination process for Annette Wong, Lawrence Wong, Barrett Awai, Andrew Dalburg, and Timothy Morton of Kawaiaha‘o Church. Motion made by Ken Makuakane and seconded by Kerisa Carmelo. Motion passed. (3/3/26)
- Approved: Kevin Hill of House of Glory (Central Christian) for membership in AHEC. Approved as a Licensed Minister pending completion of his background check. (3/3/26)
- Approved: Ardis Gomes and Timothy Morton proceed toward Ecclesiastical Council at ‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu.
- Approved: Delegation of the review process for Licensed Minister forms to the assigned subcommittee.
- Approved: Exemption for Kahu Diane Holtman from the annual review process.

- Approved: Monthly written reports are to be submitted either two days prior to, or one week before, Committee on Ministry meetings to allow for pre-review by committee members.

### **Training and Development**

- Approved: A Homiletics course will be coordinated by AHEC Nā Kahu. (TBA)
- Pastoral care resources related to counseling, mental health, domestic violence, and crisis referrals will be gathered and distributed by Kahu Jonathan Roach.
- Planning continues for the April 2027 Pastors Retreat.

### **Member Support and Outreach**

- Committee members committed to maintaining regular contact with Licensed Ministers in their respective island regions.

**Roberts Rule's 53 Reception of Reports:** if the report contains only a statement of fact opinion for the information of the assembly the reporting member makes no motion. But if any action is taken the proper motion which should be made is to accept the report which has the effect of endorsing the statement and making the assembly assume responsibility for it.

Mahalo Ke Akua,



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**REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR**  
**Churches Authorized with Standing in the Hawai'i Conference**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**May 29, 2026**

**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**

<b><u>Hawai'i Island</u></b>	<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>
Hilo:	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH		
	ALOHA KE AKUA	KIKAWA, Daniel	P
Honoka'a:	KALEMELA CHURCH		
Kainaliu:	LANAKILA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	TAKETA, Charlene	P
		LEONG, John	P
Kamuela:	IMIOLA CONGREGATIONAL UCC	BLEVINS, David	P
Kurtistown:	'OLA'A FIRST HAWAIIAN CHURCH	KAPUNIAI, Agnes Lani	P
Nanawale:	KALAPANA MAUNAKEA FIRST HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC	WARREN, Michael	P
Pahoa:	PU'ULA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	HULTMAN, Diane	P
Punalu'u:	HOKULOA/HENRY 'OPIUKAHA'IA CHAPEL		
<b><u>Kaua'i</u></b>			
Anahola:	KO'OLAU HUI'IA PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Waimea:	'OHANA NI'IHAU 'O WAIMEA	KAOHELAUILII, Hiipoi	P
<b><u>Maui</u></b>			
Ha'iku:	KALANIKAHUA HOU CHURCH	AARONA, James	P
Honokowai:	LAHUIOKALANI (KA'ANAPALI) CONG'L CHURCH		
Huelo:	KAULANAPUEO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	AARONA, James	P
Kihei:	KEOLAHOU CONGREGATIONAL HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Lahaina:	WAIOLA CHURCH	ROSA, Anela	P
Olowalu:	OLOWALU LANAKILA HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Pa'ia:	PA'IA HAWAIIAN PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Waihe'e:	WAIHE'E PROTESTANT CHURCH	KLASSEN, Verl	P
Wailuku:	KA'AHUMANU CHURCH	HIGA, Wayne	P
<b><u>Molokai</u></b>			
Puko'o:	KALUA'AHA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	OGOSHI, Janice	P
<b><u>O'ahu</u></b>			
'Ewa	'EWA COMMUNITY CHURCH	MAU, Rennie	P
		MCELMURRY, James	AP
		POWERS, Mokihana	AP
Hale'iwa:	LILI'UOKALANI PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Hauula:	HAU'ULA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC	CHEE, Sage	P
	HAU'ULA KAHUKU	KAAUHUE, Linda Kamai	P
Honolulu:	BISHOP MEMORIAL CHURCH	NAEOLE, Manu	CH
		APAKA, Kensy	AP
		CALINA, Shontell	AP
	KALIHI AND MOANALUA CHURCH		
	KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH	MAKUAKANE, Kenneth	P
		AWAI,, Barrett	AP
		DAHLBURG, Andrew	AP
		GALUTERIA, Abigail	AP
		GOMES, Ardis	AP
		GRAMBERG, Nahlolwaa	AP
		JENKS, Josann	AP
		MORTON, Timothy	AP
		ROSAR, Angelita	AP
		WONG, A. Kuuipolani	AP
		WONG, Lawrence	AP

<u>O'ahu</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Pearl City:	KAHIKUONALANI UCC	HIRAKAWA, Ricky	P
Wai'anae:	KA HANA O KE AKUA CHURCH	LLOYD, Brianna	P
<u>CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES</u>			
Hilo:	HAILI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Laupahoehoe:	LAUPAHOEHOE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	CACABELOS, Alvira	P
Milolii	HAUOLI KAMANAO	KAUPIKO, Melveen	P
		IOANE, Rosalind	P

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING

		Makuakane, Violet	RT
Davis, Wendell	CH	Mau, Rennie	P
Ha'alilio, Nancietta K.L.	RT	Merseberg, James	RT
Kaupiko, Melveen	P	Naeole, Arthur	CH
Kaupu, David K.	RT	Taketa, Charlene	P
Kekuna, Curtis	RT	Twigg, David	RT
Makuakane, Kenneth	P	Warren, Michael	P
		Welsh, Brian	CH

## MINISTERS WITH DUAL STANDING

Klassen, Verl

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Apaka, Kensy	Gramberg, Naholowaa	Leong, John
Awai, Barrett	Higa, Wayne	McElmurry, James
Blevins, David	Hirakawa, Ricky	Powers, Mokihana
Cacabelos, Alvira	Hultman, Diane	Rasor, Angelita
Calina, Shontell	Ioane, Rosalind	Rosa, Anela
Dahlburg, Andrew	Jenks, Josann	Wong, A. Kuuipolani
Galuteria, Abigail	Kaaihue, Linda Kamai	Wong, Lawrence
Gomes, Ardis	Kapuniaia, Agnes Lani	

### MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT

Costa, Joclynn (Kalanikahua Hou)  
Hoomanawanui, Kauanoë (Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant)  
Logan, Alike Joshua  
Morton, Timothy  
Wong, Kevin (Kalihi and Moanalua)

## **MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING OUR CHURCHES**

(Without standing in the Hawai'i Conference)

Chee, Sage

### NECROLOGY

Alger, Richard  
Kaupiko, Charles  
Kawaha, Daniel

**LEGEND:**

AP	Associate Pastor
CH	Chaplain
CM	Commissioned Minister
CME	Conference Minister Emeritus
CP	Co-Pastor
CW	Conference Work
D	Dual Standing
DTM	Designated Term Minister
DW	Denominational Work (UCC covenanted, affiliated or associated ministries)
EW	Ecumenical Work
ED	Educational Work
HW	Health and Welfare work in UCC institutions
IN	Interim Minister
IS	Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist
LA	Leave of Absence
Lic	Licensed Minister
MD	Member in Discernment
MY	Missionary (Global Ministries or other)
OD	Ordained Minister of another denomination serving a UCC church
OL	Other Local Church Position
OMP	Ordained Ministerial Partner
OP	Other Profession
OR	Other religious work (Bible Society, YM/YWCA, etc.)
P	Pastor
PC	Pastoral Counseling
PD	UCC Ordained Minister serving another denomination
PE	Pastor Emeritus
RPM	Recognized Partner Minister
RT	Retired
SU	Supply Pastor
UC	Unclassified
Y	Youth Ministry

**2026 ‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu**

**Theme: Ho‘okahi Kino-One Body**

**Scripture:** Ho‘okahi kino, ho‘okahi ‘Uhane, e like me ko ‘oukou kāhea ‘ia ‘ana i ho‘okahi mana‘olana o ko ‘oukou kāhea ‘ia ‘ana; ho‘okahi Haku, ho‘okahi mana‘o‘i‘o, ho‘okahi bapetizo ‘ana; ho‘okahi Akua a Makua o nā mea a pau, ‘o ia ma luna o nā mea a pau, a ma waena o nā mea a pau, a i loko o ‘oukou a pau.

**4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (Ephesians 4:4–6)**

**When: Thursday, June 11, 2026 (One-day experience)**

**Where: Ewa Community Church**

**91-1258 Renton Road**

**Ewa Beach, Hawai‘i, 96706**

**HUA MUA Committee Members:** Chairperson, L. Alaka‘i Paleka, West Hawaii, Pualani Muraki, East Hawaii, Ron Fujiyoshi, Oahu, Sandy Kaina, At Large, Russell Paio, Ex-Officio: Papa Makua Wendell Davis, Puukū, Kerisa Carmelo

*Leviticus 27:30- A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord, it is holy to the Lord.*

**Generations Investment Savings**

**Hua Mua Fund**

**January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026**

**Beginning Balance \$ 549,435.07**

**Unrealized gains(losses) (3,285.37)**

**Ending Balance \$ 546,149.70**

**Mahalo to the continued support of Hua Mua by these churches**

March 17, 2026- Haili Congregational Church \$200.00 Check 1506

March 17, 2026- Olaa First Hawaiian Church \$32.00 Check 2471

March 17, 2026- Ewa Community Church \$616.00 Check 16015

***CELEBRATE Hua Mua in the months with 5 Sundays in 2026- May, August, November***

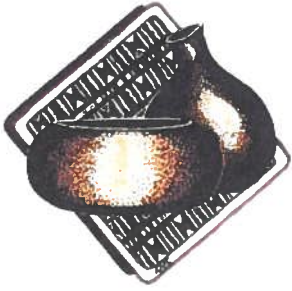
***Please make checks payable to AHEC Hua Mua***

***Mail to PO Box 1872, Kailua Kona, HI, 96745***

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**L. Alaka‘i Paleka**

**L. Alaka‘i Paleka, Chairperson**



**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES  
HAWAI'I CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

May 7, 2026

Aloha e nā Kahu, nā 'elele, a me nā lālā o AHEC,

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please find attached the official election ballot for the upcoming 'Aha Na Kai Ewalu. We humbly ask that all delegates review the ballot prayerfully prior to the Annual Meeting.

The ballot includes the positions and nominees presented by the Nomination Committee for the upcoming terms of service. Please also take note of the bylaws reference regarding nominations from the floor and the qualifications required for the office of Pū'ukū (Treasurer).

Mahalo nui to all who have agreed to serve and to each church represented within our Association. Your participation and faithful stewardship help strengthen the work and mission of AHEC throughout our pae 'āina.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Me ke aloha o Kristo,

*Angie C. Antone-Warren*

Mama Kahu Angie

Chair, Nomination Committee

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC)

## AHEC Election Ballot Election Year: 2026

### Executive Office

Pū'ukū (Treasurer) (Per Bylaws Section 5.1.5 – Must have proven financial experience)

The Nomination Committee requests that if a nomination is made from the floor after the deadline of May 11th, a written resume and bio must be provided at the time of nomination.

The committee will determine if the nominee is qualified and will make a decision before the end of the 'Aha Pae'āina.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in Candidate)

### Church & Ministry Representatives (2026–2029 Term)

East Maui

Michelle Pimental

O'ahu

Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne

West Maui

Susan Klassen

Moloka'i

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in Candidate)

### Island Representatives (2026–2028 Term)

East Hawai'i Island

La'akea Kamakawiwo'ole

East Maui

Michelle Pimental

Moloka'i

\_\_\_\_\_ (Write-in Candidate)

Bylaws Reference – Section 6.3.3:

Nominations may only be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting if there is a vacancy in a position at that time, provided a second is made and the motion is approved by the body.

If nominated from the floor the nominee must provide:

- a written résumé and a bio

The Nomination Committee then determines whether the nominee is qualified before the end of the 'Aha Pae'āina.

**REPORT FROM THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE  
TO THE MEMBERSHIP CHURCHES  
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC)**

**Subject:** Non-Substantive Corrections to Article VI, Section 6.2 – Committee on Ministry

**Date of Board Approval:** April 4, 2026

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**Purpose of Report**

The Bylaws Committee respectfully submits this report to the Membership Churches of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) for transparency and official recordkeeping. This report documents non-substantive corrections approved by the Board of Directors to Article VI, Section 6.2, Committee on Ministry, along with related technical corrections throughout the Bylaws.

**Summary of Board Action**

At its meeting held on April 4, 2026, the Board of Directors approved non-substantive corrections to Article VI, Section 6.2.1 of the AHEC Bylaws, as recommended by the Bylaws Committee.

These revisions were limited to clarification, grammar, formatting, numbering, and structural consistency. The corrections did not alter the intent, governance structure, or policy direction of the Bylaws. The purpose of these updates was to improve clarity, readability, and internal consistency.

**Revised Bylaw Provision**

The corrected Article VI, Section 6.2.1 now reads as follows:

**ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES**

**6.2 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

**6.2.1** The Committee on Ministry shall consist of seven (7) members; three (3) of whom shall be lay persons, and shall include one or two (1–2) persons from each island as stated in Article 4.1.2. Members shall serve staggered terms, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee, and elected at the ‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu. Members shall serve a term of three (3) years beginning July 1 of the year elected and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. In the event of a vacancy, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to complete the unexpired term.

**Nature of Corrections**

The approved corrections include:

- Standardization of bylaw language for consistency
- Clarification of membership composition and island representation
- Alignment of nomination and election procedures with existing governance practice
- Clarification of term length, term limits, and effective service dates
- Clarification of vacancy appointment authority by the Board of Directors
- Formatting and technical corrections for consistency across the Bylaw

**Governance Review**

These corrections are technical and clarifying in nature and do not constitute substantive amendments to the Bylaws. As such, approval by the Board of Directors was sufficient.

In accordance with Article XIII of the Bylaws, membership approval was not required, as there was no alteration to governance, intent, or policy.

**Official Record**

This report is submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Membership Churches to ensure transparency and proper documentation of Board action.

The corrected bylaws document is attached for official record:

**AHEC Bylaws – Final Approved 6.12.25 (‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu), Corrected 4.4.26 (BOD)**

**Closing**

Mahalo for your continued support and commitment to the work of AHEC.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bylaws Committee**

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC)



**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**  
**Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ**

**THE BYLAWS**  
*(Revised June 12, 2025)*  
**‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu, Lihue Parish Hall**  
**Lihue, Hawai‘i, 96766**

**ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

**1.1** **MEMBERSHIP** The Association shall have two (2) classes of members. The designation of such class and the qualifications and rights of the members of such class shall be as follows:

1.1.1 **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** The Regular Membership of this Association shall include the following:

1.1.1.1 Any church within the boundaries of this Association that expresses its Christian Faith in native Hawaiian cultural forms as expressed in the Constitution of this Association.

1.1.1.2 Any Kahu who holds standing in this Association.

1.1.1.3 The officers of this Association.

1.1.1.4 Chairperson of all Committees in this Association.

1.1.1.5 Voting Rights of Members defined in Section 1.3

1.1.2 **ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** The following persons serving in an AHEC church shall be Associate Members of this Association upon a majority vote of any regular members presiding at any meeting of the membership:

1.1.2.1 A minister of the United Church of Christ holding standing in an Association or Conference other than the Hawai'i Conference.

1.1.2.2 The Conference Minister/Associate Conference Minister of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. But unless they otherwise have standing under 1.1.1.

1.1.2.3 A minister serving a church under Privilege of Call.

1.1.2.4 An ordained minister holding standing in another denomination while serving as a minister in a church of an Association of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ.

1.1.2.5 A member in good standing of any Conference Church of the United Church of Christ.

1.1.2.6 Such other persons who may be designated as Associated Members by the membership

1.1.2.7 Recognized Partnership Ministries as defined by Article II herein.

1.1.2.8 Voting Rights of Members defined in Section 1.3.4

1.1.3 **AUTONOMY OF MEMBER CHURCHES** The Association recognizes the autonomy of the local church. Therefore, a church that is a member of this Association shall have a voice in the affairs of this Association and shall be expected to enter fully into the life and work of this Association, to be faithful to that life, and to serve in its mission.

1.2 **PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP** All members of this Association shall have a voice in the affairs of this Association and shall be expected to enter fully into the life and work of this Association, to be faithful to that life, and to serve in its mission.

1.2.1 **NA EKALIESIA (Churches)**

1.2.1.1 **Mau Noa (Freedom)** The autonomy of the local church is inherent. Nothing in the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association shall destroy or limit the right of any local church.

1.2.1.2 **Mau 'Ohana (Fellowship)** All actions, decisions, and advisories emanating from the 'Aha Nui (General Synod) and the 'Aha Pae'aina and the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu shall be given proper and prayerful consideration by every member church.

1.2.1.3 **Mau Kuleana (Responsibility)** Each church is expected to fulfill its membership responsibility by paying the per capita assessments as determined by these Bylaws and/or by the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu to continue membership.

1.2.2 **NA KAHU (Ministers)** This Association recognizes that God calls certain persons to full and part-time service for various forms of ministry in the Church. This calling is 'apono (affirmed) by ordination and/or other appropriate service of installation refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association The Kahu of the Association, then, shall be recognized with the title affirmed by the rite of installation.

1.2.2.1 **Kahu La'a** The Kahu La'a, having fulfilled the requirements for ordination shall refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima

with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association.

1.2.2.2 **Kahu Pono** The Kahu Pono, having fulfilled the requirements for recognition as a Minister sanctioned by the Association and/or having fulfilled the requirements for licensing as a Licensed Minister shall refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association.

1.2.2.3 **Kahu Hiki** The Kahu Hiki, serving a Church of the Association in a specific ministry shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association.

### **1.3 VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

1.3.1 Each church, as defined in Section 1.1.1.1 of these Bylaws, shall have one vote for each delegate that a church is entitled to send to a meeting as defined in Article III hereof.

1.3.2 Kahu, as defined in Section 1.2.2.1 and 1.2.2.2 of these Bylaws representing a church shall have one (1) vote per church.

1.3.3 All Retired Kahu in good standing with this Association shall have one (1) vote.

1.3.4 All members of the Board of Directors or representative of a Partnership Ministry: State Sunday School Association, Hawaii Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries, Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center, Kamehameha Schools, and the Christian Endeavor of Hawaii; and chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall each have one (1) vote.

1.3.5 Associate Members of this Association, and any new representative of a Partnership Ministry, shall have a right to voice their thoughts and opinions in the affairs of this Association but shall not have the right to vote.

1.3.6 Members must be present at a meeting to vote.

- 1.4 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP** The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and may, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership. A church that does not meet its Mau Kuleana under Section 1.2.1.3 herein and for which a ho'oponopono process by the Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu has failed, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, to redress the problem may be expelled from membership as established in this Section 1.4.
- 1.5 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER** Any member may resign from the membership in this Association by filing a written statement to that effect with the Secretary, but such termination shall not relieve the member of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges accrued and unpaid.

## **ARTICLE II-PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES**

- 2.1 RECOGNITION OF PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES** The Association, in the event that another organization agrees with the purposes of the Association as stated in the Constitution of this Association, may recognize such an organization as a Partnership Ministry and by a majority vote of the Board of Directors invite such an organization to become an Associate Member of this Association.
- 2.2 ROLE OF PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES AS MEMBERS** Partnership Ministries, which have standing in this Association as recognized under Section 2.1 herein, shall promote the purposes and programs of this Association and cooperate in its mission.

## **ARTICLE III - MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

- 3.1 'AHA NĀ KAI 'EWALU (Annual Meeting)** The Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu shall be the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall be held in the month of June in conjunction with the 'Aha Pae'āina (the Annual Meeting) of the Hawai'i Conference and prior to the 'Aha Makua (Business Session of the Annual Meeting).
- 3.2 'AHA HALAWAI (Regular Meetings)** Two regular meetings shall be held during the months of February and October of each year, with dates to be determined by the Board of Directors.
- 3.3 'AHA KUKA (Ecclesiastical Council Meetings)** The Board of Directors shall call an Ecclesiastical Council at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee on Ministry. An Ecclesiastical Council is a meeting of the Association called for the purpose of deciding ordained ministry and state of the churches.
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- 3.5 'AHA LA'A (Special Meeting)** A Special meeting(s) for fellowship or business of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors at the request of seven (7) or more churches.
- 3.6 PLACE OF MEETINGS** The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of Hawai'i, as the place of meeting for any 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu, 'Aha Halawai, or 'Aha Kuka called by the Board of Directors. If no designation is made or if an 'Aha La'a be otherwise called, the place of meeting shall be the registered office of the Association in the State of Hawai'i; but, if all of the members shall meet at any time and place, either within or without call or notice, and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.
- 3.7 KAHEA ANA (Notification)** The Board of Directors shall provide written notice of all meetings to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. Said notice shall state the place, day, and hour of the meeting, as well as the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, and shall be delivered either personally, email or by mail.
- 3.8 KAHU ANA (Representation)** Each church shall be represented by two (2) lay delegates and a youth/young adult delegate who is 35 years of age or less at the time of meeting. Those Churches with more than one hundred (100) members shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each additional fifty (50) or major fraction thereof. The total delegates from any one church shall not exceed seven (7). Members of the Board of Directors, representatives of recognized Partnership Ministries and Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall represent themselves.
- 3.9 KE KOHO ANA (Quorum)** A quorum for the transaction of business shall be declared when at least one-third (1/3) of the churches in the Association are represented.

## **ARTICLE IV-BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 4.1 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the following: The Officers of the Association;
- 4.1.2 One director from O'ahu, Kaua'i, East Maui, West Maui, East Hawai'i, West Hawai'i, and Moloka'i, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting;
- 4.1.3 One representative from each of the following: State Sunday School Association; Hawai'i Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries; Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center; Kamehameha Schools; and Christian Endeavor of Hawai'i.
- 4.1.4 The chairpersons of standing committees.
- 4.2 TENURE** Each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may not serve for more than (3) consecutive terms.

### **4.3 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 4.3.1 The purpose of the Board of Directors is to set the direction for the Association in the pursuit of its purpose and mission and to submit to the Association for its approval at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu the program plans and budget for the attainment of the Association's goals.
- 4.3.2 The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancies in the Board or its offices, committees, and positions for the interim period until the next scheduled election or appointment by the affirmative vote of the majority of the Board of Directors then serving.
- 4.3.3 The Board of Directors shall issue calls for meetings of the Association.
- 4.3.4 The Board of Directors shall act for the Association between Association meetings and shall carry out those as instructed by the Association.
- 4.3.5 The Board of Directors shall have the power to designate any officer or agent to enter into any contract and deliver any instrument in the name of or on behalf of the Association provided such authority should be confined to specific instances.
- 4.3.6 The Board may endorse to the Conference Nominating Committee a candidate for the Hawai'i General Synod delegation.

### **4.4 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

- 4.4.1 **Regular Meetings** The Board shall meet as needed and not less than four (4) times a year. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than these Bylaws. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and a place for holding additional meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolution. The Board may call for meetings and voting by video conferencing or by telephone conferencing, and may permit electronic voting.
- 4.4.2 **Special Meetings** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the president or any three directors. The person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix any place, either within or without the **Pae'āina** Hawai'i, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board called by them. The discussion and resolution will be limited to the item(s) which the Special Meeting was called for.
- 4.4.3 **Quorum** At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the  
  
transaction of business and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of

Directors, except as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or by these Bylaws.

4.4.4 **Notice** Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least five (5) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by electronic correspondence to each director at his or her address as shown by the records of the Association. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need to be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these Bylaws.

4.5 **Compensation and Reimbursement** Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their services as such, but by resolution of the Board reasonable expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at such regular or special meeting of the Board. The Board of Directors shall have power in its discretion to contract for and pay to directors rendering unusual or exceptional services to the Association special compensation appropriate to the value of such services.

4.6 **REMOVAL** Any Director may be removed from office at any time with or without cause by the affirmative vote of the majority of votes entitled to vote at any special meeting of the Board of Directors called for such a purpose.

4.7 **RESIGNATION** Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

5.1 **OFFICERS** The Officers of this Association shall be members in good standing of a church that is a member of this Association. There shall be a PAPA MAKUA (Association Minister), a LUNA HO'OMALU (President), a LUNA HO'OMALU HOPE (Vice President), a KAKAU 'OLELO (Secretary), and a PU'UKU (Treasurer). Only one (1) Executive Officer per church. The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

### 5.1.1 **The PAPA MAKUA**

5.1.1.1 Shall be the spiritual leader of the Association and its chief executive and administrative officer, having general supervision over the work of the Association under the direction of the Board of Directors;

5.1.1.2 Shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and all other committees of the Association unless there are specific provisions to the contrary stated in these Bylaws;

- 5.1.1.3 Shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominating Committee, without vote;
- 5.1.1.4 Shall be a minister in good standing of the United Church of Christ, nominated by the Board of Directors and elected by the Association at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;
- 5.1.1.5 Shall serve a term of office of two (2) years, and there shall be no limit to the number of terms that may be served;
- 5.1.1.6 Shall be representative of the Association on the Conference Council of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ; and,
- 5.1.1.7 Shall be accountable to the Association.

#### 5.1.2 **The LUNA HO'OMALU**

- 5.1.2.1 Shall preside at meetings of the Association , the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;
- 5.1.2.2 In consultation with the Association officers, shall propose the direction for the Association to the Board of Directors for its approval, and shall make an annual report to the Board of Directors and to the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;
- 5.1.2.3 Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and except where provisions to the contrary may be stated in these Bylaws;
- 5.1.2.4 May be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) years, and may be elected to another term if one (1) year has elapsed from the time that the person ended the prior term;
- 5.1.2.5 Shall represent the Association on the Conference Council of the Hawai'i Conference UCC;
- 5.1.2.6 Shall execute all contracts and other documents as ordered by the Association or Board of Directors; and,
- 5.1.2.7 Shall in alternating terms be a Kahu and a layperson.
- 5.1.2.8 After extensive searching, in the event an eligible nominee is not available, then a nominee from the other category may be presented.

#### 5.1.3 **The LUNA HO'OMALU HOPE**

- 5.1.3.1 Shall perform the duties of Luna Ho'omalulu in the event of his or

her absence or inability to act, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Board of Directors; and,

- 5.1.3.2 May be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) years, and may be elected to another term if one (1) year has elapsed from the time that the person ended the prior term.

#### 5.1.4 **The KĀKAU 'ŌLELO**

- 5.1.4.1 Shall maintain a permanent record of all meetings of the Association, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu; Minutes are to be completed and sent to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days.
- 5.1.4.2 Shall make an annual report to the Association including a roll call of all churches and Kahu participating in the Association and shall report all changes to the Association;
- 5.1.4.3 Shall issue notice of meetings as provided for in the Constitution and Bylaws; annually publish a roster of officers, directors, standing committee chairpersons and its members, and perform such other duties as may be required; and,
- 5.1.4.4 Shall serve a term of two (2) years and may be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) years, or until his / or her successor is elected and installed.

#### 5.1.5 **The PU'UKŪ**

- 5.1.5.1 Shall receive all assets, contributions and assessments made for the work of the Association;
- 5.1.5.2 Shall make payments of funds as may be directed by the Board of the Directors or Association or donor gifts;
- 5.1.5.3 Shall at all time keep an accurate record of all transactions involving the various accounts entrusted to his or her care;
- 5.1.5.4 Shall submit a monthly report of the financial operations of the Association to the Board of Directors, and a full report to the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;
- 5.1.5.5 Shall perform other duties that usually pertain to the office or as directed by the Board of Directors;
- 5.1.5.6 Shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee; and,
- 5.1.5.7 Shall serve a term of two (2) years and May be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) or until his / or her

successor is elected and installed.

**5.2** **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** Officers shall be elected for the terms designated in Article 5.1 and installed at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

5.2.1 An election shall be held at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu every year.

5.2.2 Election shall be either by secret ballot or, where there is only one (1) nominee for an office, by voice vote. A majority of the votes shall be sufficient to carry the election.

**5.3** Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the membership whenever in its judgment the best interest of the Association would be served thereby, except for the Papa Makua who may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

**5.4** **RESIGNATION** Any officer may resign upon submitting ninety (90) days' notice to the Kākau 'Ōlelo of the Association.

## **ARTICLE VI-COMMITTEES**

The Standing Committees of this Association shall be the Executive Committee, the Committee on Ministry, the Nominating Committee, the Program Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Hua Mua Committee. Each committee will follow their Operating Policy & Procedures following board approval. The Board of Directors or the Association may appoint Special Committees as deemed advisable.

**6.1** **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** There shall be an Executive Committee composed of the Luna Ho'omalū, Luna Ho'omalū Hope, Kākau 'Ōlelo, Pu'ukū, and Papa Makua.

6.1.1 The Executive Committee shall meet as needed. The Luna Ho'omalū may call special meetings. A minimum of three or more of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

6.1.2 The Executive Committee shall be the instrument of the Board of Directors between Board meetings and is empowered to carry out the duties of the Board and/or the Association.

6.1.3 The Executive Committee shall be no more than one (1) Executive Officer per membership church.

**6.2** **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

6.2.1 The Committee on Ministry shall consist of seven (7) members; three (3) of whom shall be lay persons, and shall include one or two (1–2) persons from each island as stated in Article 4.1.2 Members shall serve staggered terms, shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee, and elected at the 'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu. Members shall serve a term of three (3) years beginning July 1 of the year elected and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. In the

event of a vacancy, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to complete the unexpired term.

6.2.2 The Committee on Ministry shall decide upon the frequency of meetings. It shall be responsible for matters relating to Kahu; Members in Discernment; ordination; granting, maintenance, transfer, and termination of ministerial standing; privilege of call; installation; commissioning; and granting, maintenance, and termination of local church standing; and shall, refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the association.

6.2.3 The Committee on Ministry, through development of programs for professional growth, continuing education, personal support and denominational relationships, shall be responsible for matters relating to the support of the Kahu in the Association and the recruitment and nurturing of students of Hawaiian ancestry interested in entering the ministry, as defined in Section 1.2.2 hereof.

**6.3 NOMINATING COMMITTEE** The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members and be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve staggered terms of two (2) years each beginning on July 1 of the year appointed.

6.3.1 The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for the offices of Luna Ho'omalulu, Luna Ho'omalulu Hope, Kākau 'Ōlelo, and Pu'ukū; one or more candidates for island representatives to the Board of Directors; and one or more candidates for the Committee on Ministry.

6.3.2 The names of the nominees, with information of their qualification, shall be submitted to member churches no less than one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

6.3.3 Nominations may only be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, if there is a vacancy in a position at that time, a second is provided, and motion approved by the body.

**6.4 FINANCE COMMITTEE**

6.4.1 There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of three (3) members, appointed by the Board of Directors to serve staggered terms.

6.4.2 The appointed term shall be three (3) years.

6.4.3 The Pu'ukū shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee with the right to vote.

6.4.4 The Finance Committee shall present an Annual Budget to the Board of Directors for the next fiscal year.

## **6.5 NA LIMA HO`IKE E PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

- 6.5.1 There shall be a Program Committee of seven (7) members, one (1) from each of the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, 'Oahu, and Kaua'i, and one (1) youth delegate under 35 years of age, plus a representative from a recognized Partnership Ministry of this Association.
- 6.5.2 Each member of the Program Committee will serve a staggered three (3) year Term.
- 6.5.3 The Program Committee members shall help the local churches develop programs.
- 6.5.4 The program committee will review and evaluate the grant applications.
- 6.5.5 The grant applications that are denied will be presented to the BOD for final consideration.

## **6.6 HUA MUA COMMITTEE**

The Hua Mua Committee exists to ensure that the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches is truly self-governing and financially self-sustaining as written in the mission statement.

- 6.6.1 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS** Committee will be composed of five (5) members with terms of three (3) years that are staggered, or until replaced. Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, and Three (3) at large members.
- 6.6.2 The Papa Makua and Pu`ukū are ex-officio members of the committee.
- 6.6.3 **PURPOSE** To develop capital campaigns to raise funds for financial sustainability and present proposed plans, visions, and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

## **6.7 SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- 6.7.1 Special Committees may be created by the Association or the Board of Directors to fulfill the purposes of the Association and/or represent the Association in other affiliated and/or non-affiliated organizations.
- 6.7.2 Duties and functions of the Committee will be delineated by the Board of Directors.
- 6.7.3 The term of the Committee will be determined at the time of formation.

- 6.8 CHAIRPERSONS** One member of each committee may be appointed chairperson by the Board of Directors of this Association, and/or to consider a committee recommendation.
- 6.9 QUORUM** Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.
- 6.10 RULES** Each committee may adopt rules of its own government not inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VII-INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

- 7.1 INDEMNIFICATION** Any person who is made a party to any action, suit or proceeding, civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, committee member, or a member of a member Church serving in a position at the request of the Association , shall be indemnified by the Association against the expenses (including amounts paid by way of judgement, and settlement and including attorney's fees) reasonably and necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of such action, suit, or proceeding, whether or not such defense shall be successful in whole or in part, or in connection with any appeal therein, or any settlement thereof, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding that such person is liable for willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duties.
- 7.2 AUTHORIZATION** Unless ordered by a court, any indemnification under Section 7.1 of this Article shall be made by the Association only if authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer or committee member has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 7.1. The determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the proceeding; or (b) if a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion to the Association; or (c) by a majority vote of the members; or (d) by the court in which the proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the Association or the director or officer or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not he application by the director, officer, attorney, or other person is opposed by this Association.
- 7.3 ADVANCE PAYMENTS** Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in a particular case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that the director or officer is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article VII.

- 7.4 OTHER RIGHTS** The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such a person.
- 7.5 INSURANCE** The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any director or officer of the Association, against any liability asserted against or incurred by the directors or officer's status as church, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the director or officer against liability under this Article.

## **ARTICLE VIII-EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS**

- 8.1 PERSONS AUTHORIZED** Except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, or by resolution of the Board of Directors or by law, the person authorized to make and execute all written instruments of Association, including the checks, drafts, notes, bonds, acceptance, deeds, leases, and contracts shall be the Luna Ho'omalua (President), the Luna Ho'omalua Hope (Vice President), the Kākau 'Ōlelo (Secretary), the Papa Makua (Spiritual Leader), and the Pu'ukū (Treasurer).
- 8.2 CONTRACTS** The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.
- 8.3 CHECKS, DRAFTS, ORDERS, AND NOTES** All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by any officer if the amount of the instrument is under one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by the Pū'ukū and countersigned by the Luna Ho'omalua, the Luna Ho'omalua Hope, the Kākau 'Ōlelo or the Papa Makua of the Association if the amount of the instrument is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or over.

## **ARTICLE IX-FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

- 9.1 BUDGET** A proposed Annual Budget as presented by the Finance Committee, approved by the Board of Directors, and distributed to the churches together with the notice of the Annual Meeting.
- 9.2 RECEIPTS**
- 9.2.1 Uku Kumau (Dues)** Each church member, as defined in Section 1.1.1.1 hereof, shall pay annual per capita assessment based on the total number

members of that church. The Association shall establish the rate of assessment.

- 9.2.2 **Lulu (Offering)** An offering may be received at meetings of membership to support the work of the Association.
- 9.2.3 **Fund Raising** The Association may undertake special fund raising activities approved by the membership or Board of Directors.
- 9.2.4 **Deposits** All funds of the Association shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.
- 9.3. **DISBURSEMENTS** All disbursements shall be paid by the Pu'uku (Treasure) as may be directed by these Bylaws, the Board of Directors, or this Association.
- 9.4. **AUDITS** Within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, the Pu'ukū will submit to the Board of Directors an annual financial statement prepared in-house and verified as to accuracy by an authorized officer or member of the Board, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Findings will be reported to the membership at the next meeting of the Association.
- 9.5. **GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENT** The Association may appoint a special committee to search and investigate grant and entitlements that may be available to the Association.
- 9.6. **GIFTS** The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes as for any special purpose of the Association. The Board may appoint a Special Committee to receive and manage endowments and special gifts.

## **ARTICLE X-BOOKS AND RECORDS**

The Association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors and Committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. Any member, or his agent or his attorney may inspect all books and records of the Association for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

## **ARTICLE XI-FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 through June 30.

## **ARTICLE XII-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

All meetings of the Board of Directors, Committees, and the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, which shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not covered by the Constitution or the Bylaws of this Association, as amended.

## **ARTICLE XIII-AMENDMENT AND REVIEW**

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting, if at least thirty (30) days written notice is given of the intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting. These Bylaws shall be reviewed every three (3) years.

AHEC Ho`ola I Ka `Aina Komike (Land Research Committee) Report  
Aha Nā Kai `Ewalu, June 11, 2026

*“The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers.”* (The Year of Jubilee: Leviticus 25:23)

The goals of our Ho`ola I Ka `Aina Komike remain:

To research the titles of our AHEC churches to determine who owns the land.

To research the history of the land of the HCUCC (Hawai`i Conference of the United Church of Christ).

One of our AHEC churches wrote to us requesting help in obtaining a certified copy of the deed to their church held by the Hawaii Conference Foundation and other documents related to the land on which the church sits. The request was forwarded to the Hawaii Conference Foundation, which responded positively. The AHEC church needed a copy of the deed to apply for a loan from The United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund. This is an example of our committee working together with the Hawaii Conference Foundation.

Mr. Laakea Kamakawiwoole has done research on his Kalemela Church in Honokaa. He was able to research into files of the Hawaiian Kingdom for some primary resources. He has agreed to lead a workshop of our committee in how he was able to research this material while he continues to gather information of churches that incorporated under the Kingdom of Hawai`i. Interested people can contact our committee.

The Great Mahele of 1848 was done during the reign of Kauikeaouli (Kamehameha III). Dr. Ronald Williams Jr. in his Project Mo`i series, will lead a free online course. One can register for this course with resources at <https://forms.gle/mdsSfVcbBDS8eeb1A>. This is a great opportunity to learn some important history related to the modern land system initiated in Hawai`i.

Our committee has been receiving a few requests to help with the identification of land title questions from a few churches.

Please reach out to any member of our committee for information or for assistance.

Your servants in love

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Report of the AHEC Ho`okolokolo sub-committee on Boarding Schools  
Aha Nā Kai `Ewalu, June 11, 2026

*“Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:32*

Latest news on the CAIM/AHEC Justice Task Force:

The dates of the first in-person organizing meeting of the task force in Black River Falls, Wisconsin has been decided: October 10-12, 2026 (traveling days Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Hosting will be the Hocak UCC Church (AKA the HoChunk UCC). Meeting will be in the Ho-Chunk Tribal building, District 1 Community Center.

The Neighbors in Need (NIN) grant of \$5,000 awarded to the Hocak UCC proposed an initial in-person meeting of the task force to be formed by 4 representatives of CAIM (2 from the Hocak UCC) and 4 representatives from the AHEC with other invited supporters.

Papa Makua chose as the AHEC representatives: himself, Pualani Muraki, Laakea Kamakawiwoole, Ronald Fujiyoshi. At the last planning committee meeting all four of us were present by Zoom. The planning committee meets about every two weeks. Since the cost of the first in-person gathering is estimated at \$15,000, the committee is still working at fund-raising. A Catalyst Grant of \$5,000 through the Wisconsin Conference UCC has been awarded to the task force, so with \$10,000 in hand, the in-person meeting will happen.

The first meeting of the CAIM/AHEC Justice Task Force will finally decide the structure and function of the task force. However, the planning team is suggesting a focus on the five resolutions submitted by CAIM and AHEC and passed at the General Synods of the UCC. The four CAIM/Hocak representatives are being decided; although Lawrence Littlegeorge and Libby Fairchild, Acting CAIM Director will be two of the four.

Due to scheduling changes and family obligations Lawrence “Larry” Littlegeorge and Cindy Rohland will not be leading a workshop at our Aha Na Kai Ewalu in June 2026.

Please keep our CAIM/AHEC Justice Task Force in your prayers as we boldly move forward in forming this historic relationship in working together to implement the justice resolutions brought to the General Synods of the United Church of Christ.

Mahalo for your support!

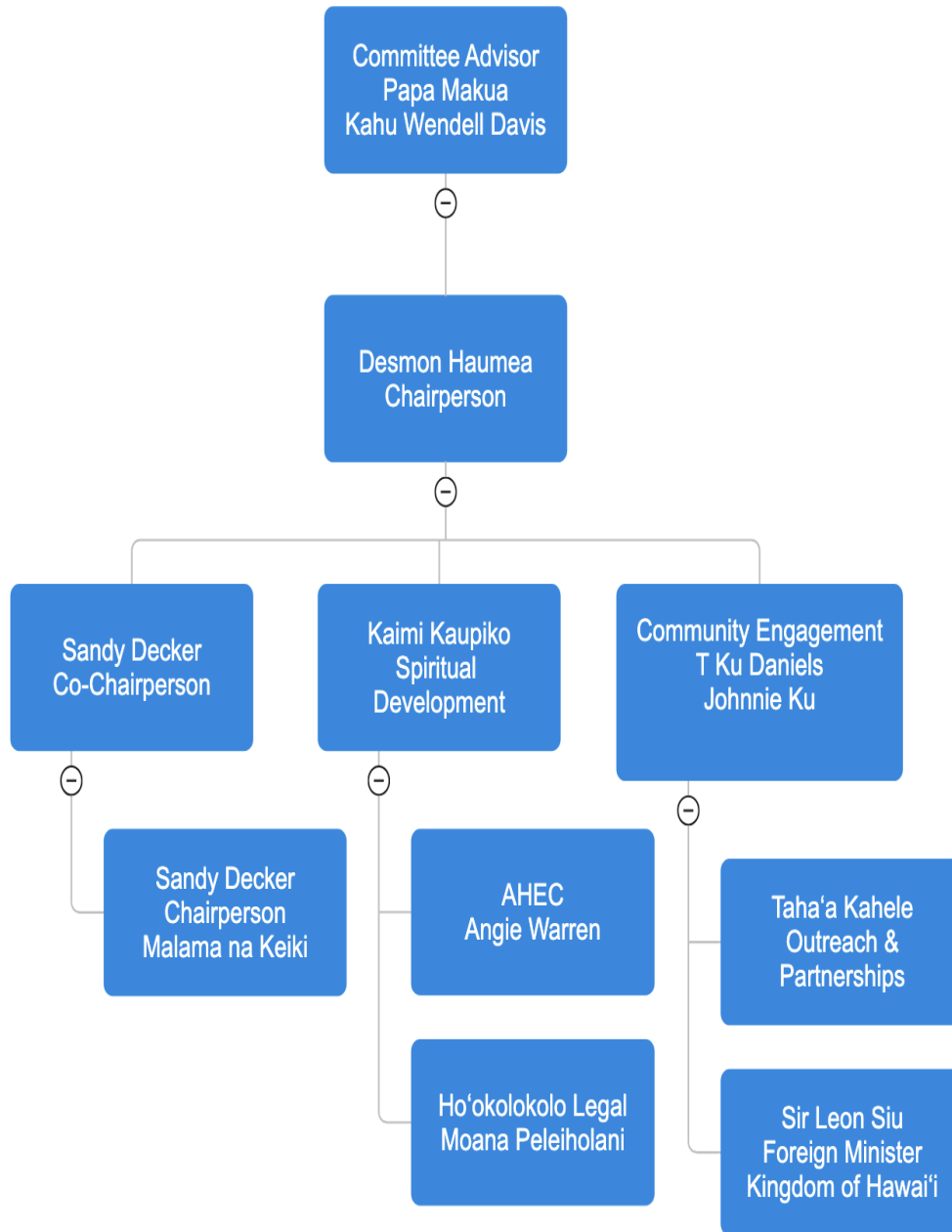
Respectfully,

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# Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches 2026

## Ho'olala Committee Organizational Chart



*Finally Brothers and Sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And God of love and peace will be with you. 2 Corinthians 11-14*

**“He Wa‘a He Moku ><> He Moku He Wa‘a”**

*Our Canoe an Island ><>Our Island a Canoe*

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches  
Ho‘olala Committee  
2026-27 Strategic Plan**

**Vision:** Foster a vibrant Lahui and Kaiaulu within AHEC over the next two to five years.

**Mission:** Promote spiritual growth, community service, and cultural preservation.

**Core Values:** Faith Based, Community, Cultural Heritage, Malama na Keiki, Service.

**SWOT Analysis**

**Strengths:** Strong community ties.

**Weaknesses:** Limited resources; volunteer burnout.

**Opportunities:** Local partnerships; increased community interest.

**Threats:** Competing initiatives; economic challenges.

**Goals:**

1. Enhance Community Engagement: Organize quarterly service events.
2. Strengthen Spiritual Development: Implement monthly workshops and retreats.

**Strategies:**

Engagement: Partner with local schools; leverage social media.

Spiritual Growth: Develop a workshop calendar; invite diverse speakers.

**Funding:**

Seek grants and congregation donations; assess resource needs; crowdfunding.

**Evaluation:**

Track participation and feedback through KPIs.

**Stakeholder Engagement:**

Regular meetings and updates via newsletters and social media.

**Timeline:**

Q1: Launch community services.

Q2: Host spiritual workshop.

Q3: Evaluate progress. KPIs

Q4: Plan for 2027.

This streamlined plan focuses on spiritual and community aspects, aligning with the mission of Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches.

**Kaua‘i Island Representative**  
**Report ‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu – June 11, 2026**  
**Luella Lemn**

This year, we have expanded our AHEC churches on Kauai from one church to two. Waimea Hawaiian Church joined AHEC earlier this year.

**Waimea Hawaiian Church**

Waimea Hawaiian Church joined AHEC this year, but the Kauai Representative was unable to contact them to get an update for the report.

**Koolauhuiia Protestant Church**

Koolauhuiia Protestant Church remains a small but faithful congregation committed to worship, community presence, and stewardship despite significant challenges. The church is supported by an active Board of eleven members who continue to guide ministry efforts and maintain operations.

Moderator: Erin Cobb-Adams

Vice President: Haunani Lemn

Secretary: Kapua Medeiros

Treasurer: Maybelle “Toni” Ka’ā’a

Board Members: Manulele Clark, Pua Cobb-Adams, Harry Lemn, Luella Lemn, Kendall Lemn, Ronnie-Lynn Lemn, Chandler “Kahulu” Nunokawa

In the past year, congregational life has been strengthened through the introduction of a weekly fellowship hour following Sunday worship, along with special gatherings during major holidays. These efforts have helped build connections and sustain morale within a small and aging membership, where average weekly attendance ranges from 8 to 20, with larger participation at special events. A new roadside sign and the launch of a church website (<https://www.koolauhuiiachurch.org/>) have improved visibility and outreach, while also enabling online giving.

However, the church faces significant infrastructure challenges. The church building, now over 60 years old, requires extensive repairs, most urgently a full roof replacement due to water damage and termite-compromised structural elements. Other needed improvements include septic installation, kitchen upgrades, and general restoration. Efforts are ongoing to secure permits, gather bids, and pursue grant funding, though financial resources remain limited. A capital campaign has raised some funds and awareness, and we were able to secure grants through the SCHCC’s “Small Churches” fund and the Antone & Edene Vidinha Trust, but we are still significantly short of our goal. Potential partnerships, including with a local trade academy, are being explored to reduce costs.

The parsonage, previously rented, has been taken out of service to evaluate its use for pastoral housing, but it too requires substantial repair. This has directly impacted the church’s ability to secure consistent ministerial leadership. Currently, worship is maintained through a combination of visiting clergy, lay speakers, and monthly leadership from Kahu Kordell Kekoa. While this has sustained regular services, the absence of stable pastoral leadership remains a major concern.

Financially, the church continues to operate under strain due to limited membership, rising expenses, and increasing insurance costs. While current obligations are being met, reserves will be needed for upcoming repairs. Administrative progress has been made with updated financial reporting and improved recordkeeping.

Additional challenges include new legal requirements affecting historic burial sites on church property, which currently prevent active burials without extensive and costly compliance measures.

Despite these obstacles, Koolauhuiia remains committed to its mission. Through continued worship, community outreach, and careful stewardship, the congregation seeks to preserve its presence and ministry while actively pursuing solutions for long-term sustainability. The church is deeply grateful for the ongoing support and partnership of the wider conference community.

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches  
*West Maui Island Representative Report*  
Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu – June 11, 2026  
**by J. Kailani Ross**

Ka'anapali:

**Lāhuiokalani Ka'anapali Congregational Church**

3650 Lower Honoapi'ilani Road

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10093, Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

Aileen Trout, Lay Leader Email: [atrout5525@aol.com](mailto:atrout5525@aol.com)

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 am

The Kona "low" storms during this 3-month winter season in 2026 impacted many parts of the state. **Lāhuiokalani Ka'anapali** was spared damages except for the doors that swelled because of the prolonged rain.

Because of the 2023 Lahaina fire, we continue to provide a place of worship for the Filipino and Tongan congregations of King's Cathedral as well as the Spanish speaking congregation for the Pentecostal Church. In March, the Lahaina United Methodist Church returned to their campus, where there is temporary structure for worship. The rebuilding process will take years to finish.

On Easter Sunday, we welcomed 72 worshippers: 5 families with children aged 4 to 20 years. We had just enough elements for Holy Communion! Our church provides a place of worship for the many visitors to Honokowai. Local membership remains about 17 people. God blesses all who worship with us. Aileen Trout, Moderator

**Lahaina:**

**Waiola Church**

Kahu Anela Rosa

535 Waine'e Street

Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 12021, Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

808-264-1553 Email: [info@waiolachurch.org](mailto:info@waiolachurch.org)

Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 10:00 am

**Waiola Church** continues to navigate this period of recovery with faith, resilience, and a deep commitment to serving both our congregation and the Lahaina community. We were graciously donated funds by a Senior Church Member to purchase a large tent which is semi-permanently installed and made through the last storms. We set up chairs and meet the first Sunday of every month under the tent.

Our Easter service was well attended with 49 children and adults, both members as well as visitors. One member took the initiative to make an egg hunt and hand out goody bags thru the Salvation Army. The Kukahiko 'Ohana prepared a meal for after service that was very, very yummy and was enjoyed by everyone.

We remain mindful of the realities our members and community are facing. Many families continue to experience housing instability, financial hardship, and uncertainty as rebuilding efforts across Lahaina remain slow and complex. The emotional and spiritual toll of this prolonged recovery continues to be felt.

Waiola Church continues to move forward in our rebuilding efforts. We are working with a project manager to guide the process and ensure responsible planning and coordination. At this time, we are in the phase of identifying and selecting an architectural firm. Proposals have been received, and leadership is actively reviewing and discerning the best fit for Waiola's needs, values, and long-term vision.

We continue to prepare our Luakini street property that used to house Waiola church members and our plans include installing modular homes that they can come home. The recent passing of our Deacon Ka'aina Kauhane leaves a space open as he planned to move home to where he lived for decades on our property, back when Luakini street was called Chapel Rd. He will be truly missed, and we will keep moving forward knowing he is with our loving God watching over us.

These are significant steps forward, though the process remains careful and deliberate. We continue to have faith in the process of which God has in store for us and we persevere.

We now have a Maui Music Festival series on our property every last Thursday of the month. It is organized by Lahaina Restoration, and we are able to provide them with the space to have this event for Lahaina as a welcomed and healthy option in healing and fellowship for our greater Lahaina community.

We are grateful for the continued prayers, partnership, and support from all as we move together in hope. Anastasia Arao-Tagayuna, Moderator and myself.

Olowalu:

Wailuku:

### **Ka'ahumanu Church**

Kahu Wayne Higa

103 South High Street

P.O. Box 1403

Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

**Ka'ahumanu Church** has Sunday Services at 9am. Bible Study: Friday nights at 6pm. Restoration construction update: Work on bottom half of church has been done. Windows are done, walls have had some patching and painted, front steps and entry way have had some work done. Looks nice until you look up. Construction done for now. We await the start of Phase III. We will need to raise \$1.5 to 2 million for that top half.

Phase III will repair the steeple and roof. Scaffolding will be needed and that is a big cost item. But it's happening. Mahalo ke Akua. Kona storms did cause water in the sanctuary due to needed steeple repairs. But we rented the machine and dried things up. We will be having a roast pork plate lunch fundraiser on May 16. Pre-sale tickets are \$18.00. Let us know.

We celebrated joint worship services with Wailuku Union for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday at Iao UCC and Easter Sunrise at Ka'ahumanu Church. Kahu Wayne Higa

**Luakini o Kalemela (East Hāmākua Protestant Church)**  
**2026 ‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu**

“They that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations...” — Isaiah 58:12

**Historical Standing**

Luakini o Kalemela continues its restoration and ministry work as a historic Hawaiian Kingdom church originally chartered in 1860 under Ekalesia o Pa‘auhau, Hāmākua. Historical records published in *Nupepa Kuokoa* recognize the establishment of the church during the reign of King Kamehameha IV.

Our congregation honors the legacy of our kūpuna who upheld faith, aloha ‘āina, and the rights of the lāhui through generations of change and hardship. We continue to recognize the enduring spiritual and historical responsibilities entrusted to the churches and communities of Ko Hawai‘i Pae ‘Āina.

**Restoration & Ministry Update**

Throughout 2025–2026, Kalemela has continued restoration planning and organizational development to preserve the church structure, grounds, and historical records for future generations. Current efforts include assessment and planning for structural stabilization, steeple and bell restoration, protection of church lands, and long-term stewardship planning.

The ministry has also expanded community outreach through prayer gatherings, cultural education, genealogy preservation, and discussions surrounding the historical role of Hawaiian churches within their communities. Historical trust and church structure research continues as part of preserving the original purpose of these Hawaiian Kingdom era congregations.

**Fellowship & Unity**

Kalemela remains thankful for the fellowship extended through the churches of the ‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu and the broader Hawaiian church community. We believe the restoration of our churches is not only physical, but spiritual and relational — strengthening unity among congregations, protecting sacred places, and ensuring that future generations inherit living houses of worship rooted in faith, truth, and aloha.

We respectfully encourage continued cooperation between churches, lineal families, and communities in preserving the legacy of our kūpuna and supporting one another in ministry.

Submitted respectfully,

**Luakini o Kalemela – Ekalesia o Pa‘auhau, Hāmākua**  
Mokupuni o Hawai‘i

La‘akea Kamakawiwo‘ole – Kahu / Trustee / Researcher  
Reynolds Kamakawiwo‘ole – Kahuna / Restorer

Based in part on prior Fall ‘Aha Hālāwai reports and historical trust documentation.



## ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

AHEC West Hawai'i Island Representative  
**Report 'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu – June 11, 2026**  
Kahu Pono Rosalind Lokilani Ioane

Aloha, my name is Rosalind Lokilani Ioane I am a Member of Hauoli Kamano Church, in Miloli'i Hawai'i. In peleluali I became Kahu Pono with the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches and the united church of Christ. I roll I do not take lightly only truly by the grace of god I accept this calling for such a time as this. (Esther 4:14)

### *Hauoli Kamanao Church*

Hauoli Kamanao Church continues to thrive as Kahu Melveen Kaupiko was recently ordained with the love and support from our members as we stand together as the body of Christ with our Kahu Melveen and allow the holy spirit of God to manifest in our church service. Hauoli Kamanao we will always cherish the memories and teachings of our Kahu Mahina but now he has a better and bigger calling and home. On Sunday, service starts at 11:00am. We have intercessory prayer that starts at 10:30am led by Kahu Pono. We come together to pray for our families, community, state, and country leaders.

### *Praise & Worship Team*

Our Praise and Worship team and the different individuals who bring sermons on certain Sundays are doing an awesome job, truly with the grace of god. TO GOD BE THE GLORY

### *March Miloli'i C.E. Camp*

I am glad to report that our C.E. Camp at Ho'ōpūloa went successfully given our stormy circumstances. Igniting the fire and passion for Christ in the hearts of our keiki and planting the seed for our future Kahu's.

### *West Hawaii Churches*

#### *Lanakila Congregational Church*

In February of this year, they hosted a teaching class with Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred from the Vancouver school of theology. John Leong was installed as Kahu pono as well.

#### *Imiola Congregational Church*

Sunday service starts at 9:30 with Kahu David Blevins unfortunately I do not have anything else to report at this time.

I am happy to report that the Churches of West Hawai'i, continue to thrive and shine God's wonderful light, through partnership ministries and their youth through Sunday school, we continue to thrive with God as our motivation, guidance, and foundation. We are excited to see what God has in store for the Churches of West Hawai'i. (Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you")

Please continue to pray for Kahu Melveen for strength in this season of her journey.

Aloha Kakou

Aloha Ke Akua Ministries  
'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu - Report  
June 11, 2026

Kaimu/Kalapana Hale Pule: We continue our services at the facilities of Uncle Robert's Farmers Market and `Awa Bar at the invitation of the Keli`iho`omalua `ohana. Every Sunday we provide lunch for those in need in the area. One person said it is the only hot meal of his week.

We continue to go through the building permit process for the Marae Village project. We have the grading permit and are working on final grading. Each village will have a Hale Pule. See attached Newsletter.

We ministered at the Wiconi Native American Conference and Pow Wow in Oregon and at the Flathead Reservation in Montana. We hosted Maori at the Marae Village property house for 3 weeks. We were plenary speakers at the Sacred Assembly of Canada. See attached Newsletter for details and at the Maori led Gathering of Eagles conference in Aotearoa. We taught missiology and Hawaiian history in Kona and at several seminaries/mission bases in Montana, Aotearoa, on the Big Island and Oahu. Planning more teaching on Oahu, Big Island and Kauai. Took a group of 16 Hawaiians to Aotearoa to learn from Marae Villages. Went to Alaska in April. This is a short report: In Alaska, met many people who had children and young family members commit suicide. Alaska has the highest teen suicide rate in the US. Most are native. Jesus is the answer they need. The young people are looking for their identity and dignity but have not found it in the church. There is only one person who choreographs and dances Inupiaq Christian dance. It is like where Hawaii was 32 years ago when we started and no hula was allowed in church because it was evil. What an honor to be a part of breaking them free to find Jesus in the Spirit and Truth of who they are. This person who is the only one who choreographs and dances Christian Inupiaq dance, Suzzuk, is a respected Inupiaq language and cultural educator. She was invited to 5 other meetings that night. We prayed that she would come to ours. She prayed and felt she should come to our presentation. I taught about how/why throughout scripture culture was used to bring people to Jesus. Yolanda danced and I asked her to dance and explain her dance (most do not know their language anymore). She is one of the main forces behind bringing their language and culture back. As she shared her journey to be an Inupiaq Christian and her rejection from the churches, she said she did not expect to weep. But others in the audience were weeping with her. After she danced another respected elder went to her and they wept together. The village leader was there as well as one of the most influential Inupiaq Christian elders who had been against dance and using their drum. We were so blessed to be a door opener for them to find their dignity and identity in Christ. It is all about love, that God loves who He made them to be. She said I shared what she had been trying to share with the churches in such a scriptural and simple way. She wants me to share at her denominational conference. We also shared at the denominational conference of one of the most influential denominations in Alaska that had forbidden their dance and drum. We saw great breakthroughs there. We also shared at a church, several other gatherings and with many church leaders. God is so good to His servants! We came back with many precious gifts made by the grateful people of the land and priceless experiences. After surfing most of my life, they set me up to drive a snowmobile through snowy Noem and then a mile out on the frozen ocean to

help bring in crab pots through holes cut through ocean ice. Fresh king crab for lunch, so much better than frozen! I also got to pack Yolanda on a snowmobile through Shaktoolik village, high snow banks, falling snow and onto the frozen ocean. Just a few of the priceless experiences given to us by grateful people. God is Good!

Aloha Ke Akua,  
Kahu Daniel Kikawa

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## THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PLEDGE

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I **promise** to live for Him boldly and make it the practice of my life to **pray** and **study** God's Word daily, **serve** others freely, **share** my faith openly, **worship** God in my church regularly, and humbly **lead** His cause for my generation.

Summer 2026

Aloha CE Hawaii 'Ohana!

Christian Endeavor Hawaii wishes you a happy and blessed summer!

Please don't forget to check out our [CE Hawaii Website!](#) Visit often for information about our upcoming and past events, membership and scholarship forms, devotions, CE World updates, and our prayer room! If you would like to add or announce anything on our website, please send all inquiries to [hawaii.christianendeavor@gmail.com](mailto:hawaii.christianendeavor@gmail.com).

### CE Hawaii's Theme for 2026 -E Ola Pono: Live Above Reproach

**E Ola Pono: Live Above Reproach** is the guiding theme for CE Hawai'i in 2026, inspired by *1 Timothy 4:12*, which calls young people to build-up their Christ-Like leadership skill and set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity. This theme challenges and encourages our youth to live with integrity, courage, and aloha by choosing what is right even when it is difficult. As we move through the year together, *E Ola Pono* reminds us that leadership is not about age, but about character, and that living above reproach can make a powerful impact on our schools, churches, and communities.

### E Ola Pono Spring Camp 2026!

The E Ola Pono Spring Camp 2026, held March 19–21 at Ho'opuola Beach in Miloli'i, was a meaningful and successful gathering for Christian Endeavor youth and leaders. Participants engaged in discussions and activities centered on living above reproach, growing Christ-like leadership skills. A wonderful time was had by all who attended.

### Mark your Calendars!

We are excited to announce two upcoming CE Hawaii E Ola Pono youth events designed to learn to live above reproach while continuing to build faith, fellowship, and Christ-like leadership among our youth.

**The Summer Event will be held at Wailua Church on August 15 from 9:30 AM - 8:30 PM**

**The Fall Camp at Kūhiō Chapel will be from October 6–9.**

Stay tuned for more information and registration details coming soon!



### **CE Teacher Training Workshop:**

Join our team for a CE Teacher Training Workshop on **Saturday, July 25, 2026, from 9:00 AM–12:00 PM** at Kūhiō Chapel in Hilo.

This workshop is designed for those who serve or are interested in serving in CE ministry, with training focused on teaching at CE youth events, leading Bible study and CE sessions at home churches, and completing a required boundary training course. This workshop will strengthen and support leaders as they learn about CE's mission while also equipping them to raise up their youth to be Christ-like Leaders.

Registration coming soon!

**CE Hawaii Scholarships:** We continue to award scholarships to members planning to attend seminary and/or continuing their Christian education in accredited programs. See the policies (which are currently being updated) and application on our website: [CE Hawaii Scholarships & Grants](#). Applications are on going and due dates are April 15 (for fall and winter semesters) and October 15 (for spring and summer semesters).

- CE Hawaii scholarships are available to members of CE membership churches for continuing/beginning a seminary education or continuing education in fields related to ministry.

**CE Hawaii Membership Announcement:** With the rising cost of everything today, our church/individual membership fee is now \$75. Please visit our table at the Aha to update your membership and receive an awesome membership packet with CE Hawaii Membership Cards (for new members) for your church members and other CE HI swag! We accept cash, check, and venmo.

Christian Endeavor Hawaii is a resource to suggest/provide resources and help to support your youth. If you have any ideas for events, workshops, or CE materials training please do not hesitate to contact us via email.

For more information about resources or our programs, please contact us @:  
[hawaii.christianendeavor@gmail.com](mailto:hawaii.christianendeavor@gmail.com) or check out the: [CE Hawaii Website](#)

### **CE Hawaii's New Logo!**

Check out our new CE Hawaii logo! It was designed to reflect the mission and identity of Christian Endeavor in Hawai'i by thoughtfully featuring the Hawaiian Islands and surrounding ocean, symbolizing both our strong connection and unity across our island chain. It also includes the CE motto in both English and Hawaiian, highlighting a shared commitment to faith, discipleship, and Christ-centered living. The design brings together cultural identity and spiritual purpose, serving as a reminder of unity, service, and growth in Christ throughout Hawai'i.

For Christ and The Church,

Kahu Michael Warren, CE Hawaii President, and the CE Hawaii Board of Directors

Christian Voice of Hawaii Report to AHEC  
Report for ‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu  
June 11, 2026

Besides being the founder and Director of Christian Voice of Hawaii, I also serve as the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Hawaiian Kingdom, a position I have held for the past 26 years.

The primary work of Christian Voice of Hawaii in 2025 with regard to AHEC, has been to represent AHEC’s position of advocacy for Hawaii’s sovereignty with an immediate focus on the Pacific Islands ministries and governments.

In early March, I attended a five-day Global Consultation on Self-Determination and Decolonization in Pape‘ete, Tahiti, where I presented a paper titled, *Self Determination Process of Hawaii: Challenges and Prospects*. Our presence there raised the visibility and credibility of our movement to free Hawaii. It also clarified the attendees’ understanding of the unique nature of Hawaii’s situation and our approach to resolving the long-standing hewa with Aloha.

This past month (April) I visited New York City where I ...

- Had bi-lateral meetings with several Ambassadors of Pacific Islands member states to the United Nations to discuss each country’s interest in helping to initiate a resolution calling on the UN General Assembly to review UNGA Resolution 1469. Each felt it was time for us to speak directly to “their capitals” (their nation’s leaders) to get approval to proceed with drafting and submitting of the resolution. Each offered to facilitate the meetings with their capitals which will take place in June and July 2026.
- Attended the first meeting of the Working Group for Self Determination (WGSD), a sub-committee that I initiated under the aegis of the 500+member CoNGO (the Conference of NGOs in Consultative Relationship with the United Nations).
- Met with members of the Hawaii diaspora to create a support group for upcoming advocacy activities at the UN.
- Promoted and attended the screening of the film, *Lāhainā Rising* at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Strong interest has been expressed by several other non-Pacific UN member states in pursuing international initiatives to assist Hawaii in confirming our status as a sovereign, independent nation in continuity. We are pursuing these international initiatives.

I request the Board of AHEC to please consider providing some funding to underwrite travel expenses to pursue these initiatives. Please get in touch with me.

Aloha ke Akua, Iesu pu

*Leon Kaulahao Siu*

Director, Christian Voice of Hawaii



Aloha brothers and sisters of Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

We're grateful for your prayers and partnership with Harvest Family Life Hawaii. Here are some of the ways that you have been on mission with HFLHI from August-Oct 2025

***CHRISTIAN HOMES PROVIDED TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES***

FOSTER CARE MATCHES: 16 FOSTER CARE PLACEMENTS: 24  
NEW FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS: 10  
RESPITE CARE MATCHES: 22  
3 pending adoptions, still awaiting court date  
RESPITE CARE PLACEMENTS: 17 NEW  
RESPITE PROVIDERS: 8

***SUPPORT TO FOSTER/ADOPTIVE/HANAI FAMILIES***

200 keiki served through CarePortal!

Kokua Closet- 316 keiki (102 boys, 214 girls) registered to shop w/QR Code - Shoppers at University Avenue Baptist Church & Central Baptist Church. These numbers reflect shoppers that filled out our online sign-in form.

As of March 1, 2026, Harvest Family Life Ministries Hawaii has been granted a contract with the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services Social Services Division. Recruitment of Resource Caregivers (Foster Families) for the entire state! To our knowledge, this is the first time ever that a Gospel-centered, Christian organization has been granted a contract with Child Welfare Services in our state! There have been faith-based partnerships, but those contracts were given to local "secular" non-profits. Years of prayer, partnership, loving like Jesus, and just consistently "showing up" has led us to this place.

**This moves us closer to achieving our vision of More Than Enough!** Now we will meet/know every individual and family who is considering applying to be General Licensed to provide safe, loving homes for keiki in foster care in Hawaii and most of the hanai/kinship care homes as well. CHURCH-we can NOT do this without you! How will we answer God's call?

We are excited, celebrating, and praising God. We ask that you pule with and for us-now the State is saying to the local Body of Christ, "Church, we need your help!" Please Pule-the Church (statewide) is now challenged to Rise Up and serve the State and vulnerable children & families with the Love of Jesus to a greater extent than ever before. There is still a disproportionate amount of Native Hawaiian children in Hawaii's foster care system compared to other ethnicities. **Is your church willing and able to host a foster care presentation?**

Respectfully submitted by:

Pastor Brad McDaniel  
Harvest Family Life Hawaii

Report of the Covenantal Relationship between Kamehameha Schools  
And the **Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**

Board of Directors Meeting 05/09/2026

*The Covenantal Relationship between Kamehameha Schools and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches provides opportunities for nā haumāna to participate in activities with the local churches. These activities have provided opportunities for the students to grow in their faith and character. The churches have been reinvigorated and encouraged to see youth leading worship and practicing servant leadership.*

Nā Kula ‘o Kamehameha Spiritual Theme for this School Year 2025-2026 “**E Mau ke Ola i ke Kumuola – Life endures by the Source of life**” is taken from Kolosa 1:17 – “*O ia ho’i ka mua o nā mea a pau, a ma ona lā nō ho’i i mau ai nā mea a pau.*” Colossians 1:17 teaches – “*He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*”

**Nā Kahu Activities:**

Launch of our KS Faith Website - <https://kaipuolono.ksbe.edu/videogallery/archive>

- Lent Devotional Series
- Nā Hīmeni Video Series
- Trustee Investiture – May 4, 2026
- Tri-Campus DT Retreat to KS Maui May 16-17, 2026
- KS Alumni Memorial Chapel Service – June 2, 2026

**Church visits for Kapālama**

February 22, 2026 – Liliuokalani Protestant Church

March 1, 2026 – Kalihi and Moanalua Church

**Church visits for Maui**

May 17, 2026 – Hale Pule ‘o Kupaianaha

**Church visits for Hawai‘i**

March 28, 2026 – Kahikolu CC

March 29, 2026 – Mokuaikaua CC

April 19, 2026 – Haili Congregational Church

April 26, 2026 – Haili Congregational Church

**Prayer Requests** – Blessings upon our Kahu Waiwai Hou Trustee Eric Yeaman who has become our newest Trustee of The Kamehameha Schools. We continue to lift up in prayer our Legal team that has been confronting the latest attack upon our Princess Pauahi’s Last Will and Testament.

Blessings upon our seniors and all graduating students across the Pae ‘Āina. Blessings for safety among these new graduates that their summer is filled with family before going off to new adventures.

Finally, blessings upon our communities throughout Hawai‘i. Faith and Family!

Aloha nui kākou a me ke aloha nui,



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# Hawaii PAAM Report

Kahu Rennie Mau, Moderator

‘Aha Nā Kai ‘Ewalu

June 11, 2026

## Music and Arts

Hawaii PAAM held a music and arts camp on Oahu with several partnership churches in October. It brought together children and youth from churches on Oahu for a week long day camp exploring the arts. Kailua Christian Church also held a day camps arts program during the summer. Waipahu Filipino UCC has hosted several camps including a hoike for Sunday School children.

## Disaster Relief



Hawaii PAAM coordinated with Danny Tengan and HCUCC Disaster Ministries the distribution of essentials and food supplies to various distribution sites in Waialua, Haleiwa, Laie, and Waianae on Oahu. On Friday, March 27th a community dinner for residents and volunteers was hosted. Ewa Community Church has been a drop-off hub where church members and many friends have sorted items for distribution. We are now in the clean-up phase and have received hundreds of 5 gallon buckets of cleaning supplies to be distributed across Oahu and Molokai.

## PAAM Convocation 2026

The bi-annual PAAM Convocation brings together Pacific Islanders and Asian American churches from across the country from our six regions. It will be held at Irvine UCC in Southern California from June 24-27, 2026.. The focus of this year’s event is “The Josiah Generation” focusing on church revitalization and renewal with a special emphasis on our youth.

## Micronesian Ministries

One year prior to the Hokulea sailing with Micronesian navigator Mau Pilag, the Micronesians sailed a canoe to Okinawa without modern day scientific instruments. PAAM strives to decenter voyaging to all of our Pacific Islander communities and have been lifting up opportunities for Micronesian youth to be lifted up so we have participated in “We Are Oceania” and “Celebrate Micronesia” events. Recently, we participated in the 74th Constitution Day celebration of the Marshall Islands on Oahu.

## MCUCC Conference in Marjuro

The Micronesian Council of the UCC in Marjuro on July 12-15, 2026. Kahu Mau will be going representing Hawaii PAAM. In attendance will be presidents of the various Micronesian denominations, Rev. David Popham from HCUCC, and Rev. James Bhagwan from the Pacific Conference of Churches. As Hawaii PAAM we have been preparing for this gathering with the various leaders.



## Hawaii PAAM Virtual AHA MELE

Hawaii PAAM will be hosting a virtual Aha Mele featuring choirs, worship teams, and dance ministries from across Hawaii on a virtual concert night in November. Every AHEC church is welcome to submit a video by October 1, 2026 to be included in the gathering. Please note all composers, musicians, and participants and have clearance on copyrights. Prerecorded music from Hillsong and Bethel will no be accepted due to their copyright restrictions, however, your own musicians can play music.

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**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES  
STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION President's Report**

`Aha Nā Kai `Ewalu June 11, 2026  
Ewa Community Church, Kapolei, Hawaii

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and  
I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalms 23:6

Aloha Kākou! As we move through the year, we have can rely on Christ to be by our side. We acknowledge that he is our shepherd and certainly cares for us. When we have that faith in him and trust him to always care for us, to always give us grace and show us mercy, we can breathe no matter what is happening around us. He cares and we will always be with him and HE WITH US.

The Lord always provides and cares for us. We pray that our churches & families are well and comforted knowing we are made strong through adversity and challenge. Our Sunday Schools ask for prayers for our leaders who minister to our churches and continue in the education of Christ's teaching as they encourage our keiki and Makua. Pray for our Kahu, Mama Kahu, and Papa Kahu as well.

During our 2026 Spring Halawai held at Lanakila Church, we all enjoyed our time of together as we held a Hō'ike at Kona Lanakila Church. What a joy it was to have all voices lifted in praise and directly following the Hō'ike Kahu John Leong was installed as Kahu for that church. It was such a blessing because God is Good all the time and he was present blessing all of us!

Our Maui churches are showing an interest in forming an island Sunday School Association like Oahu & Hawaii Island. We look forward to working with them to start their Association as they continue to praise with all of us in Hō'ike and working with their Sunday Schools. For our Nā Kai `Ewalu meeting report, we will include a list of all our State Sunday participating churches and their contact information for churches to be able to reach out to the Sunday Schools on their island to plan Hō'ike and other events relating to Sunday School. Oahu reports that they have not been able to meet and plan for their bi-yearly Hō'ike and we keep them in prayer awaiting word when they may begin the bi-annual Hō'ike Tradition.

It is a disappointment that we will not be able to have our annual meeting this year due to the restricted time in the schedule. However, know that the State Sunday School Association continues moving forward. We continue to support the SSSA Early Release Program partnering with Hawaii Department of Education. We also support Christian Education partnering with Christian Endeavor in youth events throughout the year as well as assisting churches when they reach out to our SSSA. We look forward to our Sunday Schools bringing in their Quilts to share at our next meeting which is June 6/11/26 at Ewa Community Church. Kalapana is bringing their quilt, bring yours too to share with everyone your church through participation in the Quilt Project. Let us share our unique aloha, traditions, and heritage with our churches by bringing all together me ke aloha o Iesu Cristo me nā pauku a me ka mele. We look forward to more sharing and being together! Be blessed and thankful for God's love and faithfulness which is a blessing to us all.

Mahalo i Ke Akua

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