

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Aloha WBMPI Family,

It has been my honor to serve as your Woman's Board of Missions President.

I feel like my life is so blessed, full of love and happiness. I have a wonderful supportive husband, 4 adult children, and 11 amazing grandchildren.

I have a house, lots of nutritious food, clothing and a comfortable bed.

I had a fulfilling career working as a state of Hawai'i Department of Education Special Education (DOE) (SPED) teacher and now, I want to give back to my community. I want to help others and do good like Jesus intended me to.

After passing our new bylaws last year we were able to fund many wonderful organizations that feed and care for the homeless, fight to save women and children from sex trafficking, provide healthcare to victims of natural disasters or those in need, send funds to missionaries in the Pacific Rim, help educate women in seminary, education and nursing, and fund projects in countries throughout the Pacific. We helped and visited incarcerated women here on 'Oahu. We sent funds to help rebuild Waiola UCC in Lahaina and also helped restore some Hawai'ian historic churches that needed help. I've assisted many individuals working with social workers for one time assistance through our Family Thank Offering Fund. There is much more that we do, all driven through faith, and all of our faithful women who volunteer their time and energy to carry on this work.

We are growing and recovering after COVID and spreading the word of our organization and we just keep moving forward and I am so proud and happy to know I have been a part of this transformation and helping to guide us forward into the future.

I give special thanks to all of our devoted and faithful members for all of their hard work. May we thrive and exist another 156 years!

Thank you,

Melinda Ahn.

Who We Are

The roots of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands (WBMPI) go all the way back to Henry Opukaha'ia, the first educated and Christian Hawai'ian person. His death in 1818 caused the people of New England to travel to the Pacific to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to Henry's people in his stead.

The people of Hawai'i responded so spectacularly to the gospel message that in 1852 they sent their first missionaries to the Caroline and Micronesian islands.

The Gospel spread rapidly there as well. Dr. Benjamin and Lydia Snow were among the missionaries. In July of 1871, Mrs. Snow was the guest of the weekly prayer meeting of the women of the Fort Street Church in Honolulu. That small group of women listened soberly yet eagerly as Mrs. Snow spoke of the problems, opportunities, and achievements of the mission she and her husband had helped establish in 1852.

The Snows had just completed a two-year furlough, and Lydia Snow was "glowing with the enthusiasm kindled by.....working with Woman's Boards of Missions in the "homeland".

With zeal and fervor, she had gone from town to town, and state to state speaking about missions, and how she pleaded eloquently that the Christian women of Hawai'i would form an organized band, to which missionaries in the other Pacific Islands might look for aid and sympathy.

Equally enthusiastic for the plan was Mrs. Hiram Bingham II (Clara), who had served in the Gilbert Islands and soon would return there. Before Mrs. Snow and others bound for Micronesia had sailed away in the Morning Star on July 22, 1871, and within three weeks, the newly established Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands had adopted a constitution and elected officers.

Clara Brewster Bingham, daughter-in-law of the Rev. Hiram and Sybil Bingham, members of the pioneer company of missionaries to arrive in Hawai'i, was the unanimous choice for President. And the newly founded WBMPI had determined its immediate purpose: to secure a single woman missionary to send to Micronesia to teach the children there. It was not until 13 years later, however, that the WBMPI had secured a missionary, Annette Palmer, to serve as a teacher of girls in Pohnpei and Kosrae, until her death in 1906. Meanwhile, almost from the start, the WBMPI enlarged its purpose: to give aid at home wherever there was human need.

When people of many nations began coming to Hawai'i, the WBMPI helped establish Sunday Schools, clubs, and classes for newcomers. When one reads the annual reports, he or she will find reports of "Bible Women" going to the Hawai'ian, Chinese and Portuguese women mostly on Oahu. They would find a kindergarten for Japanese children, secondary education for Hawai'ian girls, and tutors for Samoan, Vietnamese, Filipino and Micronesian children.

Many of Hawai'i's United Churches of Christ own their beginnings, at least in part, to the WBMPI as does the now independent Kindergarten Children's Aid Association and Mid-Pacific Institute.

Today the WBMPI continues its ministry of supporting missionaries and compassionate organizations both here in Hawai'i and throughout the Pacific Basin.

PAST PRESIDENTS

NAME	YEARS OF SERVICE
Clara Brewster Bingham	1871 - 1875
Abigail Tenney Smith	1875 - 1885
Clara Brewster Bingham	1885-1891
Mary Knight Hyde	1891-1903
Sarah Andrews	1903-1904
Ruth C. Scudder	1904-1910
Mary Atherton Richards	1910-1931
Kate Wilson Forbes	1931-1934
Mary Atherton Richards	1934-1939
Helen Stewart Huyler	1939-1940
Fosteria M. Mumma	1940-1944
Louise Davidson	1944-1945
Dora Broadbent Pratt	1945-1949
Alice Bakken	1949-1952
Charlotte Dodge	1952-1953
Margaret L. Lloyd	1953-1956
Ethel Kent	1953-1958
Helen Paris	1958-1960
Dorothy Thomas	1960-1962
Helen Fong	1962-1964
Flora Ogawa	1964-1965
Marjorie F. Jacroux	1965-1966
Virginia Struve	1966-1968
Virginia Bolte	1968-1970
Annie Kanahale	1970-1972
Ai M. Yamada	1972-1974

NAME	YEARS OF SERVICE
Rebecca Ling	1974-1976
Hanna LaRue	1976-1978
Leolofi S. Twigg	1978-1980
Hannah Chenoweth	1980-1982
Elsie E. Tuttle	1982-1984
Consuelo D. Brink	1984-1986
Shirley K. McLaren	1986-1988
Kikue Takagi	1988-1989
Eleanore A. Chong	1989-1992
Ada Larrison	1992-1994
Sue Lun Chronister	1994-1996
Eleanore A. Chong	1996-1998
Georgia S. Kay	1998-2000
Marjorie W. Terpstra	2000-2002
Katsuko Enoki	2002-2004
Ruby Donlin	2004-2006
Alma Balatico	2006-2008
Frances R. Cavaco	2008-2010
Karen Welsh	2010-2015
Ruby Donlin	2015-2017
Lorna M. Bufile	2017-2018
Vacant	2018-2019
Lorna M. Bufile	2019-2023
Olive Douglass	2023-2023
Linda Shigeta	2023-2024
Melinda Ahn	2024-

Slate of Officers

2026 – 2027

Melinda Ahn	President
Valrie Griffith	Treasurer
Vacant	Secretary
Lupe Tupua	‘Oahu Vice President
Kalei Tong	Big Island Vice President
Vacant	Kauai Vice President
Vacant	Tri Isle Vice President
Cynthia Akimseu	Corresponding Secretary
Phebe Amodo	Technology Specialist
Carolyn Winston	Membership Committee Chair
Rebecca Woodland	Spiritual Life Committee Chair
Lorna Bofil	Missions Committee Chair
Lynn Agbalog	Edith Wolfe & Mother Alice Funds Committee Chair
Kelcey Bofil	Family Thank Offering Fund Committee Chair
Kelcey Bofil	Stamp Project Committee Chair
Committee Members - Missions	
Loimata Soa	
Michelle Sagaysay	
Melissa Agsalda-Garcia	
Committee Members - Family Thank Offering Fund	
Cindy Lee	
Lorna Bofil	
Committee Members - Stamp Project	
Carol Miura	

Council of Seven

2026 – 2027

NAME
Alma Balitico
Carolyn Winston
Loimata Soa
Lupe Tupua
Melinda Ahn
Rebecca Woodland
Valrie Griffith



WE JOYFULLY WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS!

The faithful members of this marvelous mission ministry have been working diligently to build up the body of the Woman's Board of Missions to its full potential. We work hard at our monthly meetings where we work through the accomplishments and tasks set before us. And they are always full of encouragement and inspiration. Our Annual Meeting last year was a great celebration where several new members were welcomed and recognized for their talents. It has been a delight to welcome new members this past year. Because of the COVID Pandemic, we lost much of our membership, and now, thankfully, we are seeing some friends return and new people join this great mission endeavor.

WBMPI NEW MEMBERS - 2025 – 2027
Opihikau Congregational Church in Hilo
Melissa Agsalda-Garcia
Michelle Sagaysay
Mama Kahu Sandy Kaina (back after a long hiatus)
Masae Konno
Bernadette Park
Rev. Linda Petrucelli
Kate Wilson Forbes
Terri Sakai
Maile Shaw (returning after a long absence)
Mama Kahu Loimata Soa
Lynn Taamilo
Mama Kahu Lupe Tupua

RECRUITING FOR AN EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR



The council of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands is pleased to announce that we are beginning our search for a new Executive Administrator who is a member of one of our local UCC churches or who is willing to join.

WBMPI is seeking a woman who is passionate about serving God through both local and international Christian mission; who loves working together with a body of Christian women with like-minded focus who also loves the work, and mission of the WBMPI.

Because we are a state-wide organization our Executive Administrator will be enthusiastically meeting with our members throughout Hawai'i, speaking in our churches and connecting with the body of Christ at various events, Mokupuni and our Aha Pae`Aina.

She will wholeheartedly embrace our core values of compassion, commitment, character, community and competence. If interested, please send a letter of introduction to the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands at our address below.

Mailing address:

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HONOLULU, HI. 96826
(ON THE CAMPUS OF CENTRAL UNION CHURCH)

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS
155th Annual Membership Meeting Minute
July 5, 2025 - Central Union Church Parish Hall
Draft & submitted by Lorna Bufil, Secretary

Prelude: Brickwood Galuteria graciously offered to play the piano while members and guests signed in.

1. 10:30am. Melinda Ahn welcomed attendees to the 155th Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the Woman's Board of Missions, expressing gratitude to Central Union Church for hosting the event. She also thanked Zach's Catering telling people he'd been head chef at Hy's Steakhouse and has won several awards. The theme for today's event was "Amazing Grace." It was shared how God has worked in amazing ways to help the WBMPI persevere and how our women have continued to work diligently to keep our ministry alive. She introduced Carolyn Winston the MC, the former executive director for 15 years 1993-2007 and author of the Annual Report on the tables.

2. Welcome: Carolyn Winston

3. Roll Call: Table by table and Church recognition.

4. Guest Recognition – Carolyn Winston introduced many of the attendees, among them Kahu David Popham, his wife Kerrie Shaham, and their daughter Jenna Popham, Mama Kahu Sandy Kaina, Kahu Kenneth Makuakane, Kahu Violet Makuakane, Kahu Kaleo Patterson, Kahu Ha'aheo Guanson, Brickwood Galuteria, Starr Kalahiki, James Maioho, Darleen Perry, Kristen Young, Julie Buto, Tammy Vitanga, and Marina Ludwig. Leis were distributed by Melinda Ahn and Kelcey Bufil.

5. Singing of Amazing Grace by All .

6. Opening Prayer and Scripture: Kahu David Popham, UCC Conference Minister .

7. Special Music: Starr Kalahiki, and James Maioho. The song "Ku'ulei Awapuhi" written by James's grandmother Emily Kekahaloa Namau'u Taylor .

8. Business Meeting – Melinda Ahn The WBMPI Mission Statement and Core Values were displayed on the overhead screen. A. Review and Acceptance of March 29, 2025, Minutes. It was voted and passed unanimously. B. The 2025 -2026 Proposed Missions and Operations Budgets was voted and passed unanimously. C. Our new Bylaws were voted on and approval unanimously. D. Vote on Slate of Officers and Council 2025-2026 was voted and passed unanimously. The new slate of officers was introduced. Melinda Ahn President, Valrie Griffith Treasurer, Lorna Bufil Secretary, Linda Shigeta Kauai VP, Kimberly Kalei Tong Big Island VP, Carolyn Winston Membership Chair and "Morning Star" newsletter editor, Rebecca Woodland Spiritual Life, Phebe Amodo, Technology and Social Media Specialist, Ruby Donlin, Edith Wolfe Scholarship/Mother Alice Scholarship Committee, Family Thank Offering Fund Committee Chair Kelcey Bufil, Stamp Committee Chair Carol Miura. Tri-Isle VP Vacant, Missions Chair vacant, Corresponding Secretary vacant.

9. Swearing in of Officers – Kahu David Popham. The installation of new officers was done by Kahu David Popham who reflected the organization's 155-year history and its ongoing mission to serve and restore communities through faith and compassion.

Break, Fellowship and Silent Auction: Carolyn Winston announced the end of the Silent Auction bidding at the end of the break.

10. Special Presentation: Carolyn Winston – Carolyn read her story that appeared in "Victoria Magazine" when readers were asked to respond to their query: "Is there a woman in your life whom you admire or in whom you have seen greatness?" She told how she had first heard the Rev. Edith Wolfe preach when she was 16, and had followed her for the next 25 years; learning from her and admiring all the mission work she did. To the point where just a few years after Rev. Wolfe retired from her position as Executive Director of the Woman's Board of Missions that Carolyn was hired to that position.

11. Special Message and Music – Kahu Kenneth Makuakane Kahu Kenneth led a prayer of gratitude for the legacy of faith and compassion passed down through generations of women who served missions across the Pacific Islands. He asked for guidance and strength for the current members of the Woman's Board as they meet to discuss their work. He then sang a song he dedicated to the Woman's Board of Missions he said embodies what we are and do.

12. Presentation of Mission Representative: Presentation by Ho'ola Na Pua's Terry Vitinga and a Resident of the program telling how they have helped her. Terry and a survivor presented about their nonprofit work in preventing sex trafficking across Hawai'i & other islands. The presentation featured Terry and volunteer resident, who shared personal stories of how the program helped her and emphasized the importance of prevention education in schools and communities.

13. Presentation by Kahu Dr. Kaleo Patterson and Kahu Ha'aheo Guanson: Kahu Dr. Kaleo shared his experience of starting a food outreach ministry during the pandemic which expanded from distributing 100 loaves of bread and eggs weekly to providing over 60,000 pounds of food monthly across 20 sites. Ha'aheo spoke as well and distributed a newsletter.

14. Keynote Speaker: Rebecca Woodland ~ Rebecca reflected on the Woman's Board of Mission's 155th year history, emphasizing how the organization, despite facing significant challenges in recent years, has persevered through difficult times. She drew parallels between the art of Kintsugi, which repairs broken pottery by filling the broken cracks with gold, and the spiritual process of healing and restoration. Rebecca high-lighted the importance of acknowledging and embracing brokenness, both personally and as an organization, as a path to wholeness and renewed strength, ultimately trusting in God's grace to transform and restore.

15. Necrology: video presentation of those who have passed away this past year while Kahu Kenneth Makuakane played piano, Starr Kalahiki sang and Darleen Perry danced hula to "I'll Remember You".

16. Special Offering: while the Family Thank was displayed on the projector while Kahu Ken Makuakane played guitar and Darleen Perry danced hula. A Beautiful Prayer of Thanks was said by Kahu Dr. Kaleo Patterson for Family Thank Offering Fund, Edith Wolfe Scholarship, Mother Alice Scholarship, and Special Missions Projects offering.

17. Silent Auction Results: Carolyn Winston

18. Lunch: Blessing by Kahu Violet Makuakane. Food was catered by Zach's Catering. Meeting adjourned at 12:15am

Mission Report

WBMPI GOES TO WCCC

Because of our WBMPI's commitment to compassion and community, we hosted a special dinner in December for the women at the Women's Community Correctional Center with money from our Missions Budget. The following week the WCCC women held a Christmas Hoike to say "thank you" to the WBMPI. Melinda Ahn, Valrie Griffith, Darleen Perry, Lupe Tupua and Rebecca Woodland were able to attend this evening program. The main yard area held spectacularly decorated tents with chairs set-up in front of a stage. The WBMPI women were seated in the front row and given a hearty welcome when introduced. The mood during the program was full of excitement and engagement. The show, put on by the WCCC residents, was made up of song and dance with homemade costumes. Many Polynesian numbers were preformed, as well as, seasonal Christmas music. There was an obvious feeling of joy that emanated from the WCCC women and support for the performers was shared all around. It was wonderful to see that it was a program full of praise for the birth of Jesus! The WCCC women celebrated the birth of Jesus and not the commercialized Christmas that so many of us in the regular community experience. We were touched by their faith, their loving community; and their excitement was contagious. There were several shy participants, but everyone cheered them on and encouraged them! We were also very impressed with the relationship between the new and very first woman Warden, when the WCCC women, during the program, celebrated her birthday with song and lei. The WBMPI is looking forward to a continued relationship with the WCCC as we support these women as they grow in grace, wisdom and commitment to wise living.



SUPPORTING THE EXODUS ROAD

The purpose of the Woman's Board of Missions is "to inspire and empower women to become active Christians, nurturing the Spirit of God in their individual lives, homes, community and the entire world." The Exodus Road fits into our mission objectives: "The Exodus Road disrupts the darkness of modern-day slavery by partnering with law-enforcement to fight human trafficking. They partner with law enforcement to find and free trafficked people, train and educate officers and everyday citizens to protect their communities. They further equip communities to protect the vulnerable, and use online tools to find evidence of trafficking and give this proof to local police. Survivors walk into freedom empowered to hope and dream of a successful future.

Operation Christmas Child - The Shoebox Ministry of Samaritan's Purse by Rebecca Woodland

Our Woman's Board of Missions partnered with First Baptist Church and together we packed and sent 650 gift-filled shoeboxes in 2025. Operation Christmas Child had its most successful collection week ever! What started out with only 15 shoebox gifts sent in 1999 from Hawai'i has now grown into unimaginable numbers!

Here is the 2025 breakdown for Hawai'i:

Maui ~ 2,172 shoeboxes

Kauai ~ 3,615

East Oahu ~ 22,892

West Oahu ~ 6,672

Big Island ~ 12,573

Total number of shoeboxes sent in 2025 from the state of Hawai'i ~ 47,924

Thanks be to God!

The world-wide total number of children who received shoeboxes during this past Christmas season was **12,205,900**. These children have never received a shoebox gift before, and many have never received any kind of gift. The children often share their gifts with family and friends. (I know this from personal contact with children in several countries.)

Each shoebox is a gospel opportunity. Shoebox packing happens year-round. Items for shoeboxes are collected year-round.

If you would like to participate in this life-changing ministry by donating new items to be packed in shoeboxes, here are some of the most-needed and most-requested items:

School supplies: Pencils, pencil sharpener, bar eraser, crayons or markers, pens, glue sticks.

Personal care: Toothbrush, comb, hairbrush, washcloth. **(No liquids, gels, or soap allowed.)**

Toys: Jump-rope, ball, plush toy (small enough to fit in a shoebox), Hot Wheels, yo-yo, Slinky, Play-Doh. **(Nothing military, war-related or looks like money.)**

Miscellaneous items: Baseball cap, socks (white as this is preferred for school uniforms), T-shirts, beanies, flashlight with batteries, coloring books.

Please note: Absolutely no candy, food, liquid, gel, aerosols, cash, or obviously used items can be packed in a shoebox. NO EXCEPTIONS. If you have items to donate, please email rebeccawoodland@gmail.com to arrange pickup. If you wish to make a monetary donation to help defray shipping costs, please contact rebeccawoodland@gmail.com for details.

To get involved now, you can "Build-a-box" online for only \$30, which includes all the gift items and shipping costs. Here's how: Go to www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/.

Thank you for supporting this missions project, which makes an eternal difference in the lives of millions of children around the globe.

Please note the security restricted items when donating. Thank you.

NAAM/FILIPINO UCC JOINT MISSION REPORT

By Phebe Amodo

I. Mission Information

- Filipino United Church of Christ, Waipahu, Hawai'i
- Manila, Philippines
- Dates of Trip: 20 Dec 2025 – 2 Jan 2026
- Mission Team Members: Phebe Amodo, Daniel Amodo, Shalom Lagon, Kayla Malapit, Gage Matas, Abigail Sales
- Local Partner Church / Organization: Hawai'i Conference of the UCC
- Mission Theme or Focus: To spark a heart for evangelism for (our home country) Philippines and inspire young adults to commit their lives to Jesus Christ and be transformed.

II. Purpose and Objectives:

Emphasis:

- Opportunities to Serve and Be A Witness
- Opportunities to Worship
- Opportunities to Strengthen Relationship with God

Implementation:

- Cultural Exchange with Youth and Kids
- Worship and Recreational Ministry with Youth and Kids
- Acts of Kindness

III. Ministry Activities:

Summarize the key activities conducted during the trip.

- Bright Beginner's Learning Center: Aloha Worship Hula Performance, Distribute Christmas goodies and lunch
- Asiel Baptist Church: Christmas Goodies' Neighborhood Distribution
- Christ the Rock Pililia Church: Aloha Worship Workshop with leading worship, testimony, hula worship, Hawai'ian craft bracelet, feeding, distribution of canned goods, Christmas goodies, and school supplies.
- Makati UCCP: Aloha Worship Time, Christmas Goodies' Neighborhood Distribution
- Feeding Outreach at Adamson Parish for the homeless community
- Feeding Outreach, Distribution of school kits, hygiene kits, Christmas goodies, canned goods, and worship hula presentation at Malate, Manila with Salvation Army Manila.
- Christ the Rock Mandaluyong Church: Aloha Worship Workshop with leading worship, testimony, hula worship, Hawai'ian craft bracelet, feeding, distribution of canned goods, Christmas goodies, and school supplies.
- Christ the Rock Pangasinan: Distribution of canned goods, goodies and school supplies.

IV. Community Engagement and Cultural Context

Many interactions with church members, families in the slum areas, families that are middle class. Many haven't seen hula as a form of worship, and we received positive feedback about being blessed by the Hula Ministry. They also appreciated the hot food, hygiene kits and Christmas goodies.

NAAM/FILIPINO UCC JOINT MISSION REPORT

V. Outcomes and Impact

Highlight measurable and observed outcomes.

- People reached or served: about 1K people
- Strengthening of local church or leadership: Planned partnership with churches and organizations
- Community response: Positive feedback to continue to minister to their communities in need.

VI. Challenges and Lessons Learned

Minor challenges: Some members from the city went to the province for the holidays; traffic; limited driver services like Grab.

VII. Team Reflections

“Wish we can give more”; “Eye opening on how comfortable we live in America compared to Philippines”; “The needy is grateful for the simplest gifts”; They are westernized and have Christian values.”

VIII. Financial Report:

With the \$500 donation by WBMPI, we provided hot meals of arroz caldo, bread, boiled eggs, snacks, hygiene kits, canned goods, and Christmas goodies to homeless communities in Manila.

IX. Recommendations and Next Steps

Outline recommendations for future mission work and follow-up actions.

- Future mission opportunities: Return to the same churches and organizations as we continue to partner with them.
- Ongoing partnership or support: Request UCC churches and non-profit organizations
- Future recommendations: Each team member will serve again once for the next mission work to serve as mentors. Churches and ministries love music and worship!



EVERY HOME FOR CHRIST - POHNPEI

As the Director of Every Home for Christ and overseer of the Women's Compassionate Ministry, I am deeply grateful for the ongoing support of the Woman's Board of Missions. This generosity enables our women's group to conduct various activities, Bible training and further God's kingdom here in Pohnpei. Last year EHC successfully took the gospel to every home on the island of Kosrae. This year, we have been tasked to reach every home in the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Our team went back to reach the remaining homes including those on the outer islands. Our team is currently on the ground, near completing this important mission. I am proud to share that some members of the Compassionate Women Ministry are part of this team. I have noticed that your donation has increased from \$800 to \$1000. This generous increase will significantly support the activities carried out by our women's group. Thank you.

Our Women's Compassionate Ministry was very saddened when our dear Lisha Neth, wife of our Conference Minister Rev. Mideon Neth, passed away this past March. May the Lord Jehovah bless your leadership and your team abundantly in Jesus Christ's name. Thank you once again for your unwavering support and partnership.

Herman Sado,

Senior Pastor / Director



HO'OLA NA PUA

Aloha Woman's Board of Missions,

As we reflect on the past year, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support throughout 2025. Your commitment to the prevention of child sex trafficking and to providing compassionate care for exploited youth has been truly inspiring. We are profoundly grateful for your partnership and your continued belief in this mission.

Your generosity this year has been instrumental in advancing our efforts to combat sex trafficking and deliver life-changing services for 39 new mentoring matches, 27 new clients served at our Pearl Haven facility, and nearly 5000 hours spent teaching students, educators and community members how to recognize and report exploitation. Along the way, we have witnessed 15% reduction in trauma symptoms, 41% decrease in depressive symptoms, 24% improvement in anxiety, 82% of residents show measurable improvement in emotional regulation within six months; over 90% re-engage in school, many earning A's for the first time in years. 75% report stronger, healthier family relationships and 100% participate in integrative therapies – equine, expressive arts, surf, yoga, neurofeedback, and spiritual care – reconnecting mind, body and spirit. Because of you, we were able to provide 6,235 safe bed nights, 18,705 warm meals, 2,964 hours of clinical treatment, 2,520 psycho-education hours and 13,428 hours of experimental and adjunct therapeutic programming. We are deeply grateful for your continued commitment to standing with us in the fight against sex trafficking. We look forward to expanding our reach, deepening our impact and creating even more pathways to healing and hope.

With gratitude,

Jessica Munoz, Founder

GREETINGS FROM CAMPUS CRUSADE VANUATU

These students from Malapoa College were celebrating the end of first term with a pact. Inside the CRU bags were devotional materials, a bible and a pen to chronicle their summer adventures and faith journey. It was not an easy year. They just emerged from a year long teacher's strike and relocation to a derelict building. The December 2024 earthquake of 7.3 magnitude left their school in ruins along with 10 teacher's living quarters. Providentially, no one was hurt because it happened during their Christmas break. Along with rebuilding the school, our team is grateful that we have some part in building a more solid foundation for the student. That of having Christ in their lives.

We are meeting with five missional Christian teachers for bible studies. One of them is Wendy, the guidance counselor of the said college. We thank God for the opportunity to interact with the students she counsels and complement her services. Around ten students have met with us for bible study. What hope, peace and pardon they found in Jesus. Though their cases for counseling vary, one thing is common. The lack of parental supervision and guidance. Please pray for us as we continue to meet these counselors that the disciplinary measures would be fair and effective. That these students will be quickly restored to the school system with a viable working relationships with their guardians.

The weekend Easter camp held last April brought 38 youths from the community. What a timely reminder to live out our resurrected lives in light of the Risen Lord. May the power of the cross and the Holy Spirit guide us all into this broken world. The monthly prayer breakfast has been ongoing for almost a year. A community of Christ - directed believers have been meeting at the public library conference room. What a unity in display where around 30-40 of us are gathered in prayer. Last month we did a prayer walk around town. Know that your prayers as well are felt here and your investment in the Lord's word is bearing fruit. To God be the glory.

Gratefully,

Rose Ludwig.

UCCP LEARNING CENTER

By: Alma B. Balatico

Number of sponsored students: 21

As the UCCP Learning Center of Pasuquin's school year ends, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support to the twenty-one preschool children under your sponsorship. Your kindness has been a significant part of their growth and development throughout the year.

Overview of the school year:

This academic year has been a meaningful journey for our preschool learners. Through your support, the children were able to access basic educational needs such as school supplies, learning materials, and daily classroom activities. More importantly, they experienced a nurturing environment where they could learn, play, and grow with confidence.

Impact of your sponsorship:

Your support has not only provided material assistance but has also brought hope to the families of these children. Many of them come from challenging economic backgrounds, and your sponsorship has eased their burden while giving their children a strong educational foundation. Because of you, these young learners are now better prepared for the next stage of their education.

Upcoming Challenges:

We have lost our nursery schoolteacher, and we have had to hire a new teacher at a salary increase of \$200 a month to be competitive. With school starting next week, there are many student openings still to be filled. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

COFO ALOHA



May 15, 2026

“‘O ke ola o ka ‘āina, ke ola o ke kaiāulu.”

The life of the land is the life of the people, sustained in righteousness.

“Ka‘ana like i ka mea ‘ai, ka‘ana like i ke aloha.”

To share our food is to share our love, and in this sharing, we begin the work of peace.

From the heart of Central O‘ahu, COFO ALOHA was born in a time of great uncertainty, rising in response to the global pandemic of 2020. What began as a simple act of care has grown into a living ministry—grounded in aloha, strengthened through laulima, guided by kōkua, and sustained by mālama.

With humble hands and faithful hearts, this work continues. Each year, more than one million pounds of food are distributed across more than twenty-one sites, reaching those who hunger—families of limited means, kūpuna, the houseless, students, veterans, and communities facing displacement and hardship. In every place of need, compassion meets action.

All is given freely, through the grace of shared abundance—through partnerships with Hawai‘i Foodbank, local farmers, churches, businesses, and generous donors. Each offering becomes an expression of lokomaika‘i, a reminder that we are entrusted with the care of one another.

Rooted in Wahiawā at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, under the guidance of Dr. Kahu Kaleo Patterson, COFO ALOHA extends its reach across Central O‘ahu, Honolulu, the North Shore, and the West Side. It stands as a fellowship of many—over twenty partners and hundreds of volunteers—joined together in service, not only feeding the hungry but nurturing the land, uplifting farmers, and re-imagining a just and sustainable food system.

This work looks not only to the present, but to the generations yet to come. Through partnerships with community health centers, the message is carried forward: food is life, and food is health. In this calling, COFO ALOHA weaves together care for body, spirit, and ‘āina, building resilience and hope.

In all things, this ministry bears witness to a greater vision—a Hawai‘i where all are nourished, where compassion is lived daily, and where the bonds of community reflect the enduring grace of aloha.

Kahu Dr. Kaleo Patterson



STAMP PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT

By Kelcey Bufil

Thank you all for the great work you continue to do for the WBMPI, which includes sharing your stamps with us. The world is richer because of dedicated individuals like you.

This year we sent nine (9) #10 flat rate boxes of stamps to Stamps for the Wounded in Falls Church Virginia. John Hotchner acknowledges receipts of our shipments through post cards.

Stamps for Wounded is dedicated to providing comfort and stimulating activity and social connections to U.S. Veterans through stamp collecting. We have collected stamps from churches, WBMPI members and friends, and from offices where we do business. Collected stamps include: foreign and U.S. stamps, used or mint condition, post cards, stamped envelopes and collecting supplies like hinges and mounts I'd like to share some important information about Carol Miura, who had been the Stamp Project Representative for 32 years, until April of 2023 when she announced she was stepping down from chairing the Stamp Project. She felt it was time for someone else to fulfill the role and was graciously willing to pass the baton. I, Kelcey, have been very blessed to take this responsibility. We thank God for Carol's faithfulness and dedication thru the years.

Please remember to save your stamps regularly to continue this legacy.

Spiritual Life Committee

By Rebecca Woodland

It has been my privilege to share a homily at our monthly WBMPI meetings. With the upheavals and challenges we have faced (and continue to face) individually, locally, and globally, there is much to ponder as we seek God's wisdom and guidance to navigate well through each day. Preparing meaningful messages that address what needs to be addressed, while offering encouragement, edification, and thoughtful direction presents an ongoing challenge. I do not know what each of you may be dealing with or what your needs might be. I must rely on God, who knows our needs. Preparing and presenting a homily is not something I take lightly. It is a serious responsibility. Thank you for the opportunity to share what I am learning in my own walk with God.



Family Thank Offering Fund Committee Report

“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

The Family Thank Offering Fund Committee continues to be blessed as we carry on God's work through service, compassion, and support for individuals in need throughout our communities. Through the faithfulness and generosity of our members and supporters, we have been able to extend help and encouragement to those facing hardships and challenges. This past year just four gifts were given. All were for \$500 each. Three were for rental assistant and one was for help with a security deposit.

We are thankful that the good Lord continues to provide for our ministry and guide us in our mission. As we move forward together in faith, we remain committed to sharing God's love through acts of kindness, fellowship, and outreach. The committee sincerely thanks everyone who has contributed their time, prayers, and offerings. Your continued support allows us to fulfill our calling and make a positive difference in the lives of others. May God continue to bless the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands and all those who faithfully serve in His name.

Blessings in Jesus,

Kelcey Bufil - Family Thank Offering Fund Committee Chairman

WBMPI Corresponding Secretary Report “In Touch Ministries”

Colossian 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

Aloha Kakou,

I began sending correspondence letters to WBMPI members in December 2025 to make sure those who celebrate their birthday in early January were able to receive it in a timely manner. There are 45 members on the WBMPI's birthday list. It includes newest membership applicant, Reverend Linda Petrucelli, from the Big Island. I removed three names because they are deceased. Altogether, I mailed out 18 birthday cards, 2 recovering get well cards, and one welcome aboard. In the month of February I received a supply of Birthday and Thinking of you cards and 60 postage stamps. Lastly, back in November 2025 Cynthia Lee, and Lorna Bufil gave me in person their remaining supply of greeting cards and 20 postage stamps.

Heavenly Father, you are most holy and blessed. Help us to hold all things together to do your will.

In Jesus' name Amen.

In His service, Cynthia Akimseu



Edith H. Wolfe Memorial Scholarship Report

This year we were pleased to grant scholarships to three deserving students going in three very different directions.

Shania Amodo has completed her second year at Wheaton College in Illinois, and this summer is working as an intern with Mustard Seed Network in Japan. She is studying to be a full-time missionary in Japan when she completes her studies.

Caley Chun is working to become a certified Dietician at the University of California-Davis. She has aspirations to help and educate the less fortunate children of Hawai'i to be mindful of what they eat and to live healthier lives.

Keijah Pae, graduate of Nanakuli High School in Waianae, Oahu is presently attending Leeward Community College, planning to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Sports Journalism. His ultimate career goal is to be a Media Manager for a major sports team.

Each received a \$1000 scholarship. We look forward to hearing more from these three in the future.

Lynne Agbalog, chair

Loimata Soa

Gloria Young

A Master's Degree in Divinity For Linda Kaauwai Iwamoto



Wondrous Woman of God “You are the light of the world...so let your light shine so that all may see your good works and glorify God...”

If anyone has taken this verse to heart it is Linda Kaauwai Iwamoto. People say of Linda, “Her light shines everywhere she goes. She is always smiling; she is beautiful inside and out. She is a joy to be around. She is definitely a servant of God. She exudes the love of Christ!” They also say, “She is my sister.” (She is number 17 of 17 siblings.) We are thrilled that Linda will receive her Master’s of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion this coming May. She says she has been thrilled to study at PSR; and it has been the Woman’s Board’s joy to grant her a scholarship. It is just the icing on the cake of Linda’s long ministry.

It has always been her dream to preach in the church where her grandfather, Isaiah Kalunakanawai Kaauwai preached, Kapaa First Hawai’ian Church on Kauai. Her brother Samuel preached there, and now Linda is living her dream, guiding parishioners who have been transformed by the Gospel.

She also preaches at Hanapepe First Hawai’ian Church monthly and joyfully says yes to all invitations to preach where-ever and whenever she is asked.

PROPOSED MISSIONS BUDGET

2026 – 2027

<u>Hawai'i</u>	
WCCC General Population	\$1,500
Our Churches' Wider Mission	\$700
Samaritan's Counseling Center	\$1,200
Family Promise Hawai'i	\$2,000
Ho`ola Na Pua	\$1,000
Retired UCC Clergy from Hawai'i churches	\$1,500
Hawai'i PAAM	\$500
Waiola Church, Lahaina, Maui	\$1,000
Friends of the Hawai'i Conference UCC	\$700
Central Oahu Food Organization (COFO)	\$1,000
PHILIPPINES & THAILAND	
UCC Pasuquin Learning Center	\$2,300
The Exodus Road/Delta Force Project	\$1,000
VANUATU	
Campus Crusade – CRU	\$1,000
JAPAN	
Pagaragan Family – TEAM	\$1,000
Martha Menzendeik – Doshisha University	\$1,000
POHNPEI MICRONESIA	
Every Home for Christ	\$1,000
INTERNATIONAL	
Operation Christmas Child /Samaritan's Purse	\$900
Not Yet Designated – will be available as needed until 6/30/2027	\$10,200
TOTAL	\$29,500

PROPOSED OPERATIONS BUDGET

2026 – 2027

INCOME	
Drawdown from Investments	\$66,000
Membership Dues	\$1,500
Gifts & Memorials	\$2,000
Fundraising (tote bags, book, aloha)	\$1,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$70,500
EXPENSES	
Office Rent	\$6,000
Office Expenses (incl phone)	\$1,000
Computer (Software, repairs, etc.)	\$1,500
Bookkeeper Service	\$2,400
Insurance – Liability & Umbrella	\$4,500
Annual Meeting	\$5,600
Council Travel	\$2,000
G.E.T. on Fundraising	\$100
Aha Pae`aina/Mokupuni	\$500
Committee Expenses	\$200
Ex. Admin. & Officers' Expenses	\$200
Contingency	\$500
Exec. Administrator: Part-time Salary, Taxes & Employee costs	\$46,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$70,500



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In Loving Memory

Ruby Donlin (August 12, 2025)
Kawaiaha'o Church
WBM President – 2004 - 2006, 2015 - 2017



Katsuko Enoki (August 20, 2025)
Po'okela Church
WBM President - 2002 - 2004



Rev. Dr. Ha'aeo Guanson (December 14, 2025)
St. Andrews Episcopal Church



Deborah Li'ikapeka Lee (December 15, 2025)
Haili Church



Myrtle "Pua" Stewart-Vetekina (June 9, 2026)
Kaumakapili Church

