

Section I:

General Information

203rd 'Aha Pae'āina
TENTATIVE 'AHA PAE'ĀINA PROGRAM SCHEDULE
 DRAFT 5/1/2025 - Schedule subject to change

TIME	6/12/25 THURSDAY	6/13/25 FRIDAY	6/14/25 SATURDAY
7:30A	Youth at Waineke 6/11-6/13	BREAKFAST (Kapa'a UCC)	BREAKFAST (Kapa'a UCC)
8:00A 8:30A 9:00A	'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu 9:00A (Lihue Parish Hall) SCHCC Annual Meeting 9:00A – 2:00P (Kapa'a FHC)	WORSHIP PLENARY SESSION	WORSHIP BUSINESS SESSION Business Meeting
10:00A 11:30A		PLENARY cont'd Break PLENARY cont'd	CLOSING WORSHIP Words of Thanks Installation
12:00P		LUNCH	LUNCH
1:00P 2:30P 3:00P 4:00P	'Aha Makua Registration opens (Kapa'a UCC) OPENING OF THE 'AHA MAKUA (Kapa'a UCC)	WORKSHOPS (Various) PLENARY/GATHERING YOUTH JOIN AHA MAKEKE	HCUCC Council (Meet during lunch) Conclusion of the 203 rd 'AHA PAE'ĀINA
5:30P	DINNER	DINNER Taste of Kauai	
6:30P	OPENING WORSHIP Rev. Dr. Phiwa Langeni	E Hīmene Kākou (6:00P) Rejoicing with Music	
7:30P			

Workshop Descriptions

Friday June, 13 at 1:15 pm

Prayers for the Hawai'i Conference and the World

Rev. Janice Ogoshi

Do you want to pray with others for our Conference—churches, associations, Missional Teams, Council, Foundation, and staff? Do you want to pray for the world to which the Hawai'i Conference is sent by God? In this workshop, we will spend time in silence, read Scriptures, listen to music, voice our prayers and invite the Holy Spirit to lead us in prayer. Let's gather to pray for the Hawai'i Conference and the world.

Pū'ā Foundation - Bringing to Life the Parable of the Talents - Matthew 25: 14-30.

Toni Bissen

Pū'ā Foundation was created out of the UCC's apology, redress, and reconciliation initiative involving the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian government. Since its incorporation as a nonprofit organization in 1996 - "TRAUMA to TRANSFORMATION" has been a primary focus. In 2026, Pū'ā celebrates 30 years; come and join us as we honor and give thanks to the UCC for its significant justice investment, and learn about how the Pū'ā Foundation brings to life the Parable of the Talents - Matthew 25:14-30.

Church Governance and the Future of Your Church

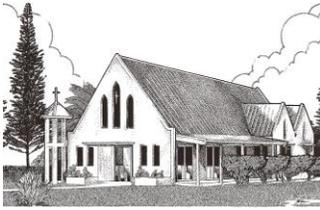
Caroline Peters Belsom

This workshop will review various aspects of church governance and discuss how each aspect may or may not appear in your church. We will also look at how the sustainability of a church, namely its ability to continue as a worshipping community for a long time, is affected by 1) a church's governance structure, 2) the selection of people to govern the church, and 3) the actual governing of the church.

Transformational Yet Stable: Rethinking Effectiveness in Mainline Christianity

Irene Hassan

Many mainline churches offer rich, thoughtful, and deeply formative experiences for their members—but in a time of rapid cultural change and generational disengagement, even the most faithful congregations are asking: *How do we extend this depth to new and younger people who are searching for something real?* This workshop explores how churches can remain grounded in their values while also becoming more spiritually compelling and transformational to those not yet in the pews. Drawing on lived experience in both mainline and evangelical contexts, the facilitator will guide participants through honest reflection, practical tools, and interactive conversation to reimagine effectiveness—not just in sustaining what is, but in reaching those who long for what the church can offer at its best.



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Aloha and Welcome!

On behalf of the members and staff of Kapa'a United Church of Christ and Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the delegates and churches of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ's 203rd 'Aha Pae'āina. It is a unique opportunity to build relationships, connect with each other and grow together. We are excited to share our beautiful campuses with all of you, our United Church of Christ's 'ohana, as we spend time discerning together and reflecting on the new thing that God is doing in our communities, in our churches and in our lives.

While you are our guests, please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything that you need, or if you have any special concerns. We will do everything we can to make your time pleasant and comfortable.

There is much that will happen in the next few days. In the busyness of these days, I hope you will make the space to allow God's Holy Spirit to move you, challenge you, stir you and transform you.

Blessings and peace,

Kahu Rev. Dr. Barry Mick

June 2025

Aloha e kakou and welcome to the 203rd 'Aha Pae'āina,

This is the first time in a number of years that we will be meeting on an island other than O'ahu to celebrate our time together. Mahalo to our Kaua'i churches, Kapa'a First Hawaiian and Kapa'a United Church of Christ, for their collaborative efforts in planning this year's 203rd 'Aha Pae'āina. Come one and all to enjoy a spirit-filled, fun-filled, innovative and engaging time to have pilina with our brothers and sisters from across the pae'āina.

The theme for the 'Aha, "**Kūkulu 'ia ma ke kahua kūpa'a**, *Built on a Firm Foundation*," is based on Matthew 7:24-27. **The Rev. Dr. Phiwa Langeni**, the Minister for Innovation and Strategic Collaboration with the UCC, will be the keynote speaker to help us reimagine how faith and leadership can meet today's challenges. Workshops of interest for all will be available to inform and help us to build or add to our toolbox for innovative and engaging leadership development. Friday dinner will be "A Taste of Kaua'i," surely to be a delight to the senses and a feast to enjoy. The evening will be capped with a time to kanikapila and to enjoy the musical talents of our people. Of course, there will be important business during the 'Aha Makua where decisions will be made and discussions will take place.

Come with joy in your heart, a smile on your face, and let us celebrate the gifts of maluhia (peace), mana'olana (hope), and aloha (love). May the peace of Iesu Kristo surround us, and be within us as we come together for the 203rd 'Aha Pae'āina on Kaua'i.

Yours In Christ,

Roberta Jahrling, Chair
Conference Council