

III. ANNUAL REPORTS



**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ**

LUNA HO'OMALU REPORT

Na Kai Ewalu

June 9, 2023

Blessings to the members of the Na Kai Ewalu. Our AHEC churches are meeting in-person for our Annual Meeting because of the passion of our delegates to fellowship together and continue our beautiful traditions. It is an honor to serve the Hawaiian churches as the Luna Ho'omaluu and I want to share in my report about events within AHEC from the past year starting with most recent.

GENERAL SYNOD RESOLUTIONS: The new AHEC Resolutions are still moving forward. Papa Makua Kahu Wendell Davis and Josann Meyer Parker Jenks from Kawaiaha'o Church are the 2023 AHEC General Synod delegates. The titles are 'A Resolution Calling for a New Study by our Church on our Relationship with the Indian Boarding Schools and the boarding schools in Hawaii' and secondly, 'A Resolution to Urge All Responsible Entities to Join In Reparations to Fund Christian Hawaiian Language Education Programs to Undo a Century of Extinction. Americanization and Indoctrination Policies Extinguished the Original Christian Hawaiian Alphabet.' These Resolutions are still moving forward as 'Resolutions of Witness' under the guidance of the Synod sub-committee of Disposition.

PAPA MAKUA RELATIONAL COVENANT: The presidents and vice-presidents of both AHEC and the Council have had a series of meetings over the past few months to put together a covenant regarding our many conversations about AHEC and the Papa Makua. The Executive Committee brought the covenant to the AHEC Spring Halawai and it was passed with small additions of historical context and then the HCUCC Council passed it with one change. The document is included in our packet for the Na Kai Ewalu to make a decision on.

SPRING HALAWAI on Maui at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church: Our theme of ***"E Ho'omana Kakou e Ke Akua, E Ho'onani 'ia Ke Akua - We are empowered by the Lord, The Lord is Glorified!"*** was fitting for the beautiful time AHEC had on Maui. Great appreciation and gratitude is given to the members of Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church for being wonderful hosts and in particular for the amazing food! Highlights were the Friday workshop on the Ku'e Petition by the host church and the evening Aha Mele. Many thanks to Kalaniakea Wilson for stepping in last minute, due to Ron Williams' unexpected illness, for the Saturday presentation on the New England artifacts that were researched last summer.

FALL HALAWAI at Ewa Community Church: AHEC met in-person for the first time since the pandemic to celebrate our Fall Halawai. We have great gratitude for the Ewa Community Church ohana which did a magnificent job in hosting our delegates. I wrote a summary for the Coconut Wireless. *"AHEC Luna Ho'omalua (President) Kahu Brian Welsh shares, "A highlight was the Saturday teaching by Ron Williams called "From Ku to Cook", a presentation about the summer research trip to the New England archives. Important documents and artifacts were shared that may change the way Hawaiian history is viewed as further research comes to light. Another highlight was the wonderful State Sunday School Ho'ike on Friday night with many amazingly talented musicians sharing their gifts in song."*

HAWAIIAN KINGDOM HISTORY: The Kingdom, The Church and The Land: The 12 sessions are currently available on the HCUCC website and the link can be shared with interested people. <https://www.hcucc.org/hawaiian-kingdom-history-series>. Notably, there is a growing movement of seeking justice for the crimes of the past among a diverse group of organizations. The Methodist Church has taken steps of apology and reparation. UH Manoa presented a symposium this year called, "The Royal Commission of Inquiry-- Investigating War Crimes and Human Rights Violations Committed in the Hawaiian Kingdom." Finally, there has been a learning opportunity on the HCUCC website called "The Land Back Movement." I am very grateful, in particular, for the hard work in putting on the Sunday history series which has had hundreds of people register for it. Truth has great power and we are seeing truth change the hearts of people.

The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Church is an active and vital association that continues to "live into" the 1993 Redress. We are blessed with the ministry of our Papa Makua Kahu Wendell Davis who keeps us focused on God. It is an honor to serve these wonderful congregations.

Blessings,
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Relational Covenant

Between the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ and
the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, United Church of Christ

UCC Background

On January 17, 1993, the President of the United Church of Christ, Paul Sherry, presented an Apology to the Hawaiian people. In the Apology he shared these words of the ongoing process of repenting for the original complicity in the overthrow of the Queen in the past and righting wrongs in the future. ***“We are gathered here so that, as President of the United Church of Christ, I can apologize for the support given that act by ancestors of ours in the church now known as the United Church of Christ. We do so in order to begin a process of repentance and reconciliation for wrongs done. We are here not to condemn, but to acknowledge. We are here to remember and ask forgiveness. We are here to commit ourselves to work alongside our Hawaiian sisters and brothers - both those in the United Church of Christ and those beyond - in the hope that a society of justice and mercy for them and for all people, everywhere, may yet emerge.”***

Introduction

This covenant between the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ (HCUCC) and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) makes advice and counseling services available to HCUCC member congregations and leadership through the ministry of the AHEC Papa Makua.

Foundations

The Papa Makua is the spiritual leader, chief executive, and administrative officer of AHEC, with duties outlined by the AHEC bylaws and further defined by the AHEC Board of Directors. The AHEC Board of Directors calls and supervises the Papa Makua. AHEC serves as the calling and compensating setting of the church for the Papa Makua.

Both HCUCC and AHEC believe that the resources of the Papa Makua's ministry can and should be available more broadly to churches around Hawai'i. Further, both believe that coordination of ministry between the HCUCC staff and the Papa Makua has great potential benefit. This covenant between AHEC and HCUCC brings the Papa Makua's ministry to the HCUCC on a consulting basis.

Expectations

The primary responsibilities of the Papa Makua are defined by AHEC and its Board of Directors.

HCUCC will invite the Papa Makua to meetings of staff that are appropriate to coordinated ministry. These meetings would be those in which the Papa Makua would gain and share useful information about conditions of AHEC churches, or in which HCUCC program discussions would benefit from the input of the Papa Makua.

HCUCC staff would make requests of the Papa Makua for time and consultation with HCUCC congregations. The Papa Makua will respond to these requests as time and other responsibilities permit with the basic goal to kokua one another. Likewise, the Papa Makua would make requests of HCUCC staff for time and consultation as well, which HCUCC staff will respond to as time and other responsibilities permit. The HCUCC staff cannot direct the activities of the Papa Makua, nor can the Papa Makua direct the activities of the HCUCC staff.

Supervision

The Papa Makua will be supervised by the AHEC Board of Directors.

Evaluation

The Relational Covenant shall be reviewed annually prior to the 'Aha Pae'aina by a committee comprised of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Conference Council, and the Luna Ho'omalua and Luna Ho'omalua Hope of AHEC. They shall report their review to the HCUCC Conference Council and the AHEC Board of Directors.

Scriptural Basis

Reconciliation is a process that can take time. The overthrow of the Queen in 1893 caused many problems for the Hawaiian people that are not solved quickly. The good news is we have a God who empowers healing and reconciliation. These words of the Prophet Isaiah to the nation of Israel give hope in God's passion for ongoing justice, even today for the Hawaiian people. ***"For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery and iniquity. In my faithfulness I will reward them and make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants will be known among the nations and their offspring among the peoples. All who see them will acknowledge that they are a people the LORD has blessed."***



Kahu Wendell B.K. Davis

Papa Makua Report

– Aha Na Kai ‘Ewalu 2023

“Don’t lose your courage or be afraid. Don’t panic or be frightened. The Lord your God goes with you. He will fight for you against your enemies. And he will save you.” – Deuteronomy 20:3-4

Hālāwai (Meeting)

- Attended Church On Ministry (C.O.M.) Meetings as scheduled
- Attended meetings with the Ho’okolokolo Committee as scheduled.
- Attended meetings with the AHEC Board of Directors as scheduled.
- Attended meetings with the AHEC Executive Committee as scheduled.

Pili Lehulehu (Public Relations)

- I met with Rev. Dr. Upolu Vaai, Principal of the Pacific Theological College and very excited with more initiatives through this partnership in equipping our church through continuing education and degree opportunities for our AHEC pastors and leaders, including our youth.

‘Oihana Kaila (Outreach Ministry)

- KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS - Ongoing efforts and connections with the CEO, Jack Wong and its Faith Advisory group.
- KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS – BISHOP MEMORIAL CHAPEL – Continued support and assistance chapel memorial services, as needed.
- UCC NEWS – Participated in a publication through the UCC News, along with other AHEC leaders (Kahu Ron Fujiyoshi, Pualani Muraki, Joyclynn Costa and Kalaniakea Wilson) on the resolutions being addressed by the General Synod 2023.

Ho’ola Ana (Healing)

- On behalf of AHEC, attended the celebration of life memorial service for Kahu Henry Boshard held at Hulihe’e Palace on February 18th. Many of our AHEC ‘Ohana also attended. It was a beautiful celebration for Kahu Henry.
- Officiated a celebration of life memorial service for the Bruce Tong, Jr. ‘Ohana held at Ola’a First Hawaiian Church. Wife, Kalei and four daughters.

Kahu Hapanui (Pastor to Pastor)

- Kūkā Time: With Na Kahu & Na Alaka’i ‘Ohana Hour (Zoom Meeting) An ‘Ohana Hour schedule for all pastors and lay leaders to meet with me has been scheduled and shared. First meetings were held for Na Kahu (1/30; 3/27) and Na Alaka’i (2/27; 4/24).

Meetings were resourceful and a blessing to “kukakuka” and openly share our hearts for each other, our families, and our churches.

- **Papa Kahu Outreach:** Continued contact with churches, pastors, and lay leaders both active, inactive, and retired.
- **Kaneohe Congregational Church Ho’ike (April 1):** A blessed event of testimony and biblical sharing on the topic of the Holy Spirit. Ewa Community Church attended and was one of ten churches that gathered in praising the Lord and sharing the good news of the Gospel.
- **Kaneohe Congregational Church – AHA NA KAI EWALU (June 9):** KCC will host our one-day Aha Na Kai Ewalu this year.

Nā Hana I Holomua (Ongoing Initiatives)

- **AHEC WEBSITE/FACEBOOK:** Our website: <https://ahechawaii.org> continue be updated and posting of Hawaiian Kingdom History Series as well as transparency and communication purposes. Our AHEC Facebook page is active and another great tool of communication and transparency.

Nā Hanana E Hiki Mai Ana (Upcoming Events)

May 15 – Na Kahu “Ohana Hour”

May 27 – Waiola Church - 200th Anniversary

June 9 – Aha Na Kai Ewalu at Kaneohe Congregational Church

June 30 - July 4- General Synod - Indiana

July 15 – Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Congregational Church – 200th Anniversary

August 5 – Laupahoehoe Congregational Church – 200th Anniversary

Komike Hookolokolo Report Aha Na Kai Ewalu June 9, 2023

1. Submitting the AHEC resolution that was approved at the 2021 General Synod to be approved by the Hawaii Conference UCC. Titled “A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 years of War Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom”.
2. Komike Hookolokolo is submitting two new resolutions to General Synod 2023. Both of these resolutions are a result from the Department of Interior investigative report from May 2022. This report outlines the civilization process that indoctrinated native languages from the natives. The vehicle’s were boarding schools “A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A NEW STUDY BY OUR CHURCH ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS AND THE BOARDING SCHOOLS IN HAWAII”. Eleven boarding school’s in Hawaii were named for facilitating these programs. The second resolution “A RESOLUTION TO URGE ALL RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES TO JOIN IN REPARATIONS TO FUND CHRISTIAN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO UNDO A CENTURY OF EXTINCTION. AMERICANIZATION AND INDOCTRINATION POLICIES EXTINGUISHED THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN HAWAIIAN ALPHABET”. The attachments have the final wording in these resolutions. The impact of these two resolutions could reinvigorate the Christian faith amongst Hawaiians by perpetuating the the Christian Hawaiian language through luakini programs as the nucleus.
3. AHEC through Komike Hookolokolo is sending Dr. Ronald Williams and Komike Chair Kalaniakea Wilson to Boston to excavate archives at the Harvard library system. The letters from the beginning of the ABCFM mission in Hawaii are held in this archive. The purpose is:
Research in Boston into ABCFM missionary letters, documentation and records for the two resolutions in relation to financial relations between the War Department of the U.S. and the civilization act of 1819. The War Department is the U.S. government department that funded the civilization act that implemented policies of Americanization that extinguished the Christian Hawaiian language. The War Department is now known as the Department of Defense whose 2023 Budget is 1.98 Trillion. If a link and connection exist between the ABCFM and the War Department to funding schools in Hawaii we could request from the Department of Defense for financial aid to revitalize the Christian Hawaiian language and to build Christian schools perpetuating Christian Hawaiian language from our Hawaiian Churches.
4. Komike Hookolokolo collaboration with the Justice & Witness Missional Team was a success. 12 presentations, one every Sunday for three months. This collaboration is the best and most current compiled presentation created about the current situation in the Hawaiian Kingdom. AHEC, the Hawaii Conference and all of Hawaii and the world benefits tremendously from this collaboration and 12 presentations. “The Kingdom, the church and the land”.

5. Komike Hookolokolo is currently working on funding mechanisms to process 6,000 items discovered in Boston archives in the summer of 2022 that haven't been seen in Hawaii for a very long time. These items portray a story that is not commonly know today.

6. Komike Hookolokolo is working to complete a General Synod report to the United Church of Christ and the United Church of Christ Board from the Be It Resolved requirement embedded in the 2021 AHEC resolution. The Be It Resolved section requires an accounting of all the actions that occurred over the course of two years from 2021 to 2023. The Be It Resolved section "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ Board will provide the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church of Christ with a written and oral update on the progress on the implementation of this resolution".

Komike Hookolokolo Chair
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[05-01] **A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 Years of War Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom**
Sponsor: No Assignment
Committee: [05] Committee #05
Event: 2021 General Synod
Type: General Synod Full Consideration

Action Summary

Recommendation

Action

On Recommendation (A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM), the Committee #05 Committee acted as follows:

Approve as Amended (CA)

On Recommendation (A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM), the General Assembly acted as follows:

Approve (AA)

Assembly Action

On Recommendation (A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM), the General Assembly acted as follows:

Approve

Electronic Vote - Plenary

Affirmative:328

Negative:122

Abstaining:34

Committee Recommendation

On Recommendation (A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM), the Committee #05 Committee acted as follows:

Approve as Amended

Voice Vote

Final text: Show Amended Text

Below is the text of the resolution as revised by the committee. This is the text the Plenary will be discussing and voting on. To see the edits made by the committee, please click on the link at the bottom of this resolution text.

TEXT OF THE MOTION

WHEREAS Henry Opukahaia is known as the missionary from the Hawaiian Kingdom that encouraged American missionaries to arrive in Hawaii; [i], [ii] and

WHEREAS the first Christian nation in the Pacific, the Hawaiian Kingdom constitution in 1840 began with a quote from the Bible "God hath made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on the face of the earth in unity and blessedness"; [iii], [iv], [v] and

WHEREAS on December 19, 1842, United States President John Tyler agreed to recognize the independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom; [vi] and

WHEREAS the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom through treaties with friendly nations around the world, successfully modernized Hawaiian self-governance at the time to prosper in peace, trade and friendship through treaties with friendly nations around the world for fifty years; [vii] and

WHEREAS Rev. Rufus Anderson, the author of the three-self method (self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating) and the long-term secretary of the ABCFM (American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission) arrived in Hawai'i in 1863 to tell the missionaries to create self-reliant, self-governing churches and "to devolve upon it (the Hawaiian churches) the responsibilities of self-government in ecclesiastical matters"; [viii] and

WHEREAS Rev. Anderson's advice was not followed and the government of the Hawaiian Kingdom was overthrown on January 17, 1893; [ix] and

WHEREAS on December 18, 1893, President Grover Cleveland's executive agreement to restore the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom was signed by Liliuokalani and received by U.S. ambassador Albert Willis; [x] and

WHEREAS in 1991, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ directed President Paul Sherry to issue an apology on the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy for the complicity of the church in the overthrow; [xi], [xii] and

WHEREAS in 1993 President Clinton, with senators and representatives from Hawaii, signed Public Law 103-150 apologizing for the United States role in the illegal occupation; [xiii] and

WHEREAS the National Lawyers Guild recommended to the Governor of the State of Hawaii "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands"; [xiv] and

WHEREAS the United Church of Christ has historically stressed the importance of Justice as a key faith component for the Church; and

WHEREAS the correction of injustices depends upon correct history based upon factual matters, and history is often based upon who writes the history and factual information available; and

WHEREAS the information included in this resolution will be available at <https://ahccchurch.weebly.com/> about the founding of the Hawaiian Kingdom to correct false history about the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom; and

WHEREAS various General Synods of the United Church of Christ have taken proactive stands on Justice; and

WHEREAS justice depends upon action, not just stating what is true and just and right (pono in Hawaiian);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ calls upon all settings of the church, denomination officers, conferences, associations, and congregations to live into the 1993 Apology of the United Church of Christ delivered to the Native Hawaiian People by President Paul Sherry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the United Church of Christ's General Counsel's office to listen to and consider recommendations from the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, other Native Hawaiian organizations, and Native Hawaiian voices drafting communications to local, national and international leaders and organizations calling for compliance with international humanitarian law and an end to the illegal occupation of the Hawaiian islands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ reaffirm its commitment to stand alongside and in support of the efforts of Native Hawaiians to seek redress and restitution for the war crimes of the US against the Hawaiian Kingdom including, but not limited to, the crime of denationalization;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the United Church of Christ Board will provide the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church of Christ with a written and oral update on the progress on the implementation of this resolution.

FUNDING: The funding for the implementation of the Resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

IMPLEMENTATION: The Officers of the Church, in consultation with appropriate ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.

Link to PDF of resolution showing committee's amendments

[i] Papa Makua Wendell Davis 6th generation descendant of Henry Opukahaia

[ii] Spencer, Aida Bescon. "How Gods Spirit Worked a Revolution in Hawaii in 1819-1825." *Pricilla Papers* 19, no. 3 (Summer 2005): 5-11. https://www.cbeinternational.org/sites/default/files/pp193_2hgswarihi1819.pdf

[iii] 1840 Constitution of the Hawaiian Kingdom," Wikipedia, July 14, 2020, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1840_Constitution_of_the_Hawaiian_Kingdom.

[iv] <https://www.hawaii-nation.org/constitution-1840.html>

[v] <http://hooilina.org/cgi-bin/journal?e=d-0journal--00-0-0-004-Document---0-1--1en-50---20-frameset-search-issue---001-0110escapewin&a=p&p=frameset&d=HASH0166acfd8ec6df2fa38fd161.5.2.3>

[vi] International Treaties," Hawaiian Kingdom Government, accessed December 13, 2020, <https://www.hawaiiankingdom.org/treaties.shtml>.

[vii] International Treaties," Hawaiian Kingdom Government, accessed December 13, 2020, <https://www.hawaiiankingdom.org/treaties.shtml>.

[viii] Rufus Anderson, *A Heathen Nation Evangelized: A History of the Sandwich Islands Mission* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 1872), 284

[ix] Sally Merry, *Colonizing Hawaii* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000), 35.

[x] The Hawaiian Kingdom Blog," National Lawyers Guild Calls Upon State of Hawai'i to Comply with International Law of Occupation, November 12, 2020, <https://hawaiiankingdom.org/blog/national-lawyers-guild-calls-upon-state-of-hawaii-to-comply-with-international-law-of-occupation/>

[xi] Charles McCollough, "Why Our Church Apologized to Hawaii," Why our church apologized To Hawai'i, December 13, 2020, https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/unitedchurchofchrist/legacy_url/11261/mccollough.pdf?1418437063

[xii] http://rescarta.ucc.org/jsp/RcWebImageViewer.jsp?doc_id=8abee2f6-352d-48f9-958b-49a311bc4489/ucoc0000/UD000001/00000019

[xiii] 103d Congress Joint Resolution, "Public Law 103-150," Statute-107-Pg 1510, November 23, 1993, <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-107/pdf/STATUTE-107-Pg1510.pdf>

[xiv] Sai, Dr. Keanu. "National Lawyers Guild Calls Upon State of Hawai'i to Comply with International Law of Occupation." *Hawaiian Kingdom Blog*, November 12, 2020. <https://hawaiiankingdom.org/blog/national-lawyers-guild-calls-upon-state-of-hawaii-to-comply-with-international-law-of-occupation/>

Recommendation

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM

Below is the original resolution as submitted and referred to a General Synod Committee.

Please note: internal hyperlinks to endnotes are not functional and will send you out of the resolution. Please look for the corresponding endnote at the end of the document. Endnote hyperlinks to external documents do work.

A link to a PDF of this resolution as submitted is at the end of this listing.

The Business Committee of the Thirty-Third General Synod has recommended this proposed resolution be sent to a Committee of the General Synod.

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING TO END 128 YEARS OF WAR BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE HAWAIIAN KINGDOM

A Resolution of Witness

Submitted by the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches of the
Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ

SUMMARY

This Resolution calls the United Church to actualize its historical commitment to justice and peace with the friendly Christian Hawaiian Kingdom nation whose constitutions are founded upon Christian values.

BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL RATIONALE

In the beginning humans were created in the image of God and were called "good". Thus, all humans were created equal. The call to justice by the prophets is God's commandment to treat everyone justly by acting righteously.

God's moral law, enshrined in the Ten Commandments, is eternal and unchanging. Our bible is built on it. These laws are God's stated will, the way he wants his kingdom and his universe to operate. In order, for justice to prevail, human laws must mirror God's law. Justice is to prescribe the right way, to do things in an appropriate way. Moses demonstrated this concept when he said, "You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God's." (Deuteronomy 1:17). Justice has to do with equity in judgment without regard for a person's status. It is an equitable application of God's moral law to all people without partiality. (Numbers 15:16). When we do not operate according to biblical standards, we have abandoned God's moral law, so every man does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

Jesus came to proclaim liberty and freedom to announce God's justice being satisfied through what he called, "the favorable year of the Lord", Old Testament Year of Jubilee. It was when God set society back in order. According to Leviticus 25:8-9, Israel could not have Jubilee until the people first observed the Day of Atonement. They could not have true justice on the human level until they got right with God on the vertical level. Social justice will not be complete until the people in a society, even the Church, get right with God. It is bringing the presence, precepts, and power of God to bear on society, pulling society back in an upright position.

HISTORICAL GROUNDING

Responding to the wish of Henry Opukahaia [1] [2] but burdened with the false ideology of White Supremacy, missionaries of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission (ABCFM) were sent to Hawaii arriving in 1820 (201 years ago).

Rev. Rufus Anderson [8] attempted to correct the evils of White Supremacy and advocated for a Hawaiian-led and Hawaiian-run church during his visit to the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1863.

In 1893, descendants of missionaries led the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom.

President Paul Sherry traveled to Hawaii and on January 17, 1993, the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom government, apologized to the Hawaiian people at Kaumakapili Church [12]. This apology was cited in Public Law 103-150 signed by President William Clinton on November 23, 1993. [13]

Given the present COVID-19 pandemic and the institutional racism seen recently, the "God is Still Speaking" church, the United Church of Christ, is challenged to actualize its struggle to fulfill the principle of justice and reconciliation within the United Church of Christ. 128 years of war crimes continues to target and violate Christian Hawaiian citizens in Hawaiian Kingdom territory and abroad which amount to a colossal scale of humanitarian and human rights violations daily.

TEXT OF THE MOTION

WHEREAS, Henry Opukahaia is known as the missionary from the Hawaiian Kingdom that encouraged American missionaries to arrive in Hawaii[1] [2]; and

WHEREAS, the first Christian nation in the pacific, the Hawaiian Kingdom constitution in 1840 began with a quote from the bible "God hath made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on the face of the earth in unity and blessedness" [3] [4] [5]; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 1842, United States President John Tyler agreed to recognize the independence of the Hawaiian Kingdom [6]; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom through treaties with friendly nations around the world, successfully modernized Hawaiian self-governance at the time to prosper in peace, trade and friendship through treaties with friendly nations around the world for fifty years [7]; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Rufus Anderson, the author of the three-self method (self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating) and the long-term secretary of the ABCFM (American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission) arrived in Hawai'i in 1863 to tell the missionaries to create self-reliant, self-governing churches and "to devolve upon it (the Hawaiian churches) the responsibilities of self-government in ecclesiastical matters." [8]; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Anderson's advice was not followed and the government of the Hawaiian Kingdom was overthrown on January 17, 1893 [9]; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 1893, President Grover Cleveland's executive agreement to restore the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom was signed by Liliuokalani and received by U.S. ambassador Albert Willis [10]; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, the Eighteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ directed President Paul Sherry to issue an apology on the 100th anniversary of the overthrow of the Hawaiian monarchy for the complicity of the church in the overthrow [11] [12]; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 President Clinton, with senators and representatives from Hawaii, signed Public law 103-150 apologizing for the United States role in the illegal occupation [13], and

WHEREAS the National Lawyers Guild recommended to the Governor of the State of Hawaii "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands" [14]; and

WHEREAS, the United Church of Christ has historically stressed the importance of Justice as a key faith component for the Church; and

WHEREAS, the correction of injustices depends upon correct history based upon factual matters, and history is often based upon who writes the history and factual information available; and

WHEREAS, the information included in this resolution will be available at <https://ahccchurch.weebly.com/> about the founding of the Hawaiian Kingdom to correct false history about the Christian Hawaiian Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, various General Synods of the United Church of Christ have taken proactive stands on Justice; and

WHEREAS justice depends upon action, not just stating what is true and just and right (pono in Hawaiian);

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges the Mayors for the counties of the State of Hawaii "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges the Governor for the State of Hawaii "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges the U.S. Congress "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges the U.S. President "to begin to comply with international humanitarian law in its prolonged and illegal occupation of the Hawaiian Islands."

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Thirty-Third General Synod of the United Church of Christ strongly urges all United Nation member States and non-member States to cooperate to ensure the United States complies with international humanitarian law and bring an end to the unlawful occupation of the Hawaiian Islands.

FUNDING: The funding for the implementation of the Resolution will be made in accordance with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

IMPLEMENTATION: The Officers of the Church, in consultation with appropriate ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementing body.

[1] Papa Makua Wendell Davis 5th generation lineal descendant of Henry Opukahaia

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Additional Resources

Educational Intensive: Hawaiian Self Governance

Educational Intensive: Hawaiian Self Governance

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For the topic related to the Hawaiian Sovereignty resolution, we are fortunate to have permission to share a 2015 previously-recorded presentation on this topic by **S. James Anaya, and Robert A. Williams, Jr.**, This presentation is from the INDIGENOUS PEOPLES LAW AND POLICY PROGRAM

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The Business Committee of the Thirty-Fourth General Synod has recommended this proposed resolution be sent to a Committee of the General Synod.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A NEW STUDY BY OUR CHURCH ON OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS AND THE BOARDING SCHOOLS IN HAWAII

A Resolution of Witness

**Submitted by the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ**

SUMMARY

This resolution calls on the United Church of Christ to do a new study on the United Church of Christ’s relationship with Indian boarding schools and boarding schools in Hawaii. On May 11, 2022, the Department of the Interior held a press conference to reveal a “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report.”¹ The report showed that between 1819 and 1969, the United States operated or supported 408 boarding schools including 7 schools in Hawaii. Although the Executive Summary mentioned 7 schools in Hawaii, within the report 11 schools are named.²

In the section on Hawai`i, the report reads, “Between 1819 and 1847, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM), which received Federal support through the Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819, sent 12 missionary companies to Hawai`i to promote Calvinism and claimed civilized practices.”³ In a June 22, 2021 Memorandum from the U.S. Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland—a tribal member of the Pueblo of Laguna—to the Assistant Secretaries, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretaries, Heads of Bureaus, and Officers, under the subject “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative” she writes:

“Beginning with the Indian Civilization Act of 1819 and running through the 1960s, the United States enacted laws and implemented policies establishing and supporting Indian boarding schools across the Nation. During that time, the purpose of Indian boarding schools was to culturally assimilate Indigenous children by forcibly relocating them from their families and communities to distant residential facilities where their American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian identities, languages, and beliefs were to be forcibly suppressed.”⁴

With this information alleging that the ABCFM received federal funds from the Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819 and these funds went toward the schools in Hawai`i listed in the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report, questions are raised concerning the purpose of the schools being to culturally assimilate the Native Hawaiian students by forcibly suppressing their identities, languages, and beliefs.

A study investigating this history between the Federal civilization act of 1819, the ABCFM, and the identity altering education programs upon American Indians, Alaska natives and native Hawaiians needs to be completed.

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BIBLICAL, THEOLOGICAL, AND ETHICAL RATIONALE

In the beginning humans were created in the image of God and were called “good”. Thus, all humans were created equal. The call to justice by the prophets is God’s commandment to treat everyone justly by acting righteously.

God’s moral law, enshrined in the Ten Commandments, is eternal and unchanging. Our Bible is built on it. These laws are God’s stated will, the way God wants his kingdom and his universe to operate. In order for justice to prevail, human laws must mirror God’s law. Justice is to prescribe the right way, to do things in an appropriate way. Moses demonstrated this concept when he said, “You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the small and the great alike. You shall not fear man, for the judgment is God’s.” (Deuteronomy 1:17). Justice has to do with equity in judgment without regard for a person’s status. It is an equitable application of God’s moral law to all people without partiality. (Numbers 15:16). When we do not operate according to biblical standards, we have abandoned God’s moral law, so every man does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

Jesus came to proclaim liberty and freedom to announce God’s justice being satisfied through what he called, “the favorable year of the Lord”, the Old Testament Year of Jubilee. It was when God set society back in order. According to Leviticus 25:8-9, Israel could not have Jubilee until the people first observed the Day of Atonement. They could not have true justice on the human level until they got right with God on the vertical level. Social justice will not be complete until the people in a society, even the Church, get right with God. It is bringing the presence, precepts, and power of God to bear on society, pulling society back in an upright position.

HISTORICAL GROUNDING

The history of genocide on natives began with the first arrival of missionaries to Turtle Island from England in 1492. Since then 20 million Native Indians have been exterminated through a policy of genocide (American Genocide). The Federal government passed the 1819 Civilization Act to “kill the Indian and save the man” with identity altering education programs through the Indian Boarding School System that was created. Shirley E. Buchanan, in her “Indigenous Destinies: Native Hawaiian and Native American Crossroads,” in 2011 wrote, “The ABCFM, funded in part by the federally legislated Civilization Fund of 1819, initiated missionary efforts among the so-called Five Civilized Tribes (particularly, the Cherokee, Choctaw, and Creek) and the Native Hawaiians concurrently in the 1820s.”⁵ With this information alleging that the ABCFM received federal funds from the Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819 and that these funds went toward the schools in Hawai`i listed in the “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report,” questions are raised concerning the purpose of the schools to culturally assimilate the Native Hawaiian students by forcibly suppressing their identities, languages, and beliefs. On May 11, 2022, the Department of the Interior held a press conference to reveal a “Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report.” The report showed that between 1819 and 1969, the United States operated or supported 408 boarding schools including 7 schools in Hawaii. Although the Executive Summary mentioned 7 schools in Hawaii, within the report 11 schools are named:

- 82 1. Hilo Boarding School
- 83 2. Industrial and Reformatory School (Kawailou)
- 84 3. Industrial and Reformatory School (Keoneula, Kapalama)
- 85 4. Industrial and Reformatory School (Waialeale, Waialua)
- 86 5. Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls (Keoneula, Kapalama)
- 87 6. Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls (Maunawili, Ko`olaupoko)
- 88 7. Industrial and Reformatory School for Girls (Mo`ili`ili, Honolulu)
- 89 8. Kamehameha Schools
- 90 9. Lahainaluna Seminary
- 91 10. Mauna Loa Forestry Camp School
- 92 11. Molokai Forestry Camp School

93 The number discrepancy may be due to changing of the names of the school and/or the location.
94 In the section on Hawai`i, the report reads, “Between 1819 and 1847, the American Board of
95 Commissioners for Foreign Missions (ABCFM), which received Federal support through the
96 Indian Civilization Fund Act of 1819, sent 12 missionary companies to Hawai`i to promote
97 Calvinism and claimed civilized practices.”

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99 **TEXT OF THE MOTION**

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101 **WHEREAS**, an estimated 15 million Native American Indians have been exterminated in what
102 is known today as the United States of America through policies defined as genocide⁶, and
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104 **WHEREAS**, among the policies of genocide Native American Indians became victims of
105 identity altering education programs, and
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107 **WHEREAS**, the Civilization Fund Act of 1819’s intention was to introduce to Native
108 Americans “the habits and arts of civilization”⁷ (to force native American Indians to assimilate
109 to White American culture), and
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111 **WHEREAS**, in the decade following 1869 the Christian denominations began to establish
112 boarding schools with the underlying policy to “kill the Indian and save the man,”⁸ and
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114 **WHEREAS**, one such boarding school was the Hampton Institute, founded by General Samuel
115 Chapman Armstrong, son of A.B.C.F.M. missionaries to Hawai`i Rev. Richard and Clarissa
116 Chapman Armstrong, which opened its doors to Indian students in 1878; and
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118 **WHEREAS**, boarding schools were of paramount significance in the attempted cultural
119 genocide of an entire people, and
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121 **WHEREAS**, the mandatory placement of Indian children in the boarding schools resulted in
122 the loss of hundreds of languages, spiritual beliefs, traditional practices, and the destruction of
123 healthy family life;⁹ and
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125 **WHEREAS**, in 2003 the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), the American Indian
126 organization that is part of the United Church of Christ, submitted a resolution “American

127 Indian Boarding Schools” that was passed by the General Synod¹⁰ but did not result in
128 reparations, and

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130 **WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, a “Statement Supporting the Establishment of a Truth
131 and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies” was signed by the following
132 church groups¹¹: The Episcopal Church; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Franciscan
133 Action Network; Friends Committee on National Legislation; Jesuit Conference Office of
134 Justice and Ecology; Office of Race Relations, Christian Reformed Church of North America;
135 The United Methodist Church—General Board of Church and Society,

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137 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Thirty-fourth General Synod of the United Church
138 of Christ directs the UCC to conduct a thorough survey of its history beginning with the
139 American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission (A.B.C.F.M.) on its work done both
140 with Native American nations and the Hawaiian Kingdom and evaluate the results of this survey
141 in terms of whether actions need to be taken by the United Church of Christ to make amends of
142 moral, and legal (both under U.S. laws and under international humanitarian laws) violations that
143 have occurred, and requests that the UCC Board ask for the cooperation of the Association of
144 Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) and the Council for American Indian Ministries
145 (CAIM) in so doing.

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147 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the A.B.C.F.M. did receive funds from the Indian
148 Civilization Fund Act of 1819, an act of the U.S. government, the survey shall reveal what
149 effects this had upon the mission of the church, and

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151 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, if the survey reveals clear violations, that the United Church
152 of Christ begin its reparation process by formally apologizing for the harm done to the Native
153 American nations connected to the A.B.C.F.M. and to the Native Hawaiians; and

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155 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, if the survey reveals violations, that the United Church of
156 Christ Board propose specific steps in the reparation process, and begin the reparation process by
157 formally apologizing for the harm done to the Native American nations connected to the
158 A.B.C.F.M. and to the Native Hawaiians.

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160 **FUNDING:** The funding for the implementation of the resolution will be made in accordance
161 with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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163 **IMPLEMENTATION:** The Officers of the Church, in consultation with appropriate ministries
164 of other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the implementation body.

¹ https://www.bia.gov/sites/default/files/dup/inline-files/bsi_investigative_report_may_2022_508.pdf.

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⁶ Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, *An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States*, (Boston: Beacon Press, 2014), 10.

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¹¹ <https://www.warren.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Statement%20Supporting%20the%20Establishment%20of%20a%20Truth%20and%20Healing%20Commission.pdf>.

The Business Committee of the Thirty-Fourth General Synod has recommended this proposed resolution be sent to a Committee of the General Synod.

A RESOLUTION TO URGE ALL RESPONSIBLE ENTITIES TO JOIN IN REPARATIONS TO FUND CHRISTIAN HAWAIIAN LANGUAGE EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO UNDO A CENTURY OF EXTINCTION, AMERICANIZATION AND INDOCTRINATION POLICIES EXTINGUISHED THE ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN HAWAIIAN ALPHABET.

A Resolution of Witness

Submitted by the
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches of the United Church of Christ

1 **SUMMARY**

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3 This resolution calls on the United Church of Christ and its conferences to collaborate with
4 the Federal government, local organizations and protestant entities to fund the Association
5 of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Christian Hawaiian language revitalization program
6 (adult education, preschool programs). In 1819 the Federal Government funded the
7 civilization act that funded boarding schools which initiated acts of cultural genocide on
8 Hawaiians and American Indians. The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign
9 Missions missionaries assisted to translate and develop the first Christian Hawaiian
10 language Bible. The Kamehameha Schools was one of eleven boarding schools listed in the
11 May 2022 Department of Interior investigative report that implemented policies of cultural
12 genocide on Hawaiian children. The spoken Christian Hawaiian language has been extinct
13 for centuries. Two hundred years later the AHEC would like to undo the atrocities that
14 were committed by Kamehameha Schools and others by providing Christian Hawaiian
15 language luakini¹ education programs.

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17 **BIBLICAL, THEOLOGICAL, AND ETHICAL RATIONALE**

18 “In the beginning humans were created in the image of god and were called “good”. Thus, all
19 humans were created equal. The call to justice by the prophets is God’s commandment to
20 treat everyone justly by acting righteously.

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22 God’s moral law, enshrined in the Ten Commandments, is eternal and unchanging. Our bible
23 is built on it. These laws are God’s stated will, the way he wants his kingdom and his
24 universe to operate. In order, for justice to prevail, human laws must mirror God’s law.
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26 this concept when he said, “You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the
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30 When we do not operate according to biblical standards, we have abandoned God’s moral
31 law, so every man does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

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33 Jesus came to proclaim liberty and freedom to announce God’s justice being satisfied through
34 what he called, “the favorable year of the Lord”, Old Testament Year of Jubilee. It was when
35 God set society back in order. According to Leviticus 25:8-9, Israel could not have Jubilee

36 until the people first observed the Day of Atonement. They could not have true justice on the
37 human level until they got right with God on the vertical level. Social justice will not be
38 complete until the people in a society, even the Church, get right with God. It is bringing the
39 presence, precepts, and power of God to bear on society, pulling society back in an upright
40 position.”

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42 HISTORICAL GROUNDING

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44 The history of cultural genocide upon Hawaiian children through formal policies of
45 Americanization indoctrination programs began from the 1819 Civilization act according to
46 the Department of Interior Investigative Report of May 2022. “As the U.S. Senate has
47 recognized, funds from the 1819 Civilization Fund “were apportioned among those societies
48 and individuals—usually missionary organizations—that had been prominent in the effort to
49 ‘civilize’ the Indians.”² The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission
50 missionaries arrived in Hawaii in 1820. The sons and grandsons of these missionaries
51 implemented Americanization polices that enforced strict rules and corporal punishment to
52 extinguish all semblance of native Hawaiian identity in Hawaiian children. “The Federal
53 Indian boarding school system deployed systematic militarized and identity-alteration
54 methodologies to attempt to assimilate American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian
55 children through education, including but not limited to the following: (1) renaming Indian
56 children from Indian to English names; (2) cutting hair of Indian children; (3) discouraging or
57 preventing the use of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian languages,
58 religions, and cultural practices; and (4) organizing Indian and Native Hawaiian children into
59 units to perform military drills.”³ “Federal Indian boarding school rules were often enforced
60 through punishment, including corporal punishment such as solitary confinement; flogging;
61 withholding food; whipping; slapping; and cuffing. The Federal Indian boarding school
62 system at times made older Indian children punish younger Indian children.”⁴ Senior cadets at
63 Kamehameha Schools enforced corporal punishment on incoming Hawaiian students well
64 into the 1990’s. More importantly The first principal of Kamehameha Schools, Reverend
65 William Oleson, banned the Hawaiian language in Kamehameha classrooms and playing
66 fields.⁵ He also drafted and signed the Bayonet constitution in 1887 which led to White
67 Supremacist control of the Hawaiian Kingdom. On January 16, 1893, US ambassador
68 Stevens and the USS Boston marines invaded the Hawaiian Kingdom initiating a State of
69 War.⁶ In 1896, the all white ruling oligarchy Republic of Hawaii created Act 57 that banned
70 speaking Christian Hawaiian language at all public schools.⁷ These combined actions
71 eventually extinguished the spoken Christian Hawaiian language that Princess Pauahi learned
72 growing up as a Christian. The first alphabet of the Christian Hawaiian language printed in
73 the first book separated the Hawaiian alphabet into Hawaiian letters and “The following are
74 used in spelling foreign words:” Gg ge, Ff fe, Se si, Yy yi.⁸ The revitalization of Hawaiian
75 language that began in the 1980’s only recognized 13 letters in the Hawaiian alphabet. This
76 resolution supports the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches’ initiative to revitalize
77 the Christian Hawaiian language that Princess Pauahi learned.

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79 TEXT OF THE MOTION

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81 **WHEREAS** the US congress passed the 1819 Civilization Act⁹ which funded missionary
82 organizations to civilize natives in Hawaii, America, Alaska and

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84 **WHEREAS** in 1820 the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions arrived in
85 the Sandwich Islands¹⁰, and

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87 **WHEREAS** in 1823 Luakini Maunakea ma Kalapana was the first church built on the East
88 side of Hawaii island¹¹, and
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90 **WHEREAS** December 19, 1831, Princess Pauahi was born an heir of the Kamehameha
91 family¹², and
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93 **WHEREAS** the process to translate and print the first Hawaiian Bible titled “Palapala
94 Hemolele” began in 1822 - 1839 and was published in two parts 1832 Buke I (Old Testament
95 and 1839 Buke II (New Testament)¹³ and
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97 **WHEREAS** the all white officers of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association board was
98 created in 1854¹⁴, and
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100 **WHEREAS** in 1863 Rufus Anderson Secretary of the ABCFM recommended to the all
101 white board members to transfer control of the church in the Hawaiian Kingdom to
102 Hawaiians which the churches officers did not do continuing their control today¹⁵, and
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104 **WHEREAS** on October 16, 1884 Princess Pauahi passed leaving a legacy through her will to
105 educate Hawaiian children in the Christian Hawaiian language¹⁶, and
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107 **WHEREAS** on November 4, 1887 the founding ceremony blessed the opening of the
108 Kamehameha schools for boys¹⁷, and
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110 **WHEREAS** Reverend William Oleson the first principal for the Kamehameha Schools
111 banned the Christian Hawaiian language from being spoken on the Kamehameha Schools
112 campus¹⁸, and
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114 **WHEREAS** in 1887 White church officers of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association and
115 Reverend William Oleson forced King Kalakaua to sign a new constitution¹⁹, and
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117 **WHEREAS** in 1893 White church officers of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association
118 collaborated with U.S. minister Stevens to overthrow the Hawaiian Kingdom²⁰, and
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120 **WHEREAS** in 1895 the Republic of Hawaii implemented Act 57 which banned Christian
121 Hawaiian language from being spoken in public schools²¹, and
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123 **WHEREAS** in 1906 the Department of Public Instruction implemented policies of
124 Americanization in Public schools to Americanize all the children²², and
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126 **WHEREAS** in 1916 the Congress passed the National Defense Act that funded the identity
127 altering JROTC program at Kamehameha schools²³, and
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129 **WHEREAS** all of these actions and more combined to extinguish the Christian Hawaiian
130 language of twenty-one letters from 1822²⁴, and
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132 **WHEREAS** in the 1980’s revitalization of Hawaiian language only thirteen letters were
133 recognized as being Hawaiian letters;
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135 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United
136 Church of Christ recognizes the first Christian Hawaiian language alphabet of twenty-one
137 letters which was created by Hawaiian Chiefs and ABCFM missionaries that was printed in
138 1822 as relevant and valuable and calls on all other settings of the United Church of Christ to
139 do the same; and

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141 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church
142 of Christ encourages all settings of the Church to increase awareness of the indoctrination
143 Americanization policies enforced in the Hawaiian Kingdom that led to extinguishing the
144 spoken Christian Hawaiian language as part of a larger project of cultural genocide; and

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146 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Thirty-Fourth General Synod of the United Church
147 of Christ encourages all settings of the Church to support the Association of Hawaiian
148 Evangelical Churches' initiative to solicit funding from all settings of the church to revitalize
149 the Christian Hawaiian language through luakini²⁵ education programs from preschool
150 through adulthood.

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152 **FUNDING:** The funding for the implementation of the resolution will be made in accordance
153 with the overall mandates of the affected agencies and the funds available.

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155 **IMPLEMENTATION:** The Officers of the Church, in consultation with appropriate
156 ministries or other entities within the United Church of Christ, will determine the
157 implementing body.

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AHEC Ho`ola I Ka `Aina Komike (AHEC Land Research Committee) Report
AHEC Aha Na Kai Ewalu, June 9, 2023

“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:

1. To research the titles of our AHEC churches to determine who owns the land.
2. To research the history of the land of the HCUCC (Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ).

Our committee members have:

1. Gone in-person twice to research at the Mission House Library, the Hawaii State Archives, and at the Bureau of Conveyances.
2. Joined a zoom webinar “Papa Palapala `Aina” (Land Documents Class) led by Dr. Ronald Williams, Jr., Archivist at the Hawai`i State Archives on Sunday, April 2, 2023.
3. Joined a free tutorial led by Mr. Donovan Preza on The Great Mahele of 1848. Recently he has included Joyclynn Costa, Kerisa Carmelo, La`akea Kamakawiwoole and Ronald Fujiyoshi in typing the data from The Mahele Book onto excel sheets making available information to those researching land.
4. Suggest for those wanting to learn more about researching the land titles: To view the four (4) video presentations on The Great Mahele by Mr. Donovan Preza at www.hcucc.org/hawaiian-kingdom-history-series. Videos covered: 1) An Overview of the Great Mahele, 2) Government Lands, 3) Konohiki Lands—emphasis on the King’s (Crown) Lands, and 4) Kuleana Lands.

We are steadily acquiring more knowledge of the land in Hawai`i:

For example, in the Great Mahele of 1848, approximately 1/3 of all lands in Hawai`i were designated as “Crown Lands”: “To be the private lands of His Majesty Kamehameha III., to have and to hold to himself, his heirs, and successors, forever; and said lands shall be regulated and disposed of according to his royal will and pleasure subject only to the *rights of tenants.*”

The AHEC Ho`ola I Ka `Aina Komike has offered help to member congregations in researching their church lands requesting a member of the church to be designated to work with us.

Contact any of the committee members:

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Kerisa Carmelo, kerisainkona@aol.com, Tel. 808-217-4262
Maile Baird, maileatkunhard@gmail.com, Tel. 808-651-0262
Leilani Miranda, hamakuapiko@gmail.com, Tel. 808-856-1497
Papa Makua Wendell B.K. Davis, keakua53@gmail.com, Tel. 808-989-0725

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR
Churches Authorized with Standing in the Hawai'i Conference
United Church of Christ
May 25, 2023

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

<u>Hawai'i Island</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Kainaliu:	LANAKILA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	TAKETA, Charlene	P
Kurtistown:	'OLA'A FIRST HAWAIIAN CHURCH	MASILAMONEY, Sam	Sup
Nanawale:	KALAPANA MAUNAKEA FIRST HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC	KAPUNIAI, Agnes Lani	P
Punalu'u:	HOKULOLO/HENRY 'OPUKAHA'IA CHAPEL	WARREN, Michael	P

Kaua'i

Anahola: KO'OLAU HUI'IA PROTESTANT CHURCH

Maui

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		
Wailuku:	KA'AHUMANU CHURCH	HIGA, Wayne	P

Molokai

Puko'o: KALUA'AHA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OGOSHI, Janice P

O'ahu

'Ewa	'EWA COMMUNITY CHURCH	MAU, Rennie	P
Hale'iwa:	LILI'UOKALANI PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Hauula:	HAU'ULA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC	CHEE, Sage	P
Honolulu:	BISHOP MEMORIAL CHURCH		
	KALIHI AND MOANALUA CHURCH	NAEOLE, Manu	P
	KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH	MAKUAKANE, Kenneth	P
Pearl City:	KAHIKUONALANI UCC	HIRAKAWA, Rick	P
Wai'anae:	KA HANA O KE AKUA CHURCH		

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Hilo:	HAILI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Holualoa:	HELANI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Laupahoehoe:	LAUPAHOEHOE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	CACABELOS, Alvira	P
Milolii	HAUOLI KAMANAO	KAUPIKO, Charles	P

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Alger, Richard	RT	Makuakane, Violet	RT
Davis, Wendell	CH	Masilamoney, Sam	P
Ha'alilio, Nancietta K.L.	RT	Mau, Rennie	P
Kaina, William H.	RT	Merseberg, James	RT
Kaupu, David K.	RT	Twigg, David	RT
Kekuna, Curtis	RT	Warren, Michael	P
Makuakane, Kenneth	P	Welsh, Brian	CH

LICENSED MINISTERS

Higa, Wayne	Kaupiko, Melveen
Hirakawa, Rick	Rosa, Anela
Kapuniaia, Agnes Lani	Taketa, Charlene
Kaupiko, Charles	

MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT

Hoomanawanui, Kauanoë (Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant)

MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING OUR CHURCHES

(Without standing in the Hawai'i Conference)

Chee, Sage

LEGEND:

AP	Associate Pastor
CH	Chaplain
CM	Commissioned Minister
CME	Conference Minister Emeritus
CP	Co-Pastor
CW	Conference Work
D	Dual Standing
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

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<u>DATE GRANT RECEIVED</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PROGRAM/ EVENT DATES</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE FINAL REPORT REC'D</u>	<u>UNUSED FUNDS</u>
07/02/22	Kalanikahua Hou	Kukulu Kumuhana o Maui - Ka Wai Akua 07/20/22 - 07/31/22	\$ 3,650.00	08/20/22	xxxxx
09/27/22	Kalapana Maunakea	Fall 'Aha Halawai at Ewa Community Church 10/21-22/22	\$ 1,938.94	11/28/22	\$ 95.04
09/28/22	Kalanikahua Hou	Fall 'Aha Halawai at Ewa Community Church 10/21-22/22	\$ 314.00	11/01/22	xxxxx
09/29/22	Ka'ahumanu	Special Meeting of the Aha Pae 'Aina 10/01/22	\$ 26.00	10/01/22	xxxxx
09/29/22	Laupahoehoe	Special Meeting of the Aha Pae 'Aina 10/01/22	\$ 52.00	10/03/22	xxxxx
10/02/22	Ka'ahumanu	HCUCC Pastoral Leaders Event 10/11-14/22	\$ 201.00	10/14/22	xxxxx
10/04/22	Laupahoehoe	Fall 'Aha Halawai at Ewa Community Church 10/21-22/22	\$ 419.79	10/26/22	xxxxx
10/20/22	Kona Lanakila	Fall 'Aha Halawai at Ewa Community Church 10/21-22/22	\$ 392.13	11/21/22	xxxxx
01/24/23	Kona Lanakila	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 1,552.00	Due 03/25/24	
01/25/23	Kalapana MaunaKea	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 1,647.79	3/16/23	xxxxx

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01/26/23	Laupahoehoe # 1	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 634.00	3/01/23	xxxxx
02/10/23	Haili	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 270.00	3/01/23	xxxxx
02/05/23	Ewa Community	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 2,570.33	3/16/23	\$ 14.63
2/05/23	Hauula Kahuku	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 1,143.61	3/11/23	\$ 751.00
02/15/23	Wai'oli Hui'ia	HIM Conference 03/16-18/23	\$ 1,000.00	Due 04/18/23	
02/17/23	Laupahoehoe # 2	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 980.50	3/11/23	xxxxx
02/23/23	Hauoli Kamanao	Spring 'Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church 02/24-25/23	\$ 1,787.34	3/25/23	xxxxx
02/24/23	Kalaiakamanu	SCHCC Hoononopono 03/11/23	\$ 158.00	4/18/23	xxxxx
02/24/23	Kauahaao	SCHCC Hoononopono 03/11/23	\$ 357.42	04/05/23	xxxxx
03/14/23	Hauula Kahuku	Christian Endeavor Camp 03/15-18/23	\$ 2,609.80	04/25/23	123.47
05/07/23	Kalapana Maunakea	Christian Endeavor World Convention 07/18-23/23	\$ 3900.00	Due 08/23/23	
Kalapana Maunakea (Grant issued 06/05/22)			xxxxxx	xxxxxx	\$ 1,676.74

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GRANTS AWARDED: July 01, 2022 - May 10, 2023	TOTAL AWARDED 25,604.65	TOTAL UNUSED \$ 2,660.88
AVAILABLE BALANCE TO GRANT UNTIL JUNE 30, 2023 *** FYI - START UP GRANT JULY 01, 2022 (\$ 30,000.00)	\$ 7,056.23	

Kalei Arinaga, Chair/Kaua'i c/o 2022 arinagakalei@gmail.com VACANT - Youth Rep Rennie Mau, O'ahu Rep c/o 2025 kahumau@gmail.com Joyclynn Costa, Maui Rep c/o 2025 jkalai.kauihou@gmail.com	Angie Warren, CE Rep. Appointed c/o2024, angiewarren.hi@gmail.com Brian Welsh, Luna Ho'omalua, kahubrian@gmail.com Kaimi Kaupiko, West Hawaii Rep c/o 2024 Kkaupiko@gmail.com
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Report Submitted by Kalei Arinaga on 5/11/23

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 Services Inc. January 1, 2023-March 31, 2023

Hua Mua Fund Account Summary

Beginning Balance	\$ 406,845.20
Gained	\$15,415.70
Ending Balance	\$ 422,260.90

BATCH 10 DEPOSITS-MAY 18, 2023

DATED	AMOUNT	CHECK#
• 02/01/23	\$200.00	1256
• 03/20/23	\$235.00	1318
• 05/01/23	\$67.23	16873
• 05/01/23	\$200.00	1283
• 05/01/23	\$250.00	1320
• Total Deposit	\$952.00	

CELEBRATE Hua Mua in the months with 5 Sundays in 2023

Iulai, Okakopa and Kekemapa

Please make checks payable to AHEC Hua Mua
Mail to PO Box 1872, Kailua Kona, HI, 96745.

Respectfully Submitted,


Alaka'i Paleka

L. Alaka'i Paleka, Chairperson

Aloha Kakou,

Here is the updated 2023 Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Nomination Slate. Please peruse the document both prayerfully and carefully. Because it is past the deadline to submit a new nominee for review, the Nominations Committee has not added any new names. However, several of our island representatives, who are currently serving in the position, are either carrying out official elected duties in other key areas of AHEC or have realized they are unable to successfully complete another term and are willingly stepping down in order for other members in our Body to serve in those positions. Because it is past the time to put new candidates on the slate before the Na Kai Ewalu, those positions will be received from the floor and will be the only ones voted on during the meeting.

For those planning to bring a name or names forward during the election at the meeting, please make sure you have their permission to bring their name forward and have a short bio ready to share at the meeting as to why they are qualified to serve in this capacity.

We humbly ask that all who are nominated are:

- Believers in Jesus Christ
- Members of an AHEC Church
- Willing to attend and participate in AHEC meetings, both in-person and on Zoom as their position requires
- Are of sound mind and strong moral character
- Experienced with writing reports
- Willing to represent their area faithfully and effectively

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at karensuewelsh@icloud.com.

Blessings In Christ,

Karen Welsh, AHEC Nominations Committee Chair

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2023-2025)

Papa Makua – Kahu Wendell Davis (Incumbent)

Luna Ho'omalua (President) – Kahu Brian Welsh (Incumbent)

Luna Ho'omalua Hope (Vice-President) Anela Rosa (Incumbent)

Kakau 'Olelo (Secretary) Loke Kamanu (Incumbent)

Pu'uku (Treasurer) Kerisa Carmelo (Incumbent)

ISLAND REPRESENTATIVES (Delegates) (2023-2025)

Oahu Delegate – Myrna-Lyn D. Abang (Incumbent)

East Maui Delegate – Joyclynn Costa (Incumbent)

West Maui Delegate – Open (Will take nominations from the floor)

West Hawaii Delegate – Charles Mahina Kaupiko (Incumbent)

East Hawaii Delegate – Open (Will take nominations from the floor)

Kauai Delegate – Open (Will take nominations from the floor)

Molokai Delegate VACANT (Will take nominations from the floor)

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (2023-2026)

Kahu Rennie Mau (Incumbent)

Maile Baird (Incumbent)

Report to AHEC
Compiled by AHEC Oahu Rep: Myrna-Lyn Abang
Board of Directors Meeting May/2023

Ewa Community Church

Minister: Kahu Rennie Mau

Moderator: Olive Douglass Echano

AHEC: As the AHEC Oahu Isle churches representative, Myrna-Lyn D. Abang checked into the virtual AHEC Board of Directors' meeting in April.

Council: ECC remains dutiful to maintaining its campus yard and buildings. ECC is awaiting cost estimate for the installation of its kitchen fourth sink (dedicated to hand-washing only). When project is completed by a professional plumbing team ECC will have a certified kitchen. As recent as May 7, ECC experienced an electrical incident in the sanctuary building and is counting on a local electrician to make the repairs.

Diaconate Board: Relegated to only two members (five positions remain open), the church ohana pulls together to help activities and worship service continue. In the third week of March, ECC was able to welcome into the church ohana two adults and two young adults into membership. There is another family of Hawaiian ethnicity who have come to church regularly and have participated in church events. In fact, the patriarch (Cal Eaton) has been a guest in pulpit when Kahu Mau has been off campus. The last week of March, ECC welcomed the Kamehameha School Deputation Team. On April 8, the Ewa Community Church and a few of its members attended and participated in the 6th Annual Hoike at Kaneohe Congregational Church. Ewa Community Church held a Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday and hosted an Easter Breakfast followed by the Easter Worship Service. On April 16, ECC held its annual Holy Humor Sunday, and April 30, ECC had a joint service with the Nukuno Protestant Church (who meets in ECC on Sundays at 2:00P). John Wesley Samoan Methodist Church continues to meet in the ECC sanctuary at 11:00A. ECC invited the neighborhood to its monthly "Luau Church" which presented potluck dishes, but also dancing, singing and fellowship (special guests and at least 30 persons in attendance). Partner, the Ewa Plains Enrichment Preschool held its annual Mother's Day Tea with guest speaker, Pastor Charis Chinen of Moanalua Gardens Missionary Church.

Spiritual Development ECC cancelled its Sunday morning Bible Studies at 8:00A as it no longer has a Bible Studies leader. The Wednesday evening Bible Studies continues at 6:00P.

Celebration of Life Ewa Community Church supports ohanas who have ECC ties (John Wason, Fermina Diaz, Robert Dennis Pagdilao, Moises Echano)

Missions and Outreach held its first quarter fundraiser sponsoring a 9:00A to 1:00A Baked Goods, Plants and Yard Sale. The proceeds are used to support the ministry including the missionaries in the field as well as financially challenged families in the surrounding community and area with \$75.00 Gift Cards to local supermarkets. The second quarter on-campus fundraiser is on Saturday, June 24. On that same day, community neighbor The Ewa Federal Credit Union will conduct a "paper shredding" event.

ECC successfully collected offering for campaigns One Great Hour of Sharing, the Angel Charities (Hawaii Food Bank) and AHEC's Hua Mua Fund. ECC is on point to collect for Strengthen the Church.

Community April 15, ECC members Myrna-Lyn Abang and Lori Arizuma, along with Kahu Mau participated in the Ewa Villages Historical Society presentation of Talk Story as regards life on the Ewa Sugar Plantation. Kahu Mau maintains a schedule that includes his studies toward his PhD., his liaison and leadership in PAAM, Pacific Council of Churches, etc. Coordination of the AHEC trolley in the Kamehameha Day Parade is facilitated by Kahu Mau.

Respectfully submitted, Myrna-Lyn D. Abang, Church AHEC Delegate

Hauula Kahuku Church

Minister: Kahu Linda Kaaihue

No report received. Kahu Linda is expected to be in Oregon June 9 and June 10.

Kahikuonalani Church (written report)

Pastor Rick Hirakawa

Moderator David Wong

Delegate: Joanne Kishimori

Ministries: Outreach - Park and Community – Pastor Rick continues to do the outreach ministry for the church. The church supports him financially by paying for the gas expenses and two members provide the goody bags that Pastor Rick gives out when he does his park ministry. Pastor Rick also does a lot of community outreach ministry. Two recent examples: Pastor Rick joined an interfaith Clergy Prayer vigil on April 4 for the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center. On April 5, Pastor Rick joined Pearl City Community Church for a park ministry at Blaisdell Park.

Another ministry we continue to do is to provide worship space for three congregations on Sunday and other days of the week – United Church of Pohnpei Pearl City, Tuvalu Fou Church, and Wilderness Church in Hawaii.

Other events: Scout Sunday on March 5, 2023 where Boy Scout Troop 75 and Cub Pack joined us for their annual visit to worship with us. They have been chartered with our church for more than 50 years. Three of them were honored as Eagle Scouts at a ceremony attended by David Wong, who gave the invocation and benediction.

We also had services on Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. On Easter, our Sanctuary was graced by two floral arrangements and two dozen potted blooming lilies provided by Wilderness Church in Hawaii for all the congregations to enjoy their floral arrangements bringing glory to God.

Kawaiaha'o Church (written report)

Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne

Moderator: Brandon Keoni Bunag

Delegate: Ka'iulani Hess and Arminta Nishimura

Worship - God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship him in spirit and in truth. John 4:24

- Sunday, 8:30am, in person and viewed on our Kawaiaha'o Church TV channel. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday at 6pm; and Easter Sunday Worship Services in person and viewed on Kawaiaha'o TV channel.
- Light and Salvation Church led by Pastor Shin Oh holds Sunday services for our homeless community each Sunday, 8:30-10:30am. This service includes a hot meal and a worship service in our gym.
- HEBEDOMA WEEK Daily Scripture and Prayer each day in the month of January.
- Pastor James Hahm from Good News Hawai'i Church holds its bible study in our Wedding Center from 11:00am-1:00pm each Sunday.
- Kawaiaha'o Church hosts a monthly morning devotion with the Kawaiaha'o Plaza staff of Kamehameha Schools 8:30-9:00am. These gatherings can be viewed on our Kawaiaha'o Church TV channel.
- Bible Study, Sunday, 10:00am, in person Kane and Wahine.
- Bible Study Fellowship Groups throughout the week via Zoom.
- Sunday School begins in the Sunday worship service at 8:30am and continuing in CE classes after the youth scripture reading.
- Worship Wednesdays, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7:00pm. Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects. Matthew 19:26; Mark 10:27
- Kawaiaha'o Church historical self-guided, audio-walking tour. Scan QR codes placed throughout campus, download, play from smartphone.
- Host Spring Break high school and college guest choirs who performed in our Sunday Worship Services and free mini concerts after the worship service.
- Music and Performance Department, Nola Nahulu, Church Choir Director provided workshop on history, music, language and culture for guest choirs.
- Host HYOC Concerts with a 100+ youth choir free for family, friends, and community.
- Archives continue the work of digitizing records with a team of supportive workers.
- Workshop Na Makamae O Kawaiaha'o, March 30, 2023, 10-12noon, Liliuokalani Conference Room.
- Youth Friday Nights, 5:00-9:00pm, Games and fellowship in the gymnasium.
- Wednesday Pickle Ball for the community in the gymnasium, 5-8pm.
- Safety and Anti-Violence Workshop (OCHCC), Saturday, January 14, 2023, 10am-12noon, at Kaumakapili Church Hale Kamika Hall, Speaker: Danny Tengan, HCUCC Disaster Ministry Coordinator.
- SCHCC: Workshop: Hooponopono with Kumu Earl Kawaa, Saturday, March 11, 2023, 10:00am-2:00pm, at Kaumakapili Church Hale Kamika Hall.
- AHEC Spring Aha Halawai 2023, Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church, Haiku, Maui Island, February 24-25, 2023. Two church delegates and Kahu Ken attended from Kawaiaha'o Church
- Hosted Ali'i Sundays honoring Ke Akua! Acts 17:26-27

Life Celebrations:

- Patricia Warren - August 19, 2022
- Abby Nery - March 10, 2022
- Henry Imaikalani Young - July 31, 2022
- Jerold Hansen - - November 2, 2022
- Lydia Maiwela - February 21, 2023
- Aulani Hoomanawanui - March 21, 2023
- Lanikiekie Dias - March 11, 2023
- Kaulani Ramos - May 13, 2021

Lili'uokalani Protestant Church (LPC) (written report)

Church Name: Lili'uokalani Protestant Church

Kahu/Pastor: Guest Ministers

Moderator: John Hirota

Church Delegate: Laurie H. Kauleinamoku

Worship Services:

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. -in-person only

15 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai

22 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai

29 Jan 2023 Kahu Barrett Awai & Na Opio of Kamehameha Schools Intermediate Division
(no electricity)

05 Feb 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett

12 Feb 2023 Kahu David Popham

19 Feb 2023 Kahu D. Neal MacPherson

26 Feb 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

05 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

12 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

19 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

26 Mar 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Lenten Season)

02 Apr 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Holy Communion)

09 Apr 2023 Kahu Kyle Lovett (Easter Sunday/Resurrection Day)

Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects:

14 Jan 2023 Safety Anti-Violence Class @ Kaumakapili Church @ 10:00 a.m.

14 Jan 2023 OCHCC meeting @ Kaumakapili Church following class

15 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

22 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

28 Jan 2023 SCHCC meeting via zoom @ 9:00 a.m.

29 Jan 2023 LPC Special General Membership meeting re: Cesspool/Septic Tank Issue after
worship service

29 Jan 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

12 Feb 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

18 Feb 2023 Punahoa Heritage Forest Benefit @ Waimea Falls Park (cancelled due to bad
weather)

19 Feb 2023 Project Moi-King Lunalilo @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.

22 Feb 2023 Wedding of Diane Skyland & Wayne Reis officiated by Kahu Kordell Kekoa

24 Feb-25 Feb 2023 Spring 'Aha Halawai @ Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church in Haiku, Maui
(church delegate or representative did not attend)
28 Feb 2023 Na Alakai with Papa Makua @ 6:30 p.m. via zoom
11 Mar 2023 Ho'oponopono Workshop @ Kaumakapili Church @ 10:00 a.m.
18 Mar 2023 LPC Annual Spring Kalua Pig Fundraiser
21 Mar 2023 SCHCC special meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
25 Mar 2023 Punahou Heritage Forest Benefit @ Waimea Falls Park
04 Apr 2023 Papa Palapala `Aina-Lapule 2 @ 4:00 p.m. via zoom by Dr. Ronald Williams Jr.
04 Apr 2023 LPC Council meeting @ 6:00 p.m. in board room

Upcoming Events:

29 Apr 2023 SCHCC meeting @ 9:00 a.m. via zoom
20 May 2023 Oahu Association meeting
21 May 2023 LPC General Membership meeting after worship service
09 Jun 2023 AHEC `Aha Na kai `Ewalu @ Kaneohe Congregational Church
15 Jun 2023 `Aha Iki SCHCC Annual meeting via zoom
16 Jun-17 Jun 2023 `Aha Makua via zoom

Life Celebrations

21 Feb 2023 Services for Joseph Grilho (non-member) at St. Michael's Church

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COMMENT TO THE BOARD: There was a concern reported from Kawaiaha'o Church that the notice of the openings for the AHEC were not communicated efficiently or in a timely manner. As the AHEC OAHU Isle representative, I take my questions from what I receive in my email. I admit that I should have been more attentive; I do recall hearing a small report at the recent Board meeting, however, I believed that the Nomination Committee would have followed up as regards the needs.

Note: Kahu David Twigg respectively reported that he is retiring for the fourth time and at this time there is no delegate from Ka Hana ke Akua Church.

Sincerely ke Akua,

/s/ Myrna-Lyn D. Abang
AHEC Oahu Representative

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Aha Na Kai Ewalu
June 2023
East Maui Report

Aloha Brothers and Sisters In Christ

As we anticipate the General Synod let us give praise for one another presence. Mahalo to our Papa Makua to host such a beautiful venue. We are truly blessed. Since our last face to face on Maui, Kalanikahua Hou luakini we had made the decision to continue in the same fashion of meeting each other in person. We trust the Lord will keep us in his most Holy hands as we do his good work at Kaneohe on Oahu.

Paia Hawaiian Congregational Church: Kahu Roy has been faithfully serving Paia and it is community. During the pandemic Paia had continued the service of Ho`ike with only it is church members and ohana. In fact they called it Ho`ike Ohana. This year they would like to continue this new tradition and celebrate not one but two Ho`ike. They have an annual one in November, but this year they would like to also have one in July called Ho`ike Ohana. What a way to praise Him and fellowship. Watch for future announcements.

Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church: This beautiful little church by the sea continues to support its community and members. Service is held on Sundays starting at 9:30 am. Other activities follow with youth and adults. Please stop in if you are ever in the Kihei area.

Keanae Church: The ohana in Keanae seem to have a resurgence to come back to church and worship. They are looking to update the by-laws and repair the luakini. Let us pray for the ohana there as they prepare their way back into the fold. The luakini is well on its way under construction. Beams are going up and the walls will be made firm once more. Praise be the Lord.

Nahiku Hawaiian Protestant Church: They continue to worship once a month on the first Sunday. Kahu Aarona faithfully makes the long drive to his luakini and brings the good word. Mahalo to the Kaho`okele ohana for continuing to open the doors in the little village of Nahiku. A hui hou to Mike and Irene Pavao, former Moderator. They have closed up residency in Hana and packed their bags to live closer to their son Mikaele in Arizona. They will be deeply missed by their community and the village of Nahiku.

Kalanikahua Hou Church: The luakini continues and thrive. We are busy planning for our annual Ho`ike, however as scheduling goes we needed to adjust our normal 2nd Saturday to the 3rd Saturday in September. All is welcomed please join us if you can. On August 17, 2023 Kalanikahua Hou will greet and host the First Nation Indigenous Stories and Songs Convention. There will people from all over the globe that will participate. This is the first time they have held this event in Hawaii. We are honored to be a part of the gathering. They will be here to speak of many topics such as resources, culture, history and spirituality and it all begins at Kalanikahua Hou and makes its way around Maui.

May our creator continue to Bless our Association and find grace and favor in our work.

Joyclynn Costa
East Maui Island Representative

West Maui & Molokai AHEC Churches
Report to the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches BOD
June 9, 2023

Aloha Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches,

Lahuiokalani Ka`anapali Congregational Church:

We continue to have church in-person services, which begin at 10 AM. Attendance appears to be lower than previous years. Celebrated Easter with 70+ attendees; there were many young families. A new members class is slated for mid-June.

Waiola Church:

Waiola Church celebrated Easter Sunday service with piano accompaniment attended by members and visitors. All energies are focused on Waiola's 200th anniversary celebration! Plans include a Friday night presentation for History Theater. Join us on Saturday, May 27th for activities on the church grounds. There will be a luau in the evening.

Work has centered on readying the church grounds and graveyard and improvements have been made for several of the church's rental homes. Board and member meetings are now held in person and services are recorded and posted on our Facebook page.

Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church:

Olowalu's Moderator, Paul Keator

Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church:

We at Keolahou are doing fine! Still keeping our door open on Sunday and thanking Ke Akua for His Blessings and direction.

Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church (PHPC):

Shared Sunrise Service with Maluhia Church. Resurrection Worship Service was held at Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church 11 a.m. On March 26, Paia Church hosted Royal Order of Kamehameha Kahekili Chapter and Nā Wahine Hui o Kamehameha & the 'Ahahui Ka`ahumanu Society in honor of Prince Kuhio. Praising God for His constant blessings!

Waihee Protestant Church:

Is working with the Pohnpei Ministry to build a Hale Lua for men and women. It will also include shower facilities. Verl and Susan Klassen lead Waihee Protestant Church spiritually. Verl is currently working with the AHEC COM for authorization as a UCC pastor.

Ka`ahumanu Church:

Ka'ahumanu continues having Sunday services in-person and virtually via Facebook live at 9:00am. In-person attendance has been good averaging 20-30 regulars. Ka`ahumanu Church, `Iao UCC, and Wailuku Union had joint worship services for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunrise services. After sunrise service the three churches had their individual Sunday services at their respective churches. At Kaahumanu 9:00 am Easter Worship, there was reaffirmation of Baptism and Faith followed by Holy Communion. Everyone enjoyed breakfast.

Kalua`aha Congregational Church:

Kalua`aha Congregational Church and the other Top Side Moloka'i churches continue to have worship services with the Pastoral leadership of Pastor Janice Ogoshi.

Blessings to all for the Advent and Christmas seasons!

Mahalo Ke Akua a me ka Ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Higa". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Wayne Higa
West Maui & Molokai Representative

Association Of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
2023 Nā Kai `Ewalu `Aha `Iki Kauai Island Report
June 9, 2023 – Kaneohe, Oahu

Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant Church is nestled below Kalalea Mountain in Anahola, Kaua'i, a prominent peak that beckons you to share in it's beauty and feel God's presence. Bask in his arms and feel his presence, feel his arms around you, ahh what a joy this is! Mahalo Ke Akua!!!

The first sanctuary at Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant Church had a dirt floor. Many came to the services wearing boots and cowboys hats after traveling many miles through rain and on rough, dirt roads on horse-driven wagons to get there. At least 85 percent of the people in Anahola belonged to the church. Over the decades, it has steadily served as a refuge and sanctuary during storms. It has provided shelter and food regardless of religious faiths. It has filled physical and spiritual needs.

Today, it blends a liturgy that is both traditional and contemporary. It unites generations of young families, seniors and singles, as our worship follows ancient Christian patterns, yet is situated firmly in Hawaiian traditions. Hymns, anthems, and prayers are in Hawaiian and English. Scripture is read in Hawaiian and English; the sermon in Hawaiian and English, depending on who our visiting kahu is.

We even have a sign by the main highway that was made by a member, which attracts visitors from afar.



Just recently we started up our Sunday School Program. It takes a lot of manpower to run a Sunday School program. There are many opportunities with different commitment levels to take advantage of. Volunteers do not have to be a Sunday School parent to help: but all are welcome.

Our Sunday School goals are: to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to all children, to create a program where the children feel valued and have fun so they can't wait to come back each week, to provide children with lasting adult and child friendships grounded in good Christian beliefs, and to provide a balanced approach to learning through classroom study/activities, music, and worship service opportunities

We have so much to be grateful for, especially to Ke Akua for providing all that we need: kahu and speakers who share their mana'o, dedicated leaders, 'ohana, friends, members and deacons who generously serve our church and community of Anahola.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kalei Arinaga, Moderator

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES



STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION REPORT

Nā Kai `Ewalu `Aha `Iki Annual Report

May 16, 2023 Kaneohe Congregational, Oahu



He brought out his people with rejoicing, his chosen ones with shouts of joy; Psalms 105:43

Aloha Kākou!

As we continue through the year, keep focused on Jesus Christ our Savior. Jesus brings joy and hope to all through his love in our life as we turn to him. We all bear burdens, but he encourages us to praise him...sharing the joy in our hearts as we move through our daily paths Mahalo i ke Akua for his light and joy in our lives. We are his beloved children.

This past Spring `Aha Halawai meeting at Kalanikahua Hou was so blessed! Joyclyn Costa's congregation were such gracious hosts to us all and they made all of us feel right at home. It was so heartfelt to see all the churches who attended and participated at our meeting sharing in JOY for the first time on Maui returning face to face from a 5-year absence. The worship and fellowship was anointed we felt the spirit on the move. JOY! This serves to remind us that as a body of Christ, we should meet and worship together praising the Lord and thanking him for the blessings he shares with us freely and graciously to remind us of what is important.

This year marks the 200th Anniversary some of our churches. Praise the Lord! Kalapana Maunakea Church, Laupahoehoe Church, and Waiola Church share 200 years of worship and service to Hawaii's po'e. Kawaiha'ō Church and Mokuaikaua Church have also had their 200th year anniversary and how rich and blessed are our people to be the children of God in service for the Lord.

As a reminder, we will continue to collect Quilt Patterns for our Ka Pāhana Kuiki Hawaii project. This endeavor has merit. Currently, we are looking to decentralize the process for this project and will be reaching out to each island for a leader. The leader will encourage their churches to make a quilt representing their island. We can accomplish this with each Island taking care of their kuleana and share the beauty and grace of their island churches reflected in their quilts.

Brothers and sisters be blessed in all you do. Face to face meetings bring joy and bind us together. Let us renew our love and trust in our Heavenly Father, we his chosen children. Know the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love of our Lord and he lives in our lives preparing us evermore to serve and love in his spirit.

Blessings in the Holy Spirit,

Loke Kamanu

State Sunday School Association President

REPORT 'Aha Nā Kai 'Ewalu Handbook – May 17, 2023

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

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.

Goals of the Covenantal Relationship

1. KS will establish deputation teams which will be available to local churches to lead worship and demonstrate servant leadership. This would demonstrate to the local church that youth are contributing members of the worship experience.
2. Support the local churches by providing opportunities for the students to demonstrate servant leadership in their church and home communities. KS will assist the student in developing the projects.
3. Encourage pastors of the local churches to be a part of our ministry to our children by serving as resources for our Chapels and Christian Education classes.
4. KS will make its facilities available for AHEC functions, provided they do not conflict with KS events/functions.

Tri Campus Deputation Teams – Local Ministry w/ Pastoral Support Activities SY 2022-2023

KS Kapālama: Kahu Manu Naeole KS Maui: Kahu Kalani Wong

KS Hawai'i: Kahu Kaunaloa Boshard

- April 30, 2023 – KS Hawai'i / KS Kapālama Kahu Kaunaloa and Kahu Barrett Awai with KSK Middle School DT at Haili Church
- March 19, 2023 – KS Hawai'i at Haili with DT
- March 6, 2023 – KS Hawai'i at Haili with DT
- March 5, 2023 – KS Maui Kahu at Kalanikahua Hou Church with DT
- February 26, 2023 -KS Kapālama at Ewa Community
- February 12, 2023 – KS Kapālama Kaumakapili Church
- October 15, 2022 - KS Kapālama at Kalihi Moanalua Church.
- September 30, 2022 – KS Hawai'i at Kahikolu Church and Mokuaikaua Church Historical Presentation
- September 30, 2022 - KS Hawai'i / KS Kapālama Kahu Kaunaloa and CE Kumu Kalei Cosma led ES DT on a Huaka'i about Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia at Moku o Keawe.

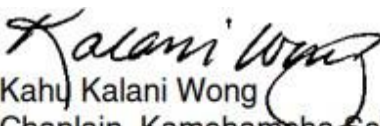
- September 10, 2022 - KS Kapālama at Kawaihae Church – Faith Journey of Pauahi
- August 28, 2022 - KS Maui and KS Hawai'i Deputation Teams led worship at Ka'ahumanu and were blessed by the experience.
- August 27, 2022 - KS Maui and KS Hawai'i Deputation Teams helped the church 'ohana at Ka'ahumanu Congregational located in Wailuku, Maui clean their Hale Pule and outside areas.
- May 15, 2022 – KS Hawai'i at Haili with DT

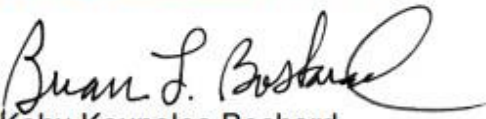
Aloha nō kākou,

E aloha 'ia mai 'oukou, a e maluhia ho'i e ke Akua, e ko kākou Makua, a e ka Haku e Iesū Kristo. What a blessing it is for Nā Kahu 'o Nā Kula Kamehameha to be in ministry with everyone in AHEC. This SY 2022-2023 all three of our campuses returned to our normal functions with all major convocations being well attended by staff and students. We have successfully moved past the previous two years of having students attend school in isolation to hybrid programs to finally getting back to a regular school schedule. Although there is still a significant need for spiritual, social, and emotional healing for both our haumāna and staff, we thank Ke Akua that we are on the road to recovery.

Consequently, there is still an increase in student issues with anxiety along with academic and social disengagement concerns. Despite these challenges, we have experienced a slight increase in our Deputation Teams' engagement with our local church communities from the two previous years. This is a good sign that the remnant of faith is still moving mountains at Kamehameha Schools with faith, hope, and love. We look forward to engaging our students in more community activities for SY 2023-2024. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

E aloha mai iā mākou, e lēhova,


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Christian Endeavor Report 2023

By Kahu Maluhia Warren

Aloha Kakou

We have been blessed this year moving forward with our Programs for our Luakinis. Here is a list of Programs this year, Mahalo for your participation in the events planned by Christian Endeavor Hawaii. Be looking for more next year in 2024 for our Pacific Regional Convention in American Samoa. We want to encourage all to be apart of what Jesus said, go into all the world baptizing and making disciples.

Mahalo Iesu

PROGRAMS 2023

1. CE Pacific Leadership Conference January 14 – 18, 2023 in American Samoa
January 18, 2023, Celebration in Honolulu, HI - Kanana Fou Church Rally of the Samoan Churches
2. Spring Youth Gathering at Luakini Church Hauoli Kamanao spring break event
March 14–18, 2023
3. CE World Conference Flensunger Höf, Germany from July 19 – July 23, 2023

Still have time to make your arrangements to make this trip, contact me if you need more information. We will reserve 2 bungalows at the location of the Conference. Round Trip to Germany is about \$2500 + \$300 for food and logging.

For Christ and His Church,