

III. ANNUAL REPORTS

**Report of the Conference Minister to the
201st ‘Aha Pae‘āina of the Hawai‘i Conference United Church of Christ
State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)**

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham

When it comes to annual reports, I find myself wondering what to highlight and fearful of what might be left out that should be included. The limitations of these reports are that spotlighting one area of the Conference life cast all other areas in the shadowy margins. My hope is that while drawing attention to a square in the quilt of our common life, that you, dear reader, will connect the one square to the broader, wider, infinitely richer pattern of the full quilt which is the Hawai‘i Conference United Church of Christ.

What is the “it,” that essential piece that Conference ministry is about for the good of its churches and their members, of our clergy and authorized ministers? In a significant respect Conference work is about navigating the expectations and at times conflicting expectations of those churches, members, and ministers who make up this Conference. Let there be no doubt that the canoe we are in as a Conference has been battered in recent years. Lean budgets, limited endowment draws, varying interpretations of legacy-liability, and passionate opinions make for choppy waters and sometimes all-out storms. Throughout it all one imperative remains constant, “Get us home safely.” We find this imperative wondrously expressed in the mele “Hoe Amau.” The first two lines of the refrain: “Pull for the shore, sailor, pull for the shore! Heed not the rolling waves, bend to the oar...”

When we understand this is the work of the Conference it becomes easier to articulate what we are about and how we relate to each other: we help each other get home safely. Once we understand this is the “it” of our being in community with one another, we also comprehend why each entity within the Conference exists. Simply put, each entity carries within it a part of getting us home safely which would otherwise be missing.

Within the system of the Hawai‘i Conference, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches works to advocate for and champion the needs of historical Hawaiian Congregational Churches. Your advocacy and championing of these needs keeps us pulling to shore and not mistaking a rocky outcrop for safe harbor just as your bending to the oar keeps us from becoming lost in a vast ocean. The SCHCC in publishing the addendum to the Advocacy

Book continues to provide landmarks and buoys that mark our path and point us to the coastline.

This year the Executive Council (the four officers of the Conference, plus one at large member from the Conference Council) agreed that our canoe needed help in navigating the most treacherous waters of our journey: our internal conflicts. To this end they invited the full Conference Council to engage the work of neutral mediators Elizabeth Kent, Leolinda Iokepa, and Peter Adler, for sometimes navigating choppy waters involves those who know the ways of tides and undercurrents lost to our memory. Following the first report of the neutral mediators, the Council decided to continue with them in the hope they can assist us in getting home safely.

The theme for the 2023 'Aha Makua is "Discerning God's Path as the Community of the Faithful." The SCHCC remains a part of our community of the faithful. Mahalo for your partnership.



*Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
201st Aha Pae'aina*

*State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Aha Iki /Virtual - June 15, 2023*

Advisor's Report

Aloha kakou,

As another year comes to an end, we mahalo Ke Akua for bringing us into a new year. Seems we were in this time yesterday and now we are beginning anew.

I mahalo our SCHCC ohana for supporting me this past year as your newly appointed advisor and look forward to our continuing journey together in this new year.

This past year, we completed two (2) items carried as old business on our agenda.

1. We finalized and published our Addendum-Celebrating Advocacy Past, Present & Future book, now available for purchase.
2. We scheduled a Hooponopono workshop facilitated by Kumu Earl Kawa'a and haumana, Nahoa Lucas, Dana Sato and Ben Akana.

The SCHCC participated in Pu'a Foundation's Punahoa Heritage Forest Orientation and blessing celebration.

To our Island Council Presidents / Representatives and Partner; Haunani Pacheco – **Kauai**, Kaiulani Hess – **Oahu**, Uluwehi Sai – **Molokai Topside**, Aileen Trout – **Maui**, Clem Malani, Jr – **East Hawaii**, Debbie Wong Yuen – **West Hawaii**, Toni Bissen- **Pu'a Foundation**, and David Popham – **Conference Minister**, mahalo for your leadership and unending support of the SCHCC.

As we prepare to gather virtually for our 201st Aha Pae'aina, the SCHCC will be the only entity holding its annual meeting during the Aha Iki.

To our Executive Committee; Sharon Matsuyama – **President**, Lorna Motas – **Vice President**, Keoki Kiwaha – **Secretary**, Frank Mulec – **Treasurer**, Kealahou Alike – **Resource Person** and Boyd Matsuyama – **Advisor**, mahalo for being ho'okahi ka pu'uwai i ko kakou kuleana.

In His Service,

Boyd Matsuyama
Boyd Matsuyama - Advisor



**State Council of
Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)**

**SCHCC Annual Meeting
(via ZOOM) - June 15, 2023**

President's Report

Aloha SCHCC Ohana,

I think you will all agree that we have had quite a year, so far. It's been exciting! It's been challenging and more importantly.....it's been a year full of love and support from each of you. Mahalo for that!

In an earlier report, specifically in my April 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting report, I shared a couple of exciting events that took place in March and April 2023, which included:

- 1) a Ho'oponopono Workshop held at Kaumakapili Church in Honolulu, on March 11, 2023. Mahalo to Boyd Matsuyama and Uluwehi Sai, for a great job with planning this wonderful workshop facilitated by Earl Kawaa, Ho'oponopono Practitioner and his haumana, Nakoia Lucas, Dana Sato and Ben Akana: and**
- 2) the Punahoa Heritage Forest Orientation, which took place on April 11, 2023 in Hilo. Mahalo to Toni Bissen, Executive Director of Pu'a Foundation and Partner of SCHCC. Mahalo also to Toni's Office Staff, Debbie Victor and Kimmie Takata for the excellent work that they continue to do for Pu'a Foundation.**

For me, both events were without a doubt, excellent! As I shared in that report, the Ho'oponopono Workshop and the Punahoa Heritage Forest Orientation and blessing celebration were educationally informative and for me, personally, afforded the opportunity to understand what each event was about. I pray that we will be able to schedule more events like that, in the near future.

There have been many things keeping us busy and we will continue to be busy as we move forward. Much mahalo to our Officers and Board Members, and our regular "guest" attendees/participants. A special mahalo to our Advisor, Boyd Matsuyama, who has been the "willing vessel" with helping our organization stay apprised with the different issues we have been dealing with.

At our January 2023 Board Meeting, the history of the SCHCC (shown below) was shared. This information will continue to be shared in my reports, so that each reader will hopefully, appreciate the what and the why of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches' existence. Again, as a friendly reminder, I

share this important information, to continue helping us learn about how this organization helps our Hawaiian Churches. To help you understand what "we" are about.....I again share a little history with you:

About Us: *The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) traces its roots back to the 1948 'Aha Pae'aina of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association (the precursor to today's Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ. The State Council was set up to provide leadership for Hawaiian churches, promote their work, and to nurture fellowship.*

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches was formally recognized at the 1952 'Aha Pae'aina. It continues today with approximately forty four member churches working together to keep alive the legacy and traditions of the native Hawaiian churches out of a sincere love for the Hawaiian churches and our Lord Jesus Christ!

As representatives and supporters of our respective churches, organizations and each other let us keep moving forward together, in Unity, with faith, trust and love.

It is our hope that this brief history about the SCHCC is more clearly understood, as we continue working with our Hawaiian Churches.

Mahalo and God's blessings,

Sharon Matsuyama

**Sharon Matsuyama
President**

cc: Board of Directors

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)
Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches (R & M) Report
‘AHA IKI - JUNE 15, 2023

The SCHCC Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Congregational Churches (R & M) Annual 2023 reports on the following:

Outstanding Project from 2018:

- **Helani Congregational Church (Hawaii Island)** No report submitted. Their West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches April 16, 2023 reports indicates that James Walshburn is still the contractor who is seeking someone to conduct soil testing before they can start on the sanctuary wall repairs.
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Completed Projects in 2022:

- **Lahuioakalani Ka`anapali Congregational Church (Maui)**-Aileen Trout reported in November 2022 that the eight original windows in the sanctuary from 1929 were replaced with double hung windows. The project was completed. Pictures and a final report were submitted.
- **Ola`a First Hawaiian Church (Hawaii Island)**-Judith Bailey submitted a final report indicating the termite treatment to their sanctuary, restrooms, and hall were completed.

Uncompleted Projects in 2022:

- **Kalaikamanu Hou Congregational Church (Molokai)**-Uluwehi Sai reported in her October 2022 report that they were not able to start their project due to an unexpected water leak. Initially they were unable to locate a plumber on island to do the needed repairs to start the R & M project. They have since found a plumber and are now awaiting a date for the plumber to repair the leak.
 - **Waialua Congregational Church (Molokai)** Jo Simms last reported in October 2022 that they were close to completing their project which involved installation of handrails, windows, and lights in the sanctuary. She reported this week that they are still working on the electrical part of the project and have not completed the project as of January 17, 2023. She will submit a report upon completion of the project. Pictures of the new handrails, windows and light were submitted.
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Project requests for 2023:

There was one request submitted by 12/31/2022.

- **Puka`ana Congregational Church (Hawaii Island)**. The church applied to termite tent their sanctuary, hall, and bathroom. The project to tent the hall and bathroom is March 13-14 2023. The sanctuary tenting is May 15-16. A letter was sent to Andy Bunn at the Hawaii Conference Foundation (HCF), on February 23, informing him this was approved by the R & M Committee, the SCHCC BOD and SCHCC Executive Committee in January 2023. He sent a follow up letter releasing the funding for this project.

- An extension for R & M 2022 applications (for work in 2023) was approved at the January 28, 2023, BOD meeting. Since only one church applied by December 31, 2022, and there was a remaining balance of \$31,200.00, a new deadline was set for March 25, 2023. A letter was sent from Lorna Motas to SCHCC churches via Island Council Representatives who were asked to inform the churches on their respective island of the deadline extension.
 - Four churches responded and met the March 25, 2023 deadline. They are:
 1. Kauaha`ao Congregational Church (Hawaii Island) Termite Tenting
 2. Kalaiakamanu Hou Congregational Church (Molokai) Repair leaks in Social Hall
 3. Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church (Kauai) Termite Tenting church
 4. Keawala`i Congregational Church (Maui) Roof Replacement

Even with the four church's requests, there was a remaining balance of \$2,438.00. The R & M Committee concurred via email on March 30, 2023, to spread the remaining balance between the four small membership Hawaiian churches; Puka`ana, Kauaha`ao, Kalaiakamanu Hou and Hanapepe Congregational churches, based on a % to total cost of the above churches. See the spreadsheet with the details.

A final report was sent to Andy Bunn at the HCF confirming the approval of the four above church's applications by the R & M Committee, the SCHCC Executive Board and the SCHCC Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna Motas

Lorna Motas-Chair of SCHCC, R & M Committee

Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches
 Year 2022 for project work in 2023

Church	Cost of Project	Church 1/3 Share	Requesting from R & M	total 4 small churches cost	4 of small church % to total of their cost	additional \$\$ from \$2438	total \$ from HCF to church
Puka'ana Cong'l Church	\$ 12,880.00	\$ 4,080.00	\$ 8,800.00	\$ 12,880.00	29.8%	\$ 726.00	\$ 9,526.00
Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church	\$ 5,644.00	\$ 1,882.00	\$ 3,762.00	\$ 5,644.00	13.0%	\$ 318.00	\$ 4,080.00
Hanapepe Hawaiian Cong'l Church	\$ 7,853.00	\$ 2,853.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 7,853.00	18.0%	\$ 439.00	\$ 5,439.00
Keawala'l Cong'l Church	\$ 223,665.00	\$ 213,665.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	0.0%	0.00	\$ 10,000.00
Kalaikamanu Hou Cong'l Church	\$ 17,063.00	\$ 7,063.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 17,063.00	39.2%	\$ 955.00	\$ 10,955.00
Total	\$ 267,105.00	\$ 229,543.00	\$ 37,562.00	\$ 43,440.00	100.0%	\$ 2,438.00	\$ 40,000.00
NOTES							
total funding	\$ 40,000.00						
total request	\$ 37,562.00						
remaining balance	\$ 2,438.00						

Church	Project Description
Puka'ana Cong'l Church	termite tenting church, bathroom and hall
Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church	termite tenting church, bathroom and hall
Hanapepe Hawaiian Cong'l Church	termite tenting church
Keawala'l Cong'l Church	roof replacement
Kalaikamanu Hou Cong'l Church	repair leaks in the community hall

Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund

Report of Awards for 2023

June 15, 2023

On June 25, 1990, Kahu Richard W. Wong established the “KAHU RICHARD W WONG ENDOWMENT FUND “to help Hawaiian churches for their:

- educational,
- mission,
- scholarship,
- evangelistic,
- personnel,
- and building needs.*” However, *“(Grants are **NOT** to be given to build, maintain, or renovate *income producing facilities.*”

The annual fund allocation is **\$7,000**.

Outstanding Projects:

It has been a long road to repair and improve the **Kaumakapili Church’s** pipe organ. With kokua from a professional organ master from Keawala`i Church on Maui, the project is nearing completion; the project began in 2021.

Projects for 2023:

Wai`oli Hui`ia Church submitted a continuing request for their youth program called *He-Brews Lounge*. The program invites 6-12 graders to spend their Saturday evenings learning of Jesus, developing friendships, strengthen their identity, and feel a belonging to the church community. The church requested \$2,500 from Kahu Richard Wong’s Endowment Fund. Seeing the value of this program, the Board of Directors approved an additional funding of \$1,000 bringing their total grant to **\$3,500**.

Committee:

Aileen Trout, Chair

Linda Norrington, Waiola Church

Boyd Matsuyama, Puka`ana Church



STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
P.O. BOX 407
HOLUALOA, HAWAII 96725

William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund

(State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches)
Sharon Matsuyama, Chairperson
c/o Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
1848 Nuuanu Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
(808)- 936-1385

SCHCC Annual Meeting
June 15, 2023
(via ZOOM)

Aloha e na hoahanau me na hoaloha,

No funding has been granted for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023. The deadline for applying for funding through the William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund is by October 15 of each year.

The “William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund” was established as a memorial Scholarship in 1979, following the passing of Licentiate Kahu, William K. Keliihoomalu. The fund was started with a monetary gift of \$25.00 by Mrs. Ada Larrison, a friend of the family, and continued growing with support from members of the Keliihoomalu ‘Ohana, Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church, and many friends. She requested that this gift be placed in a Custodial Account with the Hawaii Conference Foundation, for the purpose of providing financial aid for seminary, postgraduate and continuing education expenses.

When the fund grew to the amount of \$500.00, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) was appointed Custodian of this Scholarship fund, by Kahu Richard Kamanu. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches turned the funds over to the Hawaii Conference Foundation to be invested. An amount of \$5,000.00 was set, as the starting goal, for using the earned interest income, towards the granting of the scholarship fund, for the purpose stated.

Interested individuals are encouraged to consider requesting financial assistance through this Scholarship fund. Please refer to the William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Policy on the SCHCC website by logging on to www.hcucc.org then clicking on Affiliate Organizations. .

If there are any questions, call the telephone number shown on the letterhead of this report.

In His Service,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama,
Chairperson - William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

KATHERINE & CLAY WERY FUND

201st Aha Paeaina/Aha Iki

Annual Meeting

June 15, 2023

Aloha Kakou,

In July 2016, Dr Naleen Andrade, hanai daughter of Katherine Hanley Wery, met with the SCHCC Executive Committee to discuss funding, benefiting Rural Hawaiian Churches.

The Hawaii Conference UCC and Dr Naleen Andrade approved the SCHCC Executive Committee to be the oversight committee of this fund.

Molokai Topside Council approved funding for a community suicide program which was put on hold due to COVID.

Oahu Council requested funding of an individual for seminary support. Request did not qualify under current guidelines and request was denied.

The Executive Committee will review guidelines to better support the needs of its Island Councils and member churches.

Boyd Matsuyama - Advisor

Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (KCHCC)
Annual Report
June, 15, 2023

Member Churches:

Hanapepe Hawaiian
Kapa'a First Hawaiian
Ko'olau Hui'ia
Ka 'Ohana Ni'ihau
Wai'oli Hui'ia
Waimea UCC

Officers:

President:	Haunani Pacheco
Vice President:	Linda Ka'auwai-Iwamoto
Secretary:	Bonnie Shimatsu
Treasurer:	Naomi Yokotake
Advisor:	Rev. Barry Mick

The Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches met faithfully on 5 occasions in the past year (July 17, 2022, October 23, 2022, January 15, 2023, March 19, 2023). Our churches continue to navigate through ongoing pandemic issues, decreasing memberships, financial instability, lack of pastors for pulpit supply, and deteriorating buildings. This Bible verse comes to mind. Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

Our Hawaiian churches are resilient and have made their requests known to God. They have been able to continue worship services weekly through Zoom and In-Person services. Here are some of the activities our churches are involved in.

Ko'olau Hui'ia put a sign on Kuhio Highway welcoming people to their Hawaiian service on Sunday mornings. Their church attendance has increased. A youth activity night for ages 8 -16 has been started.

Wai'oli Hui'ia has been successful in attracting keiki and youth to weekly programs specifically designed to their needs. "Keiki Nights" are on Wednesday evenings, "Hi Brews" are on Saturday nights. Wai'oli Hui'ia received 8 new members but there were two families that moved to the mainland.

Hanapepe Hawaiian have been supplementing their income by having rummage sales. They hosted back to school activities with school supplies as prizes. A well attended farewell luncheon for Sandi Sterker was a testament to Sandi's many years of service to her church and her community.

Waimea UCC has attracted lots of children. They had a dinner for children so their parents could have a "date" night. They did a hospital appreciation by preparing goodie bags and prepackaged food and

drinks for the staff. The men of the church prepared a meal for the women of the church for Mother's Day and the keiki made corsages for the women. Kahu Olaf conducts Adult Bible Study weekly at Puakea Assisted Living Facility.

Kapa'a First Hawaiian has recently replaced their roof and other repairs are forthcoming. Their fence has been repaired after a car accident damaged it. Their youth are assigned scripture verses to share in church service on Sundays.

There were two grant request approved by the KCHCC Board. One was from Wai'oli Hui'ia for their "He Brew" youth program. The request was for \$2,500 but SCHCC Board members were impressed with the program and awarded \$3,500.

The other request was from Hanapepe Hawaiian for \$5,000 from the Hawai'i Conference Foundation Repairs and Maintenance – Small Hawaiian Churches fund. The grant request has been forwarded to the committee that reviews this grant request and it is still pending approval.

Our KCHCC churches are small but continue to be a beacon to their communities. They keep the lights on to show the way to those who need to find Christ.

Iesu Pu!

Haunani Pacheco
President - KCHCC

Oahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Reports from the OCHCC to SCHCC

Saturday, June 15, 2023

OCHCC quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, 10:00am, in person at Kahikuonalani Protestant Church. Mahalo to Joanne Kishimori and Kahikuonalani Protestant Church for hosting this meeting in their church hall.

Present / written report: Kahikuonalani Church (Joanne Kishimori), Kaumakapili Church (Wendy Ann Garcia and Lorna Motas), Kawaiaha'o Church (Ka'iulani Hess and Arminta Nishimura) and Liliuokalani Protestant Church (Laurie Kauleinamoku) and Pearl City Community Church (Millie Yee) were present.

Not Present/no written report: Bishop Memorial Chapel (Kahu Manu Nae'ole), Hau'ula Congregational Church (Bessie Kamakeeaina), Ka Hana O Ke Akua (Kahu David Twigg, Phil Ward), Kalihi and Moanalua Church (Toni Ku-Daniels, Waianae Protestant Church (Kahu Hailama Farden).

Old/New Business

- Held elections today. Hoomaikai to our newly elected officers: President: Joanne Kishimori, Kahikuonalani Church; Vice President: Laurie Kauleinamoku, Liliuokalani Protestant Church; Treasurer: Arminta Nishimura, Kawaiaha'o Church. Secretary: Ka'iulani Hess, Kawaiaha'o Church; Advisor: Wendy Ann Garcia, Kaumakapili Church
- Contacted member churches who have not been present at the quarterly meetings to keep in touch, invite and encourage their participation. We received responses from three out of five churches contacted. Waianae Protestant Church was meeting to decide on how they move forward. Ka Hana O Ke Akua has a new church delegate, Phil Ward who prefers to meet by zoom. Hau'ula Protestant Church, Bessie Kamakeeaina was out of town. The church is still waiting for permits.
- ~~OSSSA vacancies remain.~~ Discussions: Shared thoughts of Ho'ike and Aha Mele. Negative: people are busy, very few children attend. Positive: enjoy the fellowship with other churches; Idea: letter to the delegates to survey their church on an idea / a new way in gathering the Oahu Churches in lieu of a traditional Ho'ike or Aha Mele. Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19 "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." Reflection on Moses and the Israelites crossing the Red Sea entering into a new place; a new way. Trusting God. 1) Lorna Motas to make inquiry with Haole Akaka sharing our thoughts and ideas to get his mana'o and get back to us. If we decide to move forward, Joanne Kishimori: will do a letter requesting that the delegates present a survey on the idea; like, don't like; will participate; will not participate; etc.

- Question on training. Can the training also include the island councils?
- SCHCC Meeting, Saturday, April 29, 2023, (more information to follow); Island Council reports due April 22, 2023
- OAUCC Aha Mokupuni, Saturday, May 20, 2023, 8:30am-12noon, flyer invites sent to churches.
- SCHCC 'Aha Iki, Thursday, June 15, 2023, via zoom, more information to follow.
- HCUCC Aha Pae'aina, Aha Makua June 16-17, 2023, via zoom, more information to follow.

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.

Kaumakapili Church (written report)

Church: Kaumakapili Church

Kahu/Pastor: Pastor Valerie Ross, Interim Minister

Moderator/President: Lorna Motas

Church Delegate: Wendy Ann Garcia

Worship Services

Our worship services have been well attended in person and virtually. We've had a steady stream of congregants in person (approx. 20-25) and with 18 or so virtually every Sunday. We have been blessed beginning our year 2023. Mahalo Ke Akua for guiding us through this period of transitioning.

1/15/23 – Celebrated Queen Lili'uokalani

1/22/23– Kalaupapa Sunday with songs and stories of Kalaupapa Ohana.
Food Bank Sunday – Congregants sharing their contributions with our Outreach Ministry.

February — Preparation for the Lenten Season. Lenten Focus: Fast,Pray,Give.

2/12/23 — Kamehameha Deputation Team w/Kahu Manu Naeole

3/26/23 — Installation of BOD officers.

4/2/23 — Passion Sunday

4/9/23 — Easter Sunday
6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

Activities Planned for the Keiki & Kupuna.

Baptisms

Life Celebrations

4/1/2023–Eleu Kamakanoe Ornellas Castellanos

Programs, Events,Meetings, Projects

Since my last report we have been blessed many times over with many things going forward into 2023. With Pastor Valerie Ross continuing to shepherd us with her inspirational services. Mahalo Pastor Ross.

Sunday School — Chelsea Fernandez along with her Education MinistryTeam are making headway with our keiki as they ready themselves for Lent & the Easter Season. We will be seeing more from them this year. Kudos to all of them.

Ongoing Bible Studies — This has been one of our biggest blessings that has come out of the pandemic or should I say endemic. The creation of the Women’s Bible Studies and our own Deacon Hauoli Akaka we have learned and experienced and shared much with each other. We have reached places & people all over the pae’aina to hear the Word from the Bible. If you haven’t already experienced it you must join us. Contact our church office for more information.

Outreach Ministries

1. Our ongoing homeless food partnership with Punawai Rest Stop has continued and looks to be successful. As this is a problem in our state we try to do our best to contribute to help as best we can.
2. Ka Hina’i Ho’omoana continues to do their marketing in our community with our seniors, and other community members that need food security. The schedule for the market are as follows: Every Wednesday 9:00-11:00 a.m.. Please contact our church office for further information @ 808 8450908.

Board of Directors Meeting

05/13/23 @10:00 a.m.

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, Kalanikauhua 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
- Abby Nery
- Henry Imaikalani Young
- Jerold Hansen
- Lydia Maiwela
- Aulani Hoomanawanui
- Lanikiekie Dias
- Kauilani Ramos

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 Punahoa 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

Pearl City Community Church (written report)

Church: Pearl City Community Church

Kahu/Pastor: Reverend Doctor, Gordon Marchant

Moderator: Dominic Inocelda

Delegate: Millie Yee

Worship Services

- Sunday Services at 10:00 am to 11:00 am with viewing online
- Nu'u Lotu Samoan Church worships at 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
- Sunday School worships at 11:00 am with Jaylin Shirafuji, 12yrs old, leads the Children Worship.

Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects

- Reopened its doors to the after-school children. It's designed as a faith-based program that shares God's love and His Word with children in Grades 1-6.
- Sunday School resumed on February 19, Preschool to 12th Grade. There are about 12 students who will participate.
- There are (7) Bible Studies that are available online and in-person.
- Inspirational Ministry hosted "Laughter for the Soul" on Saturday February 25, in the Sanctuary. Jokes and humorous experiences were courageously shared by Church members and guests.
- Easter Sunday, Celebrate Christ's Resurrection! Crafts and Games Activities for children and adults after the service.
- Park Ministry: March 29, fed and distributed toiletries to the less fortunate at Blaisdell Park.

- Pearl Harbor Bike Path Cleanup: The first cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Has adopted a portion of the Pearl Harbor Bike Path between Hawaiian Electric Power Plant and Lehua Avenue.

Baptisms

- We are delighted within our church family to be blessed with the honor of Baptizing two children, Saber Mahi Matsui and Isabela Yap Sinon.

Topside Moloka'i Council Report for 2022

Greetings from Topside Moloka'i Council, which include the congregational churches of Ho'olehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Kalua'aha and Waialua.

Claire Iveson of Kalaiakamanu Hou continued as Chairperson of the Topside Moloka'i Council. Representatives from **Ho'olehua UCC**: Moderator-Rep Norman Levi and Pualani Akaka, Vice Moderator- Rep, **Kalaiakamanu Hou UCC**: Uluwehi Kakaio Sai, Moderator-Treasurer, Hi'ilei Kakaio Bernabe, **Kalua'aha UCC**: Earline Iaea, Moderator-Secretary, and **Waialua UCC**: Reps Tina Lindsey- He, Louise Laumauna Miguel, Jim Stone and Kahu Janice Ogoshi make up the rest of the council. The position of Vice Chairperson is still vacant. The TMC meets once a month at 4 p.m. on the second Tuesday via ZOOM.

First quarter activities included annual church meetings that were held after church services on different Sundays in January and February. Kahu Janice was able to attend the various meetings due to the change in preaching schedule for that particular Sunday.

Several activities occurred in the month of March. Kalaiakamanu Hou hosted Ash Wednesday Service on March 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. Four Bible Study sessions on Lent started March 9 and ended March 30, 2022. Good news proclaimed! Kahu Janice officially became a member of the 'Aha O Na Mokupuni 'O Maui, Moloka'I a me Lana'i and will need to decide the date for her installation.

Congregants observed and participated in several activities during the month of April. Maundy Thursday service was held at Kalaiakamanu Hou on April 14 at 5:30 p.m. and Good Friday service from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at Ho'olehua. The pavilion at Waialua was the perfect location near the beach to observe the Sunrise at the Easter Service, which was conducted by Kahu Janice at 5:30 a.m. Those who attended were treated to a delicious breakfast after service. Regular service was held at 8 a.m. for Ho'olehua and 9:30 a.m. for Kalaiakamanu Hou.

The 'Aha O Na Mokupuni 'O Maui, Moloka'I a me Lana'i meeting was held on May 14, 2022 with James Aarona presiding over ZOOM. Kahu Janice, Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua, and Earline Iaea from Kalua'aha were present virtually.

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches held their meeting at the 'Aha Iki on June 14, 2022. Kahu Janice, Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua, Uluwehi Sai from Kalaiakamanu Hou and Earline Iaea from Kalua'aha were included in the ZOOM meeting. Kahu Janice was the only one representing TMC for the 'Aha Pae'aina on June 17, 2022.

The six summer Bible Study sessions entitled "Exploring Different Ways to Pray" were held from June 22 -July 27, 2022 via ZOOM by Kahu Janice.

Aug. 28, 2022 turned out to be a beautiful day for Kahu Janice's installation. It was held at Ho'olehua with congregants from all Topside Churches, friends and guests from the

outer islands. Church ministers and leaders who were present included Kahu Dr. David Popham who gave the sermon, Arlene Pihana from the 'Aha O Na Mokupuni 'O Maui, Moloka'I a me Lana'i, Kahu Wendell Davis (AHEC), Kahu Wayne Higa from Kaahumanu Church, Kahu Kealahou Alike, Boyd and Sharon Matsuyama, (SCHCC). All in attendance enjoyed a delicious Hawaiian pa'ina.

The Leadership Project with Dr. Alan Roxburgh for Kahu Janice began in January 2022. She signed up and was accepted for this continuing education course via ZOOM to learn more about new leadership skills that could be helpful and applicable to her position as a settled minister for TMC. She has learned a lot from working with her cohort members and has written about what she has learned and done in her monthly report to TMC. She has formed a Moloka'i Leadership Group that included a member from each Topside Church who acted like a liaison between Kahu and their church. This group has met once a month since September 2022. They are Louise Miguel, Waialua, Earline Iaea, Kalua'aha, Crystal Egusa, Kalaiakamanu Hou and Judie Davidson from Ho'olehua.

There were many activities and events for the last quarter of the year. The month of October included an 'Aha Makua Special budget meeting on Oct. 1, 2022 via ZOOM and were attended by Kahu Janice, Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua, Uluwehi Sai from Kalaiakamanu Hou and Earline Iaea from Kalua'aha. Oct. 11 - 13, 2022 were the dates of the Pastoral Leadership retreat for na kahu at Stephens Retreat on O'ahu in which kahu Janice participated in person with other ministers.

Topside Bazaar returned after a 2-year hiatus. The first Saturday in November has always been our target date for our annual Bazaar. TMC members and the community displayed much anticipation and excitement, as Nov. 5th got closer. Being able to be face to face with the community again was special as the people checked out the food items in the baked goods and in the 'Dis n Dat' sections, found bargains galore in the rummage area, picked up chicken lunch plates, looked, made a bid and bought items from the silent auction booth, chose and bought a variety of fruit trees, flowers and ornamental plants to take home. The help from Ke Akua, teamwork and community involvement made this event successful.

Kalaiakamanu Hou has celebrated the Thanksgiving eve service yearly. Prayers of Thanksgiving were also shared with those in attendance.

Nov. 24, 2022 was the date for our 6th annual Thanksgiving meal for the community and homebound people. We are very grateful to Uluwehi Sai from Kalaiakamanu Hou who has chaired this event since its inception 6 years ago. Kahu Janice graciously donated some of her monetary gifts from her installation for the Thanksgiving meal. Other monetary and food donations were also received. Volunteers with assigned jobs for meal preparation knew what to do so the meal was cooked and prepared in no time at all and served in food containers (400 +) ready to be distributed via drive through or home delivery. We hope next year that people will be able to fellowship face to face in the social hall.

A group of interested congregants met for the last 4 sessions of Bible Study on Advent, which began on Nov 30, 2022 and ended on Dec. 21, 2022 via ZOOM.

The Community Choir was reactivated this year under new leadership and was able to do a Christmas performance for the community at Waialua Church on Dec. 16, 2022. Everyone who enjoyed the performance and stayed after was able to fellowship with each other and enjoy the delicious potluck meal.

A week later, congregants from other kalawina churches and people from the East side community joined together to celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight service with Kahu Janice at Waialua Church. Audience participation took place as Kahu gave her message. Wonderful evening for those who came to service and stayed for the potluck meal. Christmas packages filled with goodies were given out to everyone who attended church. In the meantime, on the west side of the island, Ho'olehua Church also celebrated their own Christmas Eve Candlelight Service planned by their own members. All enjoyed musical selections accompanied by the handbells. A "Shared Service" with Waialua was held at Kalua'aha Church on Christmas Day. It was a glorious day with some children, parents, grandparents and other 'ohana who gathered together to fellowship, have communion and hear Kahu's sermon. Mea 'ono packages were handed out to our visiting church family and other 'ohana.

The representative from Moloka'i to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches is Uluwehi Sai. She has willingly given her time and mana'o to participate at the quarterly meetings via ZOOM. The TMC is very appreciative of her willingness to serve in this capacity. Church renovation project that was started last year has been completed at Waialua Church through a repair and maintenance grant from SCHCC. Kalaiakamanu Hou also received monies to continue with their renovation project. Both churches were appreciative that monies from grants were available for small Hawaiian churches.

Although there are 6 SPI initiatives that originated in 2018 with HCUCC, the Moloka'i Council continued to focus only on one initiative. It is SPI #3: Expansive concept of church: Actively support new or different ways of "being church".

The Food Bank located at the Waialua Church Sunday School Building is open to families once a month. Mary Kalilikane is in charge with helpers Jim Stone and Kahu Janice. This was also a great opportunity for Kahu Janice to greet and meet the people who live in the community. The people who live in this area are very thankful for the food items that are given out once a month.

Kahu Janice has been with the Topside churches for almost three years serving 3 -4 different churches on one Sunday to preach at Ho'olehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Waialua and Kalua'aha on the fourth Sunday of each month.

She has conducted several Bible Study sessions throughout the year over ZOOM, helped to plan holiday and special occasion services with various churches, made visits to homebound kupuna, assisted with Food Bank distribution at Waialua, officiated at wedding

and memorial services, and experienced becoming a first-time bazaar planner and worker. She continued to be part of the Hawaii Conference Missional Team, attended HCUCC, 'Aha Pae'aina, 'Aha Iki, 'Aha O Na Mokupuni o Maui, Moloka'i a me Lana' meetings via ZOOM and prepared for her installation. She still meets with her Leadership Cohort group and formed a Moloka'I Leadership group with 4 women. She has also worked with each TMC church to review their priorities and set goals to work on for this past calendar year. It has been a very busy year for her. TMC is very happy that she's our settled minister.

The Topside Moloka'i Council is doing their best to continue representing their congregants and working together to do God's ministry on island.

Blessings,
Earline Iaea
Secretary for Moloka'I Topside Council, December 2022

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Maui Council Report
June 15, 2023

Ka`ahumanu Church, Kahu Wayne Higa reports that attendance and membership is creeping up. Like the Hawaii Conference, Ka`ahumanu Church began it's own Capital Campaign to raise \$2,000,000 for the repair and restoration of the sanctuary and steeple. There is so much history that needs to be preserved.

Kaulanapueo Church: Every three months, Kahu Jim A`arona leads pulpit supply and Holy Communion. Church members have challenges in the condition of outbuilding; they pose a liability for the church.

Keawala'i Church Kahu Scott Landis reports that the neighborhood is growing with condominiums and subdivision above Makena Landing...Makena is growing and getting crowded. We had a "family reunion " by having a Homecoming Sunday where the deacons invited all our members, associates, and friends to worship service and share a fellowship meal. It was a very successful day. Everyone felt a sense of aloha and homecoming with lots of conversations.

With kokua from State Council, Keawala`i Church was able to install a new roof. Mahalo ke Akua. Plans are being developed for a golf tournament to fund our outreach ministry. The pastoral search committee is working in earnest to post the position for a settled pastor; hopefully by the end of summer

Lahuiokalani Ka`anapali Through kokua from State Council, the church has 8 new windows; what a difference those windows make to physical well-being of the church. In June, a new members' class will bring in new members. Aloha Ke Akua.

Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church Kahu Roy Newton leads the congregation in Sunday services. On March 26, Pai`a Church honored Price Kuhio with Royal Order of Kamehameha and Nā Wahine Hui o Kamehameha & the 'Ahahui Ka`ahumanu Society. Praising God for His constant blessings!

We are piloting a potential partnership with community folks to provide a family friendly safe community events, featuring food vendors, artisans, and crafts on Fridays in the afternoons with potential of adding more days during the week.

Waihe`e Church Though not active members of Maui Council, Waihe`e Church is working with the Pohnpei Ministry to build a Hale Lua for men and women. It will also include shower facilities.

Waiola Church Kahu Anela Rosa is the shepherd and teacher for the church. All energies have been focused on Waiola's 200th anniversary celebration on the last weekend of May! On Friday night, there will be a History Theater presentation called: *My Name is `Opūkaha`ia* There will be free activities all day on Saturday, May 27th, culminating in a ticketed luau in the evening and a special Sunday service.

No reports from [Olowalu Lanakila Church](#), [Keolahou Church](#), and [Kahakuloa Church](#).

West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(WHCHCC)

Report for State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
ANNUAL MEETING ~ via Zoom
June 15, 2023

Member Churches (6):

Hauoli Kamana'o Church
Helani Cong'l Church
Kahikolu Cong'l Church
Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church
Kona Lanakila Church
Puka'ana Cong'l Church

WHCHCC Officers till 6.30.2022:

President: Sharon Matsuyama (Puka'ana)
Vice-President: Keoki Kiwaha (Puka'ana)
Secretary: Pualani Muraki (Kona Lanakila)
Treasurer: Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen (Kauaha'ao)
Advisor: Boyd Matsuyama (Puka'ana)

CHURCH REPORTS~HIGHLIGHTS: July 2022-June 2023:

Hau'oli Kamana'o Church: Kahu Pono Charles Mahina Kaupiko and Melveen Kaupiko.
Sunday Services: In person at 11 a.m. and live on Facebook.

Helani Cong'l Church: No settled Kahu.
Sunday Services: In person 10 a.m. Church leaders cover pulpit on monthly schedule. Guest Kahu comes monthly to share message and conduct Communion Service.
Keiki Sunday School: In person at 10:30 a.m.
Repair Project: Church south wall still pending permits.

Kahikolu Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono, Naleen Andrade.
Sunday Services: by Zoom each Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Bible Study: every other week Thursdays, 6 p.m. by Zoom
Church Litigation: case assigned to a State Court Judge.

Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono Debbie Wong Yuen.
Sunday Services: In person at 10 a.m. and live on Facebook, also emailed to members and others on Sunday afternoon with all worship materials
Pulpit Supply: Message shared once a month by church member or guest Kahu to give Kahu Debbie a day of sabbath.
Community Outreach: provides building space for a non-profit used bookstore, for the Ka'u community, and for a N/A-A/A support group to have meetings twice a week.

Kona Lanakila Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono Charlene Taketa & Kahu Sam Masilamoney.

Sunday Services: In person 9 a.m. Na Kahu preaches on alternate Sundays and continue to provide kokua ministries to churches with no Kahu.

Choir practice and Bible Study: on Wednesdays.

Community Outreach: reaching out to people in their community and members who missed attending services.

Puka'ana Cong'l Church:

Sunday Services: In person 8:30 a.m. Worship Bulletin w/ Message also mailed via USPS to members. Communion Service done by Rev.

Jonathan Roach or Sharon Matsuyama each month.

Pulpit Supply: Rogers Naihe, Keoki Kiwaha, Rev. Jonathan Roach, HIA-ACM

Church/Hall/Cemetery: community groups use facilities for community meetings.

The WHCHCC completed their Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation and amended their Bylaws, to be in compliance with the State of Hawaii DCCA as a non-profit organization.

Ka Ho'opili Iesu,

Debbie Wong Yuen

Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen, Treasurer

West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
REPORT OF THE EAST HAWAI'I COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Board of Directors Meeting
June 15, 2023

Aloha na hoahānau,

The East Hawai'i Council Member Churches include:

Haili Congregational Church / Kūhiō Chapel	'Opihikao Congregational Church
Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church	Pōhakupuka Congregational Church
Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church	Pu'ula United Church of Christ
Ola'a First Hawaiian Church	

The East Hawai'i Council have met, in-person on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at Ola'a First Hawaiian Church, Kurtistown, Puna, following the East Hawai'i Sunday School Association meeting. The East Hawai'i Council Meeting has been postponed to July 1, 2023, due to no quorum present, no Secretary Minutes, nor Treasurer's Report made. However, all the information and reports regarding the SCHCC meeting of Jan. 28th, 2023 has been distributed in handouts.

Haili Cong. Church/ Kuhio Chapel, Report on file, attached.

Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church, Verbal report.

Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church, Absent with Report on file, attached.

Ola'a First Hawaiian Church, Report on file, attached.

'Opihikao Cong. Church, Absent, report on file, attached.

Pōhakupuka Congregational Church, Absent, no report. (Inactive)

Pu'ula UCC, Absent, no report.

It has been very difficult to operate as an organization in this Long COVID Pandemic period, but we can not forget to keep the faith, trust, and lean on Jesus.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J. Mulec

Frank J. Mulec, President

East Hawaii Sunday School Association
Saturday April 1, 2023, Ola'a Church 9am.
Haili Church/ Kuhio Chapel Report

Psalms 145:9 The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his work.

Greetings All!

Praise and honor to God; Haili Congregational Church hosted their Sunday school ho'ike on March 11, 2023 with the theme Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. We don't have Sunday school at Haili Congregational Church and Kuhio Chapel doors are close until further notice.

Continue meeting with East Hawaii Sunday School Association gives our churches opportunity to share their church report progress etc... with each other.

Haili Congregational Church worship service begins at 10am. With monthly guest speakers: April 2, 2023, Kahu Kordell Kekoa (Palm Sunday), April 9 Kahu Jack Snell (Resurrection Sunday), April 16 Kahu Stan Hankins, April 23 Hope Kahu Daniel Kawaha. Upcoming Events on April 8, 2023, Haili Cantata Choir at 7pm. Easter Cantata Theme: "One Day" Directed by Lyndell Lindsey. April 9, 2023, Easter Sunrise Service 6am. With regular Sunday Service at 10am. Last Tuesday of each month Church Council Meeting in Board Room at 5:30pm. On Wednesday weekly singing group name "Joyful Noise" practice in Haili Church sanctuary 4pm. And Cantata Choir practice in MPR. Weekly on Friday 5:30pm. Christian Endeavor meeting at Kuhio Chapel except on holidays.

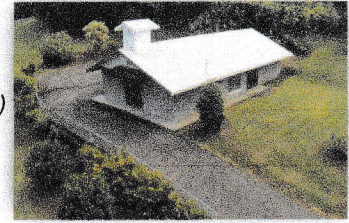
Planning on Tree trimming the Kamani tree, repair on gym & sanctuary gutter and multi-purpose building classroom leak and door replacement.

In His Service,
Cynthia Akimseu



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April 1, 2023

*President Clement Malani Jr, Vice President Dawn Asato, Secretary Carol Malani, Treasurer Russell Paio,
Moderator Catherine Kaide, Director at Large Elaine Nahakuelua, Kahu Alvira Cacabelos*

Aloha in Christ,

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35

Below are the activities Laupahoehoe Congregational Church has been involved in since our last report submitted on January 7, 2023.

- 1-8, distribution of 80 food bags (eggs, ham, cold cuts, chicken, cheese, yogurt, hot dogs, shrimp) to the community
- 1-13, distributed sixty, 2 pound bags of almonds to the community
- 1-18, distributed 60 bags of groceries and canned goods to the community
- 1-28, hosted the community resilience fair on the church grounds and handed out 80 food kits
- 1-30, Kahu Alvira Cacabelos attended the Na Kahu zoom meeting with Papa Makua from 6:30-7:30 pm
- 2-2, distributed forty, 18 count packs of eggs to the community
- 2-3, distributed 88 gallons of milk to the community
- 2-13, distributed seventy-two, 18 count packs of eggs to the community
- 2-24/25, attended the Aha Halawai at Kalanikahua Hou Protestant Church on Maui
- 2-28, Kahu Vira attended the Na Alakai zoom meeting with Papa Makua from 6:30-7:30 pm
- 3-4, Kahu Vira officiated the wedding of Derick & Alazie Kalani at our church + five adults joined as new members
- 3-7, Kahu Vira blessed the home of Cheryl Dietsch in Papaaloa
- 3-9, delivered 50 frozen whole chickens to the community
- 3-11, attended the Haili Congregational Church Hoike
- 3-12, celebration of life held for Pacitas Cabatu at the church + two adults joined as new members
- 3-17, Kahu Vira blessed the Papaaloa Country Store & Cafe at 2:30 pm
- 3-19, Kahu Vira baptized 2 children at the church
- 3-26, received a \$2,500 grant from Vibrant Hawaii towards the purchase of resilience items for our community
- 3-28, food distribution of 80 packs of 2 lb. fully cooked/frozen/seasoned chicken to the community
- 3-29, food distribution of 120 (18 count) packs of eggs to the community

Every Sunday, Laupahoehoe starts with Christian Endeavor at 9:30 am, Sunday School at 10, followed by Worship Service at 11 then lunch in our social hall. We are also actively planning our 200th church anniversary with a Hoike & Aha Mele scheduled for Saturday, August 5, mahalo ke Akua.


Russell Paio
Treasurer

Ola`a First Hawaiian Church
East Hawaii Sunday School Association and
East Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Churches
Quarterly Report
April 01, 2023

"How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth! Psalm 47:2

Greetings from Ola`a to all our sister churches!

Kahu Lani Kapuniai continues to serve as pastor of Ola`a FHC. We are now holding weekly worship service in the sanctuary. The move back took place in November, 2022. It's good to be back in the sanctuary once again.

Recently, member Jane Gray took on the responsibilities of the Christian Education Program at Ola`a. Jane is new to this island and attended her first Hoike at Haili Church in March with other members of Ola`a. It was a learning experience for her. She enjoyed the camaraderie of the event.

Presently, there are no children attending Ola`a's weekly worship service. The adult bible study group meets on Wednesday evenings at the church hall with Su Rapozo as leader.

Following our Easter service, baptism of four children will take place at the church hall with lunch to follow.

Moderator, Kalei Tong, attended the Spring Halawai held on Maui in February.

Sadly, we had two deaths this year. Member Carmalita (Dutchie) Saffery passed away in February, Bruce Tong passed away in March.

More repair projects are on-going at Ola`a. Some minor repairs of the church hall and parking lot will take place soon.

Joyfully,

*Judith Bailey
Representative.*

‘Opihikao Congregational Church

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April 1, 2023

Aloha East Hawai‘i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches,

It has been, and continuing to be a challenge at ‘Opihikao Church. The labor is great, but the workers are few.

We have seen ‘Opihikao Church transform, and continually being transformed.

The church does not have the capabilities to do anything on-line. However, following the guidance of the COVID safety protocols, in-person worship services are continually being held on the first and third Sundays at 11:00AM each month. Worship services are being conducted mostly by Kermit Johnson and Deacon Frank Mulec.

It has been a challenge to hold general membership meetings, due to lack of a quorum.

Also we have held Work Days, from 09:00 to 12:00, and continue to schedule each month, on the third Saturday for cleaning, maintenance and repairs. There are many, many repairs that need to be done around the church to bring it back to the condition prior to the hurricane, earthquake, and eruption.

In regards to necrology, we are saddened by our loss of our long standing church member, officer and youth Sunday School Teacher, Eunice Kuualoha “Loha” Mulec, March 28, 2023

‘Opihikao Sunday School is still inactive, and hopefully, restart ‘Opihikao Sunday School in the near future.

Our ACM Jonathan Roach, reminded us about our upcoming 200 year anniversary of the first sermon held at ‘Opihikao on August 6, 1823 and also, we were planning to hold our Hō‘ike this year, on the second Saturday in November. After discussion with the congregants, it was decided to combine the worship service anniversary with the the Hō‘ike on November 11, 2023.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J. Mulec
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MEMO:

TO: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors
 FROM: Toni Bissen, Pū'ā Foundation
 DATE: May 13, 2023
 RE: Annual Report to SCHCC

Aloha Kākou –

Lots going on at the Pū'ā Foundation, mahalo for the opportunity to share, last time I submitted a report was for the SCHCC board meeting – 4/29/23. **We are truly grateful for the partnership with SCHCC.** This is the annual report submitted to SCHCC. Included herein is a listing of those served through the programs and projects of the Pū'ā Foundation.

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit created in 1996. Driving 'Trauma to Transformation' programs for justice-involved women, girls & their families, especially, Hawaiians. We are also proud stewards of the Punahoa Heritage Forest.

	Women Assisted	Families / Keiki
From WCCC	37	
Other + Event	335 - Other / 10 - Event	
Mercy House	6	
Pre Transition Class & Cultural Healing Class	12 PreTrans / 12 CH&WB	
Starlight Star Bright		61 Families / 133 Keiki
WCCC / FDC Xmas Makana	500	
WCCC May Makana for Staff	122	
Transitional Houses - Xmas Makana	45	
Waimanalo Farm	51	
Peer Support Training	28	
Peer Support Community Learning Session	122	



Peer Support Training Graduation - Hilo Cohort (March 2023)

In the News

- [Mercy House Ministry and Peer Specialist Training](#) Office of Social Ministry - Catholic Herald - 5/8/23 -

https://www.catholichawaii.org/news-events/news-articles/2023/may/58-mercy-house-ministry/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eNews%20for%20May%209%202023&utm_content=eNews%20for%20May%209%202023+CID_005f76b94c1eca98507f189b63464f5a&utm_source=eNews&utm_term=Read%20more



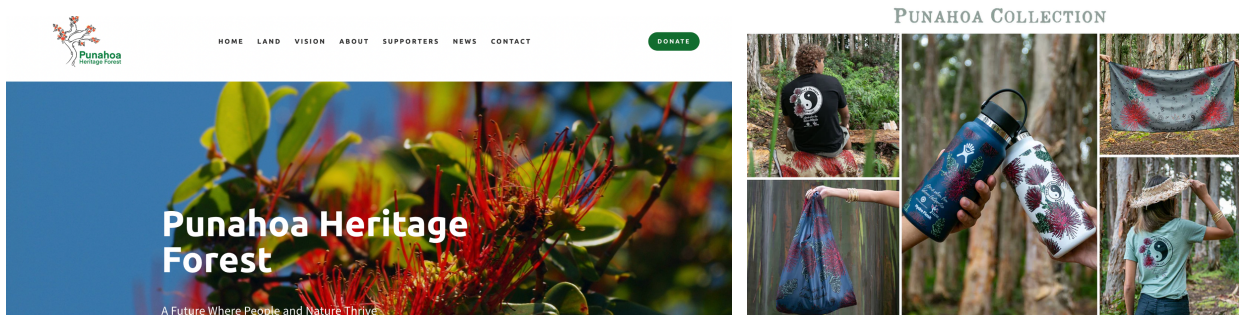
Mana Wahine Ekolu 2022 (November 28 - 30, 2022)

Check out this YouTube video what participants are had to say about their experience. -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izSiygdeXEg>

Check out this YouTube video developed by Pū'ā which premiered at Mana Wahine, "Let's Learn About Trauma to Transformation" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J4PFJQWj6v4>

Punahoa Heritage Forest (PHF) - <https://www.punahoaheritageforest.org/>



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In the News

- [A closer look at Punahoa Heritage Forest, a reconciliation effort for Hawaiians to heal](#) By: Ku'uwehi Hiraishi; HPR - 4/6/23 <https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2023-04-06/a-closer-look-at-punahoa-heritage-forest-a-reconciliation-effort-for-hawaiians-to-heal>

- Pū‘ā Foundation and Friends Bless Punahoa Heritage Forest, Coconut Wireless-4/19/23
<https://www.hcucc.org/single-post/pua-foundation-and-friends-bless-punahoa-heritage-forest>



On April 11, 2023, Pū‘ā Foundation held an orientation and VIP event for donors, partners, supporters, volunteers, and community members to showcase the Punahoa Heritage Forest (PHF). Guests were able to experience nature, witness God’s majesty, and communion with the forest. There was protocol, pule, himeni, oli, hula, food and fellowship. The PHF, created and developed by Pū‘ā Foundation, with the Hawaii Conference Foundation, is nearly 2,000 acres and forms an elongated shape. It is along Daniel K. Inouye Highway on Hawaii Island, a 20-minute drive from Hilo.

Pū‘ā Foundation sees a future where people and nature thrive. The vision for the PHF is for a forest of world-renown that enables Hawaiians to know, care and connect with their heritage. And the mission is to preserve and protect the natural state of the forest. To help it flourish as a place of gathering, rejuvenation and cultural expression for all Hawaiians and for those who embrace Hawaiian culture.

PHF is a special place, a wahi pana, and we honor it through oli, “He Mele no Punahoa.” This chant speaks of many things: the place - Punahoa, Kau‘mana and Ponahawaii - the forest; the rain of Punahoa is Lanipolua, it speaks of the dew drenched ‘ōhi‘a, it speaks of the plants/trees - the ‘ie‘ie, the olapa, the ‘ala‘ala wai nui; it speaks of the birds – the ‘alalā, the ‘amakihi, the ‘apapane, the ‘ōma‘o, the ‘elepaio, the i‘ō, it speaks of the spring and water - the punawai - the life of the water - to bring life - A Ola!

Nā pana keia o Punahoa
 Nā hoa ka ulu lā‘au
 Ka nahele i uka Kau‘mana
 ‘O a‘u pua pili i ka ua o Lanipolua
 Kilipohe ka lehua i ka wao

Ulu ka ‘ōhi‘a a pōnaha ka wai
 ka ‘ie‘ie, ka olapa, ka ‘ala‘ala wai nui

Kani ka ‘alalā, ka ‘amakihi, ka ‘apapane
 Pane ka ‘ōma‘o, ka ‘elepaio
 ‘Iō ka ‘io kaha keha a ka mālie

Māliu mai i ka nono a ka wai
 Ka wai pipi‘i a Kāne
 Ka wai puapua‘i a Kāne
 Ka wai ‘olā‘olā a Kāne
 A ola

PUNAHOA HERITAGE FOREST

Events UPDATE

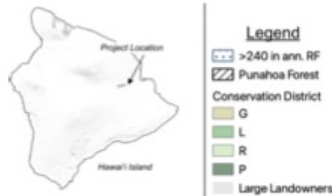


Land Survey - UPDATE



The Punahoa Heritage Forest (PHF): what we are discovering from the recent land survey conducted and information from the Water Resources Research Center, UH Manoa, Hawaii Mesonet Initiative:

- PHF is in an area where the annual rainfall is greater than 240 inches annually - see Map #1 - showing rainfall belt; conservation districts, and PHF.



- Data from 2016 to 2019 - indicates that the kipuka within the PHF is showing brown 'ohi'a detections, and leafless tree detections - see Map #2

