

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF SMALL MEMBERSHIP HAWAIIAN CHURCHES

Annual Report - 2020

CHURCH'S FINAL REPORT: Congratulations to the churches who have completed the work and submitted a final report: Kauaha'ao Congregational Church, Kalaiakamanu Hou Congregational Church, and Laupahoehoe Congregational Church.

UPDATE OF CHURCHES AWARDED FUNDS WITH CHANGES:

KALAIKAMANU HOU CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

Total Project cost \$35,464.31 – repair Social Hall to move Worship Services. Church declared unsafe for large groups.

2017 Awarded - \$8,000. Phase I – repair Social Hall. Completed.

2018 Awarded –\$9,670. Phase 2 – repair Social Hall. Fix windows and flooring.

Emergency request to use \$9,670 (Phase 2) to repair the Social Hall leaking roof.

Board of Directors approved using \$9,670 to repair the Social Hall roof - 10/26/19.

Project – 15,257. Repair roof - \$10,937. Gutters & Drainage = \$4,320.

Work completed – 12/05/2019.

KALAPANA MAUNAKEA HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Project - \$4,800. 2019 Requests - \$3,800. Church - \$1,000.

2019 Awarded - \$3,000. Fumigation Church and Social Hall.

Rec'd check dated 09/11/2019 – not accepting award.

Board of Directors acknowledged the action taken by Kalapana Maunakea Hawaiian Congregational Church UCC and the \$3,000 be awarded to Lanakila Congregational Church – 10/26/19.

KAUAHA'AO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

2013 Awarded - \$66,000. Reroof Social Hall - \$50,242.12. Took 3 1/2 years to complete the roof. Problem getting permit and finally HTS Company was able to get the permit.

Re-roofing completed – 07/28/2016.

Balance - \$15,757.28. From 2017 – 2019 completed work caused by leaking roof; electrical, replace ceiling, rusty metal walls, doors and window as needed, and framing windows.

Final Report: \$15,757.28 (\$4.03). Submitted 01/07/2020 - receipts, balance sheet and photos.

LANAKILA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Submitted 2 applications for 2018 funds. One grant was funded to repair exterior church walls. Grant #2 deferred from 2018. Church submitted revised budget.

Project - \$33,275. Request - \$22,180. Church - \$11,095. Repair Steeple.

Awarded 2019 - \$3,000. Board of Directors approved \$3,000 from Kalapana Maunakea Hawaiian Congregational Church - 10/26/19.

Awarded 2020 - \$16,180. Board of Directors approved \$16,180 from unspent balance – 01/18/20.

Total Award - \$22,180.

LAUPAHOEHOE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Submitted application December 2017. (missed deadline)

Project - \$7,000. Request - \$4,300. Church - \$2,700. 2018 - deferred to 2019.

2019 Awarded - \$4,000. Board of Directors approved \$4,000 to paint Social Hall roof & replace Church and Social Hall rain gutters.

Final Report: Submitted 09/25/2019 with photos of finished work.

2020 GRANT AWARDS:

Funds available - \$40,000. Three churches submitted. grant proposals. Total approved - \$22,781.

Balance of fund - \$17,219. Committee chose to award the unspent balance to Lanakila Congregational Church - \$16, 180 and Ola’a First Hawaiian Church - #1,039.

Kalaikamanu Hou Congregational Church.

2020 Applicant – Phase 3: Complete repairs to the Social Hall, replace floor, windows and paint.

Project - \$11,200. Request - \$7,500. Church - \$3,700.

Awarded - \$7,500. Board of Directors approved \$7,500 for Phase 3 – 01/18/20.

Lanakila Congregational Church

2018 applicant. Repair Steeple.

Project - \$33,275. Requests - \$22,180. Church - \$11,095.

Awarded 2019 - \$6,000.

Awarded - \$16,180. Board of Directors approved \$16,180 to repair steeple - 01/18/20.

Total Award - \$22,180.

Ola’a First Hawaiian Church -

2020 Applicant. Replace metal roof and repair/replace damaged wood as needed, caused by leaking roof.

Project - \$19,000. Request - \$12,000. Church - \$7,000.

Awarded - \$13,039. Board of Directors approved \$13,039 (incl unspent balance) – 01/18/20.

Waiola Church.

2020 Applicant –Repair Sunday School and Office roof. Install new 30-year shingles, and new ridge cap on Eastside.

Project - \$4,687.50. Requests - \$3,281. Church - \$1,407.

Awarded - \$3,281. Board of Directors approved \$3,281 – 01/18/20.

2021 GRANT PROPOSALS/APPLICATIONS DUE – December 31, 2020.

APPLICATION INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM: Mail to: Aletha G. Kaohi
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Waimea, HI 96796

Committee Members: Aletha Kaohi, Buddy Maunakea, Kalei Tong.

Submitted by: Aletha G. Kaohi, chair

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**STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
(SCHCC)**

**FUND FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF
SMALL MEMBERSHIP HAWAIIAN CHURCHES**

Application Information

Funding for the Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches is included by the Hawai'i Conference Foundation (HCF) in its annual budget. Monies so allocated must be spent within the fiscal year for which it is approved.

The SCHCC has been given the responsibility for administering the funds, but in truth, we must all be partners in seeking the means by which needed repairs can be made. The underlying philosophy of the HCF and SCHCC is to help Hawaiian churches help themselves by sharing in the efforts by church members to raise funds (*i.e.* fundraising, solicitation of gifts, tithing goals, etc.)

More often than not, requests from Hawaiian churches exceed the amount allocated in the budget, not surprisingly, given the age of some of the structures and facilities. The task of reviewing requests and determining which are funded and by what amount falls to the SCHCC.

In so doing the SCHCC Committee for the Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches (hereinafter referred to as R&M Committee) must take into account a number of considerations including the following:

- The Need for the Project

Is the repair or maintenance critical? How would it affect the mission of the church? What might happen if it were not done? Is it time-critical? Must the work be done within a certain time-frame? What is the church's participation (*i.e.* sharing the cost; providing in-kind services; a combination of both?)

- Priority Consideration

If there are not enough funds to grant all requests, support must first be given to the churches whose deed is held by the HCF. The HCF, as Trustee, has a fiduciary responsibility which carries a legal obligation to support those churches.

In cases where a church that holds its own deed is faced with unusual extenuating circumstances that cannot be addressed because of the preferential obligation imposed by the Trust, SCHCC may suggest an alternative that avoids any conflict.

Applications for the repair and maintenance of septic systems and handicapped accessibility are also priorities of the fund. The first would be in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Department of Health.

The second would be in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

- **Other Considerations:**

The applicant must contribute 1/3 of the project cost (in cash and/or in-kind).

The applicant is limited to only one (1) application for one (1) project, per year.

There will be no deferred applications. If the application is denied the church can re-apply with updated information for the next year's funding.

Provide "before" pictures, of the proposed project and "after" pictures when the project is completed.

- **Scope of Work**

The fund is available to cover the cost of the repair and maintenance to existing structures on church premises including the *hale pule* (church building), *hale 'āina* (social/fellowship hall) and *hale ke'ena* (office building). The scope of work may include the repair and maintenance of windows, doors, floors, and roofs as well as painting, electrical, plumbing and fumigation work.

What the fund does not cover is the cost for sound systems, computer systems, carpeting, air conditioning, fans, appliances and furnishings as well as parking lots, landscaping, gates and fences.

- **Reimbursements**

Reimbursements for complete projects will not be considered unless, at the discretion of the SCHCC Committee compelling and justifiable reasons dictate otherwise.

- **Completeness of Application**

All applicable items must be completed including the duly-signed minutes of the meetings of both the Member Church and its respective Island Council. The minutes of the meeting of the church's governing body (*i.e.* Congregation, Church Council) must include the type of project the funds are being requested for; the estimated cost of materials, labor and skills to be hired; a clear showing of the total amount to be contributed by the Member Church in cash, in-kind services, or a combination of both and the action taken.

Projects costing more than \$5,000 must be supported by a Licensed Contractor's estimate.

- **Discerning Need**

Member Churches are encouraged to discern what is needed most. The work of reviewing and acting upon requests for assistance presents the SCHCC, through the work of the R&M Committee, with a challenge and an opportunity to be in partnership with our member churches.

There are no hard and fast rules. There is no checklist.

However, there are guidelines governing the work of the R&M Committee. The R&M Committee seeks to do its work prayerfully and thoughtfully relying upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance.

Reviewing the Application

1. Member Church forwards the completed Application Form, with the minutes of the meeting of the church's governing body (*i.e.* Congregation, Church Council) approving the submission of the application to the Island Council President.

Please provide the original application plus 2 additional sets of the application (single-sided copies only) and minutes (double-sided recommended).

2. Upon approval by its Island Council, the Island Council President will forward the application form of the Member Church to the Chairperson of the R&M Committee. The Island Council will provide the minutes of the meeting approving the submission of the application to the R&M Committee.

All applications are due by December 31st.

3. At the first scheduled meeting of the SCHCC Board of Directors following the December 31st deadline, the R&M Committee shall present its recommendation to the Board.

Whether an application is approved or denied, the Chairperson of the R&M Committee will inform the Member Church of the Board's decision by written notice or via email.

4. Upon approval by the SCHCC Board of Directors, the Chairperson of the R&M Committee shall inform the Executive Director of the HCF, in writing, of the name of the church and the amount of the approved grants. The Chairperson of the R&M Committee shall provide the HCF with the approved applications and the minutes of the SCHCC Board of Director's meeting in which the approval action was taken.
5. Upon completion of its project, the Member Church shall submit a written report to the R&M Committee, with "before and after" photographs. At that time, if all requirements are met, the account will be closed.
6. Any unused funds shall be returned to the SCHCC. The funds may not be applied to other projects.

If new projects are considered, churches must submit another application.

Revised: April 27, 2019

**STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
(SCHCC)**

**FUND FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE
SMALL MEMBERSHIP HAWAIIAN CHURCHES**

Application Form

Please complete sections A & B Only

A. Contact Information & Project Proposal

1. Name of Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Street or P.O. Box

City/State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Additional Contact Information: _____

2. Does the Hawai'i Conference Foundation hold the church's title or deed?

___ Yes ___ No

3. Project Proposal: *(If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application)*

- What is to be done?

- Who will do each portion?

- How will this project enhance or benefit your church's ministry?

4. Time-Frame for Project Completion

Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

B. Budget Worksheet

1. Sources of Income with Amount of Contribution

Local Church Contribution: (Cash) _____

Other Sources of Funding: _____
(Include name and amount of any other grants you are applying for.)

Total Amount of Contributions: _____

2. In-Kind Donations (Please give reasonable estimate of value. If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application)

Volunteer Hours: _____

Equipment: _____

Supplies: _____

Other: _____

3. Project Expenses

General Contractor - Proposed Bid Cost: _____
(Attach bid to application)

Required Materials – Total Materials Cost: _____
(Itemize and attach)

Total Project Expense: _____

4. Calculation for HCF Allocation:

Total Project Expense: _____

Less Total Contribution: _____

HCF Allocation Requested: _____

5. Cost Share

Total Cost of Project: _____ Amount Requesting: _____

===== **For Island Council Use Only** =====

1. Signatures

Moderator: _____ Minister: _____

Island Council President: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

2. Check off all that apply:

Signatures: ___ Moderator ___ Minister ___ Council President

Minutes: ___ Congregational/Church Council ___ Island Council

===== **Recommendation by Repair & Maintenance Committee** =====

1. Recommendation

Approval: ___ Denial: ___ Grant Amount Recommended: _____

Comments: _____

2. Signature

Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

===== **Review & Approval of SCHCC Board of Directors** =====

1. Recommendation

Approval: ___ Denial: ___ Grant Amount Approved: _____

Comments: _____

2. Signatures

SCHCC President : _____ Date: _____

SCHCC Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Revised: April 27, 2019

Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund Report of Awards for 2020

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.*”

For calendar year 2020, no applications were submitted.

- Chairperson Aileen Trout, Lahuiokalani Ka’anapali Congregational Church
- Claire Paishon, Waiola Church
- Boyd Matsuyama, Puka’ana Congregational Church

Committee Chair, Aileen Trout

**State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(Hawaii Conference Foundation)
Kahu Richard W Wong Endowment Fund**

On June 25, 1990, Reverend Richard W Wong, Pastor Emeritus of Kaumakapili Church, took a bold step to support Hawaiian churches. On that day, he penned a letter to James Richards of the Hawaii Conference Foundation with the intention of establishing an endowment fund to *kōkua* Hawaiian churches. He transferred all his shares of stock from his investment portfolio to establish the *Kahu Richard W Wong Endowment Fund*.

The purpose of this fund is to assist member churches of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches with educational, missional, evangelistic, personnel, and building needs, from the earned interest income.

Outreach ministries are given priority over building requests. Churches needing repair and maintenance are encouraged to submit applications to the *Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches Committee*.

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches was given the responsibility for the administration of this fund. The President, of the Board of Directors for State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, appoints a chairperson for this committee.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANT:

- Complete and sign the application, submit the original plus 4 copies of the application to Island Council President.
- Attach the signed original plus 4 copies of the Church's Minutes, showing the Action taken for the Grant Request, with the applications.
- If granted funds, submit an annual report to the Chairperson of the Kahu Wong Committee.

PROCEDURES FOR ISLAND COUNCIL:

- Review and ensure that the application is completed as required.
- President and Secretary will sign the application and submit the original plus 4 copies of the application: (Distribution: 1 to applicant, 1 for Island Council, original plus 2 copies to Kahu Wong Committee.)
- Island Council President submits original plus 2 copies of the application with the **signed Minutes** of the Island Council meeting to Kahu Wong Committee **BEFORE December 31**.

PROCEDURES FOR KAHU WONG COMMITTEE:

- Reviews applications and makes recommendations to the SCHCC Board of Directors for action.
- Chairperson signs the Committee's recommendations and provides 1 copy to the SCHCC Secretary and keeps a copy for the Committee records / files.

PROCEDURES FOR SCHCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- * Receive recommendations from the Kahu Wong Committee for final decision.
- * Committee Chairperson notifies applicant of the Board's decision, by letter via U.S. Mail.
- * Committee Chairperson submits the original application and Minutes, showing the Board's decision of grant awards, to the Hawaii Conference Foundation, for disbursement.

(Revised: April 09, 2016)

RESTRICTION: “Grants are not to be given to build, maintain, renovate, or support income producing programs / projects.

Name of Church: _____

What is the **Objective(s)** of your program/project? Explain the intent for this project including how your church will accomplish this endeavor. *Attach additional pages, if necessary.*

Describe the **Activities**, which the church hopes to generate, including the audience you hope to reach.

Submit a detailed **Budget**: include materials needed and the cost; labor costs; receipt of other grants.

The **Timeframe**: Describe a timeline for the implementation of the project and its ability to be an ongoing ministry.

The **Evaluation**: Describe how you will monitor this project and evaluate its accomplishments.

(At the completion of this project, you will submit a written evaluation to the Chairperson of the Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund.)

===== For Local Church and Island Council =====

Name of Church: _____

Total cost of Program/Project: _____ Amount Requested: _____

Contact Person/Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Minister/Moderator: _____ Date: _____
(Moderator will sign, if Church has no Minister)

Island Council President: _____ Date: _____

Island Council Secretary: _____ Date: _____

=== Recommendation by Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Committee ===

Approval: _____ Denial: _____ Grant Amount Recommended: _____

Comments:

Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

===== Review & Approval by SCHCC Board of Directors =====

Approval: _____ Denial: _____ Grant Amount Approved: _____

Comments:

SCHCC President: _____ Date: _____

SCHCC Secretary: _____ Date: _____

The Minutes of the _____ SCHCC Board of Directors meeting will be sent to the Hawaii Conference Foundation with the original application.

(Revised: April 09, 2016)

William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund

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

ANNUAL REPORT

October 05, 2020

Aloha e na hoahanau me na hoaloha,

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. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches turned the funds over to the Hawaii Conference Foundation to be invested, with the intention of using the earned interest income towards the granting of scholarships, 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 (in this handbook) or 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 K. Keliihoomalu Scholarship

William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
1848 Nu'uau Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Ph: (808)- 791-5633

Scholarship Policy

Background: The William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund was launched following the passing of Licentiate Kahu, William K. Keli'iho'omalua. Kahu Keli'iho'omalua served as a member deacon of Kawaiaha'o Church for over 20 years. He enrolled in the Lay Pastors School on the Island of Maui and received his certificate as Licensed Minister for the Tri-Isle Mokuapuni. Kahu Keli'iho'omalua served at the Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church for a number of years until his retirement. He moved back to his home on the Island of Hawaii in the village of Kalapana, Puna. Upon his death this scholarship was established by a gift from Mrs. Ada Larrison, a friend of the family. She asked that this gift be placed in a Custodial Account with the Hawaii Conference Foundation in the name of "William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund." Over the years' family, friends, and investments raised that fund to \$5,000. It was her request that the principle of \$5,000 remain in the account and the balance of income received would be used for the purpose of providing scholarship to Lay or Ordained ministers for continuing education. If there are no applicants the unused balance would be re-invested in the same account. The custodians of this Fund will be in the care of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, or its predecessors.

I. Who Qualifies?

- A) The applicant must be an active member of a church which is a member of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.
- B) The applicant must be enrolled in a Licensed Minister School or an accredited Seminary approved by the Scholarship Committee.

II. How to apply for the scholarship?

- A) The applicant must apply through the local Church of which they are an active member.
- B) Application for the William K. Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship can be acquired from the President of the local Island Councils or through the President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

- C) The Executive Committee of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches will review and process all applications on October 15th of each year and forward recommendations to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors for decision.
- D) When an application has been approved, the awardee will be required to sign a Promissory note.

III. What are the requirements and stipulations?

- A) Total Scholarship awarded as follows:
 - 1. Seminary -
 - a) initial 3 years – not to exceed \$3,000 per completion of education and not exceed \$250 per semester and \$1,000 per school year.
 - b) development – 2 years + not to exceed \$2,000 per completion of education and not to exceed \$1,000 per school year.
 - c) continuing education – a sum not to exceed \$1,000 per applicant per three (3) year period.
 - B) The award will be sent to the Seminary or School of Theology by the Treasurer of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. In the event that a seminary or School of Theology will not accept the award, it will be sent to the recipient. For Continuing Education recipients, the award will be sent to the applicant.
 - C) The Seminary recipient will be required to send a copy of their transcript for each semester. Continuing Education recipients will be required to send a copy of their expense receipts. Transcripts and expense receipts shall be sent to the:

President - SCHCC
Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
1848 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
 - D) In the event the applicant does not complete his/her course of study, the award then becomes a loan. The applicant shall repay this loan with no interest attached.
 - E) If the applicant is unable to complete his/her course of study, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Executive Committee shall be notified immediately. The Executive Committee will then review the individual's situation and determine whether or not the award becomes a loan.

(Revised: October 2016)

WILLIAM KAHUAKA'I KELI'IHO'OMALU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Scholarship Application

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____
P.O. Box/Street City/State Zip

SEMINARY to attend _____ Accepted? Yes / No

Address _____ Date to Begin _____
Street City/State Zip

Certificate or Degree _____ Amt. Requesting \$ _____

List them: (On Back of this Form)

CONDITIONS:

1. This application must be signed and submitted to your Local Church President or Moderator for approval and signature. Application must be sent to the President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches at the following address:

President - SCHCC
Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
1848 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

2. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Executive Committee awards funds to applicants to assist with furthering their education. If the applicant does not complete his/her education, it is understood that he/she will repay the amount used. Upon approval of application by the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors, the applicant will sign a promissory note.
3. This Scholarship may be renewed each year and requires completion and submission of a "Renewal Form." . A Renewal Form may be requested from the address above.
4. Application Forms and Renewals must be received by the President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches with appropriate signatures and approvals by October 15th of each year.

SIGNATURES and APPROVALS:

_____ Date _____
Applicant

_____ Date _____
President/Moderator or Pastor of your Local Church

_____ Date _____
President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Form Approved _____
(Revised: October 2016)

WILLIAM KAHUAKA'I KELI'IHO'OMALU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Scholarship Renewal Form

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____

P.O. Box/Street

City/State

Zip

SEMINARY to attend _____ Accepted? Yes / No

Address _____ Date to Begin _____

P.O. Box / Street

City/State

Zip

Certificate or Degree _____ Amt. Requesting \$ _____

Applied Other Grant/Loans? ___ Yes ___ No Amt Requested _____ Amt. Granted _____

List them: (On Back of this Form)

GRANTS/LOANS

AMOUNT REQUESTED

CONDITIONS:

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SIGNATURES and APPROVALS:

Applicant

Date _____

President/Moderator or Pastor of your Local Church

Date _____

President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Date _____

Form Approved _____

(Revised: October 2016)

September 5, 2020

The Katherine & Clay Wery Fund
A Status Report

It has been a little over 4 years since the Executive Committee of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC), was introduced to the Katherine Wery Fund by Dr. Naleen Andrade, Mrs. Wery's hanai daughter. It took many discussions since to forge Mrs. Wery's generous bequest into a practical, living asset for Hawaiian churches. It was a first-time experience for SCHCC and an exercise in faith, hope, and patience.

As explained by Dr. Andrade, Mrs. Wery wanted to provide funds to the Hawaii Conference (HCUCC) that would be used to improve the well-being of its' small, preferably rural, Hawaiian Congregational Churches. Dr. Andrade looked to SCHCC to oversee that purpose. SCHCC began plans to transform Mrs. Wery's intent into practice. In time, further clarification was forthcoming which revised the work that was initially put in process: Since Mrs. Wery's bequest was a gift to the HCUCC, the Conference was responsible for designating an agent to administer the fund, subject to oversight by the Conference Minister. SCHCC was so designated and was assigned responsibility for identifying areas for which the fund could be used and the process for accessing it. The Hawaii Conference Foundation is custodian of the fund.

In January 2020, SCHCC adopted Form K&C – 1/17/2020, Katherine & Clay Wery Fund Request for Assistance, with a checklist of Projects/Activities to which the fund may be put. Any church whose "need" does not fall within the checklist may submit a request, through its Island Council , based on its circumstances.

The Island Councils play a pivotal role in Requests for Assistance. As the shepherds in the field, they are positioned to communicate the needs of their churches. The process recognizes that and asks that all requests be routed through them; or, proactively, initiated by them.

A briefing of all Island Council Presidents was intended as the rollout of the fund. The briefings had to be postponed in the wake of the restrictions imposed by COVID 19.

One request for assistance has been approved. Molokai churches have joined in a community effort to address the problem of Teen Suicides. Theirs is an excellent example of organizing and working collectively on an issue of community concern; certainly, one that affects the well-being of a church.

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Katherine & Clay Wery Fund

Request for Assistance

Island Council: _____ Date: _____

Re Church: _____

Island Council Mailing Address:

Island Council Phone No: _____

Fax No: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person _____

Phone No: _____

Cell No: _____

Email: _____

Purpose: The Katherine & Clay Wery Fund (the Fund) is intended to assist and improve the well-being of small, preferably rural, Hawaiian churches, of the Hawaii Conference (HCUCC). The HCUCC has oversight responsibility for the administration and operation of the fund; the SCHCC is responsible for developing and executing programs and projects that best meet the purpose of the fund.

SCHCC is a resource for Island Councils and Hawaiian member churches in securing and arranging for service providers appropriate to their request.

Churches seeking assistance must be current members of their respective Island Council and can trace their history to the work of the Protestant missionaries who were sponsored by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The SCHCC Executive Committee established the following list of uses to which the Fund may be put. A Church whose "need" does not fall within any of those listed below may, through its Island Council, submit a request based on its circumstances.

Project/Activities: Check Appropriate Choices:

Baptism Bible Study Building & Grounds By Laws

501(c) (3) non-profit Registration Christian Education
(Sunday school, adults) Community Outreach Confirmation

Ecumenical & Interfaith Partnerships

End of Life Planning Home & Hospital Visits Insurance

Memorial Service Music Personnel Safe Church Policy
 Stewardship Teacher Training

The Lord's Supper Worship Vision/Mission

Other (Specify)

On additional pages, Island Councils, in collaboration with member churches, should provide the following information in their request for assistance:

1. A description of the project/activity it intends to pursue, the audience it seeks to reach, an estimate of the number of attendees, and the anticipated outcome.
2. Suggestions, if any, of service providers and additional support that may be needed.
3. A timeframe for implementation and duration of the project/activity.
4. How the project/activity will be monitored.

Requests for Assistance are to be sent, through Island Councils, to :

SCHCC/K&C Wery Fund
P.O. Box 407
Holualoa, HI 9672

Distinctive Feature of the K&C Wery Fund

The Katherine & Clay Wery Fund (K&C Wery Fund) differs slightly from other funding available to HCUC churches. The Repair and Maintenance fund, the Richard Wong Endowment, and the William Keliioomalua Scholarship fund make grants in aid to churches having needs that meet respective criteria. Churches approved for funding then go about arranging the work to be done with contractors, their congregation or a combination of both.

By comparison, the K&C Fund will focus on improving the state of wellness of small Hawaiian churches by assisting them in obtaining and arranging sources of assistance that will strengthen their ministry, both internally and in the community they serve. It may involve obtaining the services of persons skilled in dealing with problems that detract from the solemn business of building faith and covenant; it could be linking churches for sharing programs/activities that build lay leaders; or designed to help kupuna fill their day or prepare them for the end time.

A list of areas that can contribute to the well-being of a church is listed in the description of the K&C Wery Fund. The Island Council should be Churches' first point of contact. Church needs should be discussed with the Island Council which will forward all requests for assistance that meet the spirit and intent of the Fund. Reference to the description of the K&C Fund would help appreciably in preparing a Request for Assistance.

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
 Report for AHEC's – Na Lima Hoike "E"
 Annual Virtual Meeting
 October 5, 2020

Following grants approved/denied May 01, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

<u>Received</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05/01/19	Koolau	197 th Aha Pae'āina	290.00
05/01/19	Pukaana	197 th Aha Pae'aina	1,209.00
05/06/19	Kauaha'ao	197 th Aha Pae'āina	1,053.00
05/09/19	Kalanikahua Hou	197 th Aha Pae'āina	695.00
05/09/19	Laupahoehoe	197 th Aha Pae'āina	764.00
05/09/19	Kalapana Maunakea	197 th Aha Pae'āina	1,875.00
05/10/19	Kaahumanu	197 th Aha Pae'āina	428.00
05/13/19	Ka Hana O Ke Akua	197 th Aha Pae'āina	519.00
05/14/19	Ola'a	197 th Aha Pae'āina	1,065.00
05/15/19	Kalaiakamanu Hou	197 th Aha Pae'āina	Cancelled
05/16/19	Opihikao	197 th Aha Pae'āina	1,020.00
05/22/19	Hauoli Kamaano	197 th Aha Pae'āina	2,516.00
05/24/19	Keolahou	197 th Aha Pae'āina	611.00
05/28/19	Helani	Upgrade Electrical System	Denied
06/05/19	Kalaiakamanu Hou	Family Movie Nite	330.00
06/06/19	Lanakila	197 th Aha Pae'āina	Denied
06/12/19	Laupahoehoe	EHC/SSSA Qrtly Mtg	89.00
07/02/19	Kawaiaha'o	Bicentennial Celeb-Boston	15,760.00
07/12/19	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Mtg-7/27	93.00
08/08/19	Haili/Kūhiō	CE-H Leadership Training	Cancelled
08/28/19	Opihikao	SCHCC BOD Mtg-10/26	78.00
09/11/19	Kaahumanu	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	310.00
09/13/19	Liliuokalani	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	266.00
09/19/19	Haili/Kūhiō	CE-H Aha Opio 2019	233.00
09/27/19	Kalapana Maunakea	CE-H Aha Opio 2019	467.00
09/30/19	Laupahoehoe	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	408.00
10/03/19	Lanakila	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	365.00
10/17/19	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Mtg-10/26	75.00
10/18/19	Laupahoehoe	Opihikao Annual Hoike	Cancelled
10/18/19	Paia	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	807.00
10/22/19	Hauoli Kamaano	Relax/Refresh/Recharge	333.00
11/15/19	Keawala'i	Na Mele O Ka Ekalesia	1,000.00
01/03/20	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Mtg-1/18	117.00
01/03/20	Kauaha'ao	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	493.00
01/03/20	Liliuokalani	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	258.00
01/03/20	Opihikao	SCHCC BOD Mtg-1/18	133.00
01/14/20	Lanakila	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	1,327.00
01/15/20	Koolau Hui'ia	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	635.00
01/31/20	Laupahoehoe	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	1,157.00
01/31/20	Hauoli Kamaano	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	Pending
04/18/20	Kalapana Maunakea	Kupuna Technologies Prog	Denied
04/20/20	Haili	Haili Christian Sch Payroll	Denied
06/18/20	Kalanikahua Hou	Na Wai Kuleana	3,000.00

Churches are encouraged to work with Island NLHE Committee Reps with questions or assistance in completing Grant Applications and/or Final Reports.

Churches must use the current Grant Application and Final Report forms as posted on the Hawaii Conference UCC website at: www.hcucc.org/na-lima-ho-ike-grant

Altered Applications, Final Reports and Electronic Signatures will not be accepted.

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*Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
198th Aha Pae'aina*

*State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)*

*Aha Iki - October 05, 2020
Nominations Report*

Aloha mai kakou,

Mahalo a nui loa to the members of the SCHCC Nominations Committee:

Lorna Motas – Kaumakapili Church / Oahu

Isaiah Kaauwai – Kapaa First Hawaiian Church / Kauai

James Aaronson – Keawala'i Church / Maui and Molokai

for your willingness to serve as a team member on the 2020 Nominations Committee and the work we were able to complete, in preparation for the Election of Officers for the SCHCC Board, scheduled in June 2020 during the 197th Aha Iki.

Unfortunately, with the unexpected challenge of COVID 19, causing inactivity / restrictions to many people and businesses (including churches) and after much thought of what was happening since March 2020, as Chair of the Nominations Committee, discussion was held with the SCHCC Executive Committee for their mana'o on how to best deal with the scheduled elections. By consensus, the Executive Board recommended that it would be in the best interest of and more importantly, for the safety of all, to ask the current Officers to remain in their respective positions (for an interim period) until a Special Election can be scheduled, at the 2021 Aha Iki. The Nominations Committee shared their consent- sus with the recommendation made and agreed that the same recommendation be presented to the SCHCC Board of Directors, for approval, referencing *Article IV of the SCHCC Bylaws*, the “SCHCC President shall have the authority to appoint the officers for an interim period, with the approval of the Board of Directors until the next scheduled election.”

Motion by Nominations Committee Chair, Sharon Matsuyama (no second required): “due to non-receipt of candidates’ names for the election of officers for the SCHCC, the SCHCC Executive Committee recommends, with approval by its Board of Directors, that the current President be given the authority to fill any vacancy in the Officer positions, for an interim period, until a Special Election is scheduled for June 2021 at the next Aha Iki.” *Motion carried.*

God’s Blessings,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama

Nominations Committee Chair / Hawaii

January 2020 – June 30, 2020

To: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
From: Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Officers as of 6/20/20

Haunani Pacheco	President, Wai'oli Hui'ia
Sandi Sterker	Vice President, Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational
Bonnie Shimatsu	Secretary, Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational
Naomi Yokotake	Treasurer, Wai'oli Hui'ia
Barry Mick	Advisor, Kapa'a First Hawaiian

Member Churches in 2019

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

Meetings are scheduled quarterly

January 12, 2020 Cancelled

April 26, 2020, Zoom Meeting

Churches represented, Kapa' First Hawaiian, Wai'oli Hui'ia, Hanapepe First Hawaiian, Ko'olau Hui'ia, Waimea UCC

The Covid-19 crisis has presented our churches with new challenges and has made us become more creative in how we worship, how we keep our membership engaged, and how we keep our finances stable in the midst of a collapsing economy. Here is what is happening in some of our churches.

Wai'oli Hui'ia – The Office, Parsonage, and the Mission Hall have been restored after the damages caused by the flooding of April 15, 2017. Church services were entirely on Zoom from the end of March until June 1, 2020 when the church was opened for in person church services. The Zoom services has continued for those who are on the mainland and those on island who feel they have health concerns and are compromised. Attendance is down about 70% due to the lack of visitors to the island. Communion is being served in preprepared cups from Logos and social distancing and masks are being worn. Bible studies are done by Zoom on Tuesday afternoons. Executive Board meetings are also done by Zoom. We started a gift card ministry where gift cards were given to our members and friends that could be used by them or passed on to others.

Ko'olau Hui'ia – Services are being held after 2 months of being closed. Their attendance is approximately 20. They are looking into Zooming services as an alternative to in person worship.

Kapa'a First Hawaiian – The church is maintaining a presence in the community and have in person services (modified) as well as live streaming. They had taped music by their choir but now there is no singing and only piano music. Communion is only taken by their Kahu in church and those at home prepare their own elements. The church is closed during the week and Bible Studies is done by Zoom and in person on Tuesday. Rules regarding wearing masks, social distancing, and disinfecting are practiced.

Hanapepe Hawaiian – Pulpit supply ministers are conducting worship services on Sundays by Zoom. The church is open on Sundays for the pianist and a couple of members who operate the camera and the person who does the lay readings. By having Zoom services, not only members but family, friends and visitors are able to watch the service from Honolulu, and the mainland or from anywhere on the island. A "Malama" fund was created to help families with needs. They were able to help families with young children of school ages pay for expenses. The church members are soliciting those who have the "gift of music" to share their gift during their Zoom service. Communion is done on the first Sunday via Zoom. Participants provide their own elements.

Ka 'Ohana Ni'ihau – No report at this time.

Waimea UCC – Masks and social distancing is practiced for all in person activities. Church service on Sundays is held on the church lanai and on Facebook Live. Attendance is approximately 25 people in person and much more on Facebook. Music is by piano and a mike is set up for the song leader who is masked. Bible study is in person and online using skype. The Book Club and their Council meetings are on Zoom. Communion is ingenious. A grape and bread is put in a covered condiment cup and participants are asked to take it and consume it after leaving church.

Such changing times for all of us. We are all striving to maintain a new normal and we all continue to keep the faith. God is showing us a new way to reach more people outside of our 4 walls. Our minds are being challenged to think out of the box and win more over to Christ. Mahalo Ke Akua!

Respectfully,

Haunani Pacheco
President KCHCC

January 2020 to June 30, 2020

TO: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

FROM: Oahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (OCHCC)

Ka'iulani Hess, Vice President
Laurie Kauleinamoku, Secretary
Joanne Kishimori, Treasurer
Lorna Motta, Advisor

Member churches in 2019:

Bishop Memorial Chapel, Hauula Congregational Church, Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church, Kahikuonalani Church, Kalihi and Moanalua Church, Kaumakapili Church, Kawaiaha'o Church, Liliuokalani Protestant Church, Pearl City Community Church, Waianae Protestant Church.

Quarterly OCHCC meetings:

Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Kawaiaha'o Church;
Saturday, June 13, 2020, Zoom meeting.

Present for the zoom meeting: Kaumakapili Church (Lorna), Kahikuonalani Church (Joanne), Pearl City Community Church (Millie), Liliuokalani Church (Laurie), Kalihi and Moanalua Church (Johnnie), Kawaiaha'o Church (Andrew, Abralette and Ka'iulani).

Not present: Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church, Waianae Protestant Church and Bishop Memorial Chapel.

As our churches are adjusting to these times of church closures, quarantine, social distancing and wearing masks, we are also doing a new thing in keeping connected with our congregation and each other through phone calls, emails, texts, Zoom meetings, YouTube/Zoom church services, fellowship small groups and bible study groups. We were so inspired by what each church community was doing to keep connected to their congregation that we shared each other's websites, addresses, links, newsletters, videos and invites.

Please pray for all our churches as we rely on the Lord and Trust in Him to work in us through this period of respite and trial as we work out our salvation. May we look upward to Him so we may find God the source of peace.

Here are some of the things that OCHCC are doing:

Kahikuonalani Church, Joanne - The church has three congregations who share the facility, and each must work on their plan to reopen the church with the main objective to keep everyone safe, kupuna to keiki.

Liliuokalani Protestant Church, Laurie - The church has not yet worked on a plan to reopen the church. Laurie shared that she and others have been attending online church services, not only on Oahu Island, but also churches on the outer islands as well.

Pearl City Community Church, Millie - A committee will be meeting soon to begin planning for the reopening of the church. Millie shared their Sunday Bulletin from Pastor Gordon Marchant's YouTube services.

Kalihi and Moanalua Church - Johnnie - Here is link to the KMC videos.

<https://sites.google.com/view/kalihi-and-moanalua-church/home>

Mama Kahu Darlene Kaupu has passed. No word on memorial services at this time.

Kawaiaha'o Church, Ka'iulani

- Kawaiaha'o Church TV - YouTube, Sunday Worship Services, 8:30am, Life Under Construction Youth Sunday Services, 10:30am, Kahu Korner newsletter / Pau Hana Pauku.
- Blessed to have Kahu Hailama Farden, Waianae Protestant Church who has joined Kahu Kenneth Makuakane in delivering the YouTube Sunday Services until the reopening of his church. Mahalo to Deacons, Kahaku Oda, Keoni Bunag, Uncle Buddy Nalua'i and Malia Ka'ai-Barrett for their contributions in the service.
- Almost Daily Member care Service e-blasts in sharing news about and from the Kahu, church leaders, congregation and the community. Care calls to one another, texts, emails and zoom meetings and fellowship keep us all connected.
- Instagram Youth Bible Study and Activity, Wednesday evening.
- Zoom meetings (Council, Ministries, Board of Trustees, Committee, Task Force, Bible Study and Fellowship small groups)
- Missions on Hold due to church closure: HiE HiE (mobile showers, food and clothing distribution and spiritual support and invite to church), Friday Night Youth Worship Service, Life 360 Friday Night in the gymnasium and Light and Salvation Church Worship Services.
- Church Leader's Task Force working on organization concepts.
- Church leaders working on self assessment.
- Senior Kahu and Administrator working on a plan to safely reopen the church / no date set.

Kaumakapili Church, Lorna

Kahu Doug, our Deacons, Hau'oli and Trevor, Tracy, Akiko and Yulanda have been working hard to create inspiring and uplifting Zoom Sunday worship services. Kahu has also started up Zoom Wednesday Bible study classes. Both have been very well attended.

Since the end of March, the Executive, Finance and Foundation Ministries have met via Zoom and email to communicate and maintain the basic operations of the church.

- Hebedoma services beginning on January 1, 2020
- Lenten services initially in the sanctuary and later moved to Zoom
- The Executives and Finance Ministries to apply and secure a SBA loan through First Hawaiian Bank. The loan program was initiated through the Federal Govt COVID 19 stimulus package. The church was notified on April 7th that the loan was approved.
- A Small Business Relief and Recovery Fund was secured through the City and County and approved by HOCU last week.
- Approved by Executive, Finance Ministries and Board of Directors to cancel the 2020 Luau.
- A City and County sewer problem in the neighborhood affected the church the week after Easter. Work and repairs are currently being done in the downstairs rooms of Hale Kamika.
- The Foundation Ministry stain glass repair initiative spearheaded by Uncle Andy Poepoe is finally complete. The window and wood framing look great. More window repairs in the sanctuary schedule for the future.
- Plans to reopen the church are scheduled for July 5, permitting there is no second wave that the government closes down the churches and public venues. Working on the plan to safely reopen the church.

Prepared by: Ka'iulani Hess

Moloka'i Topside Report for 2019

Greetings from Topside Moloka'i. Another year has passed with activities and events done by the churches on Moloka'i. For the 2019 year, the Topside Council included **Ho'olehua UCC**: Cecilia Kahue Ellertsen, Moderator, Rep Pualani Akaka Co-chair, **Kalaiakamanu Hou UCC**: Uluwehi Kakaio Sai, Moderator-Treasurer, Reps Claire Iveson, Hi'ilei Kakaio Bernabe, **Kalua'aha UCC**: Earline Iaea, Moderator-Co-Chair and **Waiialua UCC**: Maasi He, Moderator, Tina Lindsey-He, Secretary and Rep Louise Laumauna Miguel. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Ho'olehua celebrated the first Quarterly Combined Service for the year 2019 and had an Aloha Celebration for departing Kahu Charles and Mama Kahu, Elaine Poole. All in attendance wished them a fond aloha and mahalo for their ministry to all of the Kalawina congregations on Moloka'i.

Since Kahu Charles Poole finished his contract in January of 2019, we have had a number of kahu from various churches from O'ahu, Maui and Moloka'i who have served as supply pastors. Deacons from Ho'olehua, (Pualani Akaka) and Kalaiakamanu Hou (Claire Iveson, Dara Lukonen, Penny Martin, Uluwehi Sai) also volunteered to fill in on several Sundays when a kahu was unavailable to serve. Special aloha and mahalo to Claire Iveson who took on the responsibility of finding the supply ministers and communicating with them for monthly scheduling and confirmations.

It has also been a great learning experience for Co-chairs, Pualani Akaka and Earline Iaea in filling out the Local Church Profile to find a Settled Minister, but with the assistance of other Topside Council members and the HCUCC staff, they were able to complete the profile. It is now posted on the HCUCC and national websites. We await inquiries from interested candidates.

An event that all 4 church congregations looked forward to was the visitation of the Kamehameha Schools Deputation Team and their chaperones. This February visit included a service workday at Ho'olehua Church which involved cleaning out an old parsonage garage. Pualani Akaka provided an ono-licious lunch, and then the group went sightseeing to Kalaupapa Lookout. Kalaiakamanu Hou and Kalua'aha hosted evening dinner at Pizza Café. Later in the evening, a visit to Kanemitsu Bakery for hot bread was enjoyed by all. Early morning breakfast before service was provided by Ho'olehua Church, then to Kalaiakamanu Hou and the last stop was at Waiialua Church who served a delicious lunch. The students gave inspirational speeches related to the theme, "Grounded by God."

March 2018, the Strategic Plan Initiatives from HCUCC evolved and were shared statewide. Since then, each Topside church has continued to identify at least one initiative out of seven to work on for their own congregational growth and development for the year. Quarterly, progress was assessed by filling in a progress report and conveying results to the MT Council. This year, a “Shared Service” between Waialua and Kalua’aha evolved where the congregation of Waialua joined Kalua’aha on the fourth Sunday once a quarter. This allowed two small congregations to get together and fellowship. Another exciting activity that occurred was the appearance of the Na ‘Ohana Hoaloha Kupuna Group who used Ho’olehua’s pavilion on Sunday afternoons from 3 – 5 p.m. for singing, instrumental playing and for fellowshiping with people from the community.

Other community outreach activities that are continuing are quarterly Ohana Day at Waialua, where service is in a non-church setting and different activities are done in lieu of a regular church service. The Food Bank and Thrift Shop are also open after church at Waialua to people in need of food and clothing. Again, Kalaiakamanu Hou sponsored the Paul Mitchell Salon Hairstylists who were on island to offer their services to female Prom go-ers and give free haircuts for other people on island. Movies were shown during the summer months at Kalaiakamanu Hou Church Grounds where young families, millennials, and kupuna enjoyed this family oriented and drug free activity.

We’ve also had visitors who made a special trip from off island to visit us on Moloka’i. Congregants from Ho’olehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Kalua’aha and Waialua were able to “greet and meet” Warren Orikasa from Maui representing the Tri-Isle and Rev. DK Popham, a candidate for Hawaii Conference Minister. (See photos in HCUCC Coconut Wireless, June 5, 2019 issue).

One of the fall activities held on the first Saturday in November was our annual Bazaar day held at Kalaiakamanu Hou Church grounds. Church members from all four churches volunteered to participate as a chairperson or helper in various booths: Plate Lunch, Produce, Baked Goods, Plants, Dis n Dat food items, Silent Auction, Lucky Number Prizes, Poke Bowl, White Elephant and Christmas Crafts. A lot of people in the community stopped by to look, purchase items, “talk story”, eat ono food, listen to musical groups and just have fun.

Wow! This years Thanksgiving Luncheon for the community was an event that has grown in the number of participants and helpers. Many food donations were received, cooks appeared in the kitchen to prepare the various elements of the meal, servers stood in line to serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal into food containers and volunteers delivered meals to the kupuna at Home Pumehana, Women’s Shelter, Meals on Wheels and to people who were homebound. Couples, families, senior citizens arrived at Kalaiakamanu Hou Hall to fellowship with each other, enjoy the delicious meal and sing church hymns with the accompaniment of a talented ukulele player. Chairperson Uluwehi Sai summed it up, “We were not just serving a meal, we were also serving love, hope, peace, friendship, and fellowship. Mahalo Ke Akua for bringing us together to play such an awesome part in our community and each other's lives!”

Each church takes a turn quarterly to hold a Combined Service at their respective churches. As mentioned earlier, Ho'olehua hosted the first one with an Aloha celebration for all churches and for Kahu Charles and Elaine Poole. Next, Kalaiakamanu Hou hosted Ho'ike with their Combined Service in May, followed by Kalua'aha in September and last of all, Waialua selected December to host Kupuna Sunday in conjunction with their Combined Service.

Holiday celebrations on island included a visit from HCUCC Conference Minister, Gabrielle Chavez. She had a busy day starting at the east end of the island at Waialua Church conducting Sunrise service at 5 a.m., ate breakfast, then traveled west to Ho'olehua Church for their 8 a.m. service and ended in central Kaunakakai at Kalaiakamanu Hou at 9:30 a.m. A hearty delicious breakfast was served at the Social Hall after the morning service. Wonderful Christmas Eve Candlelight celebrations in December were celebrated at Ho'olehua with attendees playing hand bells to accompany Christmas songs that were sung. Waialua also had a great Candlelight service with an after-service dinner meal served in the pavilion.

Anytime a suicide on island happens, families, spouses, friends, people in the community, ask why? Concerned church ministers, interested community members, and leaders from off island have been meeting to discuss the issue of suicide and suicide prevention.

Several Topside representatives have attended a number of meetings with various groups on island. One community initiative that is supported by Kamehameha Schools and led by Earl Kawa'a, a former resident of Moloka'i is the Make'ole (*Choose Life*) Initiative. This Initiative is comprised of 6 community groups or hui which are Kahu, Clinical Professionals/Emergency Response, Educators, Ho'oponopono, Economic Development and Kua'aina Support that must work collectively in order to be successful. There are organizations and individuals that have already signed on for each hui listed. Uluwehi Sai was asked by Earl Kawa'a to be involved with the hui of (Kahu). As of Dec. 2019, this project is still a work in progress and is still being developed.

All MTC churches are members of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. Representing Moloka'i at the SCHCC quarterly meetings is Uluwehi Sai. Pualani Akaka substitutes if Uluwehi is unable to attend. We are elated that SCHCC continues to have grant monies to award to small Hawaiian Churches in need to repair and maintain their church buildings. Kalaiakamanu Hou has utilized the grant application process to apply for monies to repair and maintain the Social Hall in eventuality that the church Sanctuary will not be functional due to structural issues.

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

Sincerely,
Earline Iaea
Co-chair
Moloka'i Topside Council
Dec. 2019

**State Council Meeting
Year End Report
Report of the Maui Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
August 22, 2020**

Ka`ahumanu Church:

We are not doing physical worship in the church. We began doing an online worship service in March. We were considering reopening the building for worship again, but COVID-19 numbers started rising again. We are not in a hurry to reopen the building during this time. Punana Leo o Maui, like most schools, is looking at opening in August.

Kahakuloa Church:

Under the leadership of Kendall Kao`anohi (Chico), the church continues to work toward renovation after the roof collapse in June 2017. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected their progress.

Kaulanapueo Church:

Under the guidance of Kahu Jimmy Aarona, services are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Kupuna Aunty Janet Akau continues to be a driving force in the church. Ku`ulei (Nan Cabatbat), Aunty Janet's daughter provides support.

Keawala'i Church:

Keawala'i bid a tearful farewell to our dear Kahu, Kealahou Alike, who retired after serving Keawala'i Church for 29 years. It was a bittersweet moment as we all celebrated with him during a wonderful and fun filled luncheon on Sunday, February 16th, after his last service with us. There was music, dancing, singing, laughter and tears as we bid him aloha and a HAPPY RETIREMENT.

On March 1st our interim kahu, Scott Landis, began his ministry with us. Scott comes from Mission Hills UCC Church in San Diego where he was the pastor for 15 years. He is here with his partner, Randy, and their two adorable little dogs Will and Grace. Scott was able to do 2 or 3 services in the sanctuary before the Covid-19 virus hit us, and the doors of the church was closed by the end of March. However, Sunday services did not stop as Keawala'i retained its presence via Facebook. Kahu Scott and the church leadership have worked hard on making improvements along the way and the streaming live on Facebook every Sunday morning has been a great success.

On July 12 Keawala'i opened "the church" to those wishing to attend church in person, however because of the restrictions of COVID-19, services were held on the front lawn of the church where there is plenty of room for social distancing and fresh air. Masks are required and we ask those attending to bring their own chairs and umbrellas for shade. The service is also streaming live on Facebook. This enables our members and friends, who prefer not to attend the church in person, the opportunity to be a part of Sunday service. This also enables our members and friends who are on the mainland to attend the service. As an "aloha hour" concept after the service (no one can stay to talk story) Kahu Scott does an hour ZOOM meeting for anyone who wants to talk story. It is a wonderful way to keep the community together.

As good as all this is, there is still the longing to return to our sanctuary, to see and hug each other.

Keolahou Church:

Keolahou has been actively searching for a Settled Minister.

Lāhuiokalani Church:

With few technological resources, we “attended” services at other churches’ online services, tuning into Waiola, Ka`ahumanu, and Kawaiaha`o services. On July 5, we opened for public worship with 12 attendees. There is a closeness in this small community of worship. Attendance remains low as tourists have not traveled to Maui. The new parsonage is on the property. Progress is slow. It’s possible that early October will be move-in day. Mahalo ke Akua for Your blessings.

Olowalu Church:

The congregation, under the leadership of Aunty Addie Rodrigues, is in the process of contracting for the construction of a new church structure after several years of planning, setbacks, and inactivity.

Pā’ia Church:

Praise God, Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church continues to welcome members and visitors to our 11 A.M. weekly Worship Services under the guidance of Kahu Roy Newton. Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. We held our annual Ho’ike to commemorate PHPC’s 181st Anniversary. Many in our community look forward to and attend our Candlelight Christmas Eve Services followed by dinner.

In the interest of safety and protection of our faith community PHPC ceased face-to-face worship services in our sanctuary to adhere to county and state COVID-19 recommendations in March. Kahu Roy provided weekly email worship transcripts that kept us connected. In May we moved our weekly worship services to a Zoom platform. Kupuna, Makua & Kamali’i were delighted to fellowship with one another via Zoom, after being in isolation.

Praise God, the pandemic provided us the opportunity to kokua with the distribution of food to Kupuna and ‘ohana in need. We made minor campus improvements that included painting the exterior of our church and hale ‘āina. As permitted by County guidelines, PHPC resumed face to face worship services in June with implementation of social distancing procedures.

We mahalo Ke Akua for His continued blessings of abundant grace and mercy and pray for safety, health and wellness to all. Aloha Ke Akua!

Waiola Church:

Over the last 6 months of 2020, Waiola Church had successes yet, faced many challenges. We were the grateful recipients of a State Council grant to repair our office building roof, one of several damaged by hurricane Lane. The roof is now in good repair!

In late January, we hosted the AHEC Spring Halawai including a special talk by Dr. Ron Williams on the missionaries' 200 years in Hawaii and here on Maui.

On February 29th we celebrated Mo'i Wahine Keōpūolani with the assistance of a grant from Maui County. The day long program included talks on the mapping of our church graveyard and the Royal family members now buried there. The day was well attended and ended with a Tahitian feast.

We have lost several long time and cherished members: Barbara Michiko Kukahiko, Larry Meneheghan, and Grale Lorenzo-Chong. They all are deeply missed.

With the coming of Covid19 to Hawaii, Waiola ceased in-person services on March 15th. With the help of Dean Watson and Jen Mathers we were able to offer virtual services on our Facebook page. Board meetings were conducted on Zoom and members assisted in shutting down the church campus, with Punana Leo preschool already closed for Spring Break.

Kahu Meg Watson conferred with the Church Board and determined that the additional loss of income brought on by the pandemic made her salary package unaffordable for the already strained Church finances. After exploring all possible options, in mutual agreement, she and Dean departed in April. They safely traveled to Florida and she recently reported accepting a new calling.

Kahu Anela agreed to continue on as our licensed pastor and has done an excellent job as an instant "televangelist" ... preaching messages of God's love and caring in new ways. Our music director, Kent Stewart provides familiar and new songs to enhance the service. Church secretary, the accomplished Jen Mather, continues to manage church office affairs and produce the Sunday programs remotely from California, where she joined her family in late June.

On June 14, a church membership meeting was held via Zoom. A phone tree and newsletters help members remain connected and informed. We are pleased to see new names on our views lists on our Facebook page. Our church mission project, of providing essential hygiene items and food for those in need, concluded. The Lahaina Salvation Army relief program accepted the items that we collected; they will distribute the items to the community.

We are pursuing necessary adjustments to our church finances. Presently, we are exploring the feasibility of releasing the management of the James Campbell Memorial Park to the UCC Foundation. Prior to the pandemic, we had viable plans to increase church income through our Hall rentals, which would have financed the care of the James Campbell Memorial Park, but those plans are no longer realistic. Nevertheless, we continue to look for ways for Waiola to thrive and to serve God in Lahaina.

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

Board of Directors Meeting
Annual Meeting, 'Aha Iki
August 22, 2020

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 meets quarterly on Saturday mornings at 9AM and was held on July 6th at Ola'a First Hawaiian Church, Oct. 5th at Haili Church (no quorum, no meeting), Special Meeting on Nov. 9, 2019 at 'Opihikao Church and Jan. 4, 2020 at Haili Church. The Annual Meeting scheduled for April 4th, 2020 has been postponed/cancelled due to COVID-19. So no election of officers were held and our meetings are still on hold in these trying times. At our meetings, distribution of materials are made available with discussions about the items of concerns from the last SCHCC BOD meeting held along with advocating to the East Hawai'i Council Churches needs. The new EHCHCC Articles of Incorporation is ready to be filed with DCCA.

The present officers of this Council are: President Frank Mulec, 'Opihikao Cong. Church
Vice President Clement Malani Jr., Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church
Secretary Margaret Loke Kamanu, Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church
Treasurer Elizabeth Liz Salfen, Pu'ula UCC
Auditor Judith Bailey, Ola'a First Hawaiian Church

Haili Cong. Church/ Kuhio Chapel

Welcome Back! Haili Church/Kuhio Chapel & Ohana Hour will resume an in-person unity service at 10 AM on Sundays, Haili Campus Only. Live Streaming continues on the Haili Congregational Church Facebook Page at 09:45 a.m. each Sunday for those who want or need to stay home. <https://www.facebook.com/HailiCongregationalChurch/> Kahu Brain Welsh - Pastor

Kalapana Maunakea Cong. Church

We continue to meet at 10:45 for Sunday Services. Each 2nd Friday our member meet to feed the hungry in our community and pass out food for them. We have seen our Lord's blessings throughout this time in so many different ways.

Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church

President Clement Malani Jr., Vice Pres. Dawn Asato, Secretary Carol Malani, Treasurer Russell Paio, Moderator Catherine Kaide, Director at Large Elaine Nahakuelua. Working through the process of MID Alvira Cacabelos' call to ministry. A good showing of about 20-30 attendees every week. We mahalo the State Council and HCUCC for the consideration as we malama our buildings and properties in order to continue worshipping Akua in our communities.

Ola'a First Hawaiian Church

Though small, but faithful, the congregation continues its service to God and community with Kahu Lani Kapuniai as pastor of Ola'a. Each Sunday, service begins with Praise and Worship at 10:00 a.m. Adult bible study is held each Wednesday. The evening starts with music selection and practice at 4:30, potluck dinner at 5:30 bible study at 6:30, and ends with a prayer session at 7:30 p.m. A community lunch is served on the fourth Saturday of each month at the church hall. Church members gather to cook and serve the meal with the Praise and Worship team providing music for the occasion. Also, bags of food are given to those in need at the function. Regularly, Ola'a's Praise and Worship group, led by Kahu Lani Kapuniai, evangelizes with music at various organizations of East Hawaii. This year, with the financial aid of the Hawaii State Council, Ola'a will replace its sanctuary roof and some of the siding. Next project will include repairs to the inside ceiling and floor of the sanctuary.

'Opihikao Cong. Church

This has been another challenging year for our 'Opihikao 'ohana. New officers are: Pres. Frank Mulec, Vice Pres. Kevin Sulgit, Sec. Norman Palacat, Treas. Susanne Hauanio and Auditor Eunice Mulec. Another challenge beside the hurricane, evacuation from the vog and lava flows is COVID-19. On March 15th, the worshippers initiated and agreed by the members to suspend physical worship service at 'Opihikao Church. But with God's help, we carry on to do His will on line..

Pōhakupuka Congregational Church

4 Active members meeting at home.

Pu'ula UCC

Young Life is in operation with a large numbers about 31 coming each Thursday nights from 5:00 till 8:30PM. They play games, sing, have a Bible lesson and a full course meal, and can take home any leftovers. Shell Hale Place is doing well and we are thankful to the counselors who faithfully guide these young men to a better life and know they can change with God's help and love. The Pu'ula Recovery Center is going strong with large attendance. Meeting so many peoples need. They meet 6 days a week.. The congregation is busy keep up with all the things happening. We have also welcomed some new members in with much joy.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J Mulec

Frank J. Mulec, President

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Report for: SCHCC Zoom Meeting
August 22, 2020

The WHCHCC met on July 19, 2020, at Pukaana Church and by Zoom.

Elections were suspended and Officers were approved to serve another term (2 yr).
The WHCHCC approved contributing annually to the SCHCC Makeke.

Current Officers:

President: Sharon Matsuyama – Pukaana Church
Vice President: Keoki Kiwaha – Pukaana Church
Secretary: Pualani Muraki _ Lanakila Church
Treasurer: Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen – Kauaha’ao Church
Advisor: Boyd Matsuyama – Pukaana Church
Auditor: - - - -

Helani Church:

Bible Study - 9:00am
Sunday Service – 10:00am
Children Sunday School – 10:30am

Pulpit Supply:

- Members: Alicia Kam, Rollin Rabara, Naomi Aiu, Harry Aiu.
- Guest: Pastor Paul Childers, Levi Childers, Susi Childers.
- Communion service: Pastor Paul Childers.

Church quarterly meeting held on February 23, 2020.

Church began online service from March 22, 2020 to June 7, 2020.

Service held on May 17, 2020, in church parking lot and farewell luncheon for Sophie, who returned to Germany.

Church resumed physical service on June 14, 2020.

Repair Projects:

1. Pending Building Permit - Church south wall.
2. Pending Electrical Permit - Church interior electrical up grade.

Lanakila Church:

Kahu Pono, Charlene Taketa.

Pulpit Supply:

- Members: Lani Hoomanawanui, Stephen Spinola, Mae Eningowuk-Nelson
- Guest: Sam Masilamoney, Kahu Nancietta Haalilio

Election of Officers: 1yr term, January 2020 - 2021.

Moderator – Sam Masilamoney

Vice Moderator – Barbie Muraki-Valdez

Secretary – Gloria Muraki

Treasurer – Terry Muraki

Physical and Zoom Worship Service, April – June.

Filipino Christian Fellowship worship service, Sunday evenings.

Members Participated/Attended:

Congregational meetings in February/March.

Lanakila Ohana Choir practice, Tuesday evenings.

Lanakila Bible study, Wednesday evenings.

Filipino Christian Fellowship Bible study, Thursday evening.

Hui Malama Ola Na Oiwī holds classes on Diabetes and Hypertension at Church Hall.

Special Lulu on last Sunday of each month for Lima Kokua-Makana, to support members/friends in their time of need.

Kahikolu Church:

Kahu Pono, Naleen Andrade.

Last church service held at the Keei-Mauka Meisner farm on March 15, 2020.

Using the Ohana Pule format, worship service programs emailed, and hard copies made available for pick up at designated locations.

Church plan on resuming face to face worship service with Zoom capacity on the first Sunday of Advent, 11/29/2020.

Quarterly business meeting held on January 4, 2020, at Kepulu Church sanctuary, and October meeting to be held by Zoom.

Church leadership, Bible Study and Membership Class will begin via Zoom in September 2020.

Kahikolu Newsletter NU 'OLI, resumed publication in March and plan on doing 6 editions this year.

Church litigation, still in federal court.

Pukaana Church:

Pulpit Supply:

- Members: Rogers Naihe, Keoki Kiwaha, Sharon & Boyd Matsuyama.
- Guests: Kahu Richard Kamanu, Sam Masilamoney, Kahu Joseph Medlin.
- Communion Service: Kahu Richard Kamanu, Sharon Matsuyama.

Church closed on 3/29/2020, and worship service programs with speakers message US mailed. Church resumed face to face worship service on 7/12/2020 and continue to US mail worship programs.

Members are involved in various organizations of the Hawaii Conference UCC.

Church hall designated headquarters for the South Kona Community Neighborhood Watch program. K.U.P.A, (Kamaaina United to Protect the Aina) meets in the hall regularly.

Hauoli Kamanao Church:

Kahu Pono Charles & Melveen Kaupiko.

Church closed March to present and services by Zoom. Plan on opening church in August.

First Lawaia Milolii virtual camp for youths held on July 13-15, 2020, 10th anniversary.

Fumigation by Terminix completed in January. Roof replacement of Hale Pule scheduled.

Kauaha'ao Church:

Kahu Pono, Debbie Wong Yuen.

Pulpit Supply:

- Member: Dave Williams

Church closed March 22, 2020 to July 12, 2020, and virtual service on Zoom. Church reopened with drive in service on July 19, 2020 and continued live Zoom.

Attended AHEC Spring Aha Halawai on Maui.

Conducted Celebration of Life service for Mabel Kaipo.

Cancelled annual spring fundraising Bazaar due to COVID-19.

Henry Opukahaia Memorial Service/Bicentennial Celebration of Christianity in Hawaii celebrated at Hukuloa Church/Henry Opukahaia Chapel.

Sunday Happenings:

Every Sunday, Praise Jam at 9:15am, and on church Facebook page.

Outreach to Kau Community:

- Non-profit group to promote literacy.
- NA support group – 2x weekly.
- Tutu & Me Preschool – Mondays & Wednesdays..

Church Hall/Chapel walls being painted and need to finish electrical work inside hall.

In His Service,

Sharon

Sharon Matsuyama/btm



PŪ'Ā FOUNDATION
Empowering Individuals, Families & Communities

MEMO:

TO: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors
FROM: Toni Bissen, Executive Director
DATE: 8/10/20
RE: Pū'ā Foundation Report

There have been many challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic resulting in operational changes. However we are managing as best as possible. The last time I submitted a report was at the executive committee meeting dated 1/17/20. This report provides an update and overview of some of Pū'ā projects in 2020.

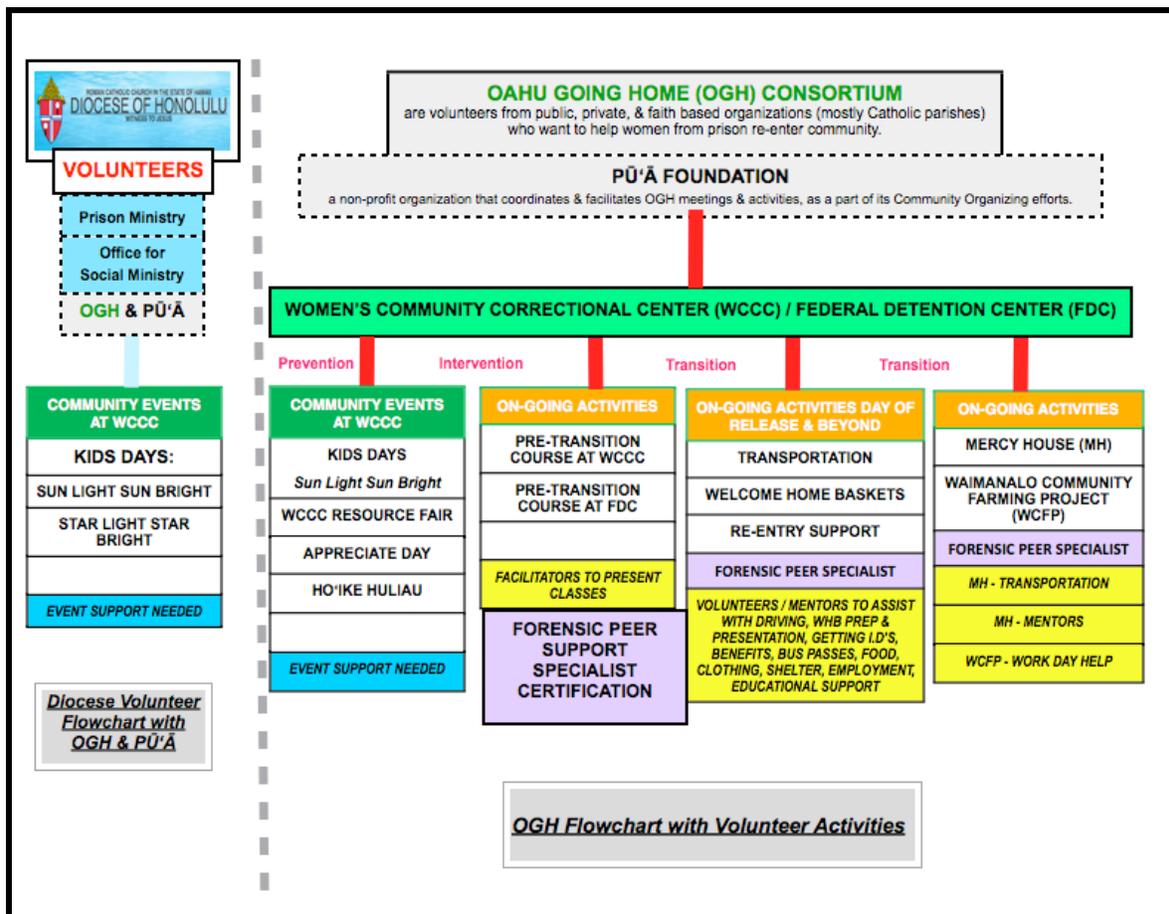
Oahu Going Home Consortium (OGH)/ Pū'ā Foundation:

We continue to coordinate support for women leaving the Women's Prison. To date we assisted 55 women. The chart below details the number of women released by month, their status and type of assistance that was provided.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
From WCCC	5	7	9	4	18
Status	4 - Maxed out (MO) 1 Parole (P)	2 – MO 5 – P	2 – MO 7 – P	1 – MO 3 – P	3 – MO 15 – P
# Helped	5	7	9	4	17
Type of Help	- Exit Planning; WHB, Food, Benefits, Transportation	- Exit Planning; WHB, Food, Back Packs, Transportation	- Exit Planning; WHB, Food, Transportation	- Exit Planning; WHB, Food, Masks, Gift Cards, Transportation	- Exit Planning; Food, Masks, Gift Cards, Clothing, Transportation

	June	July	OGH's Mission
From WCCC	12	5	Oahu Going Home Consortium (OGH) "Our mission is to assist women released from prison transition into community life through employment, training, housing and appropriate supportive services" <i>"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me"</i> Matt 25:35-36
Status	12 - P	2 – MO 3 – P	
# Helped	8	5	
Type of Help	- Exit Planning; masks, clothing	- Exit Planning; masks, Gift cards, Backpack	

OGH meetings were held in January, February, in-person, with the May, June and July meetings held via zoom. The March and April meetings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. See OGH diagram below.



Mercy House: Is expanding to include another house – Mercy House 2.

Peer Support - Videos/Housing Partnerships

Completed training for Peer Support Specialist – Dec. 2019, [see Mid-week article next page.](#) See videos links too with more about this work. Created the Reentry Partnership Collaboration - Incarceration to Independence Continuum. We developed partnerships connecting our transitional housing project – Mercy House with others to offer more opportunities, including peer support. [see diagram immediately below.](#)

REENTRY PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATION: *Housing, Peer Support, Case Mgt. & Therapy* INCARCERATION TO INDEPENDENCE - CONTINUUM

INCARCERATION	SHORT-TERM (6 to 12 Months)	MID-TERM (Up to 24 Months)	INDEPENDENCE (Long-term)
• WCCC	Betty's Place, Others	Mercy House; Others	Felon Friendly Landlords; Public Housing, Kupuna, Housing, Other
<u>PEER SUPPORT - CASE MANAGEMENT - THERAPY</u>			

HI PEER SUPPORT IMUA - VIDEO #1 - <https://youtu.be/ykwRcFqxRuo>

HAWAII PEER SUPPORT 2020 – VIDEO #2 - <https://youtu.be/aLxbo-ePnfk>



PROOF POSITIVE

OLA: Pū'ā Foundation's Push For Peer Support

By Toni Bissen, executive director of Pū'ā Foundation

We're stronger together. Women in prison aren't just inmates; they are mothers, daughters, sisters and wives. When they serve time, their families serve it, too. If we work together as a community to help these women, we strengthen their families and our community.

This mentality is at the heart of what Pū'ā Foundation does through its capacity-building and training programs. In 2019, we were able to serve 285 justice-involved women, 33 caregivers and 69 youth.

Created out of an apology, redress and reconciliation initiative of United Church of Christ for its complicity in the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian government, Pū'ā Foundation was formed as a nonprofit in 1996.

In service of its mission to reconcile the negative consequences of the 1893 overthrow, the foundation has developed a focus on addressing the overrepresentation of Native Hawaiians, particularly women, in prison. Native Hawaiian women are disproportionately incarcerated within Hawai'i's prison system, and trauma is a major contributing factor that underlies justice system involvement, be it historical, community and/or individual.

The foundation's newest initiative is called OLA, which in Hawaiian means "life." O-L-A is also an acronym that stands for organize, learn and act.

"O" represents the organization of community and resources; "L" allows participants to learn about trauma and how to help; and "A" acts in alignment to provide con-

nected support and resources.

To assist in moving OLA forward, in December 2019, 10 justice-involved individuals completed peer support specialist training. Peer support specialists can provide effective and timely assistance for those newly released from prison. Assistance can come in the form of sharing advice and encouragement, mentoring, and serving to link community services and resources.

Two advanced trainings for the 10 graduates are planned for March and June, and by the end of this year, the first class of peer support specialist graduates will be qualified to train others as part of a sustainability strategy.

To volunteer or donate basic necessities to women exiting prison, visit puafoundation.org.



Pū'ā Foundation peer support specialist graduates and their supporters pose for a photo during a Dec. 19, 2019, ceremony. PHOTOS COURTESY PŪ'Ā FOUNDATION

Waimanalo Community Farming Project (WCFP): For the months of Jan., Feb., and Mar. we had 4 work days with the WCCC workline women. Farm days were on: 1/23/20, 2/13/20, 3/4/20 and 3/12/20. At each session there were 6 women that engaged in various cultural, healing and vocational farming activities. As of March 17, 2020 all activities have been placed on hold due to the coronavirus. As of July 1, 2020, Pū'ā Foundation has executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) covering the partnership with the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) related to the WCFP. It is projected that the workline will begin again in September.



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'O keia no ka la lehova I hana ai,

E hau 'oli kakou, a e le'ale'a i laila.

Haleu 118:24

This is the day which the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

To the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors:

Aloha Kākou in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Word of God, it is written that today and forevermore are the days that He has made. Even through uncertain times, turbulent weather and a worldwide pandemic, we shall rejoice and be glad. A promise of His certainties, His protection and His Love surrounds His people whose faith, hope and trust is fully persuaded like Father Abraham, the Father of Faith.

The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches(AHEC) has been steadily moving forward since the shutdown of the State of Hawaii. With its mandates and social distancing proclamations, the Executive Team, Board of Directors, Bylaw's Committee and others have been meeting via zoom, emails, phone calls and texts messaging. We are doing whatever it takes to move this *wa'a forward*.

Hosting an additional Aha Halawai is in the planning state and will be announced shortly. We are looking into a virtual component to this meeting so that our membership will be able to attend with an option practicing the Stay at Home Order. For those delegates attending, the Department of Health (DOH) and Center on Disease Control (CDC) guidelines are being implemented in accordance with County of Hawaii's Rule 9 (please see attachment) providing safe options for the host church and our attending membership.

Our Committee on Ministry has great kuleana and is working diligently to kokua our Kahu and Churches. Although we lost a couple of membership churches we are working with new churches that are in the process of becoming part of AHEC. We also have several members in discernment and a few of them are close to an ordination standing. With the announcement in the UCC Friends newsletter about Kahu Michael Warren termination of standing, it has sparked a lot of controversy throughout the Associations. With scrutiny of our AHEC Bylaws, our right to self- governance and self-determination are crucial topics of discussion.

Our Papa Makua (PM) Wendell Davis has been actively bridging communications with the Hawaii Conference Minister (CM), our Kahu, the devoted leaders, and Directors of our membership Churches.

He has been hosting weekly bible studies, devotionals, and one-to- one reach outs. The CM David Popham has informed the Directors that the request for recognition and compensation of the PM position will be readdressed when the new Hawaii Conference Council Board is elected in October. Until then, our PM Wendell Davis has the support of AHEC.

In addition, AHEC has retained an attorney. The attorney's first objective was to kokua Hauula Kahuku Church as this church holds membership with us. AHEC is not a participating party in the litigation between Hawaii Conference Foundation and our AHEC member Church. We aim to stand by and provide support for the church. Recent research has uncovered multiple land titles that were sold and attempts of sale of church lands and deeds held by Hawaiian Evangelical Association (HEA) which is now the Hawaii Conference. The *Ho'ola I Ka 'Aina Komike* (AHEC Research Committee) is a beneficial committee in bringing awareness and kōkua for our precious Churches who are interested in their deeds held by the Conference.

As our *wa'a* moves into deep and open waters, the AHEC is on a journey to encounter the blessing of our Lord, God. He is faithful and just as the Just shall live by Faith rejoicing in His gladness forevermore! We at AHEC are looking forward to the Aha Iki in October and seeing all your wonderful faces.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kerisa Carmelo

AHEC Representative to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ, Conference Minister Report

Aha Iki, October 2020

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham

I give thanks to God for the work of the SCHCC and its advocacy for and working to keep alive the legacy and traditions of the native Hawaiian Congregational Churches. This bicentennial year of the arrival of the first company of Christian missionaries has thrown light on theirs and the countless Hawaiians partnership in God's mission and the congregations founded by in those times. Legacy is the gift of those who have gone before us and the work of this Council honors those gifts.

Historical Lands Held in Trust by the Hawai'i Conference Foundation

Of all the conversations and actions taking place in the Conference office, I think the most pertinent to the SCHCC is an emerging dialogue with Andy Bunn, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation. Andy and our comptroller Corinne Murashige are reviewing all land holdings that the HCF is entrusted with. From this review we are beginning to get an understanding of what lands are historical lands (usually with an historical building and/or grave yard), legacy lands (lands given for the purpose of monetizing to support the mission of the Conference), and trust lands held (some held in trust for the Conference and some held in trust for other entities).

From conversations about this review, Andy and I began to realize that the historical lands have not been kept to a standard that indicates the value of the land as historical heritage for the state residents in general nor for the native Hawaiian population particularly. Of concern is the upkeep of historical buildings and the maintenance of graveyards. A financial analysis for the upkeep of these properties indicate the HCF needs an additional endowment of ten million dollars in order to create a revenue stream to cover the cost of maintenance. Conversations around a capital campaign to include this concern plus other financial needs of the Conference are underway with both the HCF Board of Trustees and the HCUCC Council.

Hau'ula Church United Church of Christ

Hau'ula Church United Church of Christ (HCUCC) was a dwindling church that asked the Conference office for help in transitioning the church property into a ministry hub for the Hauula community. Rev. Sage Chee was recruited by the Hawaii Conference Foundation and approved by the surviving members of the congregation to lead this effort. Another church entity – Hauula Kahuku Church (HKC) – was invited to start services on the sight without permission of the surviving members but with permission of the AHEC Committee on Ministry. A lawsuit is now engaged to determine who has primary rights to the property.

Andy Bunn sums up the legal actions as to date:

“A formal mediation process with HCF, AHEC, and Ms. Kamai-Kaaihue before a mutually appointed mediator took place on June 29, 2020, at Kaumakapili Church. The process took place over the course of the entire day and involved extensive written briefing for the mediator in advance. Though we believed we were close to a settlement, the mediation ultimately failed. HCF reduced the negotiated settlement terms from the mediation to a written settlement offer, a copy of which was shared with the Board members, so that Ms. Kamai-Kaaihue and AHEC could take time to consider the proposal. The proposed settlement (1) called for an acknowledgment of HCF ownership; (2) permitting the use of the property by Hau’ula Kahuka Church on a non-exclusive basis to be shared with Hau’ula Congregational Church; (3) provided a venue and path for the development of the Hau’ula Kahuku Church as a new church recognized in the UCC (including training and licensing for Ms. Kamai-Kaaihue as a pastor); (4) called for AHEC to assume the roll of fostering and managing the relationship between both its member churches (Hau’ula Kahuku Church and Hau’ula Congregational Church); (5) provided funds to address the housing concerns of Ms. Kamai-Kaaihue (to be administered by AHEC); and (6) required the property to be vacated in order to limit potentially significant liability to all involved arising from the current unpermitted use of the property as a homeless encampment. This offer was, again, rejected. A further attempt to settle was made through the direct intervention of the First Circuit Court’s settlement judge on July 28th in a conference call with legal counsel and principals, but no settlement was reached.”

At the end of August, the judge presiding over the property ownership case, ruled on a series of summary judgements in favor the HCF as the title holder to the property. At the time of the writing of this report the HCF and the HCUCC still understand this issue to be in active litigation due to some residual issues yet to be definitively ruled on by the judge.



*Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
198th Aha Pae'aina*

*State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)
Aha Iki - October 05, 2020*

Advisor's Report

Aloha mai kakou e na SCHCC Ohana,

What a challenging and interesting year 2020 is turning out to be! At the close of the 197th Aha Pae'aina, June 2019, we shared the excitement of preparing for the 2020 Bicentennial Celebration / Commemoration, originally scheduled for June 2020. Unfortunately, the "tide began to turn" in March 2020 when COVID 19 introduced itself to the World.

As we continue to deal with the COVID pandemic, we have had to make many changes and in the process, have had to learn to do and see things "differently" including working on "new" normal and looking at "bigger pictures" and more importantly, continuing to keep our hope, faith and trust in Ke Akua. With that said, I believe our theme, "Let Us Covenant Together – E Ho'oku'ikahi Kakou" will help us get through the COVID pandemic, while we continue preparing for the Bicentennial Celebration / Commemoration, now looking at scheduling it for 2021.

As Advisor to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, it still warms my heart to see and feel the love and support that continues to be shared throughout this organization and I extend my mahalo for the privilege of being allowed to be a part of the SCHCC Board.

To our Island Council Presidents / Representatives and Partners (past and present); **Kauai, Oahu, Molokai Topside, Maui, East Hawaii, West Hawaii, Pu'a Foundation, and AHEC.....MAHALO** for your leadership and continued support. **YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!!!!**

Mahalo Nui Loa, Officers of the SCHCC Board of Directors: Boyd Matsuyama – **President**, Aletha Kaohi - **Vice President**, Retired Kahu Kealahou Alike - **Secretary**, Frank Mulec – **Treasurer**, Stanley Lum - **Resource Coordinator**, for your outstanding leadership representing the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. It has, indeed, been my privilege serving as Advisor to this Council.

God's Blessings,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama - Advisor, SCHCC

cc: SCHCC Board of Directors



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2020 Aha Iki of the 198th Aha Pae'aina

SCHCC Annual Virtual Meeting
October 5, 2020

Aloha Kakou,

Mahalo to Uncle Stanley Lum for hosting our Executive Committee meetings and Kahikuonalani Church (Joanne Kishimori & the late Della Kua'ana) for hosting our Board meetings.

Represented the SCHCC at Conference Council and AHEC Board meetings.

The SCHCC encourages its Island Councils/members to support the Strategic Initiatives and consider implementing the initiative(s) that best fits their churches.

As custodians of the Katherine and Clay Wery Fund, the Executive Committee finalized the Guidelines and Application to implement this program.

Since revising its By Laws in June 2019, the SCHCC has filed for its 501c3 Non-Profit Status, which continues to be a work in progress.

An addendum to its "Celebrating Advocacy – Past, Present, Future" book, focusing on completion in 2020.

The Repair & Maintenance Fund, a line item in the Hawaii Conference Foundation FY 2019-2020 budget, remained at \$40,000.00. Four (4) churches applied and were approved to receive funding.

The Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund awarded funding to one (1) church.

Two members continue discussions on a reconciliation working group with representatives from AHEC and the HCUCC.

This is an election year for all Officer positions. Mahalo to the Exec-Committee, the Board of Director's and Member Churches for your faithful support and confidence in the SCHCC leadership.

As FY 2019 – 2020 comes to a close, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches continues advocating on behalf of our Hawaiian Churches of the Hawaii Conference UCC.

Boyd Matsuyama – President