

Aloha Resolution Committee,

I wanted to speak during the Special Committee reporting when The Resolution was brought forth but I felt the Holy Spirit asked me not to speak. However, this is what I wanted to share.

Because the AHEC body never formally approved this Resolution at a scheduled membership meeting may I make some recommendations?

The Resolution would have greater impact and meaning if further work was done on it.

By this I mean,

1) To speak from a point of forgiveness. Are we not people of God, The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches? Have we as Hawaiians ever said. "WE FORGIVE YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE?". This would elevate your platform and show the hurt and injustices to Native Hawaiians are forgiven. 30 years ago, apologies were made, compensations were provided and received by churches, is that not so? Saying WE FORGIVE YOU is so very important. That's having the heart of Christ and lifting up Christ.

2) Afford the Hawaiian Churches the opportunity to review this document and ask for their mana'o, on ways this resolution can help them and their communities.

3) List ways in which this Resolution is going to move the AHEC Association forward with programs that will empower and elevate the lives of Native Hawaiians and our Hawaiian Churches.

While the work the Committee has done speaks to the historical facts, take it further to include the above. By doing so, those who hear it will see us as a body that is forgiving, that works towards being true Christians and that looks for ways to uplift Christ. This may mean to withdraw from presenting this at the 2021 General Synod and present it at the next Synod.

If the Resolution Committee moves forward in presenting the Resolution in it's current form, I would like to request a disclaimer that excludes Kaumakapili Church from this Resolution and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches. Currently, THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES include all AHEC member churches and Kaumakapili Church does not support this Resolution. We request not to be a part of this when it is presented at the General Synod.

Please share this with the Resolution Committee.
Thank you in advance for these considerations.

Kindest regards,
Lorna