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Aha Pae'āina Tentative Schedule

Time	Event	Description	Kuleana
Saturday, September 26			
3:00 pm	Delegate Orientation	How will we work in this Virtual Aha Pae'āina	Administration Missional Team
Sunday, October 4			
3:00 pm	Call to Order	Aha Pae'āina Convenes	Caroline Belsom
3:15 pm	Opening Worship	Virtual worship for all	Worship Planning Committee
7:00 pm	Hawaii Conference Foundation	Report and Update	Andy Bunn
Monday, October 5			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
9:00–11:00 am	SCHCC	Membership Meeting	Boyd Matsuyama
Tuesday, October 6			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
9:00–11:00 am	CE & SSA	CE- President Mike Warren SSSA- President Loke Kamanu	
12:30–1:30 pm	Music Reimagined	Doing music during the pandemic	Lea Morris
Wednesday, October 7			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
TBA	Aha O Nā Kahu	For all Kahu of Hawaiian Churches	Papa Makua Wendell Davis
Thursday, October 8			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
8:30 am	Ohana		AHEC
9:00 am–12:00 pm	Membership Meeting of all AHEC Churches	AHEC Luna Ho'omalū—Kauanoē Ho'omanawanui	
Friday, October 9			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
Saturday, October 10			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
8:00 am	Business Session		Administration Missional Team
10:30 am	Closing Worship		Worship Planning Committee

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Aloha and welcome to all the delegates, participants, guests, and friends of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. The 198th 'Aha Pae'āina is finally here, and what a journey it has been to get here!

In February, the Council anticipated receiving at its April meeting, plans for the June 'Aha at Kawaiaha'o Church. Who would have known then that whatever plans were in the works would undergo serious scrutiny and revision to allow for an 'Aha under Covid-19 conditions? In April the Council met by zoom and approved the Formation Missional Team's proposed theme, *E Ho'oku'ikahi Kakou* – Let us Covenant Together. The FMT had chosen the theme in March, prior to Covid-1 and saw that it continues to be applicable to the churches and associations within the Hawai'i Conference. The theme raises issues of a) relationships and working together, b) ways to rally around commonalities and to resolve challenges, and c) promises and commitments to work together, building on our strengths and shoring up our less ideal qualities.

In the face of ongoing threats from Covid-19 and government regulations of our health, safety, security, and economic survival, the 'Aha Planning Team recommended a virtual 'Aha and looked for opportunities to make this 'Aha as good as possible. Using the technology and technical help available to the Conference, attendees will be able to hear daily devotions related to the theme and presented by a wide range of resource persons, both local and from the mainland. There will be workshops, also presented by a variety of persons, covering topics that provide other perspectives on the theme. Seeing the Covid-19 situation as an opportunity rather than a negative, the 'Aha Planning Team reached out and took some risks to put together the week's programs.

The 'Aha Makua Business Meeting will be conducted virtually. It will be kept simple and straightforward and will be a learning experience for all who attend. I am grateful to all of those who gave of their time and energy ensure the success of this 'Aha Pae'āina: the 'Aha Planning Team; the 'Aha Iki Planning Committee; the Formation Missional Team, the staff at the Conference and Foundation offices, and the various churches and church leaders who agreed to participate in devotions, workshops, and worship. Without that help, the Conference would surely have considered foregoing the 2020 'Aha Pae'āina.

It is with great pride and extreme pleasure that I welcome you all to the 198th 'Aha Pae'āina of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. Enjoy your week; learn and contribute where possible; and support one another during this time of opportunities. It has been my privilege to serve as your Conference Council Chair for this past year and four months. New leadership will be on-boarding at the end of this week, and I look forward to the transition.

Caroline Belsom
Chairperson, Conference Council