III. ANNUAL REPORTS

Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
199th Aha Pae'aina

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)
Aha Iki - via ZOOM
June 15, 2021

Advisor's Report

Aloha mai kakou e na SCHCC Ohana,

As Advisor to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC), it still warms my heart to see and feel the love and support that continues to be shared throughout this organization, even with the challenging "adjustments" we continue deal with. ADUSTMENTS……at our recent April 2021 SCHCC Board of Directors meeting, Kaiulani Hess, Vice President of the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, shared that she didn't like using the word 'changes', so she decided that from now on, she would use the word ADJUSTMENTS which reflects a more positive feeling, and I must say that I totally agree, so I, too, have started using "adjustments" rather than 'changes'. (EXAMPLES: **Before** – " the COVID issue has forced us to make changes in our everyday life " **After** – " the COVID issue has forced us to make adjustments in our everyday life "). Mahalo, Kaiulani for your sharing.

To our Island Council Presidents / Representatives and Partners (past and present) **Kauai, Oahu**, **Top-side Molokai**, **Maui**, **East Hawaii, West Hawaii, Pu'a Foundation**, and **AHEC**…….MAHALO for your leadership and continued support. It's been interesting and educational listening to how your respective Councils have been adjusting to the various ways you have been dealing with church life, family life, community life, and personal life. YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!!!!

Mahalo Nui Loa, Officers of the SCHCC Board of Directors: Boyd Matsuyama – **President,** Aletha Kaohi (retired as of 12/31/2020)- **Vice President**, Lorna Motas- new **Vice President**, Retired Kahu Kealahou Alika - **Secretary**, Frank Mulec – **Treasurer,** *Stanley Lum - **Resource Coordinator**, for your outstanding leadership representing the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

*As most of you may (or may not) know, Uncle Stanley Lum, Resource Coordinator for SCHCC, was recently "called home" to be with our Lord. It is with a deep sense of sadness, much gratitude and appreciation and more Love and Aloha, that I share this prayer: *"Give us the strength to endure this time of mourning and grief at the loss of a dear friend and loved one. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us, and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen"*

I extend my sincere mahalo for being allowed to be a part of the SCHCC Board. 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

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

2021 Aha Iki of the 199th Aha Pae'aina

SCHCC Annual Virtual Meeting
June 15, 2021

Aloha Kakou,

Represented the SCHCC at the Hawaii Conference Council and AHEC Board meetings.

Participated in Pearl City Community Churches virtual Hawaiian Sunday service and Rev. Gordon Marchant installation service.

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, in final editing.

The Repair & Maintenance Fund, a line item in the Hawaii Conference Foundation FY 2020-2021 budget allocation, remained at $40,000.00. Two (2) churches applied and were approved funding.

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

The SCHCC continue discussions on a reconciliation working group with representatives from AHEC and the HCUCC.

Contributed funds to the Kahu Richard Kamanu Memorial Fund and Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church.
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A Letter of Encouragement from the Executive Committee emailed to Island Council Presidents to distribute to its member churches.

The Bylaws of the SCHCC and Island Councils were reviewed by the Executive Committee with legal advice by an Attorney at Law to insure both entities are in covenant.

As FY 2020 – 2021 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

SCHCC Repairs & Maintenance Report Update for 2019, 2020, 2021 as of April 16, 2021					
2019	**Church**	**Council**	**Contact Person**	**Amount of Award**	**Complete Date**
1-	**Hau'oli Kamana'o**	W. Hawaii	Kaimi Kaupiko		
Job Description	Fumigation church and kitchen			$ 2,000.00	11/8/2020
	Renovation of kitchen is partially done per email on 12/26/20			$ 9,000.00	Est. by 6/1/2021
2-	**Helani Cong'l Church**	W. Hawaii	Rollin Rabara	$ 19,000.00	Not completed
			Harry Aiu		
Job Description	Replacement of south side wall church wall and addition of storage rooms is on hold per Rollin Rabara 4/20/2021				
3-	**Lanakila Cong'l Church**	W. Hawaii	Pualani Muraki		
Job Description	2019/2020 awarded: steeple repair . Awarded $22,000			$ 22,000.00	2/1/2021 Final report submitted
	2019 award			$ 3,000.00	
	2019 award	This was returned funds from Kalapana Maunakea Church.		$ 3,000.00	
	2020 award			$ 16,180.00	
Comments	Amount refunded to SCHCC. Check mailed to Frank Mulec 4/16/21. Returning to HCF.			$ 2,582.00	
2020					
4-	**KALAIKAMANU HOU C C**	Molokai	Uluwehi Sai	$ 7,500.00	Not completed
Job Description	Repair Social Hall				
5-	**Ola'a First Hawaiian Church**	East Hawaii	Judith Bailey		
Job Description	Replace roof and repair damaged wood			$ 13,039.00	10/17/2020
	Final report submitted				
6-	**Waiola Church**	Maui	Linda Norrington		
Job Description io	Repair SS and Office roof. Installed 30 year shingles and new ridge cap on east side.				12/27/2020
	Final Report submitted				
2021					
1-	**Kaulanapueo Cong'l Church**				
Job Description	Fumigate Sanctuary	Maui	Judy Buettner	$ 5,632.00	4/17/2021
	Spot treat the Hale 'ai.				
2-	**Hau'ula Cong'l Church**	Oahu	Bessie Kamkaeeaina		
Job Description	Replace and Repair roof			$ 11,522.00	1/15/2021
	Final report received 4-25-21 from Bessie Kamkaeeaina				
2013	**Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church**	E. Hawaii	Kahu Debbie Wong- Yuen		
	Grant award from 2013	Final report was submitted and rec'd to Aletha Kaohi with pictures			

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 Hawaii 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).

- **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 ʻāina* (social/fellowship hall) and *hale keʻena* (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 R&M 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, preferably with photographs if available. At that time the account will be closed.

6. Any unused funds shall be returned to the SCHCC. Unused funds may not be applied to other projects.

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

(Revised: October 2016)

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (SCHCC)

FUND FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF 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 Hawaii 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: _____

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: _____

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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

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1. **Recommendation**

   Approval: ___ Denial: ___ Grant Amount Recommended: _____

   Comments: _____

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2. **Signature**

   Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

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1. **Recommendation**

   Approval: ___ Denial: ___ Grant Amount Approved: _____

   Comments: _____

2. **Signatures**

   SCHCC President : _____ Date: _____

   SCHCC Secretary: _____ Date: _____

(Revised: October 2016)

Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund
Report of Awards for 2021
June 15, 2021

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

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

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

On January 14, 2021, the committee met to review funding requests for calendar year 2021. The committee received one (1) application from Kaumakapili Church. They requested assistance to repair the church's pipe organ, which is 44 years old. The total cost of the project amounted to $14,429.28.

The Committee always asked the question: *Will the church's mission fail if this request is denied?* The Committee determined that the church's mission would be enhanced by the repair of the organ. Committee members include:

- Chairperson Aileen Trout, Lahuiokalani Ka'anapali Congregational Church
- Linda Norrington, Waiola Church
- Boyd Matsuyama, Puka'ana Congregational Church

AWARDS FOR 2021:

Kaumakapili Church: $7,000.00

Approved for **repair of the church pipe organ**

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)

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(Hawaii Conference Foundation)

Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund
Application Form

Please complete every line of the application; using N/A (not applicable) if necessary.
Secure all required signatures.

Name of Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box City/State Zip Code

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to assist member churches of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) with fulfillment of their church mission through the awarding of monetary grants from the earned interest income of the Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund.

GRANT AWARDS: Monetary grants shall be awarded to member church applicants for project proposals meeting the criteria set by the program. Any member church of the SCHCC may apply for a grant by submitting a completed application form.

PROGRAM/PROJECTS: A project proposal must serve a religious purpose. It may be submitted for any of the following subjects.

Check project: ____ Music Ministry _____Outreach ____ Scholarships

____ Social Justice _____ Personnel ____ Worship

____Christian Education _____Other(specify)_____

____ Church Repairs *(**priority given to Mission work**)*

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.)

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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: _____

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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 Nuuanu Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
(808)- 936-1385

Aha Iki - via ZOOM
June 15, 2021

Annual Report

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, setting a goal of reaching the amount of $5,000.00, with the intention of using the earned interest income towards the granting of scholarships, for the purpose stated.

Unfortunately, for FY 2020-2021, no applications have been received, requesting funds. As a reminder,the deadline for applying for funding through the William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund is by October 15 of each year.

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 Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship

William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalu Scholarship Fund

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

Scholarship Policy

Background: The William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalu Scholarship Fund was launched following the passing of Licentiate Kahu, William K. Keli'iho'omalu. Kahu Keli'iho'omalu 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 Mokupuni. Kahu Keli'iho'omalu 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'omalu 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'omalu 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:

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:

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   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 assist applicants 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. 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)

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

KATHERINE & CLAY WERY FUND

Annual Report

June 15, 2021

Aloha mai Kakou,

In July 2016, Dr Naleen Andrade, hanai daughter of Katherine Hanley Wery, met with the SCHCC Executive Committee and discussion on areas the fund would benefit Rural Hawaiian Churches.

Our Resource Person, the late Stanley H.L. Lum (8/29/30 - 4/29/21), was tasked in drafting the guidelines and application form.

To date Molokai Topside Council was approved funding but have not requested funds due to delay with the Covid Pandemic.

Boyd Matsuyama - President

FORM: KCWERY – 1/17/2020

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)

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 United Church of Christ (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 active 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 activities to which the Funds may be applied. A Church whose "need" does not fall within any Project / Activities 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 96725

Distinctive Feature of the K&C Wery Fund

The Katherine & Clay Wery Fund (K&C Wery Fund) differs slightly from other funding available to HCUCC churches. The Repair and Maintenance fund, the Kahu Richard Wong Endowment, and the William Keliihoomalu 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 Wery Fund will focus on improving the state of well-being of small Hawaiian churches by assisting them in obtaining resources 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 Wery Fund would help appreciably in preparing a Request for Assistance.

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Annual Virtual Meeting
June 15, 2021

Report of AHEC – Na Lima Hoike "E"

FY 2020 - 2021

Received	Church	Program	Amount
07/03/20	Kalanikahua Hou	Na Wahine Kuleana	3,000.00*
10/20/20	Laupahoehoe	Spring Aha Halawai	1,157.00*
02/12/21	Laupahoehoe	198th Aha Paeaina	Denied**
02/13/21	Laupahoehoe	Church Leaders Event	Denied**
02/17/21	Laupahoehoe	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	20.00

*Carry over from FY 19/20
**Denied: Applications received after event started.

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.

Program Committee Members

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Kauanoe Hoomanawanui - Luna Hoomalu – Ex-Officio

Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
199th Aha Pae'aina

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)
Aha Iki - via ZOOM
June 15, 2021

Nominations Report

Aloha mai kakou,

It continues to be a challenging time, with the COVID issue, for many.

The efforts of the Nominations Committee, to schedule a Special Election at the June 2021 Aha Iki, has been very much appreciated. However, the intent to schedule a "Special Election" had to be revisited due to insufficient understanding and clarity of the term "Special Election vs Special Meeting" , which would have resulted in a decision that would not be "in the best interest of our SCHCC churches"

After sharing this mana'o with the SCHCC Executive Committee and the SCHCC Board of Directors, the Nominations Committee was granted the approval to reschedule the SCHCC Elections to June 2022.

At the completion of the June 2021 SCHCC Annual Meeting, the Nominations Committee will be reorganizing to include a representative from each Island Council for a balanced representation.

Mahalo nui loa to the current members of the SCHCC Nominations Committee: Lorna Motas – Kaumakapili Church / Oahu Council, and James Aarona – Keawala'i Church / Maui Council, for your willingness to continue serving on the nominations committee. We are looking forward to welcoming new representatives from the following Island Councils; Kauai, Top-side Moloka'i, East Hawaii and West Hawaii, to complete the SCHCC Nominations Committee.

God's Blessings,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama
SCHCC Nominations Committee Chair

KAUAʻI COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATINAL CHURCHES

Quaterly & Annual Report

June 15, 2021

What a year this has been. We have all learned to be patient and to cast all of our problems upon the Lord. We have acknowledged our weaknesses in the face of hardship and have humbled ourselves and have put our trust in the Lord that all will be well.

Our Hawaiian churches on Kauaʻi are slowly getting back to normal. All have found that Zoom has allowed them to continue to have church services and church meetings. Here is just a recap of what our churches are doing.

Waimea UCC - Worship services are held outside on their Lanai. They plan to be back in their sanctuary on Mother's Day. They will be opening the gym for after school program and sports like volleyball.

Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational – They have in person services as well as Zoom services. They had a spring cleaning, painted their fence, trimmed a tree, and had a successful rummage sale. They were able to provide gift cards to their keiki and food for their Kupuna with funding from the KCHCC.

Kapaa First Hawaiian – They continue to live stream their services. They have issued packets to their Sunday School children with projects they can do at home. There is no singing.

Koʻolau Huiʻia – They started in person services on Easter Sunday. Kahu Kordell and others have been filling the pulpit. They continue to use Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person church services.

Waiʻoli Huiʻia –Services have been in person since June of 2020. Zoom and Facebook Live are also being utilized. There is a mens group that meets on Monday nights and there is a Keiki Night on Wednesdays. There was a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday as well as the regular service. More children programs are being planned.

The Hanalei landslide continues to hamper economic recovery on the North Shore. The road is open all day on Sunday which is a blessing for all of us. Thankyou everyone for your prayers.

Blessings to all of you,

Haunani Pacheco

Oahu Council of Hawaiian Churches

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

June 15, 2021

Hau'ula Congregational Church: Bessie Kamakeeaina for Kahu Sadrian Chee

Currently waiting for permit approval from the City of Department of Planning & Permit. We do not know how long before we are approved for Hau'ula Congregational Churches permit.

Projects contracted to Maunakai & Associates are completed. Kahu Dr. Francine Park Palama, Principal owner saw projects through from conception to completion. She did an outstanding job in meeting all the requirements we contracted her to do. She was always there to speak through team meetings and off-site meeting and travel with Bessie Kamakeeaina to several church meetings within the United Church of Christ and providing a unique perspective. Her professionalism was very much appreciated.

Thank you. You all have a bless week.

Kahikuonalani Church: Joanne Kishimori, Church Delegate
Pastor Rick Hirakawa
Moderator: David Wong

- Sunday Services: The church is still closed. Pastor Rick delivers the message on YouTube on Sunday at 10:00 A.M.
- Keiki Care Center, an independent pre-school on the grounds is open.
- Outreach: Totally involved with Kahikuonalani Park Activities, PAAM food distribution, Touch A Heart Kupuna and Family Meals.

- Took part in a 4 week Zoom Bible Study based on a book by Lisa Harper entitled "The Very Good Gospel". It was moderated by Kahu Rennie Mau of Ewa Community Church and Pastor Rick Hirakawa of Kahikuonalani Church. The book mainly addressed social justice and injustice.
- David Wong, our moderator, and I attended the Church Leaders Event.
- Pastor Rick and I attended the Aha Halawai.
- Ka Leo Hawaii – Our church was invited to attend a 5-week session of Hawaiian Language instruction at Ewa Community Church taught by Kahu James Merseberg and facilitated by Kahu Rennie Mau. Even though Kahu Merseberg preferred an in-person class, I and another person could attend by Zoom. Kahu stressed that this was not like a college course. The goals were to: 1) Realize the significance of Olelo Hawaii (Hawaiian language) to the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. He reminded us that the state of Hawaii has two official languages, English and Hawaiian. 2) To understand the Hawaiian alphabet: Ka Pi apa Hawaii. 3) to be able to comfortably say the names of the New Testament books in Hawaiian. 4) To learn the Apostle Paul's reason for greeting the Church/Christians. Kahu Merseberg invited us to send him a greeting in English that we wanted translated to Hawaiian and he did that for the next class, so we were able to say our greeting in Hawaiian. 5) to count in Hawaiian (so we could say the scripture in Hawaiian. And 6) to receive our favorite verse in Hawaiian and to introduce the Bible reading in Hawaiian. I told Kahu Merseberg that I enjoyed his class and it had exceeded my expectations.
- Zoom Book Study by PAAM and the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center based on the book Unsettling Truths, starting April 12 and continuing for 6 weeks.

Kalihi and Moanalua Church Report:
Kahu Manu Naeole
Church President Toni Ku-Daniels
Sunday Services 1. We have been open for services since July 2. We were providing links via Zoom, and an online option for those who have not been in church with us. The sanctuary was recently fitted for Wi-Fi access so online services might be returning soon.

Use by Tenants 1. Chuukese Community Church of Christ continues to use our church for Sunday afternoon services. 2. Punana Leo o Honolulu uses our campus for one of their preschool sites. They have returned to in person classes 3. The Baibala project through PID has ended. They closed their office on site at the end of October 2020.

Other Activities 1. Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM. 2. Family and Sunday School Hōʻike held on March 28th. The next one is on June 3. The sermon series on the book of Mark concluded on Easter. 4. The new sermon series on Acts begins April 11 through Pentecost Sunday. 5. Kahu and deacons are in the process of planning a community outreach event this summer

Kaumakapili Church Delegate Report for February-April 2021
"If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised." 1 Peter 4:11
Aloha Ke Akua ia Kakou!
Kaumakapili Church continue to be blessed and we give praise to God Almighty.

- We just opened the doors to Sunday worship service on March 7 and have about 35-40 attendees in person and 40+ attending via Zoom. One Easter Sunday Service will be held at 8:30am on the front lawn of the church and being outdoors will allow us to accommodate more people and space them out.
- On February 17, we had a modified Ash Wednesday service followed by spiritually moving Lenten Wednesday night services based on the theme, "A Journey of Transformation" lead by Kahu Doug Wooten and the Deacons.
- We held our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 21 and approved the 2020 Financial statements and the nomination slate of new members joining the different ministries. Due to Covid, members with expiring terms were asked to serve on more year which they all agreed to.
- The Outreach Ministry continues to serve the homeless on Dillingham and in Kalihi. A joy that has come out of the Outreach program is a young disabled woman who previously roamed the streets around the church has sought help to clean herself up and return home. She now attends our Sunday Worship service with her son and her mother. Praise God for His healing grace!
- Kaumakapili Church is responsible for two cemeteries, Ma'ema'e Chapel Cemetery and Pauoa Cemetery both in Nu'uanu. As good stewards, we have spent time, resources and building relationship to beautify and better care for these two special places. This has required, cutting trees, restoring and posting signs, installing fencing and a chain gate at Ma'ema'e. Documenting and redocumenting graves, headstones, etc. is being done by two volunteers who have ancestors buried there.

- The Tuesday morning Women of the Bible Fellowship continues to be a success, drawing women and men from within and outside Kaumakapili Church. The fellowship and friendships that have been built through this ministry has been awesome and all praise goes to the Holy Spirit.
- Kahu Doug Wooten will continue the Wednesday Bible study following the Lenten season, 6:00-7:00 pm.
- We initiated our 2025 Strategic Visioning plans. We are very excited about what God has in store for us and how He will use us to further His kingdom on earth!
- Thanks to the grant award from the Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund, we have started the organ repairs. There is much more that is needed for this project but we are faithful that the resources will flow in to help us complete this initiative. The church has started a Fun-raiser called, "The 12 Tribes of Israel", to help fundraise for this effort and improve the multi-media system in the sanctuary.

Mahalo Ke Akua,
Lorna Motas, Kaumakapili Church Delegate

<u>Kawaiaha'o Church</u>
Kahu Kenneth Makuakane
Moderator (church delegate): Ka'iulani Hess
Church Delegates: Andrew Dahlburg, Char Izuka
All Glory to God!

- Kawaiaha'o Church doors are open for in person and YouTube Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 am.
- Maundy Thursday Worship Service and Easter Sunday Worship Service were in person and online on Kawaiaha'o Church TV, YouTube. For Good Friday, Kahu Ken held an online YouTube Bible Study Fellowship. 220 people attended in person, the Easter Sunday Worship Service. Registration, health, and safety protocols are followed.
- Church meetings of the church leaders continue online. God willing, our first in person and via Zoom membership meeting will be April 25, 2021. This will be our first membership meeting since October 2019.
- Small group gatherings for Bible study, Fellowship and Prayer via Zoom.
- Bicentennial Speaker Series continue YouTube. The Kawaiaha'o Church 201st Birthday Worship Service is on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 8:30 am, in person and via YouTube.
- Kawaiaha'o Church School – enrollment is up; health and safety guidelines are strictly adhered to by the staff; the children are happy to be in school with each other.
- Light and Salvation – prayers continue for Pastor O's ministry and worship in helping the houseless community.
- Life Under Construction – weekly Bible Study / Fellowship gathering on Instagram with youth from other churches and communities. Youth have been delivering food to families and cleaning public parks as outreach community work.
- Church delegates attended OCHCC, HCUCC Church Leaders Event and the SCHCC meetings in January 2021 via Zoom. Also, attending webinars and workshops offered on the HCUCC Coconut Wireless.
- Prayers continue for those who need healing mercies, who have lost their jobs, lost loved ones, who have no food or other life necessities, who have lost their businesses or are struggling with trying to keep their business alive, and those who are struggling both financially and spiritually.

Most of us know of someone who has contracted COVID and suffered loss, those who are serving in the armed forces or lost a loved one in that service, we share together in your prayers for the people. Thanksgiving Prayers to the Father for His abundant provision, his love and salvation through his one and only Son, Christ Jesus.

Lili'uokalani Protestant Church (LPC)

We have been having In-Person Worship Services with Guest ministers:

24 Jan 2021	Kahu Alpha Goto
31 Jan 2021	Kahu Alpha Goto
07 Feb 2021	Kahu ?
14 Feb 2021	Kahu D. Neal MacPherson
21 Feb 2021	Kahu Lauren Buck-Medeiros
28 Feb 2021	Kahu Alpha Goto
07 Mar 2021	Kahu Kordell Kekoa
14 Mar 2021	Kahu D. Neal MacPherson
21 Mar 2021	Kahu Wally Kuroiwa
28 Mar 2021	Kahu Kordell Kekoa (Palm Sunday/Holy Communion)
04 Apr 2021	Kahu Kordell Kekoa (Easter Sunday)
11 Apr 2021	Kahu D. Neal MacPherson?

- Births - Feb 2021, Carter Kaimi Okeakua Iosefa Turnage, born to Anela Lautalo & Joe Turnage
- Healing Prayers- Our Pule Ho'ola Hou, our prayer of dedication of Healing. May Ke Akua embrace his healing hands upon the following people and their families, caregivers, and also those not listed, may he give them comfort, peace, and healing: Linda Coloma, Aunty Carol Custino, Crystal Grilho, Duane Hammerstrom, Rod Ishimoto, Dennis Kaio, Owen Kano, Syd Kawahakui, Leatrice Kawamura, Vernon Kishinami, Laurine (Awai) Lacar, Stanley Lum, Mel Manoha, John Moneyhun, Ryan Normandin, Loren Nelson, Garrett Passos, Margaret Roy, Bill Satterwaite, Pamela Shon, Dexter Soares, June Souza, Jim and Aunty Edna Stewart.
- Special prayers for both the military and civilians who serve our country both at home and around the world to keep us free and out of harm's way. To those who have lost loved ones, Lord God, please grant to them much healing, peace, and aloha.
- We pray for our nation! Let us heal and work together in harmony.
- Special prayers for the immigrant children.
- Special prayers for the families and businesses that were affected by the flood waters in Haleiwa and throughout Hawaii
- Special prayers to God's people on earth, may he find a cure or a safe vaccine for this pandemic
- Lord, we also pray for those afflicted with Coronavirus, for the families who have lost loved ones due to this pandemic. We pray and give thanks to the many doctors, nurses, first responders, EMS personnel, those who work at the stores so we can get our necessities, their families, many who are not able to see their families because they have been in contact with COVID patients. To the scientists and researchers who work diligently to find a cure or a safe vaccine to fight against this pandemic.
- In Loving Memory, Deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the following: Alvin Morishita, Kenneth Souza, Charlene Yamada (03/20/21 - short prayer in sanctuary & drive by on LPC's grounds)
- Have you had new members? No

- Have you had any baptisms? Yes How many? 1

03 Apr 2021 Reuben Vader Kokanawai Tadashi Kaio, son of Chatlynn Wilkins and Tyler H. Kaio

Since our last meeting, this is what I have been doing/attended:

23 Jan 2021	Virtual OCHCC Quarterly meeting via Zoom; remit yearly dues by 31 Jan 2021
25 Jan 2021	Virtual Na Kahu meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
30 Jan 2021	Virtual SCHCC meeting via Zoom
08 Feb 2021	Deadline for registration for 2021 Virtual Church Leaders Event
08 Feb 2021	Deadline for registration for 2021 Virtual Spring ʻAha Halawai
13 Feb 2021	Virtual Church Leaders Event Workshop
15 Feb 2021	Virtual Church Leaders Event Workshop
18 Feb 2021	Virtual Church Leaders Event Workshop
20 Feb 2021	Virtual Church Leaders Event Workshop
20 Feb 2021	Virtual 2021 Spring ʻAha Halawai via Zoom
22 Feb 2021	Kahu & Layreaders meeting with Papa Makua Wendell Davis via Zoom
29 Mar 2021	Kahu & Layreaders meeting with Papa Makua Wendell Davis via Zoom
03 Apr 2021	SSSA Meeting via zoom
11 Apr 2021	OCHCC Annual meeting via Zoom
24 Apr 2021	SCHCC meeting via Zoom

Upcoming Events

08 May 2021	Oahu Association Meeting via Zoom
13 Jun 2021	199th Annual ʻAha Pae'aina
14 Jun 2021	ʻAha Pae'aina
15 Jun 2021	ʻAha Pae'aina SCHCC @ 1:00 p.m.
16 Jun 2021	ʻAha Pae'aina
17 Jun 2021	ʻAha Pae'aina
18 Jun 2021	ʻAha Pae'aina
19 Jun 2021	ʻAha Pae'aina

Respectfully submitted by:
Laurie H. Kauleinamoku, Delegate

Pearl City Community Church: Millie Yee, Church Delegate

- We held our first In-person Worship Service in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 04, 2021. The First Service commenced at 8:00 a.m.; with the Second Service at 10:00 and will be on Zoom.
- Domestic Violence Fundraising; Mahalo, for your contributions of $3,005 for our Domestic Violence Fundraising. 31 members and friends of PCCC have responded to the growing community need of domestic violence in Hawaii.
- Safe Church: The backgrounds check has been completed for the following: Staff, Council, Deacons, Mission, Trustees, CE, Sunday School Teachers, Nursery, Personnel, Finance, Librarians, Community concerns, Common Grace Volunteers, Sacred Dancers, Hearts for Jesus, and Hawaiian Ministry.
- 2021 Budget: On November 23, 2020, the Finance committee finalized the 2021Budget which was presented to Council on November 27,2020 with the recommendation to approve. Upon

approval the Budget was mailed to the Congregation with Council's recommendation to accept Congregation vote; 123 Yes, 22 No.

- By Law changes: To ease implementation of work orders by Board of Trustees and to streamline operations of the church, changes to Article V, Article XI and Article XII were voted on by the Congregation. ¾ approval needed; ¾ approval received.
- 879 Third St. Purchase; Council voted to purchase the property subject to congregation approval. A Summary sheet, history and ballot were mailed to the Congregations. Congregation vote: 100 Yes, 34 No
- TAH Kupuna & Family Meals has signed a 6-month facility –use agreement with PCCC for 2021.
- Pastor Gordon Pastoral Review and Evaluation; His 3 years contract is ending in July. A Survey was sent to Council, Boards, Committee and Staff for review and evaluation.
- Jackie Garcia, Music and Choir Director will be moving back to the mainland in July. Her husband military rotation is up.
- Memorial service: celebrating Estrella Lariosa's life will be held at Pearl City Community Church later date and time. She was a Music and Choir director for many years at PCCC.

No reports: Waianae Protestant Church, Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church and Bishop Memorial Church. What is the status of these churches with SCHCC?

Moloka'i Topside Report for 2020

2020 ……What a year this has been…….. for the Topside churches on Moloka'i and for the state of Hawaii.

For the 2020 year, all the officers and most of the representatives remained the same on the Topside Council which included **Ho'olehua UCC:** Pualani Akaka, Vice Moderator – Chair, Moderator-Rep Norman Levi, Rep Missy Kanoa Levi, **Kalaiakamanu Hou UCC**: Uluwehi Kakaio Sai, Moderator-Treasurer, Reps Claire Iveson, Hi'ilei Kakaio Bernabe, **Kalua`aha UCC**: Earline Iaea, Moderator-Secretary, and **Waialua UCC**: Maasi He, Moderator, Reps Tina Lindsey-He, Louise Laumauna Miguel and new rep, Jim Stone. The Council started the first quarter off meeting face-to-face and eventually ended up meeting via ZOOM during the pandemic.

Events for the first quarter included a visitation from the Kamehameha Schools Deputation team. In January, a group of boys from the Warrior Team for Christ made their debut. They were at the Makahiki games to dispense Cool Pops to the students and pass out cards with schedule of Topside Church Services to adults present at Makahiki. A chance to fellowship with the team and chaperone was by sharing a meal with them. Each church hosted a meal while they were on island; Friday night's dinner at Pizza Café was hosted by Kalaiakamanu Hou. Breakfast was served before Sunday morning service at Ho'olehua and Waialua /Kalua'aha provided lunch after Sunday service. Mahalo to Kahu Hope Barrett Awai for accompanying the youths to Moloka'i.

Kalaiakamanu Hou was the only church that was able to have a Combined Service in February 2020 for all topside churches. The Tri-Isle Association also held their Aha Mokupuni in early February and Pualani Akaka and Judy Potter Davidson from Ho'olehua UCC were in attendance.

The Search committee also completed the Profile for a settled minister to the Hawaii UCC Conference in October 2019. In the meantime, the Moloka'I Topside Council waited for candidates to apply. Four candidate profiles were received in the months of January and February. Many discussion meetings were held from January to March by the Search committee to discuss candidate profiles.

We were able to have two candidates visit our churches to give their sermons and two candidates because of travel constraints provided virtual sermons that would be shared with the congregations. In the meantime, supply pastors from O'ahu and a layperson from Ontario Canada provided worship sermons until March 15, 2020. State of Hawaii mandates were in effect for COVID 19 so churches suspended services during the latter part of March.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic that started at the end of March, it limited activities and events for the rest of the year for the topside churches. Few activities transpired during the second and third quarters.

The Search committee conducted interviews for the four candidates via ZOOM. A final decision was made! The call went out to Kahu Janice Ogoshi from the Hawaii Kai UCC on O'ahu. She accepted the call in early June and would be able to start on September 1, 2020. Hallelujah and Praise to Akua that the Topside churches now had a settled minister. Until Kahu's arrival, congregants had other worship options via Internet, TV, use of suggested reading materials, and written sermons that were provided by na Kahu Barrett Awai and Kahu Kordell Kekoa which were shared by deacons during Sunday services at Kalaiakamanu Hou.

Kalaiakamanu Hou reopened their church at the end of May and into the summer months using their deacons as speakers. Ho'olehua and Waialua followed suit. All churches followed CDC/DOH/UCC guidelines. The parsonage was cleaned and repairs were done in preparation of Kahu Janice's arrival. Kalua'aha held its reopening service on the fourth Sunday of September with communion using individual prepackaged communion elements.

Several events happened during the Fourth quarter. The Aha Pae'aina was supposed to be held in June 2020 but was postponed until October 2020. It was held virtually and Kahu Janice Ogoshi, Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua and Uluwehi Sai from Kalaiakamanu Hou registered to be a part of the 198th Aha Pae'aina held on O'ahu.

The month of November had no Bazaar; however, Kalaiakamanu Hou did hold Thanksgiving Eve service. The following day, MTC did the Thanksgiving Luncheon but under different guidelines. Instead of a doing a sit down sitting in the social hall, it became a drive through with recipients driving through the Kalaiakamanu Hou parking lot to get their food plates. This is the fourth year that this luncheon has been chaired by Uluwehi Sai. Donations were received for food and non food items, many volunteers adhered to strict DOH guidelines for preparing and serving the food for approximately 350 + plates. Another group of volunteers delivered plates to those homebound and Meal on Wheel clients from east to west Moloka'i.

Waialua Church was able to install WI-FI at their church premises for church Kupuna to learn basic skills and for kindergarteners to college students to use during the pandemic. Waivers needed to be signed to get the password.

Kahu Janice started an Advent Bible Study group via ZOOM during the month of December. At least 7 – 10 participants were able to join her on Tuesday evening for an hour.

It is always a joy to attend one of the Christmas Eve Candle light services at either Ho'olehua or Waialua. Church. Ho'olehua had the congregants use their musical talents to sing and use the colored bells to accompany the guitar played by Norman Levi to sing Christmas carols. All in attendance enjoyed Waialua's candle light service. A special treat at the end of each service included a special Christmas package of goodies.

Other news to relate; since 2018, the Topside Council has selected different initiatives from the HCUCC Strategic Plan to implement in their churches. This year a change was made to focus on only one initiative for all churches. All were in favor of selecting SPI #3 (Expansive concept of church: Actively support new or different ways of "being church.")

During the pandemic months, families on the east side of Moloka'I utilized the Food Bank at Waialua Church. The families were very appreciative of the food distribution chaired by Mary Kalilikane and helper, Jim Stone.

The MTCouncil is also grateful to Uluwehi Sai for volunteering to be the Rep at the State Council Meetings on O'ahu and now virtually on ZOOM. We do appreciate her taking the time to attend the meetings.

2020 was a year like no other, yet even with all of its challenges, we have managed to move on with the almighty help from Akua. We are happy that Kahu Janice has been with us since September. She has been adjusting to a rural lifestyle, meeting new people, making home visits, starting Bible Study and serving 3 – 4 different churches on one Sunday to preach at Ho'olehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Waialua and Kalua'aha on the fourth Sunday of each month.

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.

Blessings,
Earline Iaea
Secretary
Moloka'i Topside Council
Dec. 2020

Report of the Maui Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

June 15, 2021

Ka`ahumanu Congregational Church Wayne Higa is Kahu Pono.

Ka'ahumanu Church continues virtual services. Easter was a virtual service at regular service time. No sunrise. I did do a daily reading/sharing virtually Monday to Friday of Holy Week.

Good News. Architects Hawaii should be completing blueprints for church soon. Mayor Victorino has submitted a budget request for Ka'ahumanu Church restoration under historic landmark for $150,000.00. Oral and written testimony is being received by the County Council. Upon approval, the church will submit grant application for the project.

Kahakuloa Hawaiian Congregational Church

With the leadership of Kendall (Chico) Ka`onohi, the church renovation continues. Worship service is done once a month in the open-air section near the church.

Kaulanapueo Church

The good news from Kaulanapueo Church is that the church tent fumigation last week went very well. It cost $7,083.56. Unfortunately when the staff looked in the social hall they decided it was beyond spot treatment and needs to be tent fumigated. Upon learning the need for tent fumigation of the social hall, the Repairs and Maintenance committee is working to disburse the $5000 unused funds to Kaulanapueo Church. What a blessing! As for church activities in the church, there hasn't been any for about a year. Jimmie Aarona gives a Zoom church service every Sunday for Kaulanapueo, Kalanikahua Hou and Nahiku churches. We hope to resume in-church services soon.

Keawala'i Congregational Church Reverend Scott Landis is the Interim Pastor.

Our doors are still closed to in-person worship service as we continue to monitor the number of Covid 19 cases that are on Maui. We have been doing VIRTUAL services every Sunday since last year. We are blessed with a wonderful production team who does the live taping on VIMEO. Our services are accessible through our Keawala'i Church website.

Our "holy week" started with Palm Sunday, then Maundy Thursday service, and on Good Friday we put up our traditional cross on the front lawn of the church. (it is a large wooden cross that is wrapped with chicken wire and stuffed with mock orange branches and leaves) then on Saturday people were invited to bring flowers and leis to decorate the cross , the result was beautiful. Easter Sunday service (which was all pre-taped a week earlier) was opened with hula to Hawaiian Lullaby,(where I live there are

rainbows) sung by Taka Harada. The hula was performed on the front lawn with the ocean as a backdrop.

The sermon, given by our Interim Pastor, Scott Landis was the story of Easter and the resurrection from Mark 16 1-8. It was most impressive, the Pastor gave the sermon from the church graveyard. There was beautiful music and at the end of the service there was the "letting go" of three baskets of doves in front of the cross on the front lawn. It was "chicken skin" stuff…

We continue to stay connected by VIMEO, ZOOM, TELEPHONE ,EMAIL AND THE USPS until we can come together again face to face at our sanctuary we call Keawala'i.

Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church

On Mother's Day, Keolahou will open for in-person worship. The Search and Call Committee was unable to find a new pastor. Hollis Lee, the music director, is also the Moderator. On-going ministry is the Fridays Food Bank.

Lahuiokalani Ka'anapali Congregational Church

The foundation for the church has always been **lay leadership**, and that tradition continues today. Aileen Trout give the weekly message. Since July 5, we have had in-person worship numbering 10-15 people. We practice social distancing and we sing 2 songs plus the doxologies in Hawaiian and English.

A new parsonage was built and is occupied by Aileen and her husband. It is a blessing to be on the church premises. Praise and glory to God that our small congregation continues to be a beacon to worshippers.

Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church

There have been no church activities at OLHC since March 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions. The church may reopen mid-May 2021, depending on approval of the use of a modular building from the Maui County Planning Department.

Since early 2019, the church has faced problems getting a new church building construction permit. When OLHC reestablished holding Christians services on the property, we inherited some non-legal, on-conforming structures issue, property line encroachments, and a lack of permits for some buildings. It was determined that it going to cost us thousands of dollars for removal and demolition of several structures on the property.

One can't speak of 2020/2021 activities at OLHC, without mention of the Olowalu brush fire on December 26, 2020. It destroyed our worship and social hall plus two other structures. Fortunately, praise God, no was hurt in the fire.

Fortunately, the property and building were insured. Ironically, due to the fire, many of building permit obstacles that stood in our way for building our new church were resolved.

It will likely take about a year to rebuild our Social Hall-Cafeteria and our new church. We look forward to seeing everyone in Olowalu on the date of it's reopening. Aunty Adeline Rodrigues, Moderator.

Pa'ia Hawaiian Protestant Church Kahu Roy Newton is the pastor

In preparation for and leading into commemorating Jesus' Resurrection, Kahu Roy led Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church through a scriptural series covering the Seven Words from the Cross: The Word of Forgiveness, The Word of Salvation, The Word of Affection, The Word of Desolation, The Word of Anguish, The Word of Victory & The Word of Committal. Leading into the next series of "Proclaiming the Gospel" with the theme of "Come & See" on Resurrection Sunday. Unlike our pre-Covid tradition of hosting a Sunrise Service, PHPC held our Resurrection Worship during our regular 11am hour. In keeping with the tradition of decorating the cross, we scurried around Covid safe measures and took a quick picture of those close enough to take a quick pose.

We are thankful for Christ's bountiful blessings and His anointing of Kahu Roy's scripturally sound and inspiring messages that continues to draw our members to a deeper love and hunger for Christ. PHPC is engaged in a range of ministries, with Aunty Maile leading the stewardship of outreaching food to kupuna, graveyard ministry, supporting women of domestic violence, and compassion pule & support.
We are thankful to Lloyd Nebres and praise God for his faithfully service as PHPC's pianist. We keep in touch with Lloyd who is now living on the continent. We praise God for bringing Kalei Aarona-Lorenzo, (Aunty Mopsy & Uncle Henry's daughter) for accepting the call to lean of Christ to sharpen her melodic piano fingers as our pianist. Church members are also sharpening their God appointed talents playing along with their musical instruments.

PHPC moved from printing to posting our weekly worship bulletins on large visual screens, saving the trees and inconvenience of printing too much or not enough bulletins. We are adapting and getting ma'a to the use of this technology.

At the hint of potential Covid exposure to our congregation, we cancelled worship services on April 11 and with the coast now clear, will resume services on April 18th. We praise God and His ever presence of love, mercy grace upon our church, members and community.
Our memory pause for the 2021- Psalms 27:4
One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in HIs temple.
Ho'okahi no mea a'u I noi aku ai a 'ia Iehova, 'oia ka'u e 'imi aku ai. E noho au ma loko o ka hale o Iehova I na la a pau o ko'u ola 'ana, E nana aku i ka nani o Iehova, a e ninaninau i loko o kona luakini. Halelu 27:4

Waiola Church Anela Rosa is Kahu Pono.

The Easter season found Waiola greatly blessed. Our presence continues to be largely virtual, with on-line Sunday services and Zoom membership and social/talk story times but we hope to resume in-person fellowship in the coming seasons.

With Covid 19 health concerns and restrictions Waiola services were on-line, crafted together by our talented secretary, Jen Mather, with uplifting messages, sermons, and prayer from Kahu Anela Rosa, music from Kent Stewart, and readings by Judy Kinser, Jen, and Kalani. Kent sings for us from Tennessee, where he and Barb moved to be closer to grandchildren. Jen works for us from California, where they reside with family. The virtual format has allowed us to be present in new ways with those who live elsewhere, but love Waiola.

Waiola has also reached out to the community, in a successful fund-raising effort which has allowed us to pay off the mortgage on our meeting Hall. The campaign demonstrated the deep roots of our church's ties, and we are humbled by the generosity that was shown, with funds raised potentially allowing for new air conditioning units and repairs for the Hall. Mahalo nui loa for those who have donated.
Any remaining funds from this campaign will go towards further Hall improvements such as painting.
With this monthly mortgage payment removed, we are now able to take on delayed, but much needed, maintenance projects - such as tree pruning, electrical upgrades, and tenting for termites. We hope to pay off remaining debts, fund projects for NKOW, and focus on Church mission outreach.

The transfer of Waiola's care for Campbell Park and the attached hale kahu to the UCC Foundation was completed with agreement from the Campbell heirs. The hale is now rented out and Park usage oversight is assisted by the Lahaina Restoration Foundation.

The Punana Leo O Lahaina preschool is finishing their year using our Hall rooms but will transfer into our annex building soon, as permitting upgrades are completed. Grounds security remains problematic, with homeless trespasser issues such as a teacher having found syringes and drug paraphernalia in the school yard. We look for ways to supplement the nightly security guard rounds.

The faithful and hard work of our volunteers has kept the Church buildings and grounds looking good and even improved, with clearing of old debris by members, Gordon Bradley, Corey Ancheta, Kent, and others. Tama and Rita with Nā Kiaʻi o Waineʻe maintain the royal tomb and assist with graveyard upkeep. Our Church office, now in the south mauka corner room of the Hall, is frequently open, attended by Judy, with assistance from Susan Yap.
We have no firm plan at present for return to in-person Church services, given the recent Covid19 reports for Maui.
- Submitted by Linda Norrington, moderator

West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(WHCHCC)

Report for State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
ANNUAL MEETING - via Zoom
June 15, 2021

Member Churches (6):

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

WHCHCC Officers 2020-2022:

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

CHURCH REPORTS/HIGHLIGHTS:

Hauoli Kamana'o Church: Kahu Pono Charles Mahina Kaupiko, Melveen Kaupiko

Sunday Services: Online every Sunday, except once-a-month church service , held in-person.
(Praying for Better Online Network to Stream in Service live)
Bible Studies: available on line through Zoom (Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for youth and adult)
Renovations to Church: Roof is complete. Painting is in progress.

***Special Request*:** Hauoli Kamanao's Sunday School humbly asks and requests help with supplies, Bibles, activity ideas, workbooks, and apps. Also, anything that will be a blessing for the youth to cultivate a Jesus foundation within their hearts and minds. The Church is also praying for an area for Child Care Room and Sunday School.

Helani Cong'l Church:

Sunday Services: in person -10 am.
Keiki Sunday School -10:30 am.
Bible Study postponed until Kahu Paul Childers returns in August 2021.
Pulpit Supply: Virginia Medeiros, Roxanne Miller, Rollin Rabara, Alicia Kam, Naomi Aiu, Guest Kahu Charlene Taketa.
Events: Membership Service & Baptismal for Abbie Hanohano..

Sanctuary Repairs: southside wall – as of 4-14-21 permit process not completed. Interior electrical work (tied into southside wall project) also pending status of permit process.

Upcoming Project: Scheduling appointment to meet with Kamehameha Schools Land Division regarding Kaililinehe Property in Keauhou Mauka.

Special Request: Please continue to keep Harry Aiu in prayer, as well as the Helani Congregational Church Ohana.

Kahikolu Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono Naleen Andrade

Activities & Events - November 01, 2020 through January 03, 2021 and January 03, 2021 through April 05, 2021

Quarterly Membership Business Meetings: back on schedule beginning January 2021. All meetings will be via Zoom.

Worship Services: continues via Zoom each Sunday 10 am–11:30 am. and will continue via Zoom, for the remainder of the year. When all adult and adolescents (who are eligible) are vaccinated, a once-a-month outdoor worship service will be held.

Advent Season was celebrated each Sunday with the lighting of candles of the Advent Wreath and culminated with lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve worship service and included Holy Communion.

Ash Wednesday services were held on February 17, 2021, with a Service of Remembrance and Thanks for Deacon Sheila Navas Frasco, who passed on Ash Wednesday 2020.

Easter Worship Services were held via Zoom on Sunday, April 04, 2021.

Church Litigation Status: As vaccinations increase and the Federal Court begins to increase hearings, litigation that had been stayed will resume soon. The Congregation reaffirmed its decision to continue till they find a resolution.

Pastoral Report: Deacons and lay leaders and members of the congregation are working with Kahu Naleen to deliver the worship service.

Community & Outreach - Kahikolu continues its commitment to maintain their HCUCC and OCWM 5-fo-5 giving along with the Women's Transition House mission.

Passings - Uncle Howard Ackerman, beloved kupuna of Kahikolu Church, died on January 26, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Aunty Harriet.

Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono Debbie Wong Yuen

Sunday Services: Drive-in/outdoor service – 10:10 am and live on Facebook. Also recorded by Zoom and emailed to members and anyone requesting.

Praise Jam: 9:15 am live on Facebook.
Communion Service: every 1st Sunday.
Pulpit Supply: Dave Williams covers Kahu as needed.

Events: Received and blessed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Kahu blessed special painting of old Sanctuary; performed graveside Committal service; blessed a house for new owners.

Church Meetings: Church Council meet to review proposed By-Law amendments, and examine 3 yr pastoral evaluation done on Kahu Debbie, will be recommending another 3 yr call at January Annual meeting. Discuss fundraising options since 2 bazaars were cancelled.

Meetings attended by Zoom: 198th Aha Iki and Pae'aina, AHEC BOD mtg HIA, WHC.

Community Outreach: provides space for used bookstore/literacy program and N/A & A/A support group meetings.

Facility Repairs Update: There is still a lot of repair work to be done, including electrical work and multiple leaks found on the grounds and around the building. More help is needed to do the repairs.

Special Request: Please keep the Ohana at Kauaha'ao Church, in prayer, as they continue to make every effort to complete the repair work needed for the church.

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

Sunday Services: in person and by Zoom.
Kahu Charlene Taketa-1st & 3rd Sundays.
Kahu Sam Masilamoney-2nd & 4th Sundays.
5th Sundays na Kahu alternate.
Communion Service: every 1st Sunday.

Pulpit Supply: Worship leaders include Mae Eningowuk-Nelson, Jim Wiley, Barbie Muraki-Valdez, Kilinoe Muraki-Burns (Youth), Dusty and Jan Bell. A section in the Church Bulletin is reserved for Divine Healing Prayers for Ohana, friends and other events globally.

Other Church Activities: every 5th Sunday has been declared Hua Mua Sunday, makana offering in support of AHEC to self-sustainability. Congregational meeting held on January 24, 2021; Officers and Trustees were elected, appointments were made to different committees.

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Puka'ana Cong'l Church:

Sunday Services: in person continues, for those feeling comfortable to attend.
Worship Bulletins w/ Messages continue to be mailed every week.
Pulpit Supply: Rogers Naihe, Keoki Kiwaha.
Communion Service: Sharon Matsuyama.

Meetings: all scheduled church-related meetings are via Zoom and are attended by delegates / representatives from the Church.

Church / Hall / Cemetery Schedule: No activity

Upcoming Project: Pukaana Church has informally begun a "Capital Campaign Drive" to renovate our Sanctuary. For now, our efforts to raise the funds is by "word of mouth", until we are able to learn more on how to proceed.

West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (WHCHCC):

Mahalo and Aloha to our member churches of the West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. It has been my privilege being allowed the opportunity to serve as President of this Council, for the past year.
I would like to extend my personal mahalo to all of you for your participation at our Council meetings and for your input.

An important note to share with you, and mahalo nui loa to Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen for making this happen the WHCHCC is now officially a Non-Profit Corporation with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

Just a reminder, the 199th Aha Pae'aina, which will be virtual again this year, begins with a delegates orientation on June 12, Opening Worship begins on June 13 and the Annual Meeting of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (the Organization this Council is an affiliate of) is scheduled for June 15.

The Registration Information Packets should have been mailed out or will be mailed out within the next week. Be on the lookout for that information, so you are aware of what the schedule will be during the week of the Aha Pae'aina, June 13 thru 19, 2021. Please encourage your church members to attend the Aha Pae'aina so that they are aware of what goes on during these meetings.

In the meantime, please take good care of "you" and your Ohana. Keep healthy and be safe in all things that you choose to do.

God's blessings on all of us,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama
President - WHCHCC

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
REPORT OF THE EAST HAWAIʻI COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Annual Meeting
June 15, 2021

Aloha na hoahānau,

The East Hawaiʻi Council Member Churches include:

Haili Congregational Church / Kūhiō Chapel
Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church
Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church
Olaʻa First Hawaiian Church
ʻOpihikao Congregational Church
Pōhakupuka Congregational Church
Puʻula United Church of Christ

The East Hawaiʻi Council usually meets quarterly on Saturday mornings at 9AM but due to the COVID-19 and our County of Hawai;i emergercy rule #14 requirements, all meetings has been cancelled so far. Per our bylaws, no on-line meetings were scheduled. Due to no nominations received from our member churches, no election of officers were held. Our present officers will remain in their repective positions till June 30, 2022. Our present bylaws is in need to be updated and amended pending the approval of the SCHCC 501c3 application.
Our next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

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

Haili Cong. Church/ Kuhio Chapel, report on file

Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church, on-line services.

Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church, report on file

Olaʻa First Hawaiian Church, report on file

ʻOpihikao Cong. Church, has no service.

Pōhakupuka Congregational Church, service at home, inactive at present.

Puʻula UCC, report on file

Mahalo Ke Akua,
Frank J Mulec
Frank J. Mulec, President

PŪ'Ā FOUNDATION
Empowering Individuals, Families & Communities

MEMO:

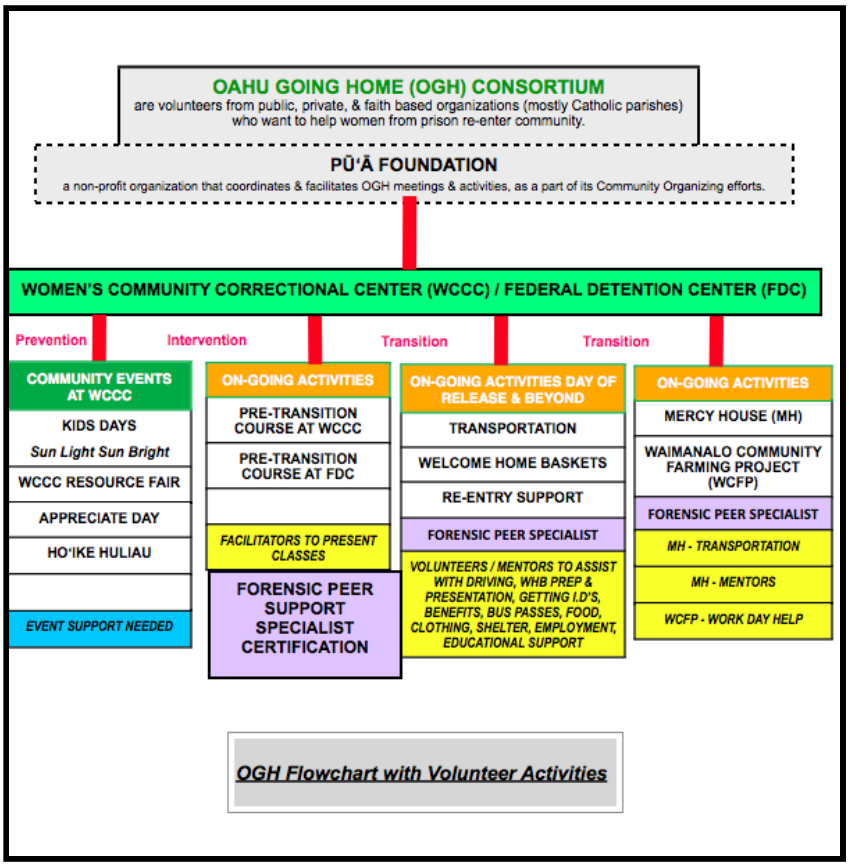
TO: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors
FROM: Toni Bissen, Pūʻā Foundation
DATE: May 12, 2021
RE: Annual Report to SCHCC

Aloha Kākou –

Lots going on at the Pūʻā Foundation, mahalo for the opportunity to share, last time I submitted a report was for the SCHCC board meeting – 4/24/21. **We are truly grateful for the partnership with SCHCC.** This is the annual report submitted to SCHCC.

Included herein: 1) Oahu Going Home Consortium (OGH) diagram, 2) new initiative - tutoring for children of incarcerated mothers, 3) welcome home baskets from volunteers, 4) updates Oahu Going Home, Mercy House, Peer Support and Waimanalo Community Farming project, 5) Pre-Transition and Cultural Healing classes at WCCC (*Note - there may be a chance Kid's Days will also resume at WCCC, which SCHCC has been a big supporter of*), and 6) Ua Mau Ke Ea - Community educational resources.

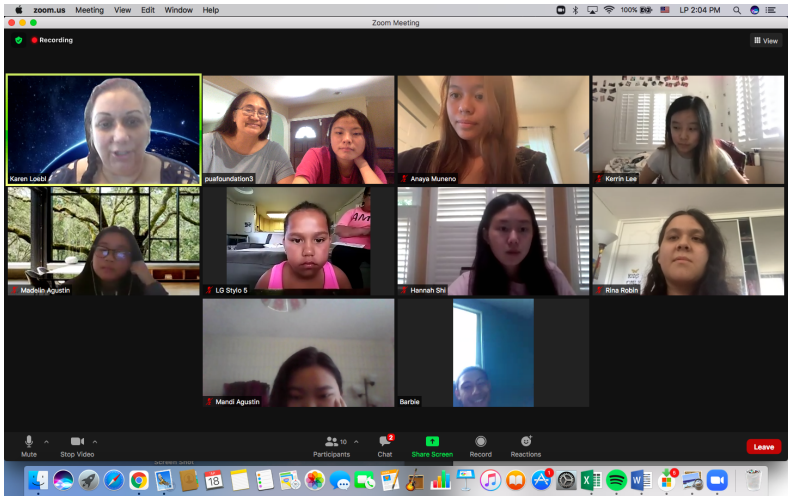
1) **Partnership Schematic**:



2) **<u>Children of Incarcerated Mothers Receive Tutoring Support</u>**

Number of Children Served:	5
Type of Assistance:	Homework help
Number of Volunteers:	11

Children of incarcerated mothers receive tutoring support from a partner parish that Pūʻā Foundation executive director outreached to for support. Members of the youth and young adult ministry from Mary, Star of the Sea Church on Oahu are providing peers to help peers. The student tutors come from Maryknoll, Iolani, Roosevelt, Punahou, and UH Manoa, and are teaming up to help five student tutees ages 5, 9, 12, 14 and 16 that attend King Kaumualii Elementary School on Kauai, King Intermediate School and Castle High School on Oahu. This new initiative started during the lenten season and will continue to the end of the school year. The next session is anticipated for the Fall.



3) Welcome Home Baskets for Women Leaving Prison - from Pūʻā Foundation volunteer community partners.

Outreach with volunteers, and parishioners are teaming up to collect donations to make welcome home baskets for women exiting prisons. Donations and recruitment to assist with baskets and other resources were made in the Spring.

4) **OAHU GOING HOME CONSORTIUM:**

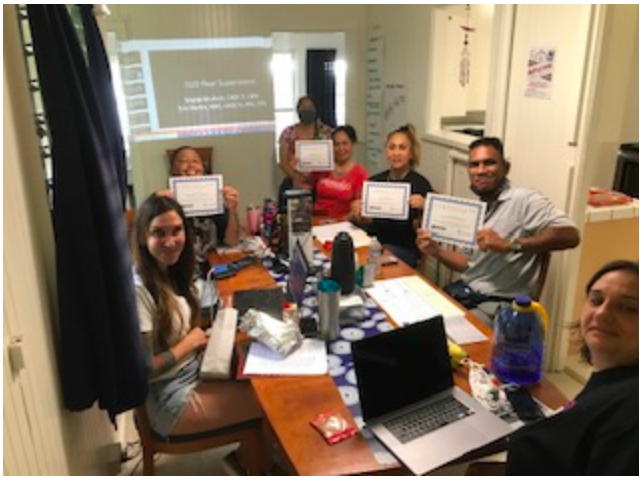
Number of Women Served:	12
Type of Assistance:	Exiting planning working with WCCC social workers, donated masks, clothing, transportation, gift cards, welcome home baskets, back packs, food, & social service benefits – welfare, food stamps, medical insurance
Number of Volunteers:	15
Number of Pūʻā Staff & Consultants	5

MERCY HOUSE TRANSITION HOUSING AND PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

Number of Women Served:	3
Type of Assistance:	Transitional housing, peer support, health & well-being, vocational & leadership development.
Number of volunteers:	3
Number of Pūʻā Staff & Consultants:	5
Mercy House 2:	Utilizing for MH resident meetings, peer support training, and volunteer meetings

MERCY HOUSE-PEER SUPPORT TRAINING / INTERN HOURS:

Trainings:	Held advanced forensic peer specialist training & supervisor training
Status of Peer Supports Trained:	DOH certified 6 peer supports



WAIMANALO COMMUNITY FARMING PROJECT WITH WOMEN IN WCCC:

Number of Participants from WCCC:	24
Work Days (1/28, 2/11, 3/4,4/21, 4/27)	5
Number of Volunteers:	1
Number of Pūʻā Staff:	2
Mercy House residents:	3 See Maka a current MH resident at the WCFP pictured below; Other photo - hosted City & County Office of Resiliency, and staff from MHAAO

5) **PRE TRANSITION & CULTURAL HEALING & WELL-BEING COURSE AT WCCC RESUME**

Number of participants	20
Number of Volunteers	1
Number of Pūʻā staff	2

As part of the Cultural Healing and Well-being course, a new activity book is being developed. It is also planned that the activity book will be used with mothers and their children for the Kids day events. Preliminary indications have been that there may be a chance that Kids days at WCCC may also resume. SCHCC has been a big supporter of these activities. Part of the activity book will include Hauoli Au, He Hawaii Au. If the Kids day events resume in the summer and winter, recruitment for homework help will also be conducted at those times for the Fall and Spring school semesters. Of note, the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility has outreached to Pūʻā and Oahu Going Home to engage in support for youth reaching majority and transition back to community. Plans are developing to implement similar programs such as Pre-Transition, Cultural Healing and Well-being classes and Peer Support assistance and training.

6) **Ua Mau Ke Ea - Community Educational Resources - distribution**

Textbooks	48
Combos	72
DVDs - academic & theatrical	2

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

Aloha e, in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) has been actively moving forward during this time of a pandemic and it had not slowed down our forward momentum.

Our Virtual Spring Halawai, "E Ho'omau Kakou I ka Mana'o'i'o ikaika" was a great success. Again our Halawai was pleasant and joyful as we had twenty five membership churches participate with nearly sixty delegates and five partnerships participating from across the Hawaiian Islands.

Here are some of the highlights as we flow into the upcoming Aha Iki in June.

1. AHEC gave a generous donation to Olowalu Lanakila Church for the rebuilding of their facility.
2. AHEC stand with the Hui to protect Pololu Valley. A letter drafted by AHEC was sent to announce our solidarity with those who oppose development around the valley.
3. AHEC COM to announce the Ordination of Sam Masilamoney and the academic achievement of AHEC's own MID Luna Hoomalu Kauanoe Hoomanawanui in completing her Masters of Divinity and being on her way to ordination.
4. AHEC Hua Mua starting its "Sharing God's Aloha" Two million dollar campaign with the UCC Pension Board.
5. AHEC Resolution to General Synod. Endorsed by five renowned speakers. Mr. Donovan Preza, Teaches at the University of Hawaii on the "The Great Mahele"; Dr. Ron Williams Jr, History of the Church at the time of the overthrow; Mr. Williamson Chang, Professor of Law, "Under US laws the overthrow was illegal"; Dr. Keanu Sai, International law as related to the status of the HAWAIIAN Kingdom; Dr. Federico Lenzerini, PHD in law and professor of international law. A workshop is scheduled by the Resolution Committee featuring Kalaniakea Wilson at the June Aha Iki.

It is the time for AHEC to keep up the pace as the Waa is in motion.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kerisa Carmelo

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Representative to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.