

Introducing the Bicentennial Logo

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The bicentennial logo that is found in the box on each page of The Friend was the winning logo in a contest announced by the Hawai'i Conference UCC.



Aloha. Allow me to introduce myself to you. I am Myrna-Lyn Diaz Abang, the Office Manager at Ewa Community Church. One could very well say I was born in the church as I was baptized, confirmed, and married there—and now I work there! My interest in art started long ago. I went to college for an art degree, but my mom nixed that saying I needed something to fall back on—so, I switched to office management. That decision was 40+ years ago, but I maintained my interest and work in art. I dabble in photography, and I love to look at designs created by others and always appreciate God's handiwork in everything.

What do you see in the Hawai'i Conference UCC Bicentennial logo? Here's my explanation.

- The "200" represents the 200 years from the beginning of the Hawaiian Mission.
- The silhouette is of the Brig Thaddeus which brought the missionaries from New England.
- The "200" stands on the Bible, the Holy Word, as the missionaries held on to their faith to do their mission to spread the Gospel.
- The scarlet represents the ribbon that many Bibles have as a marker; it also represents the "tongue" as the missionaries spoke the Word and translated the Word so that the Gospel could be spoken and shared.
- The outline of the islands where the gospel was shared are on the ribbon.
- The gold color represents the pages of the Bible.
- Scarlet and gold were also chosen as they are highly recognized and significant in the Hawaiian culture.



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