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**June 15, 2021**



**199<sup>th</sup>. ‘Aha Pae`aina (*Virtual*)**

**June 13-17, 2021**

**(SCHCC)**

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# **I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

# 'Aha Pae'āina Tentative Schedule 5/26/2021

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Kuleana</b>
<b>Saturday, June 12</b>			
1:00 pm	Delegate Orientation	How we will work in this Virtual 'Aha Pae'āina	Administration Missional Team
<b>Sunday, June 13</b>			
3:00 pm	Call to Order	'Aha Pae'āina Convenes	Eric Anderson, HCUC Council Chair
	Opening Worship	Virtual worship for all	Worship Planning Committee
<b>Monday, June 14</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	AHEC
10:00 am–12:00 pm	'Aha Ona Kahu	For Kahu of Hawaiian Churches	Wendell Davis
5:00–7:00pm	Workshop	AHEC's General Synod Resolution: White Supremacy Disguised: 128 years of continued white supremacy and war crimes on the Hawaiian Kingdom Christian Nation	Wendell Davis, Ron Fujiyoshi, Pualani Muraki, Kalaniakea Wilson
<b>Tuesday, June 15</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Hawai'i Island Association
12:00–1:00 pm	Workshop	Provoked Perseverance! When Change Matters: Reflections on Matthew 15:21-28 from a postcolonial, race, and gender perspective	Sharon Jacob, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Pacific School of Religion

<b>Tuesday, June 15 Continued</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Kuleana</b>
1:30–4:30 pm	SCHCC	State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches	Boyd Matsuyama
5:30–7:00 pm	Workshop	Report of the Conference Minister followed by Conference Minister Installation Service	David Popham, Conference Minister
<b>Wednesday, June 16</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Kaua'i Association
9:00–10:00 am	CE Hawai'i	Christian Endeavor Hawai'i Annual Meeting	Michael Warren
10:00–11:00 am	SSSA	State Sunday School Association Annual Meeting	Loke Kamanu
12:00–1:00 pm	Workshop	Property-Liability Commercial Insurance Trends	Tim Harris, President and CEO, Insurance Board
5:30–6:30 pm	Workshop	Children's Sermons	Wahineaukai Mercado
<b>Thursday, June 17</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	O'ahu Association
8:30 am	'Ohana		AHEC
9:00 am–12:00 pm	Membership Meeting of all AHEC Churches	AHEC Luna Ho'omalū—Kauano'e Ho'omanawanui	Kauano'e Ho'omanawanui
12:30–1:30 pm	Workshop	Wisdom of Kalaupapa Premier: Module 1 – Personal Response to Crisis: From Fear to Faith	Roberta Jahrling, Phyllis Meighen, Lana Ka'opua
5:30–6:30 pm	Workshop	Growing Faith and Social Justice Leaders of Hawai'i	Jeffrey Acido, Cassie Chee, E. Kevin Faller, Debieh Miguel Acido

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Kuleana</b>
<b>Friday, June 18</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
12:30–1:30 pm	Workshop	Hawai‘i Conference Foundation Updates	Andrew Bunn, Executive Director
5:30–6:30 pm	Workshop	HCUCC FYE2022 Budget	Roda Tabilas, HCUCC Treasurer
<b>Saturday, June 19</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Tri-Isle Association
8:00 am	Business Session		Administration Missional Team
10:30 am	Closing Worship	Virtual Worship for all	Worship Planning Committee



June 13, 2021

Aloha, to all the delegates, guests and friends of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. It is with great joy and thanksgiving to God that I welcome you to the 199th 'Aha Pae'āina.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, as last autumn, so this summer, we will gather virtually for our faith-family reunion. Using the technology and technical help available to the Conference, attendees will be able to explore the theme *E Ho 'omau Kākou, We Persevere Together*. This theme of tenacity in community will be explored through daily devotions and workshops, opening and closing worship, as well as the various plenary sessions throughout the week.

I want to thank the pastors and church leaders of the 116 congregations who have faithfully provided ministry during the pandemic. Whether that ministry was being in prayer over the phone and an online platform or distributing food and PPE equipment in your communities, your work is appreciated. God was honored due to your dedication to living out the good news of Christ in this year of disruption and steep learning curves.

Thanks and gratitude also need to be given to the Conference Council, our five Associations, State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, and the Board of Trustees of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation for all the hard work, "perseverance," and leadership demonstrated through the many wise decisions made to benefit the Conference and its congregations.

In the year in which we passed a deficit budget we added a new missional team to the council, planned toward new Associate Conference Ministers, launched the *Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* workshop series, and raised The Friends of the Conference revenue by a whopping 42%. Is God still speaking? Yes! Are the Hawai'i Conference lay people and ministers still listening and responding? Yes!

All those gathered for the 199<sup>th</sup> 'Aha Pae'āina will have an opportunity to dialogue about more of the amazing things God is doing among us, including a plan to grow faith and social justice leaders of Hawai'i; *A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 Years of War Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom*; and a biblical conversation on postcolonial, race, and gender perspectives. I am delighted to share the joy of this year's 'Aha Pae'āina with all of you, as we persevere together in the common mission God gifted us.

In mission and ministry together,

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham  
Conference Minister