

Aloha Churches and Pastors,

May 19, 2022

The Executive Council of the Conference Council decided that the 'Aha Makua will change from in-person to solely online again this year. This decision was based upon concern for the present COVID surge across the islands. With 150 to 200 people expected at the 'Aha Makua the ability to minimize the risks of spread of what is the most transmissible variant yet is beyond our ability to manage.

There are several implications for this decision:

1. Only delegates and visitors to Saturday's Business Session need to register.
2. The registration date for delegates has been reset to June 1, 2022. No registrations will be accepted after 4:00pm on June 1.
 - a. If you have already registered, you do not need to register again.
3. The new registration fee for delegates is \$25.
4. Those who have already registered at the higher fee can expect a refund check the second half of June.
5. All events of the Makua will be moved online and adhere to the original time slots as closely as possible.
6. The 'Aha Makua, the 'Aha Iki, and workshops will be presented online using the Zoom platform.
7. Unless passed by consensus, delegates will need to vote via a paper ballot which will be sent to them.
8. Plans are being made to modify the Youth Event. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Young at kyoung@hcucc.org
9. If you have made reservations at the Pagoda, please be sure to contact the Pagoda directly to cancel.
10. Continue to check the Conference website for updates and latest news on the 'Aha Pae'āina and Youth Events: hcucc.org/aha-paeaina

We appreciate the Executive Council keeping the health and wellbeing of our members at the front of this decision. We also appreciate your flexibility as we move in response to the latest COVID concerns.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lori Yamashiro at lyamashiro@hcucc.org or at the Conference Office (808) 537-9516.

Mahalo,

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