

**STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
ANNUAL MEETING**

Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church (9:30a – 2:00p)

JUNE 12, 2025

203rd. ‘Aha Pae`aina
June 12, 2025
(SCHCC)
State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
‘Aha Iki - *Annual Meeting*
June 12, 2025

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Welcome to 'Aha Pae'aina

June 12, 2025

Aloha mai kakou,

The Kaua'i Association of the United Church of Christ and the Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches are honored and pleased to have all of you on Kaua'i for the 2025 'Aha Pae'aina. We have been preparing for this conference for several weeks with the anticipation that your visit to our beautiful island will be meaningful and memorable.

We consider ourselves very fortunate that of all the places in the world God could have chosen for us to live, he made it possible for us to live on this very special island with miles of sandy beaches, breathtaking waterfalls, navigable rivers, breathtaking scenery, and caring and loving people. We welcome you to our island and to this 'Aha Pae'aina and ask that you take the time to experience the beauty that God has created for all of us to enjoy.

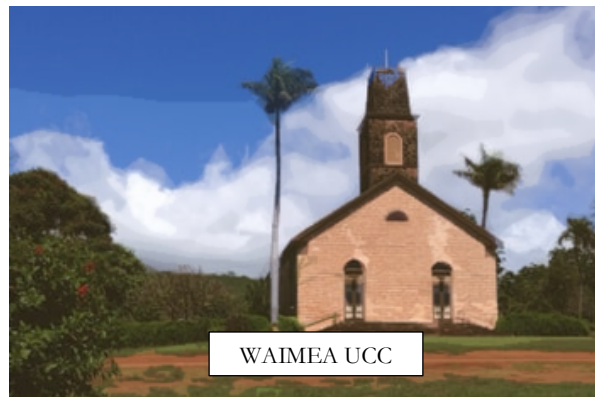
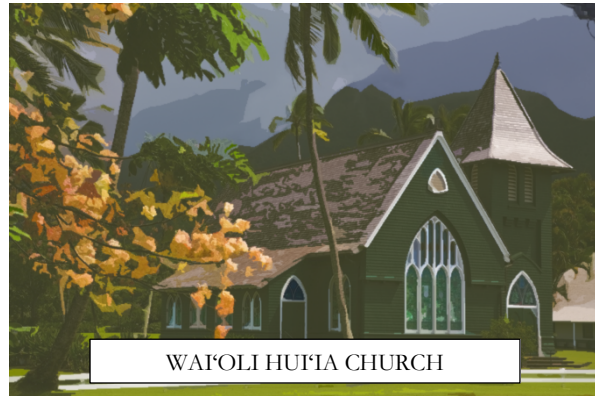
Although there is business to attend to, may you also be filled with the Holy Spirit while you are here. May Christ influence your daily lives in a deeper and more fulfilling way, and may the Lord direct your paths to those who need to hear the good news.

Yours in Christ,

Haunani Pacheco
KCHCC President

NECROLOGY SERVICE

‘Aha‘aina Wai Maka



**203rd ‘Aha Pae‘āina o ka ‘Ahahui Hawai‘i o ka
‘Ekalesia Hui Pū‘ia o Kristo (HCUCC)**
June 12 – June 14, 2025 – Kapa‘a, Kaua‘i, Ko Hawai‘i Pae‘āina

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (SCHCC)

‘Aha Iki – SCHCC Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025 – 10 a.m.

Kapa‘a First Hawaiian Church

↑THE CALL INTO WORSHIP

Kahu Heather Barfield
Kahu Keoki Kiwaha

Kahu Barfield As we begin our Service of Remembrance, we open with the traditional protocol of asking and receiving permission to enter into this time and space of worship and sacred observance. Through ‘oli we call our kūpuna into this space with us – especially those with *pilina* to this mokupuni of Kaua‘i and Ni‘ihau – lifting the veil and connecting the spiritual and physical realms together. By doing so, we are uplifted – knowing that though we mourn, life itself and our connection to one another and to this land is eternal.

Kūnihi ka mauna is significant because it utilizes Kaua‘i place names. It is taken from the *Saga of Pele and Hi‘iaka* and according to legend is used by Hi‘iaka when entering Kaua‘i. This chant is offered by those seeking permission to enter into the space; while, the second chant, *E hea i ke kōmaka*, is used as an ‘oli komo response to the first chant.

<i>Kahu Kiwaha</i>	Kūnihi ka mauna i ka la‘i ē	<i>Steep stands the mountain in the calm</i>
	‘O Wai‘ale‘ale lā i Wailua	<i>It is Wai‘ale‘ale at Wailua</i>
	Huki a‘ela i ka lani	<i>Supporting the upper realm</i>
	Ka papa ‘auwai o Kawaikini	<i>The water source begins at Kawaikini</i>
	Alai ‘ia a‘ela e Nounou	<i>Obstructed by Nounou</i>
	Nalo ka Ipuha‘a	<i>Ipuha‘a is lost from view</i>
	Ka laula ma uka o Kapa‘a ē	<i>In the expansive upland of Kapa‘a</i>
	Mai pa‘a i ka leo	<i>Don’t deny the please</i>
	He ‘ole kāhea mai ē	<i>Is there no reply to the request?</i>
	E hea i ke kōmaka e komo ma loko	<i>A call is returned for entrance</i>
	E hānai ai a hewa waha	<i>To gain hospitality until satisfied</i>
	Eia nō ka uku lā o ka leo	<i>This is the reward, the answer (voice)</i>
	A he leo wale nō, ē	<i>Simply the voice</i>

↓THE GREETING

Lorna Motas

Lorna We gather this day as God’s people aware of those who have died and of our fragile existence here on earth. We come to into this space and time to comfort and support one another in our common loss. We gather to hear God’s words of hope that drive away our despair and move us to offer God our praise. We

commend to God with thanksgiving the lives of those who have gone before us, for whether we live or whether we die, we belong to Christ who is Lord of the living and the dead.

Kākou **It is God who has made us. We are God’s people and the sheep of God’s pasture. Amen.**

↑THE HYMN | KU’U IESŪ ALOHA, ‘O ‘OE NO KA’U (NH #121) *Hualalai/Gordon*

Pauku I Ku’u Ie-su a-lo—ha, ‘o ‘o-e no ka’u,
Nou wau e ha’a-le—le i na he-wa a-pau;
Ho-‘o-la a-lo—ha, ku’u Ha—ku no ‘oe,
Ku’u Ie-su, ‘o ‘oe ka’u i a-lo—ha a no.

Pauku II Aloha wau i-a ‘oe no kou alo-ha mai ia’u;
No kou li-lo ‘a—na i pa-na’i no’u nei,
Kou ho‘o-lei a na’i i na ka—ka-lai-o-a;
Ku’u Ie-su, ‘o ‘oe ka’u i a-lo—ha a no.

Pauku III E a-lo-ha, a ho‘o—mai-ka’i a-ku no wau,
A pau a’e ku’u ha—nu, a pa ma ku’u lae,
Ka hau a-nu ma—ke, e pu a-na wau,
Ku’u Ie-su, ‘o ‘oe ka’u i a-lo—ha a no.

Pauku IV Ma na ke-‘e-na na—ni, e ‘o-li mau ai,
A ho‘o-na-ni mau ma ke-la ao la‘e-la‘e;
A kau ka lei na—ni e me—le a’e au,
Ku’u Ie-su, ‘o ‘oe ka’u i a-lo—ha a no.

↓MEDITATION

Marilyn Hasegawa
Kahu Keoki Kiwaha

Marilyn The ‘Aha‘aina Wai Maka, or Feast of Tears, was celebrated by our kupuna to mark the first anniversary of a person’s death. Our kupuna understood that tears shed at the time of a person’s death were an expression of sorrow at the loss of a loved one. However, during the ‘Aha‘aina Wai Maka, tears shed were an expression of joy and gratitude because for our loved ones – there is no more death, pain, mourning, or crying, for all these things have passed. In this space of worship and remembrance, we come still grieving the loss of the people we love and hold dear. But, we also come with joyfulness and thanksgiving that there is peace and eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For each name read, a lei will be offered. To precede the reading of names and the giving of lei, we offer an oli, *Ka Lei Maila 'o Ka'ula i ke kai*, which weaves together our pac'āina from the west at Ka'ula, Ni'ihau, and Naue on Kaua'i, to the east at Puna and Kīlauea.

<p><i>Kahu Kīwaha</i> Ke lei maila 'o Ka'ula i ke kai, 'eā, 'O ka mālamalama o Ni'ihau, ua mālie ē. A mālie, ua pā e ka Inuwai lā, Ke inu maila nā hala o Naue i ke kai. No Naue ka hala, no Puna e ka wahine, No ka lua nō i Kīlauea.</p>	<p><i>Ka'ula wears the ocean as a wreath Ni'ihau shines forth in the calm After the calm blows the wind Inuwai Naue's palms then drink in the salt. From Naue the palm, from Puna the woman Aye from the pit, Kīlauea.</i></p>
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↓READING OF THE NECROLOGY

Island Council Presidents or Designees

For the East Hawai'i Council:

'ŌLA'A FIRST HAWAIIAN CHURCH:

Mabel Waltjen De Silva

March 5, 2025

For the West Hawai'i Council:

KAUAHA'AO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:

David Williams

October 3, 2024

Janice Mapuana Javar

April 21, 2025

For the Maui Council:

WAIOLA CHURCH

Suzanne Lowe

November 12, 2024

Rowena Kukahiko

December 5, 2024

Paul Taylor

December 24, 2024

For the O'ahu Council:

KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH

Pearl Marie Snitker Takeuchi

June 29, 2024

David Kanuha Kaneao, Jr.

January 6, 2025

Jo-An Goss

January 22, 2025

Dorothy Chang-Kihewa

January 27, 2025

KAHIKUONĀLANI UCC

Jeanette Hirakawa

February 5, 2025

KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH

The Rev. William Hi'iakaikapoliopole Kaina

June 16, 2024

Arminta Roselani Nishimura
Cecelia Mona Joy Lum
Christy M. Bellinger

August 23, 2024
October 24, 2024
December 15, 2024

LILI'UOKALANI PROTESTANT CHURCH

Michael Kau Chun Aki

February 11, 2025

For the Kaua'i Council:

WAI'OLI HUI'IA CHURCH

John R. Armour

November 8, 2024

WAIMEA UCC

Lee Miller

Elsie Hegwood

↓THE RESPONSE | AKAHI NŌ A HELE PŪ (NH #62)

Negro Spiritual/Kabale

Pauku I Ikai-ka 'Oe he 'o-le wau, Ie-su e ma-la-ma ia-'u,
 U-a pono la i-a-'u, Ke he—le pu au me 'Oe.

Hui Aka-hi no a he-le pu, e ma-li-u mai, e Ie-su,
 I ke-la, ke-ia la me 'O-e, pe-la no e ku'u Ha-ku e!

Pauku II Ke pau ke-i o-la nei. 'O-le ma-u ka wa no-'u.
 E ka'i po-no ia-'u ma-'o i kou au-pu-ni la-ni e. *Hui*

↓THE MOMENT OF SILENCE

Laurie Kauleinamoku

In a moment of silence, we remember our ancestors who stand in back and in front of us - from the rising to the setting sun – we remember all the days and months and years in between when babies were born and children grew up; when others committed themselves to one another and when loved ones and friends among us came to the end of their earthly lives; when others moved away to new places and others returned home.

We recognize and we celebrate these times of passage, of endings and new beginnings even now as we share this time of aloha and give thanks for the many ways in which we were able to become a part of each other's lives. We give thanks that we have been able to discern God's path through the community of the faithful who have gone before us.

A brief moment of silence is kept. When the moment of silence is ended, the Congregation will pray together the Prayer of Our Savior in 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

Kākou

E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani,
E hō‘ano ‘ia Kou inoa. E hiki mai Kou aupuni.
E mālama ‘ia Kou makemake ma ka honua nei,
E like me ia i mālama ‘ia ma ka lani la.
E ha‘awi mai iā mākou i kēia lā i ‘ai na mākou no nēia lā.
E kala mai ho‘i iā mākou i ka mākou lawehala ‘ana,
Me mākou e kala nei i ka po‘e i lawehala i kā mākou.
Mai ho‘oku‘u ‘oe iā mākou i ka ho‘owalewale ‘ia mai.
E ho‘opākele no na‘e iā mākou i ka ‘ino.
No ka mea, Nou ke aupuni, a me ka mana,
A me ka ho‘onani ‘ia a mau loa aku. ‘Āmene.

↓**PRAYER**

Haunani Pacheco

Gracious and loving God, we come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the precious gift of life, for the breath in our lungs and the love that surrounds us. We thank You for our kūpuna and for all those who have passed from this world, whose lives have paved the way for ours and whose wisdom, courage, and sacrifices continue to shape our journey. We are grateful for the deep and sacred connection we share with them, a bond that transcends time and reminds us that we are part of a greater story. Thank You for the promise and joy of eternal life, where love never ends and where we will one day be reunited in Your divine presence. May we honor their memory by living with purpose, faith, and compassion. Amen.

↑**THE HYMN | NU ‘OLI (NH #204)**

Lowry/Laiana

Paukū I Nu ‘o-li! Nu ‘o-li! He nu ka-ma-ha‘o!
He nu no ke o-la mai lu-na mai no,
No ka-na-ka nu-i, no ka-ma-li‘i nei,
A ‘oi ka na-ni i ke gu-la a-‘ia‘i.

Hui Nu ‘o-li! Nu ‘o-li! Nu ka-ma-ha‘o! Ka-ma-ha‘o! Ka-ma-ha‘o e!
Nu ‘o-li! Nu ‘o-li! He nu no ke o-la, e hau-‘o-li e!

Paukū II Nu ‘o-li! Nu ‘o-li! Ua pi-li ia nu
I ka po‘e ‘i-li-hu-ne, ka po-‘e lu‘u-lu‘u
Ne‘e mai a pau-le-le, ha-hai ia Ie-su,
A pau no ka hu-ne, a ma-ha ‘ou-kou. *Hui*

Paukū III Nu ‘o-li! Nu ‘o-li! Hau-‘o-li ‘ou-kou,
Ka po‘e a-ka-hai, a ha‘a-ha‘a ka na‘au,
Na Ie-su e ka-la a ho‘o-ha-nau hou,
A ka‘i mai nei a‘e i ka na-ni ma-‘o. *Hui*

↑THE BENEDICTION

Kahu Keoki Kiwaha
Kahu Heather Barfield

Kahu Kiwaha I mau aku ka lokomaikaʻi o ka Haku, ʻo Iesū Kristo, a me ke aloha o Ke Akua,
a me ka launa pū ʻana o ka ʻUhane Hemolele, me ʻoukou āpau.

Kahu Barfield The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Creator, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen.**

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
203rd ‘Aha Pae’aina / ‘Aha Iki – Kapa’a First Hawaiian Church

Annual Meeting
9:00am – 2:00pm
Breakfast 9:00 am-10:00am
Business Meeting 10:00am -2:00pm

BUSINESS AGENDA
June 12, 2025

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER @ _____ | L. Motas |
| 2. OPENING PULE/OHANA | L. Kaauwai-Iwamoto |
| 3. NECROLOGY SERVICE | W. Kiwaha |
| 4. LULU*
(* Please make checks payable to SCHCC)
(Mail to: Frank Mulec, P.O. Box 1065, Pahoa HI 96778) | L. Kaauwai-Iwamoto |
| 5. ROLL CALL / QUORUM: Yes ____ No ____
Member Churches: _____ Delegates: _____ Partnership: _____ | W. Kiwaha |
| 6. GREETINGS | L. Motas |
| 7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | L. Motas |
| 8. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2024 | W. Kiwaha |
| 9. TREASURER REPORT
9.1 Financial Report
9.2 Kokua Mau
9.3 Makeke
9.4 Proposed Budget FY 25/26 | F. Mulec |
| 10. CONFERENCE STAFF/SCHCC OFFICER’S REPORT
10.1 Conference Minister
10.2 President
10.3 Advisor | D. Popham
L. Motas
B. Matsuyama |

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 11.1 Repair & Maintenance | L. Motas |
| 11.2 Kahu Richard Wong Endowment | A. Trout |
| 11.3 William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship | L. Motas |
| 11.4 Katherine and Clay Wery Fund | B. Matsuyama |

12. ISLAND COUNCIL REPORTS

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| 12.1 Kauai Council | H. Pacheco |
| 12.2 Oahu Council | W. Garcia |
| 12.3 Topside Council | U. Sai |
| 12.4 Maui Council | A. Trout |
| 12.5 WH Council | R. Rabara |
| 12.6 EH Council | F. Mulec |

13. PARTNERSHIP REPORT

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| 13.1 Pu'a Foundation | T. Bissen |
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14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 14.1 Endowment Policy-Bylaws
- 14.2
- 14.3

15. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- 15.1 Proposed Budget FY 25/26
- 15.2 Executive Committee-President's Status
- 15.3

16. REFLECTION/CONCERNS

- 16.1
- 16.2

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 17.1 FY 25/26, Proposed Meeting Dates: 7/26/25, 10/25/25, 1/31/26, 4/25/26
- 17.2
- 17.3

18. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

D. Popham

19. ADJOURNMENT @ _____ / _____

20. CLOSING PULE

L. Kaauwai-Iwamoto

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (SCHCC)

ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024 – 9 AM
CENTRAL UNION CHURCH

MINUTES

PRESENT.

1. OFFICERS. Sharon Matsuyama, President. Lorna Motas, Vice President. Kahu Keoki Kiwaha, Secretary. Frank Mulec, Treasurer. Boyd Matsuyama, Advisor. Kahu Kealahou Alika, Resource Person.
2. HCUCC. Kahu David Popham, Conference Minister.
3. PARTNERSHIP. Toni Bissen, Exec. Director, Pū‘ā Foundation.
4. DELEGATES. [LIST CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IF REQUESTED]

OPENING PROTOCOL.

1. **OPENING OF THE ‘AHA PAE‘ĀINA.** Representing the Council of the Hawai‘i Conference UCC, Marilyn Hasegawa officially opened the ‘Aha Pae‘āina and welcomed the officers, partners, and delegates to the Annual Meeting of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.
2. **CALL TO ORDER.** The President called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.
3. **OPENING PULE/OHANA.** Kahu Keoki Kiwaha, SCHCC Secretary, and Kahu of Puka‘ana Congregational Church, offered an opening prayer and led those present in a devotional time based on Isaiah 43:18-19.
4. **NECROLOGY SERVICE.** The Rev. C. Kealahou Alika, SCHCC Resource Person, officiated the Necrology Service.
5. **LŪLŪ.** All present were invited to share in giving their offerings to SCHCC. All checks are made payable to SCHCC, and mailed (or, given) to Frank Mulec, P. O. Box 1065, Pahoā, HI 96778.
6. **ROLL CALL.** The Secretary determined that a quorum was present. There were 26 voting delegates representing 17 churches, the Board of Directors, and the Pū‘ā Foundation; and, there were 4 non-voting participants.

7. **GREETINGS.** The President officially welcomed all to the SCHCC Annual Meeting at the 202nd 'Aha Pae'āina of the Hawai'i Conference UCC. She thanked the staff of HCUCC and the Hawai'i Conference Foundation, the leadership/members of Central Union Church, Joanne Kishimori and the O'ahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches for their hard work in preparing for this meeting.
8. **ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES.** It was moved by the Rev. Heather Barfield, seconded by Laurie Kauleinamoku, to accept the Secretary's minutes for the SCHCC Annual Meeting of June 15, 2023. Without further discussion, the motion was carried.

9. **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

a. Financial Report FY 2023-2024

Beginning Balance, 7/1/2023	\$.....25,874.06
Income	\$.....7,604.44
Expenses	\$.....10,664.76
Ending Balance, 4/30/2024	\$.....21,813.74

b. Proposed Budget FY 2024-2025 \$.....13,750.00

c. Kokua Mau \$.....78,500.00

d. Makeke Report \$.....1,500.00
Makeke contributions received from 8 churches, 1 individual.

It was moved by the Treasurer, without need for a second, to accept the Treasurer's Report pending audit. Without further discussion, the motion was carried.

REPORTS.

1. **INDIVIDUAL REPORTS.** Written reports were submitted and received by the following individuals according to the order in the Agenda:
 - a. The Rev. Dr. David Popham, HCUCC Conference Minister
 - b. Mrs. Sharon Matsuyama, SCHCC President
 - c. Mr. Boyd Matsuyama, SCHCC Advisor
2. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.** Written reports were submitted and received by the following Committees according to the order in the Agenda:
 - a. Repair & Maintenance – Lorna Motas, Chairperson
 - b. Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund – Aileen Trout, Chairperson
 - c. William K. Kahuaka'i Scholarship Fund – Sharon Matsuyama, Chairperson

- d. Katherine & Clay Wery Fund – Boyd Matsuyama, Chairperson
 - e. SCHCC Nominating Committee – Kahu Keoki Kiwaha, Chairperson
3. **ISLAND COUNCILS.** Written reports were submitted and received by the following Island Councils according to the order in the Agenda:
- a. Kaua'i Council HCC – J. Haunani Pacheco, President
 - b. O'ahu Council HCC – Joanne Kishimori, President
 - c. Maui Council HCC – Aileen Trout, President
 - d. East Hawai'i Council HCC – Frank Mulec, President
 - e. West Hawai'i Council HCC – Rollin Rabara, President

OLD BUSINESS.

1. **501(c)(3) STATUS.** The Treasurer reported that the SCHCC's application (Form 1023) for tax-exempt status had been received by the IRS, but no action had been taken beyond that due to a backlog in applications. However, the Treasurer offered his personal thanks to Brian Ezuka, Esq., a O'ahu-based attorney retained by SCHCC who had been working diligently with the Treasurer, Advisor, and members of the Executive Committee through the entire application process. The Advisor also noted that with the application, SCHCC hopes to obtain tax-exempt status back to 2012.

NEW BUSINESS.

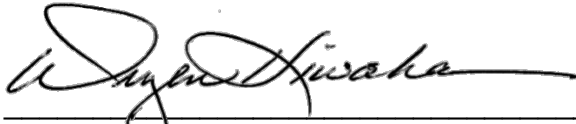
1. **PROPOSED BUDGET FY2024-2025.** It was moved by the Treasurer, without need for a second, to approve the proposed Budget of \$13,750 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025. Without further discussion, the motion was carried.
2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**
 - a. The Secretary offered his thanks to Kahu Jimmy Aarona who served as a Co-Facilitator of the nominations process. The Secretary also added that there was only one candidate for each electable office and that the Committee determined that it would recommend a slate to the delegates.
 - b. **It was moved by the Secretary on behalf of the Nominating Committee, without need for a second, to conclude the nominating process; and, elect the following slate – Sharon Matsuyama as President, Lorna Motas as Vice President, Kahu Keoki Kiwaha as Secretary, and Frank Mulec as Treasurer for the term beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2026.** Without further discussion, the motion was carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

2. **It was moved by Kahu Heather Barfield, seconded by the Secretary, to adjourn the meeting.** Without further discussion, the motion was carried; and, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m. Kahu David Popham offered a closing prayer.

HISTORICAL NOTE. It is noted that the Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Dr. James Fouthier, Jr., the Generosity Officer for the Western Region of the United Church of Christ, joined us for lunch. Both Rev. Dr. Thompson and Rev. Dr. Fouthier addressed our delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Keoki Kiwaha', written over a horizontal line.

Kahu W. Keoki Kiwaha, *Secretary*
State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
Financial Report FY 2024 - 2025

						Beginning Balance July 1, 2024					
<u>INCOME:</u>		<u>Budgeted</u>		<u>July-Sept Actual</u>		<u>Oct-Dec Actual</u>		<u>Jan-Mar Actual</u>		<u>Apr-May Actual</u>	
Church Dues, 40 @ \$50		2,000.00		50.00		1,500.00		200.00		0.00	
Mākeke Donations		2,300.00		200.00		1,200.00		0.00		0.00	
Interest Income/Wm Crisp Fund		2,000.00		1,931.99		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Donations		4,300.00		875.00		625.00		940.00		0.00	
Other Income (reimbursements)		3,150.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
TOTAL INCOME		13,750.00		3,056.99		3,325.00		1,140.00		0.00	
<u>EXPENSES:</u>		<u>Budgeted</u>									
Air Fare		4,500.00		0.00		0.00		670.96		0.00	
Resource Persons		1,000.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Car Rental/Gas/Parking		1,000.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Lodging		1,500.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Meals		1,000.00		0.00		38.40		275.35		0.00	
Office Expense		500.00		417.43		0.00		0.00		0.00	
Insurance, Liability Coverage		2,000.00		0.00		2,080.00		0.00		0.00	
Host Church Makana		1,350.00		1,000.00		0.00		150.00		0.00	
Friends of the Conference Makana		500.00		0.00		500.00		0.00		0.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		400.00		0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSE		13,750.00		1,417.43		2,618.40		1,096.31		0.00	
UnBudgeted Expense/ Pū'ā Foundation Makana						1,000.00					
						Ending Balance Mar. 31, 2025					
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State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

FYE 2024 – 2025 Mākeke Report
June 12, 2025

The 2024 - 2025 SCHCC Mākeke Flyer dated October 15, 2024, has been mailed out to all our member churches. As a result of these announcements, the monetary donations received were a total of **\$ 1,400.00** from (8) eight churches, and (1) one individual supporter. We appreciate, recognize, and thank the following churches and individual for their generous monetary donations and continued support for the SCHCC:

Hanapēpē Hawaiian Congregational Church Earline Iaea in memory of Aunty Stella
Hau‘oli Kamana‘o Church
Helani Congregational Church
Kahikuonalani Church UCC
Kauaha‘ao Congregational Church
Lāhuiokalani Kā‘anapali Congregational Church
Waihe‘e Protestant Church
Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church
Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J. Mulec

SCHCC Mākeke Chair

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Kōkua Mau

FY 2025-2026

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

(Perpetuate the Funds)

Fund for Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches	\$50,000.00
Kahu Richard W. Wong Fund	\$25,000.00
William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund	\$ 4,500.00
Katherine & Clay Wery Fund	\$ 2,500.00

TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:

\$82,000.00

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Proposed Budget FY 2025 - 2026

INCOME:

Church Dues (FY 25-26), 38 @ \$50	\$1,900.00
Mākeke	2,300.00
Interest Income/Wm Crisp Fund	2,000.00
Donations-churches, individuals, Lulu at mtgs.	4,300.00
Other Income, reimbursements	2,500.00
TOTAL INCOME:	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Air Fare: Executive Committee*	\$3,000.00
Resource Persons	1,500.00
Car Rental/Gas/Parking	1,000.00
Lodging: Executive Committee*	1,200.00
Meals	1,150.00
Office Expenses	600.00
Insurance, Liability Coverage	2,300.00
Host Church Makana, (9 mtgs @ \$150)	1,350.00
Friends of the Conference Makana	500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses: unbudgeted, underbudgeted	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$13,000.00</u>

(*Pres, VP, Sec, Treas. and Advisor)

Note: Pū'ā Foundation, Makana Budget of \$1,000.00 will be drawn from the Common Trust Fund held by the SCHCC.

Approved by SCHCC BOD on April 26, 2025

III. ANNUAL REPORTS

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

203rd 'Aha Iki

Message from David Popham, Conference Minister

Aloha mai kākou,

With just a few changes you will note this report is the same as the report to the 'Aha Pae'āina as a whole. This is due to the interweaving of aspirations and shared reality among us. I found it difficult not to speak of the same items at both gatherings. Please consider yourself as receiving an “advance copy” of the other.

Key Successes

1. Strengthening Congregational Vitality

- **New Ministry Initiatives:** Congregations such as Kawaiaha'o Church, Kapa'a UCC, Kaumakapili Church and others launched community-based ministries focused on food security, mental health, and youth engagement.
- **Leadership Development:** 22 pastors from five islands and four Associations explored “Renewing Hope” at the annual Pastoral Leaders Retreat through worship, small group discussions, and offsite adventures.
- **Digital Worship Expansion:** Approximately 80% of congregations now offer hybrid or online worship, increasing accessibility for kūpuna and diaspora members.

2. Justice and Witness

- **Environmental Stewardship:** The Conference promoted the “Ho'ōla Honua” initiative, supporting churches in adopting sustainable practices and advocating for climate justice.
- **Housing Advocacy:** Promoted local coalitions to support affordable housing legislation and hosted forums on homelessness and economic justice.
- **“A Call to Education and Action Regarding the Crisis in Gaza”** (resolution of the 2024 'Aha Pae'āina): Letters were sent to the President of the United States of America and to the Israeli Ambassador to the United States informing them of the passing of the resolution and seeking an end to the conflict.

3. Youth and Young Adult Engagement

- **Youth Event at the ‘Aha Pae‘āina:** 40 youth (grades 6-12) from five islands participated in the 2024 ‘Aha Youth Event, meeting sometimes unto themselves and sometimes with the larger gathering. This year 31 youth are participating in the ‘Aha Youth Event, which brings them to maximum capacity.

4. Maui Wildfire Recovery

- **Approximate dollars provided for recovery thus far:**
 - Maui Clergy Trauma Support: \$67,342 (primarily raised through grants)
 - Fire Victims Support: \$90,178 includes partnering with Po‘okela, Waiola, Wailuku Union, Maui Evangelical congregations, and Maui Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD) Council
 - These funds were provided during the immediate and the pressing needs phase of recovery.
- **Long-Term Phase:**
 - Conversation with Po‘okela Church about upgrades needed to turn facilities into a volunteer host site for Kula fire recovery.
 - Conversation with Waiola Church about temporary housing (5 yrs or so) on church residential lots for members who lost homes in fire.
 - Purchase of portable dome shelters.
- **Acknowledgments:**
 - Danny Tengan, HCUCC Disaster Response Coordinator
 - United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries
 - Brown Grant of the United Church Funds
 - Pacifica Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PC(USA)
 - Jonathan Roach and Ben Sheets, coordinators for Maui Clergy care

Challenges and Opportunities

1. Financial Sustainability

- **Local Church Revenue:**

Several congregations face declining tithes and offerings, prompting difficult conversations about building maintenance, pastoral staffing, and long-term viability.

- **Conference Budget:**

The Conference's operational budget continues tightening. The budget recovery plan revolves around stabilizing the unreserved endowment corpus by investment with the sale of the Craigside apartments coupled with shrinking the budget so as to reduce the endowment draw to 4.5%. We are in year five of this nine-year plan.

- **Faith Forward Capital Campaign:**

We remain in the quiet phase seeking larger donations. However, we are beginning to branch out to a more public stance with engaging congregations and the fuller membership of the HCUCC.

2. Congregational Life

- Many churches continue to experience aging membership without proportional growth in younger generations.
- Pastoral transitions increased as several long-serving ministers retired, creating gaps in leadership and continuity.

3. Cultural Tensions

- **Micronesian Churches**

Our Associations' Committees on Ministry strive to provide for church and ministerial standing while at the same time establishing standards of expectations. These standards tend to run into cultural misunderstandings and confusion for all parties involved. We continue to pledge to work together for clearer acknowledgments of each other's expectations.

- **Reconciliation Conversations:**

- At the August 2024 Council Meeting, a conversation was entered into about how best to help AHEC leaders. Paying attention to the language used by AHEC leaders at the 2024 and 2023 'Aha Pae'āina (naming the Papa Makua position as Conference Minister) two models of embodying self-determination were placed on the table:
 1. AHEC becoming a sister Conference in the UCC
 2. The Heartland Conference Association Design: in this Conference the associations have their own employees, collect OCWM, and perform many of the duties carried by conference offices. The Conference role is resourcing across the associations.
- At the November 2024 Council Meeting, AHEC reported it was not interested in the independent-conference design but was seeking enhanced self-determination. AHEC Luna Ho'omalua was asked to address the AHEC Board

to determine what self-determination means to them. I, as Conference Minister, was asked to bring in the logistic designs of the Heartland Conference Associations.

- At the February 2025 Council meeting the Luna Ho‘omalua reported that the AHEC Board did not want to define self-determination. I, as Conference Minister, brought a report on the Heartland Conference Associations. The Luna Ho‘omalua was asked to take the report to the AHEC Board for further discussion.
- At the May 2025 Council meeting AHEC did not have a representative present. The Luna Ho‘omalua confirmed he could not be there, and unfortunately a misunderstanding of starting time prevented a second representative from attending. There is a question as to whether the conversation remains ongoing at this time.

Looking Ahead to 2026

- **Association Structures:**

Like many associations across the UCC, some associations in the HCUC are straining under structures designed for a past era of church engagement and volunteerism. The time has come for a conversation about future association structure and purposes.

- **Faith Forward Capital Campaign Public Phase:**

Approaching churches and the fuller HUC membership

- **Faith Formation:**

The Pacific School of Religion Certificate program in Theological Education for Leadership (CTEL) is being retooled and redrafted for church cohorts, now titled Congregational Renewal Cohorts. The objective of this new offering is to support congregations by encouraging adaptive leadership and strategic innovation as participants develop a project that supports long-term sustainability and community impact. PSR President, Dr. David Vásquez-Levy will be present at the ‘Aha and will host a mealtime table conversation on this development. This program is still open to individuals as the former CTET program was.

Mahalo Nui Loa

It is an honor to labor in the Lord's business with such astute and loving co-laborers as is this Council. Your wisdom and passion remain guiding lights as we all seek the future God calls us to.

In Christ's peace and hope,

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham

Conference Minister,
Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ



**State Council of
Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)**

**Annual Meeting
Kapa`a First Hawaiian Church
June 12, 2025**

President/Vice President's Report

Aloha SCHCC Ohana,

We are excited to gather for the `Aha Iki this year on the beautiful island of Kauai and once again, to meet in person. We would like to extend a warm mahalo to the Kapa`a First Hawaiian Church for providing space to meet for the SCHCC annual `Aha Iki meeting.

It would be remiss if I did not mention that Sharon Matsuyama, the SCHCC President and Boyd Matsuyama, the SCHCC Advisor are not with us this year due to illness. We, however, send our warmest aloha and best wishes for healing and peace to them.

The SCHCC churches have been busy working hard within their faith communities and wider communities with feeding/food distribution programs, youth programs/retreats, music classes/events, Bible studies, a men's ministry program, family fun fellowship time, kupuna workshops and much more. Please take the time to review the individual island reports for the incredible work churches are doing in their corner of God's Kingdom.

We congratulate and mahalo the Island Council Presidents for their dedication in following up with the churches and staying connected with the churches while offering support and guidance.

A big mahalo to all the Officers, Board Members, Partnership Members, and regular guest who participate in SCHCC meetings and programs.

This past fiscal year, the SCHCC was busy and involved in projects funded by the KOKUA MAU programs, which helped several Hawaiian Churches across the State of Hawaii in the Hawaii Conference UCC.

They included the following:

Repair and Maintenance of six Small Membership Hawaiian Churches:

- Liliuokalani Protestant Church, O`ahu-Septic tank installation
- Wai`oli Hui `Ia Church, Kauai-Septic tank installation
- Opihikao Congregational Church, Hawaii Island-Termite treatment
- Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church, Hawaii Island-Termite treatment
- Kalaikamanu Hou Congregational Church, Molokai-Termite treatment
- Kapa`a First Hawaiian Church, Kauai-Repairs and painting the church and hall

Mahalo to the Hawaii Conference Foundation for providing funds for this program.

Richard Wong Endowment:

- Ka Hana o Ke Akua Church, O`ahu-Repair and painting a food storage trailer for food distribution.

Katherine and Clay Wery Fund:

- Blue Christmas Service and dinner held at Kaumakapili Church on December 21, 2024, for the Institute of Human Services (IHS) community residents.

In addition, the Executive Board and Board of Directors approved the following:

- Newly created **Endowment Policy**
- **Safe Conduct Policy**-submitted to the Insurance Board
- **Finance Policy**-submitted to the Insurance Board

Finally, the history of the SCHCC is shared below. This important information will continue to be shared in quarterly and annual reports, so that we can appreciate and be knowledgeable about why of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches exists.

About Us: The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) traces its roots back to the 1948 'Aha Pae'aina of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association (the precursor to today's Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ. The State Council was set up to provide leadership for Hawaiian churches, promote their work, and to nurture fellowship.

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches was formally recognized at the 1952 'Aha Pae'aina. It continues today with approximately forty-four member churches working together to keep alive the legacy and traditions of the native Hawaiian churches out of a sincere love for the Hawaiian churches and our Lord Jesus Christ!

As representatives and supporters of our respective churches, organizations and each other let us keep moving forward together, in unity, with faith, trust and love.

Mahalo and God's blessings,

Lorna Motas

Lorna Motas-Acting President & Vice President

cc: SCHCC Board of Directors



*Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
203rd 'Aha Pae'aina*

*State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Aha Iki – Kapaa First Hawaiian Church*

June 12, 2025
Advisor's Report

Aloha Kakou,

Congratulations to our Executive Committee and Board of Directors for a very productive year. As volunteers, we worked diligently to accomplish our task.

- Our 501c3 got approved by the IRS on August 5, 2024, retroactive to January 23, 2024.
- On February 12, 2024, the State of Hawaii gave a conditional approval pending our 501c3. With our 501c3 passing, the State of Hawaii exempted our G.E.T. to October 15, 2012.
- Insurance Board (IB) required a Safe Prevention policy and Financial policy to augment the Sexual Misconduct Liability (SML) coverage. Policies were submitted on December 27, 2024.
- Endowment Policy drafted by Matt Wagner received on October 1, 2024, and approved by the Board of Directors on January 25, 2025, meeting.
- An Endowment Committee formed to oversee Endowments, per policy.

To our Island Council Presidents / Representatives and Partner, Haunani Pacheco – **Kauai**, Joanne Kishimori / Wendy Garcia – **Oahu**, Uluwehi Sai – **Molokai Topside**, Aileen Trout – **Maui**, Clement Malani Jr – **East Hawaii**, Rollin Rabara – **West Hawaii**, David Popham – **Conference Minister**, Toni Bissen – **Pu'a Foundation**.

To our Executive Committee; Sharon Matsuyama – **President**, Lorna Motas – **Vice President**, Keoki Kiwaha – **Secretary**, Frank Mulec – **Treasurer**, and Boyd Matsuyama – **Advisor**.

Mahalo to our Officers and Directors for your leadership and unending support of the SCHCC.

The SCHCC leadership continues to Advocate for what is in the best interest of all Hawaiian Churches of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ.

In His Service,

Boyd Matsuyama

Boyd Matsuyama – Advisor

**State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)**

**Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches (R &M)
Annual Report
`Aha `Iki-June 12, 2025**

Aloha SCHCC Members,

We would like to extend a warm mahalo to the Kapa`a First Hawaiian Church for co-hosting the `Aha Pae`aina this year and providing space for the SCHCC `Aha `Iki meeting.

This 2025 fiscal year, the SCHCC received additional funding from the Hawaii Conference Foundation (HCF) to support projects due to costly septic tanks installation in 2024. We are grateful for the contributions that the HCF makes to support the upkeep and maintenance of the small Hawaiian Churches in the HCUCC.

Below is a summary of the projects that are outstanding and currently in progress.

OUTSTANDING PROJECT FROM 2018:

- **Helani Congregational Church, Hawaii Island**-The church has materials to start the project to repair the south side chapel wall. The repair work is being done by Ahia Contracting Company. The church members are in the process of finding a location to conduct Sunday services away from the chapel.

PROJECTS FROM FISCAL 2024:

- **Liliuokalani Protestant Church, O`ahu**-Septic tank installation-The church moderator, John Hirota reports that materials to start the project are currently on site and work began in April.
- **Wai`oli Hui `Ia Church, Kauai**-Septic tank installation-The church completed their project and photos, and final report were provided.

CURRENT PROJECTS FOR FISCAL 2025:

- **Opihikao Congregational Church, Hawaii Island**-Completed their termite treatment project in April and will be submitting photos and a final report.
- **Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church, Hawaii Island**-Termite treatment project. No report was submitted. The church received \$7,133.00 in August 2024.
- **Kapa`a First Hawaiian Church, Kauai**-The church was in the process of repairs and painting the church/hall at the time of this report.

- **Kalaiakamanu Hou Congregational Church, Molokai**-The church received \$5,745.00 in March 2025 for a termite treatment project. Their application was approved at the January 25, 2025, SCHCC BOD meeting. No report submitted.

Mahalo for your commitment to serve and maintain your places of worship. May God continue to bless your churches as you build God's faith communities.

Mahalo and God's blessings,

Lorna Motas

Lorna Motas-Acting President & Vice President

cc: Kahu Barry Mick

Kahu Debbie Wong-Yuen

Boyd Matsuyama-Advisor

Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund
Report for 2025
June 12, 2025

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.*”

“Grants are **NOT** to be given to build, maintain, or renovate *income producing facilities*.”

The Endowment Fund, a Restricted Fund, is managed by the Hawaii Conference Foundation (HCF) for the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC).

Based on the fund balance of June 30, 2024, **\$21,887.90** was available for outreach services.

Ka Hana O Ke Akua, from the Wai`anae area of O`ahu, submitted an application. Sun damage, salt air, and rodents deteriorated the trailer, which houses the food and hygiene products for their outreach program. In partnership with the Hawaii Foodbank, church volunteers and volunteers from a neighboring church prepare 100 bags of food, on a monthly basis. The repair of the trailer will keep rain and rodents from entering the trailer.

Total Project Cost is \$13,500

Requested cost for the repair is **\$12,200**

Paint and labor, provided by church members, is \$1,300

The Committee always asks the question: *Will the church's mission fail if this request is denied?*

The Board of Directors of State Council approved the award of \$12,200 to Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church. It is anticipated that the repairs will be completed by August 2025.

Kahu Richard W Wong recognized that our small Hawaiian churches might need assistance. With humility, we honor Kahu Wong in providing for the needs of our churches.

- Chairperson Aileen Trout, Lahuioikalani Ka'anapali Congregational Church
- Haunani Pacheco, Wai`oli Hui`ia Church
- Boyd Matsuyama, Puka'ana Congregational Church



STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
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William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund
(State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches)
Sharon Matsuyama, Chairperson (808) - 936-1385
c/o Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
700 Bishop Street, Suite 825 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SCHCC Annual Meeting
June 12, 2025

Aloha e na hoahanau me na hoaloha,

The deadline for applying for funding through the William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund is October 15, of each year. Although it's been quite some time since requests for funding have been received, interested individuals are encouraged to learn about this scholarship fund on the SCHCC website by logging on to www.hcucc.org then clicking on Affiliate Organizations.

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. Mrs. Larrison 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, by Kahu Richard Kamanu. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches turned the funds over to the Hawaii Conference Foundation to be invested. An amount of \$5,000.00 was set, as the starting goal, for using the earned interest income, towards the granting of the scholarship fund, for the purpose stated.

The Keliihoomalu Ohana have been asked to review the current policy of the Scholarship Fund, then have discussion on the possibility of revising the policy, purpose, and guidelines.

If there are any questions, contact the Executive Committee/Endowment Committee.

In His Service,

Boyd Matsuyama for Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama
Chairperson - William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship

**State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)**

KATHERINE & CLAY WERY FUND

203rd 'Aha Pae'aina
'Aha Iki - Kapaa First Hawaiian Church

Annual Meeting
June 12, 2025

Aloha Kakou,

The HCUCC was one of the beneficiaries of the estate of Katherine Wery and established the Katherine & Clay Wery Fund for Hawaiian Churches to be administered by the SCHCC.

In July 2016, Dr. Naleen Andrade, hanai daughter of Katherine Hanley Wery, met with the SCHCC Executive Committee to discuss funding, benefiting small rural Hawaiian churches. From this meeting, guidelines and procedures of the Wery fund were established.

Funding was approved for \$2,000.00 to hold a "Blue Christmas" ecumenical and memorial service on December 21, 2024. by the Oahu Council. This event was hosted by Kaumakapili Church with a Worship Service by various Kahu's, and dinner to follow.

Boyd Matsuyama

Boyd Matsuyama

Chairperson, Katherine & Clay Wery Fund

Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (KCHCC)
President's Annual Report
May 10, 2025

Member Churches:

Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church
Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church
Koolauhuiia Protestant Church
Ka 'Ohana Ni'ihau Church
Wai'oli Hui'ia Church
Waimea UCC

Officers:

President:	Haunani Pacheco	Wai'oli Hui'ia
Vice President:	Linda Kaauwai-Iwamoto	Kapa'a First Hawaiian
Secretary:	Phoebe Eng	Waimea UCC
Treasurer:	Naomi Yokotake	Wai'oli Hui'ia
Advisor:	Pastor Olaf Hoeckmann-Percival	Waimea UCC

It has been my honor to serve as the President of the Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. We met 5 times this past fiscal year and obtaining a quorum was never a problem. Unfortunately, communications with Ka 'Ohana Ni'ihau Church has not been successful by email or snail mail. We need to do better in reaching out to them.

All our churches have had their ongoing struggles with the maintenance of their aging buildings but with grants, Waimea UCC and Kapa'a First Hawaiian have been able to repair their buildings. Wai'oli Hui'ia Church was able to convert the cesspool for the office and parsonage to a septic system.

Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church and Koolauhuiia Protestant Church have managed to continue their services every Sunday by having pulpit supply ministers or members in discernment. Their membership is small, but they continue to serve their communities.

Wai'oli Hui'ia Church is in search of an Interim Minister after their Transitional Minister left in February. Alpha Goto has returned to assist with filling the pulpit and helping them through the process. Rev. Jonathan Roach and Rev. Cheri Dennis are also assisting in finding an interim.

This year our small Hawaiian churches have been busy with community outreach programs. Our churches have had events such as, Mahealani Moon Kanikapila , Back to School Backpack Bingo, Youth Retreat in Kokee, and rummage sales. More detailed reports for each church has been submitted to the Kaua'i Association United Church of Christ.

The biggest breakthrough for our churches without ordained or licensed ministers is that the Church of Ministry (COM) authorized lay people and members in discernment to administer Communion provided they are trained. This is welcoming news as our churches sometimes find it difficult to have an ordained/licensed ministers administer communion.

Attrition continues to be a problem in all our churches although Kahu Olaf saw promise with the youth he had at camp at Waineka. "It only takes a spark to keep the fire going.' We all need new strength, and we trust that the Lord will continue to lift us up on Eagle's Wings.

Respectfully submitted,

Haunani Pacheco
President - KCHCC

OAHU COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
ANNUAL REPORT
AHA IKI - JUNE 2025

The OCHCC is comprised of ten churches:

BERNICE PAUAHI BISHOP MEMORIAL CHAPEL – Chaplain - Kahu Manu Naeole
HAU`ULA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH – delegate - Bessie Kamakeeaina
KA HANA O KE AHUA - Kahu Brianna Lloyd, delegate – Kahu Brianna Lloyd
KAHIKUONALANI CHURCH – Pastor Rick Hirakawa, delegate Joanne Kishimori
KALIHI MOANALUA CHURCH – guest pastors, delegate Toni Ku-Daniels
KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH – Kahu Heather Barfield, delegate WendyAnn Garcia
KAWAIAHA`O CHURCH – Kahu Kenneth Makuakane, delegate Kaiulani Hess
LILIUOKALANI PROTESTANT CHURCH – guest pastors, delegate Laurie Kauleinamoku
PEARL CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH – guest pastors, delegate Millie Yee
WAIANAE PROTESTANT CHURCH – inactive

EVENTS AND PROGRAMS OF THE OCHCC:

June 2024 – At the annual meeting of the SCHCC , the OCHCC was asked to gather and put out the breakfast items, snacks bento lunches and drinks.

Quarterly meetings were held in person hosted by different churches. Prior to the meetings, the delegates submitted their report by email. I believe that this is one of the strengths and benefits of the SCHCC and OCHCC, the meetings and the sharing of what is going on at the different churches. This gives us the gift of BELONGING to a larger community. I applaud the church delegates for being faithful to sending in their reports. From these written reports and the oral sharing at the meeting, we learn much of what is going on at the other churches.

Meetings and some of programs, events, and concerns:

July, 2024 – unfortunately, no meeting held, but reports were sent in.

October 19, 2024, hosted by Kahikuonalani Church

- Request by Kaumakapili Church for OCHCC to approve an application to the Clay and Katherine Wery Fund for funding of a Blue Christmas Service on December 21, 2024. (this was approved by the SCHCC at their next meeting).
- Request by Ka Hana O Ke Akua to approve an application to the Repair and Maintenance for repair of a storage container for their mission of supplying food along the Waianae coast (see next meeting).
- Status of Oahu Sunday School Association – inactive since Covid.

December 7, 2024 – Special meeting at Kahikuonalani Church to review new application from Ka Hana O Ke Akua. At the SCHCC meeting in October, it was determined that Ka Hana O Ke Akua change their request for repair and maintenance to the Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund because theirs is a mission-based request and could be better covered by the Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund. The request was approved. (The fund request was granted in January 2025 by the SCHCC.

January 18, 2025, meeting hosted by Pearl City Community Church

- One of the concerns brought up was that once again the SCHCC meeting and the AHEC meeting would be held at the same time again during the Aha Iki. Churches who have one delegate need to choose one of the meetings to attend. (This was later addressed at the SCHCC meeting, that for this year it was already decided, and nothing could be done this year.)

April 13, 2025, held at Kahikuonalani Church (Annual Meeting)

- Elections were held officers elected for the next two years:

President: Wendy Ann Garcia

Vice- President: Laurie Kauleinamoku

Secretary: Kaiulani Hess

Treasurer: Toni Ku-Daniels

Advisor: Joanne Kishimori

The new executive board was installed Kahu Brianna Lloyd.

Submitted by,

Joanne Kishimori, outgoing President- OCHCC

Topside Moloka'i Council Report for 2024

Aloha and greetings from the UCC congregants of Ho'olehua, Kalaiaikamanu Hou, Kalua'aha and Waialua Congregational Churches that make up the Topside Moloka'i Council.

Our dedicated church representatives who met on the second Tuesdays of each month at 4 p.m. via ZOOM come from the following churches: Claire Iveson of Kalaiaikamanu Hou continued as Chairperson of the Topside Moloka'i Council. Pualani Akaka is from Ho'olehua, Uluwehi Kakaio Sai, from Kalaiaikamanu Hou is the Treasurer, Earline Iaea, from Kalua'aha is the Secretary. Louise Laumauna Miguel and Tina He-Lindsey represented Waialua and Kahu Janice Ogoshi made up the rest of the council. The position of Vice Chairperson remained vacant.

Weeks 1 and 5 of the month Kahu Janice conducts worship services at Ho'olehua, Kalaiaikamanu Hou and Waialua. Schedule for weeks 2, 3, and 4 was modified for her to have one less Sunday church service for those weeks. This enabled her to spend more fellowship time with church members and not have to rush off to the next church. It also allowed Kahu to be present at each respective church's annual meeting. The congregation and Kahu Janice have adjusted quite well to this modified preaching schedule that started in July 2023.

A Combined Service that involved all four churches on island were held quarterly. Each church planned a special luncheon after the service was over. Ho'olehua was first in March followed by Kalaiaikamanu Hou in May, next was Kalua'aha with a Ho'ike in September and last was Waialua in December 2024. Kalua'aha and Waialua also continued to have a "Shared Service" once a quarter at Kalua'aha.

Although there are 6 SPI initiatives that originated in 2018 with HCUCC, the TMC continued to focus only on one initiative. SPI #3: Expansive concept of church: Actively support new or different ways of "being church". Each quarter a report is turned in from each church to the secretary to report activities that are focused on SPI #3.

Uluwehi Sai, a representative from TMC attended meetings of the State Council of Hawaiian Churches via ZOOM on a quarterly basis. Our gratitude and appreciation to Uluwehi Sai for representing and reporting back to TMC.

Kahu Janice does Bible Study sessions on ZOOM throughout the year. The months of February and March had participants focusing on five lessons for Lent. During the summer month of July, a booklet called IN: Experiencing the Depths of Christian Community was used which focused on five different topics for discussion. Four Advent Prayer Gathering lessons (HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE) were done in December

Some churches like to celebrate certain holidays or events like Kalaiaikamanu Hou (Ash Wednesday, (2/14), Maundy Thursday, (3/28), Thanksgiving Eve, (11/27), Good Friday (3/29) Ho'olehua, Easter Resurrection Day (3/31) and Candlelight Service (12/24) Waialua. The number in attendance varied at these services.

The eastside community looked forward to the third Thursday of each month. The Food Bank was open at Waialua Church and many families took this opportunity to pick up fresh produce and canned items to supplement their meals.

Spring 'Aha O Na Mokupuni O Maui, Moloka'i ame Lana'i via ZOOM was held on May 4, 2024, at Iao UCC in person and via ZOOM. Attending virtually were delegates Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua and Earline Iaea from Kalua'aha. 'Aha Pae'aina was held in person on June 13 -15, 2024 on O'ahu at Central Union Church. Attending State Council mtg. on June 13 were Kahu Janice, delegate Uluwehi Sai (Kalaiaikamanu Hou), Pualani Akaka, Norman Levi, (Ho'olehua), were in attendance. 'Aha Makua, June 14 – 15, with Kahu Janice and delegates attending were Uluwehi Sai (Kalaiaikamanu Hou)) Norman Levi and Pualani Akaka (Ho'olehua) and Maasi and Tina He-Lindsey (Waialua).

The Moloka'i Leadership Group is in its 2nd year of existence under Kahu's guidance. This group evolved from an assignment from Kahu's educational online cohort group. Four women met at least once a month reflecting and sharing their experiences with each other about what they were hearing and learning as they observed God's activity in their churches and in their communities. Many interesting experiences were shared among the group. Their sense of hearing and observing what was going on at church and the community improved as the months went by. Also, a camaraderie was formed among the group.

Once a year event includes the Annual Bazaar on the first Saturday of November for the public. Many hands worked hard to prepare food (lulau plate, Hawaiian delicacies, lots of baked goods, hydroponics raised lettuce. People also donated a wide variety of plants, provided silent auction and rummage items. Another November event was the eighth annual Thanksgiving luncheon for the community chaired by Uluwehi Sai. Lots of food donations, many volunteer cooks and helpers served 500 + plates to the community via drive through and home delivery. We hope that next year we can have a sit-down meal with people, have conversations with each other, sing songs and being in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

We are very blessed that Kahu Janice Ogoshi is our minister. She has provided lots of support, guidance, and assistance to all of the churches in TMC. Her monthly reports to our Council are highly informative. There are a myriad of topics that she shares such as worship plans, Pastoral Care, Association & Conference news, Community involvement, Wider Church activities, meetings, and workshops online provided by HCUCC, or from the "Aha Mokupuni O Maui, Moloka'i ame Lana'i, Minister Retreats and Celebration of Life info for kupuna.

The Topside Moloka'i Council is doing their best to continue representing their congregants and working together to do God's ministry on island.

Blessings,
Earline Iaea
Secretary for Moloka'i Topside Council 2024

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Report for July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
June 12, 2025

Ka`ahumanu Church

103 South High Street, P.O. Box 1403, Wailuku, Hawaii 96793
Kahu Wayne Higa, (808) 446-4649, Email: kahuwayne@live.com

Worship Service: Sunday Worship – 9 am Bible Study: Wednesday and Thursday 6 pm

We are participating in Joint Worship Services with Wailuku Union and Iao UCC. We are actively seeking out funding resources for some of the sanctuary restoration project. Architectural, structural, and building permit are done. Project manager has been hired, and bids have been received. We just need to raise the money. The cost for the sanctuary restoration project is approximately \$3 million. Kaahumanu Church has sent a letter to churches soliciting koku. Our plan is to ask everyone to share the letter with friends and family. Looking for people to connect us with funding sources.

Kahakuloa Hawaiian Protestant Church

No report submitted

Kaulanapueo Congregational Church

27 Door of Faith Road, Haiku, Hawaii 96708

Kahu James Aaron

Contact person - Judy Buettner, (808) 264 6902

Mailing address: 110 Malanani Drive, Kula, Hawaii 96720 (c/o Mahealani Akau)

No worship services are being held at this time.

Kaulanapueo Congregational Church is a small membership church and currently no worship services are available. Even without services, we strive to maintain the property as best as possible. The church is currently dealing with cesspool and septic tank issue that must be taken care of soon, but the cost is high.

Plumbing repairs to the Hale Ai are being done and the church is proceeding to survey the property to outline the boundaries with a fence. The members continue to aloha the property.

Keawala'i Congregational Church UCC

5300 Makena Road, Makena, Hawaii 96753

Office: Andrea, (808) 879-5557, Email: keawalai@hawaii.rr.com

Website: www.keawalai.org

Sunday Worship Service: 10 am

In December 2023 we met and voted for a new Kahu, from New York, who started with us on February 25, 2024. It was a challenging experience for him and for the church. He tried his best to "fit in" with the culture, learn the Hawaiian language which is used in the worship service. He registered for Hawaiian language classes at Maui College and the

instructor is a member at the congregation. It was a struggle for him. After 11 months, he and the church parted ways on January 26, 2025.

While he was with us, we were able to have our weekly bible study on Wednesdays via zoom and continued with our "live streaming" during the worship service. We were able to stay connected with our mainland ohana through these platforms.

Hawaiian language classes were offered to congregation via zoom. It was helpful for those of us that were liturgist and needed to lead the congregation in the Hawaiian portion of the worship service.

Sunday morning worship service attendance goes up and down depending on the time of the year with the highest attendance during January to April. At Christmas and Easter, our front lawn is packed with people; we usually order 500 chairs to accommodate the number of attendees.

A Search Committee is actively searching for a new Kahu. Please keep us in your prayers. *Edie Kapiko*

Keolahou Congregational Church

No report submitted

Olowalu Lanakila Church

No report submitted

Pā'ia Hawaiian Protestant Church

246 Hana Highway, Pā'ia, Hawai'i 96779

Mailing address: P.O. Box 790540, Pā'ia, Hawai'i 96779

Kahu Roy Newton, (808) 244-3885

Church Office: (808) 579-8900, Email: paiahawaiianprotestantchurch@gmail.com

Leni English, Moderator (808) 357-5950, Email: Kulagleni@yahoo.com

Sunday Worship Service: 11 am

Annual Ho'ike was held in November and attended by many sister churches. This event is the highlight of the year.

We honored Prince Kuhio on March 30th ; Ali'i Sunday with the Royal Order of Kamehameha - Kahekili Chapter, Nā Wahine of Kamehameha, and the Ka'ahumanu Society. Dinner was provided for residents at Ka Hale A Ke Ola on March 24th. Celebrating Jesus Resurrection on Easter Sunday, followed by decorating the cross and a Easter egg hunt. Kamehameha Schools Maui Deputation Team to lead worship service on April 27th.

Lāhuiokealani Ka'anapali Congregational Church

3650 Lower Honoapi'ilani Road

Mailing address: P.O. Box 10093, Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

Aileen Trout, Lay leader (808) 987-2536, Email: atrout5525@aol.com

Sunday Worship Service: 10 am

Lāhuiokealani Ka'anapali Congregational Church is a small local membership church with fifteen members. We are strongly supported during snowbird season from January

thru April when 'ohana comes to visit Maui. Since the August 2023 Lahaina fire, the Methodists, Tongan Methodists, King's Cathedral Filipino, and King's Cathedral Tongans used the church. It is a joy to share the sanctuary with other churches. The pianist returned to Maui in April.

Waihe'e Protestant Church

No report submitted

Waiola Church

Kahu Anela Rosa

535 Waihe'e Street

Mailing address: P. O. Box 455, Lahaina, Hawaii 96761

Phone: (808) 264-1553, Email: info@waiolachurch.org

This past year has been one of deep resilience, spiritual renewal, and steadfast hope for Waiola Church and our 'ohana. As we reflect on the time from June 2024 through May 2025, we hold firm to our faith and purpose as we continue the journey of rebuilding — not only our physical sanctuary but our spirit as a congregation.

In the wake of the August 2023 wildfire that devastated Lahaina, Waiola Church remains a beacon of faith, perseverance, and aloha. Over the past year, we have worked closely with FEMA, HiEMA, the County of Maui, and community partners to lay the groundwork for our physical restoration. We formed the Rebuild Waiola Committee and are currently in the planning stages, having recently reviewed proposals for project management and restoration. Our team is committed to honoring the cultural and historical legacy of Waiola as the oldest Hawaiian church and the final resting place of ali'i.

On August 8, 2024, we held a special remembrance bell ringing ceremony, in remembrance of those souls lost in the Lahaina Wildfire. The bell rang the first time since the fire. That day it rang 102 times.

Despite the loss of our sanctuary, our worship life has continued strong. On April 6, 2025, we held our first service back at Waiola grounds. We have held monthly informal services on Communion Sunday outdoors on our church grounds since then, gathering faithfully under tents and trees. These services have become powerful testaments to our endurance and faith, enriched by the sounds of birds, the breeze through coconut palms, and the continued presence of the Spirit among us. Our Outreach Committee has kept members connected with phone calls, online zoom prayer and support sessions and events.

Me ke aloha o ke Akua,

Anastasia Arao-Tagayuna, Moderator

**West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(WHCHCC)**

Annual Report for State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
June 12, 2025

Helani Church:

Pulpit still being supplied by members and guest speakers and Kahu, and attendance is still trending upward. Southside Chapel wall project has unfortunately hit another roadblock as we now need to relocate our services to another safe and viable location on property. Working with members on a temporary solution and hope to start project shortly after. Target date is late May, God willing. Also held our Helani Church Youth Camp with our Norwegian Christian College Ohana with a 100 plus participants, and all funding provided by the Norwegian contingency for supplies, food and beverage and logistics. This has been an awesome partnership for the past 4 years. Also started our first Helani Church Men's Ministry in February and group has been meeting every Thursday's in the evening. Also more recently Pastor Paul Childers who has been a member of Helani Church for 10 years and is the Campus Director at University of the Nations (YWAM) recently received his lay minister status to help us in the area of leading our Holy Communion services, until such time we can call a part-time Kahu which we are currently in the process of doing.

Kahikolu Church:

Informed by Kahu Naleen Andrade at our WHCHCC Quarterly meeting that as of 04-26-25 she will be resigning her licensed ministry from HIA, and relinquishing her duties as Kahu for Kahikolu Congregational Church. This was as result of the long lasting litigation which was settled on 04-06-25 by membership vote by where Kahu Bobby Macomber is now the interim Kahu of Kahikolu Congregational Church after a 42 to 41 membership vote was conducted. Per the litigation settlement both congregations would now be one and lead by Kahu Macomber. Unfortunately Macomber and his followers are resistant to being a member church of the HCUCC thereby making it a little more challenging. The hope is that with the combination of memberships from both sides a resolution can be achieved. So it is with great sadness that we no longer will have Kahikolu Congregational Church as a member to HCUCC, HIA, and WHCHCC. We will continue to pray for all parties involved and trust that God will shine his true light and glory through it all.

Kauaha'ao Church

Worship continues at 10:00 every Sunday; and Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen has returned as Kahu of Kauaha'ao Congregational Church as of 01-05-25. Also a guest Kahu is still be scheduled at least once a month. Also Kahu Wong Yuen has been instituting new ways of worship by scheduling a Family Devotional Sunday and on months with a fifth Sunday a Family Fun Fellowship is scheduled, where Bible and Search and Call games are part of the fun. Community Outreach continues with "The Book Shack" non-profit group selling new and used books, and Narcotics & Alcohol Anonymous group using church as gathering place for their meetings. Celebration of Life Service held for Moderator Dave Williams on 11-02-24. Never ending repairs still exist for the sanctuary and hall, and diligent work still continues with members involvement. Please continue

Kauaha'ao Church (Cont'd)

to pray for our Kauaha'ao Ohana, and Kahu Wong Yuen and her husband Walter who have been battling some health issues, but still have been paving the way for God's work to continue at Kauaha'ao.

Pukaana Church

Pulpit still being supplied by Kahu Keoki Kiwaha, with weekly Communion Service being offered. Also members and officers still continue to participate in several events throughout the year, and attendance at weekly services have increased. Kahu Kiwaha and his congregation continue to ask for prayers for Sharon and Boyd Matsuyama, as all of our Kalawina Churches are aware of the Sharon's current health status and as she goes through her long road to rehabilitation, and as we all would expect Boyd is doing everything in his power to ensure that she is supported during this recovery process. WE know that God is the ultimate physician and we will continue to seek him to help heal Sharon...

Hau'oli Kamana'o Church

Services still being held at 11:00am every Sunday. Pulpit still being supplied by Kahu Mahina Kaupiko and Members with Communion Service being held on every First Sunday. We were informed by Kaimi Kaupiko at our WHCHCC Quarterly meeting that Kahu Mahina has unfortunately experienced health challenges that has limited his service, and asked for prayers for his Brother. They are continuing to conduct services with the current available Ohana to supply their pulpit. Members also participated in several events in 2024-25 and their youth group continues to shine God's light in the Miloli'i Community and around the Big Island. Please pray for Kahu Mahina's healing, and also his Ohana, and that God be there to guide all the Doctors and Nurses that will be a part of his journey to full recovery.

SUMMARY

Overall the past year for our WHCHCC participating churches has been fruitful, but yet has faced several challenges along the way. The loss of Kahikolu Church and Kona Lanakila Church in our WHCHCC, HIA and HCUCC Ohanas are just two of the more highlighted challenges we faced. Some of the other challenges were related to the health of two of our leaders of our churches, in Sharon Matsuyama and Kahu Mahina Kaupiko, both of their prognosis's appear to be positive and we'll continue to pray for both of them as they continue to heal and rehabilitate. Our WHCHCC Board also voted unanimously for Alicia Ilikea Kam to serve on our Board as Vice President. Alicia is a member at Helani Church and has represented me at two HCUCC State Board meetings both in person and on Zoom. Please continue to pray for our WHCHCC Board and all of our participating churches as we "Holomua" through 2025 & 2026.

Submitted by:

Rollin Rabara
Vice President WHCHCC

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
REPORT OF THE EAST HAWAI'I COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Annual Meeting
June 12, 2025

Aloha Na Hoahānau,

The East Hawai'i Council Member Churches include:

Haili Congregational Church / Kūhiō Chapel
Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church
Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church

Ola'a First Hawaiian Church
'Opihikao Congregational Church
Pu'ula United Church of Christ

The Officers are: Frank J. Mulec, President;
Margaret L. Kamanu, Secretary;
Judith Bailey, Auditor

Clement M. Malani, Jr., Vice President;
Elizabeth J. Salfen, Treasurer and

The East Hawai'i Council meets quarterly, usually on the first Saturday of July, October, January, and April. It continues to be a challenge to have a quorum. SCHCC materials are distributed from the previous BOD meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 5, 2025, at Kūhiō Chapel, 09:00 am.

Haili Cong. Church/ Kuhio Chapel, Kuhio Chapel doors remain closed for worship service. Continue using the facilities on Wednesday afternoon for Bible Release Time, evenings on Wednesday and Thursday, Marchaltese, and Fridays for Christian Endeavor. In the Haili Church sanctuary at 8:30 am, spiritual growth with Kaina Waiau, 10 am worship service, and multi-purpose room, 10 am Sunday School. Haili Church Hō'ike was held on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Haili's building repair in progress.
Trusting Jesus, Cynthia Akimseu

Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church, Kahu Michael Warren continues to lead our church and shepherd our congregation. Christmas Candle Lighting service was broadcast live on our Facebook page. 'Aha O Nā Kahu Training Course was held at Kalapana Maunakea Church, January 9-10, 2025. There was a shortfall for the termite treatment of our sanctuary and meeting hall due to the time lapse between the quoted price and receiving the grant.
Mahalo no ke Akua, Loke Kamanu

Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church, Church begins every Sunday morning with Christian Endeavor at 09:30 am, Sunday School at 10, followed by Worship Service at 11 with Kahu Vira, then potluck lunch in our social hall. Attended all AHEC functions and was involved in numerous community food distributions. Continue to care for the Pōhakupuka Church graveyard in Ninole, for the churchyard in Laupāhoehoe, and the ohana graveyard down at Laupāhoehoe Point.
Mahalo Ke Akua, Russell Paio

Ola'a First Hawaiian Church, Worship service is held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. "Devotional Time" takes place prior to service each Sunday. A Christmas Eve service was held at 5:30 p.m. on December 24th. Ola'a's monthly feeding program for the community is ongoing with Kalei Tong, Moderator and as the leader of the group. Lunch is provided monthly at the Kurtistown Park for the community.

Representative, Judith Bailey

'Opihikao Cong. Church, Worship Service continues on the first and third Sundays of each month at 11:00 am. Sunday School has been very slow in starting up. Our repair work is still ongoing to our Social Hall and Kitchen area, and the building still unable to be used, however we see the positive effects of the ground termite treatment to include the termite treatment by tenting of the Social Hall/Kitchen and Hale Hiamoe/(Hale Aina) completed on March 7th. Termite Treatment by tenting of our Sanctuary was completed on April 17, 2025

Pu'ula UCC, This year began with our Annual 'Aha Mele on January 11, 2025 which included the Service of Recognition and Installation for Diane Hultman. Pu'ula became a member of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches. Pu'ula continues to have Sunday service followed by lunch. The average attendance is 15 people. We have new families attending regularly. The Recovery Center has meetings 6 days a week. The meetings are growing and several of their members attend church and have helped with some repairs to the church building. During the last few months, the entire outside and inside, and roof of the church building, and social hall have been painted.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J. Mulec

Frank J. Mulec, President



MEMO:

TO: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors
FROM: Toni Bissen, Pū'ā Foundation
DATE: May 6, 2025
RE: Annual Report to SCHCC

Aloha Kākou –

Lots going on at the Pū'ā Foundation, mahalo for the opportunity to share, last time I submitted a report was for the SCHCC board meeting – 4/26/25. This is the annual report submitted to SCHCC covering an overview of Pū'ā Foundation and our programmatic efforts.

Pū'ā Foundation - Who We Are, What We Do & Why:

Pū'ā Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that drives 'Trauma to Transformation' programs for justice-involved women, girls, and their families, especially Hawaiians, and we are proud stewards of the Punahoa Heritage Forest (PHF). With the aim of building strong kids, families and communities, working toward community and individual healing and well-being, we connect resources to need through community organizing, capacity building and training. We were created out of the apology, redress, and reconciliation initiative of the UCC for its complicity involving the 1893 overthrow of Queen Liliuokalani and the Hawaiian Constitutional Monarchy.

Our **vision** is through pū'ā, the process of feeding, nourishing, and strengthening, there will be the emergence of enlightened communities and society. To help in the passing from one to another generation the nourishment of our ancestral dignity from which we revitalize our national consciousness. Through such acts of humanity, new life springs forth. So shall it be with the Hawaiian people. Our **mission** is to actively engage, facilitate and serve communities and their efforts to build a resilient society and improve upon their quality of life through healing and reconciliation efforts that address consequences of the 1893 overthrow.

We consider the over-representation of Native Hawaiians in the criminal justice system as an example of such a consequence. We believe there is a correlation of imprisonment rates and historical, community and individual trauma and thus a primary focus is to support families affected by trauma and incarceration, especially justice-involved women. **Our tagline is, "Trauma to Transformation, Incarceration to Independence."**

Our two main 'Trauma to Transformation' program areas are:

- 1) the Mana Wahine initiatives, and**
- 2) the Punahoa Heritage Forest initiative**

Both are putting into action caring for the land and caring for the people efforts, which in the Hawaiian language/worldview, is to **mālama 'āina, and mālama kanaka.**

Pū'ā Foundation was featured as part of the Living and Giving Aloha - Baraquio Sisters 2024 TV Special - Dec. 2024.

- See six minute segment on the work of Pu'a Foundation
<https://www.punahoaheritageforest.org/news/living-and-giving-video>



- "The work that we do at the Pū'ā Foundation really focuses around how ancestral knowledge and cultural practices have, in fact, the power and potential to heal trauma," said Bissen, who argues that "trauma" can be experienced by a native forest struggling with a fungal disease.
 - <https://www.hawaiipublicradio.org/local-news/2025-02-12/trump-executive-order-impedes-funding-native-hawaiian-led-climate>




Trump executive order impedes funding for Native Hawaiian-led climate work

Hawai'i Public Radio | By [Savannah Harriman-Pote](#) - Published February 12, 2025 at 12:09 PM HST

1) **Mana Wahine Initiatives - Mālama Kānaka & By the Numbers:**

HOUSING: Transitional Housing program for women exiting prison at the Mercy House.


• **TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM FOR WOMEN EXITING PRISON**

 <p>MERCY HOUSE</p> <p>A PLACE OF HEALING</p> <p><u>HOUSING</u>: See Mercy House Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AWMb5h_VRDE</p>	<p><u>2024 – Mercy House I - Residents</u> Jan to Dec.- there were 4 residents and a house mother</p> <p><u>2024 – Mercy House II - Peer Support Training Center and Office</u></p>
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WELL-BEING: Development of healthy relationships with self and others:

- coordinating Family/Keiki days - Mālama 'Ohana at the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) -
- facilitation Oahu Going Home meetings
- facilitating Pre-Transition and Cultural Healing and Well-Being courses at WCCC, and the Federal Detention Center,
- coordinating WCCC workline 'Aina Work days at the Waimanalo Community Farming project

- **Keiki Day at the Women's Community Correctional Center**

	<u>2024 – Aug. Summer - Keiki Day</u> 13 - WCCC Mothers 23 - Keiki 14 - Caregivers 20 - Volunteers 20 - WCCC Staff/Workline 90 participants
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- **Keiki Day at the Women's Community Correctional Center**

	<u>2024 – Dec. - Christmas - Keiki Day</u> 12 - WCCC Mothers 19 - Keiki 12 - Caregivers 35 - Volunteers 10 - WCCC Staff/Workline 88 participants
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- **Oahu Going Home:Community organizing-public, private & faith-based volunteers**

52- total # of women released from the Women's prison
21 - Max Out - status
31 - Parole - status
25 - total # of women assisted

- **PreTransition & Cultural Healing & Well-being Classes; Waimanalo workdays**

1 - PreTransition courses at Women's prison
1 - PreTransition course at Federal Detention Center
8 - Waimanalo workdays

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES: Vocational and leadership training, and employment for Peer Support Specialists - those with lived experience helping others with similar experiences - such as transitioning from prison, and recovering from substance use challenges.

- **Peer Support Training**

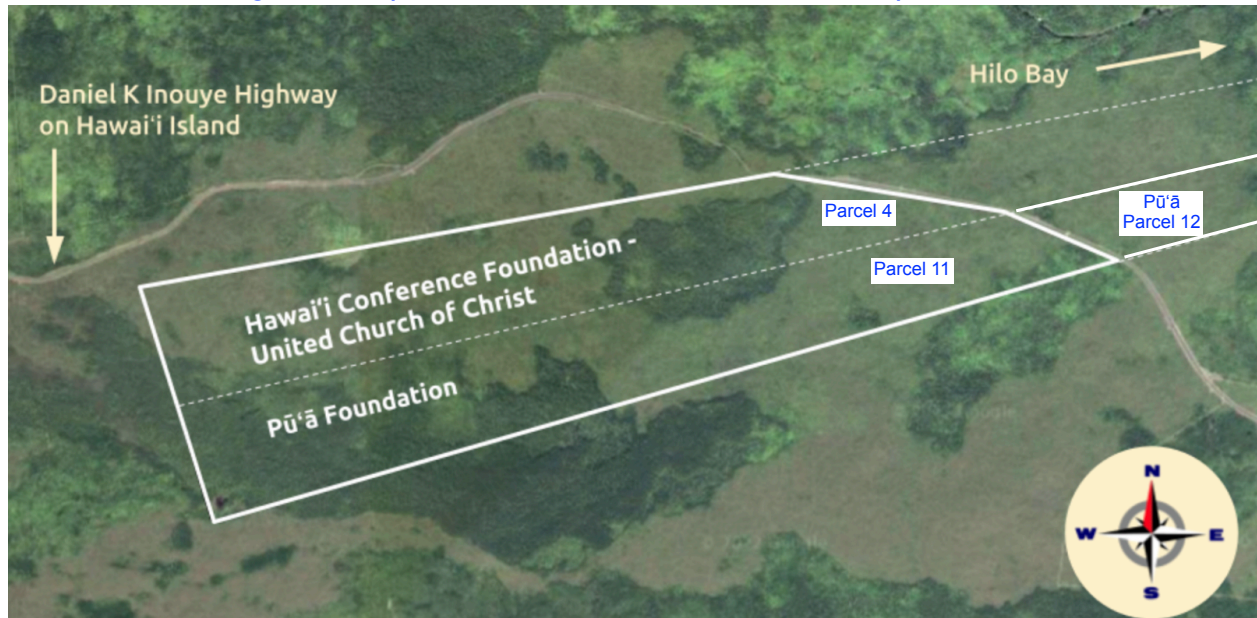
11 - Total Trained
4 - Hilo
7 - Oahu

2) **Punahoa Heritage Forest Initiative**

See Attached Updated Brochure

THE LAND

The Punahoa Heritage Forest has been created and developed by the **Pū'ā Foundation**, with the **Hawaii Conference Foundation of the United Church of Christ Board of Trustees**. The 2,200 acre property forms an elongated shape with an east-west orientation. It is located west of the Daniel K Inouye Highway on Hawai'i Island, just a 20-minute drive from Hilo. *There are three parcels - Parcel 4, 11, and 12. In addition, a 1.3 acre off-site agriculture parcel in the Kaumana area is also part of the PHF initiative.*



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out our websites:

- punahoaheritageforest.org
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PŪ'Ā FOUNDATION
Empowering Individuals, Families & Communities

*We are a 501c3 non-profit created in 1996. Driving 'Trauma to Transformation' programs for justice-involved women girls & their families, especially Hawaiians.
We are proud stewards of the Punahoa Heritage Forest.*

Punahoa Heritage Forest (PHF)

Punahoa Heritage Forest sees a future where people and nature thrive.





VISION & VISION NARRATIVE

The vision of the PHF is for a forest of world-renown that enables Hawaiians to know, care and connect with their heritage.

MISSION & STRATEGY MAP

The mission of the PHF is to preserve and protect the natural state of the forest. To help it flourish as a place of gathering, rejuvenation and cultural expression for all Hawaiians and for those who embrace Hawaiian culture.

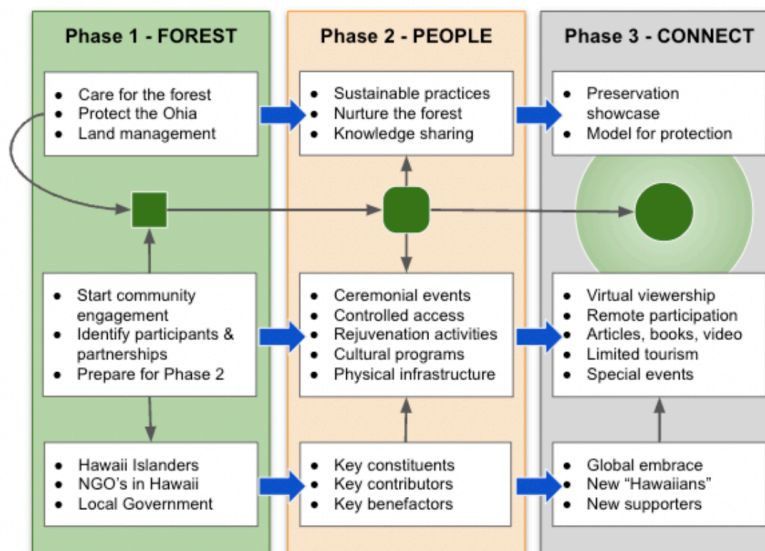
Mission Strategy Map

Preserve and protect the natural state of the forest.

Help it flourish...

... as a place of gathering, rejuvenation and cultural expression...

... for all Hawaiians and for those who embrace Hawaiian culture.



World-renowned forest...

- Stand for something / be meaningful
- Be known locally, but aim for world-renown
- Be more than a place; be a compelling idea

... enables Hawaiians to know, care and connect...

- Know - educate, inform, tell our story
- Care - voice of elders, community engagement
- Connect - physically, emotionally, spiritually

... with their heritage.

- Cultural heritage
- Natural heritage

PHF - Forest Stewardship Plan - Management Units

- Makai Unit - 230 acres (Parcel 12)
- Kipuka Unit - 660 acres (Parcel 4 & 11)
- Mauka 'Ekahi Unit - 258 acres (Parcel 4 & 11)
- Mauka 'Elua Unit - 498 acres (Parcel 4 & 11)
- Mauka 'Ekolu Unit - 567 acres (Parcel 4 & 11)

PHF - Strategies - Weed Control (WC) & Restoration

Weed Control:

1. Vector Sweep & Treatment
2. Project Installation Sweep and Treatment
3. Sweep & Treatment of larger Management Units
4. Guava Biocontrol & Cultural Practices

Restoration:

1. Practitioner Trail Native/Cultural Establishment & Plant
2. Post Herbicide Treatment Planting Native/Cultural as needed
3. Restore Key Native Forest Species across forest as needed
4. Remove Ungulates

PHF - Agricultural Parcel

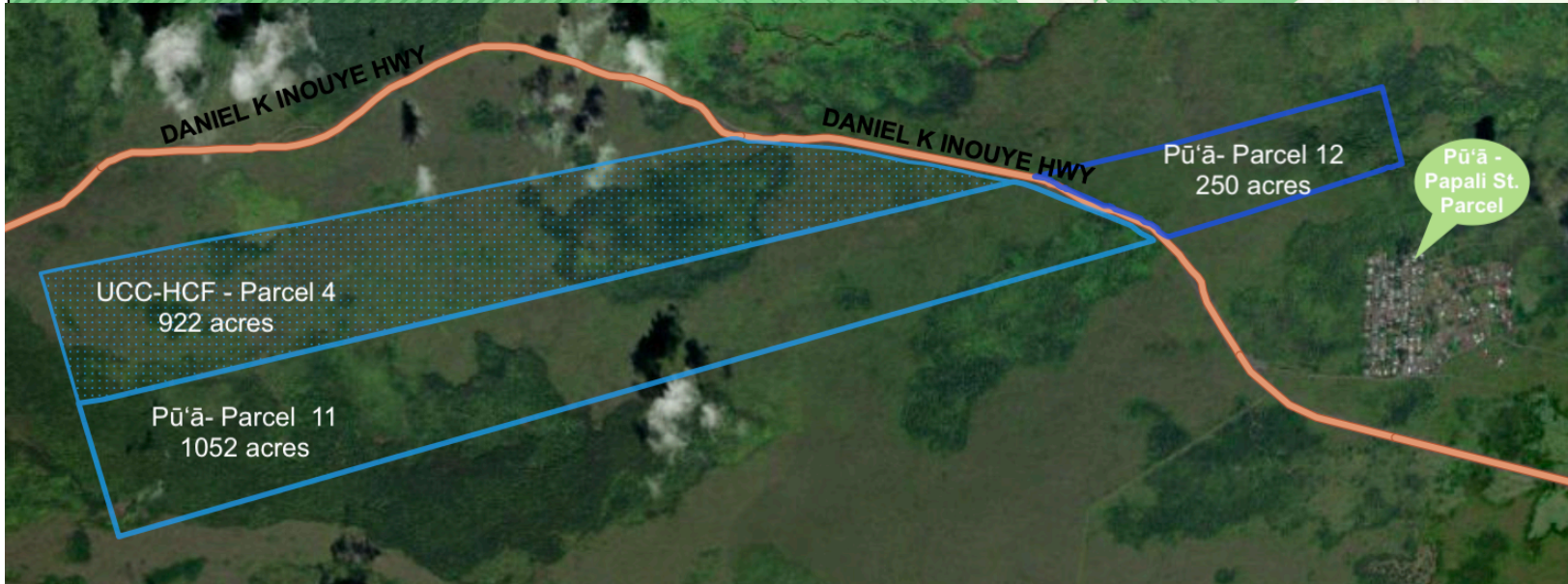
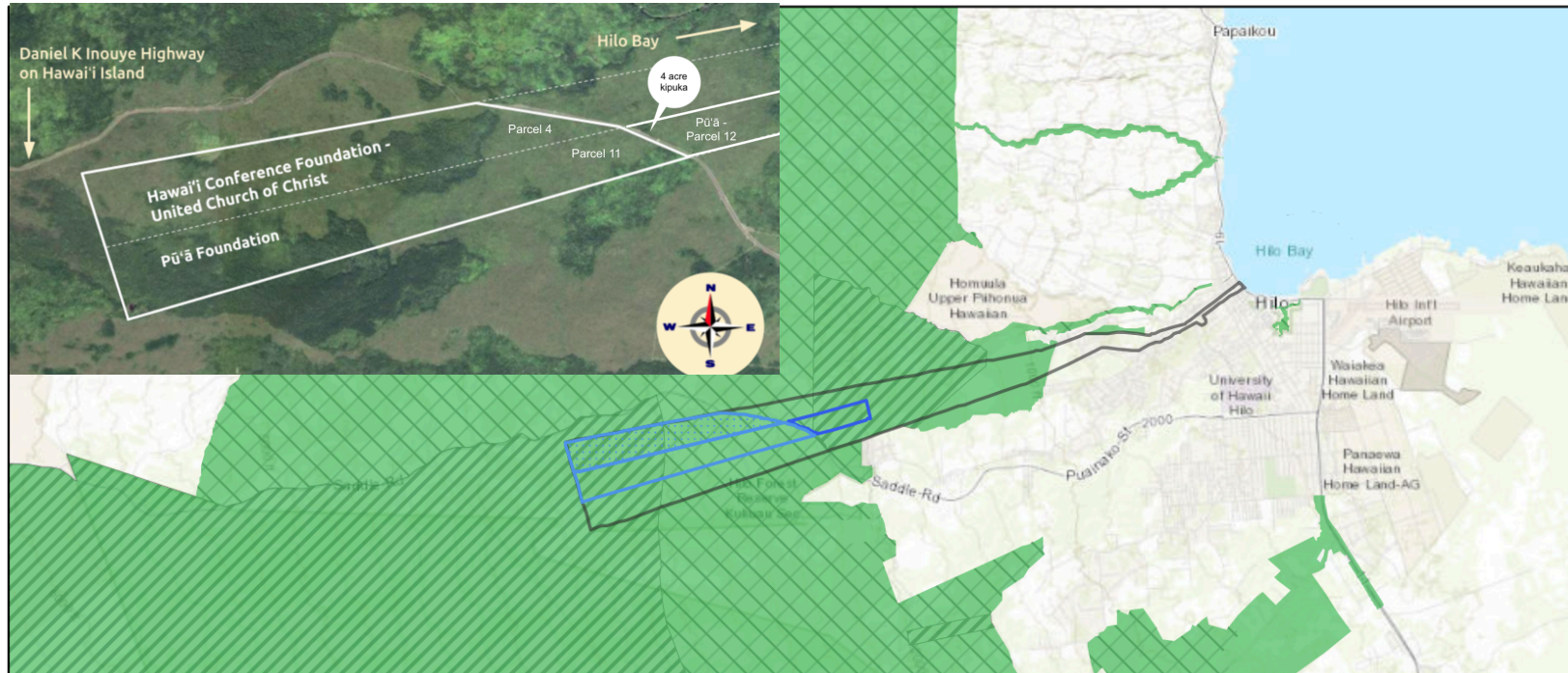
1. Seedbank
2. Nursery
3. Care Farm
4. Biocultural Learning & Wellness Center

Ahupua'a - Punahoa 2 - Punahoa Heritage Forest Location



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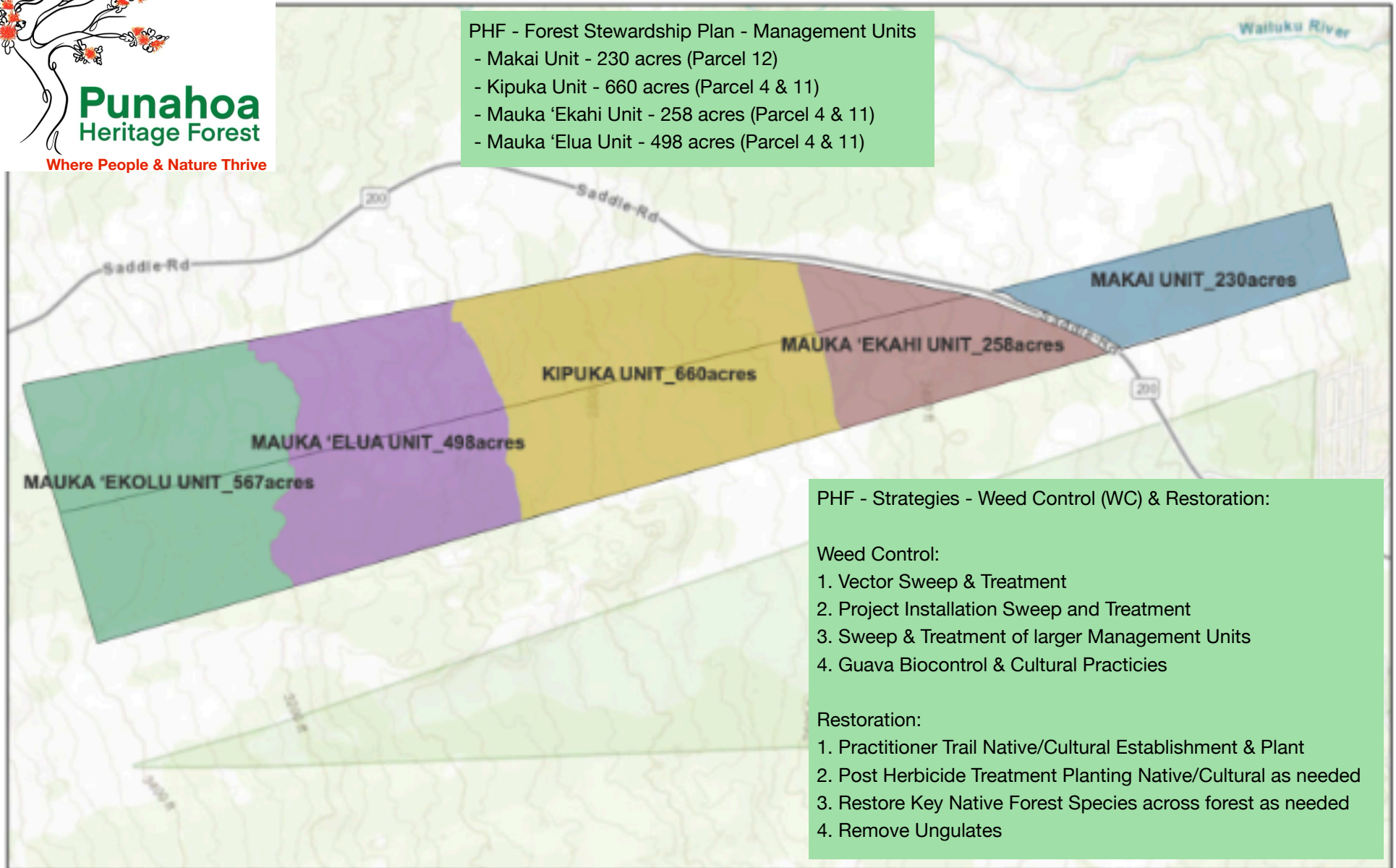




PHF MANAGEMENT UNITS

PHF - Forest Stewardship Plan - Management Units

- Makai Unit - 230 acres (Parcel 12)
- Kipuka Unit - 660 acres (Parcel 4 & 11)
- Mauka 'Ekahi Unit - 258 acres (Parcel 4 & 11)
- Mauka 'Elua Unit - 498 acres (Parcel 4 & 11)



PHF - Strategies - Weed Control (WC) & Restoration:

Weed Control:

1. Vector Sweep & Treatment
2. Project Installation Sweep and Treatment
3. Sweep & Treatment of larger Management Units
4. Guava Biocontrol & Cultural Practices

Restoration:

1. Practitioner Trail Native/Cultural Establishment & Plant
2. Post Herbicide Treatment Planting Native/Cultural as needed
3. Restore Key Native Forest Species across forest as needed
4. Remove Ungulates

IV. SCHCC DIRECTORIES

Board of Directors

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- To assist churches in obtaining information on resources to improve and broaden their missions.
- To foster & encourage attendance at General Synod.

On Sustaining The Richness Of Hawaiian Traditions & Cultural Values:

- To foster and encourage participation in the *Aha Pae`aina* by helping to develop agenda that incorporate cultural values & tradition & opportunities for fellowship.
- To foster greater understanding of Hawaiian values, traditions, customs & their relevance in our Christian faith.

On Leadership & Ministries in Hawaiian Churches:

- To foster, encourage, and promote leadership training in Hawaiian churches.
- To administer funds entrusted to the SCHCC under the Reverend Richard W. Wong & William Keli`ihoomalu Trusts.
- To assist churches in establishing and maintaining Church Profiles.
- To collect & circulate information regarding ministries of Hawaiian churches, their results & impact.

On Behalf Of Lokahi:

- To promote interaction and exchange among all churches.
- To serve as a channel of communication to the Conference on concerns, questions, and needs of Hawaiian churches.
- To serve as a catalyst for beneficial change that could affect all Hawaiian churches.

On Keeping Safe & Well Our Hawaiian Places Of Worship:

- To administer funds entrusted to SCHCC for maintenance and repair of small Hawaiian churches.
- To provide input to the Conference Foundation on the level of funding needed to maintain and repair small Hawaiian churches.

On Healing The Hawaiian Soul:

- To actively participate with other organizations in promoting understanding in a process of reconciliation w/in the Hawaiian community & HCUCC churches.

OUR MISSION/VISION

Our Mission is to advocate, at all levels, on behalf of all Hawaiian churches holding membership in the Hawai`i Conference United Church of Christ.

We envision a community which celebrates its biblical roots while sustaining the richness of Hawaiian traditions and cultural values; which strives to create opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership, and commitment for a common vision; and which nurtures all people to become instruments for building a better world and community.

We embrace and cherish our Christian faith as we respect our cultural heritage and ultimately seek the peace that comes with living comfortably in both.



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**We advocate on behalf
of member
Hawaiian Churches**

WHO WE ARE

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (the "SCHCC" or the State Council") is an affiliate organization of the Hawai'i Conference UCC (the "HCUCC" or the "Conference"). It is part of the Conference Council with both voice and vote but receives no operating funds from the HCUCC.

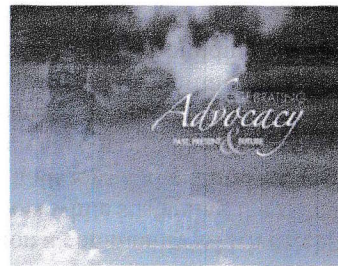
The State Council was initially formed in 1948 as a loosely knit federation of Hawaiian churches that traced their historical roots to the American missionary work that began in 1820. Hawaiian was the host culture; their churches the forerunner of Christian faiths in the islands. On their cornerstones all subsequent congregations were built. But over the course of time and history, membership in the *Kalawina* (Hawaiian for Calvinist) churches began falling. Hawaiians felt their interests waning as the Congregational faith in Hawai'i grew in size and complexion while the congregations of *Kalawina* churches fell ever smaller in number and impact. A revival effort halted the decline in the early 1900's, only to resurface in the 1930's.

In 1948, a coalition of Hawaiian churches successfully sought a venue for *Kalawina* churches at the *Aha Pae'aina* to voice their *mana'o*. This coalition was formally organized in 1952 as the Council of Hawaiian Churches to provide leadership for *Kalawina* churches, promote their work, and maintain their great interest in fellowship. The Council was eventually re-named the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

OUR ROLE REAFFIRMED

By 1965, however, membership in *Kalawina* churches was down to 2,536 and in danger of falling even further. The firm of Kramer, Miller & Associates was hired to review the entire conference of UCC churches, including the unique concerns of *Kalawina* churches. It found that Hawaiian churches were on the verge of disappearing if not given consideration and assistance. Impelled by that finding, a Hawaiian Ministry Program, in coordination with the State Council, was established to assist Hawaiian churches toward self awareness and active participation in the total ministry of the HCUCC.

The Hawaiian Ministry Program ended in 1992 as the Conference re-shaped itself. In that process Hawaiian culture was acknowledged and confirmed as the host culture for the Congregational Church in Hawai'i and the State Council was recognized as advocate for Hawaiian churches. SCHCC serves as a constant reminder of the Hawaiian presence that first embraced and nurtured the Christian faith in these islands.



60th Anniversary Commemorative Publication of
the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational
Churches 1948 to 2008

OUR KULEANA

The overarching role of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches is to promote the viability of Hawaiian churches in ways and matters that will enable them to live, develop, thrive, and grow.

We go about this role ever mindful of Queen Lili'uokalani's parting words when she spoke of the loss of the Kingdom: That earthly kingdoms can be lost by inflexibility, intolerance and prejudice, as well as by being too flexible, tolerant of too many wrongs, and without judgment at all. State Council looks constantly to the path that lies between these extremes.

The State Council believes, as did the Queen, that the preservation of our heritage is essential to our sense of well being. It was that heritage that allowed Christianity to flourish in Hawai'i. It is that heritage which State Council honors.

Thus, respecting the devotion and commitment of *na kupuna* to the Christian faith and their churches, and keeping the Queen's words foremost in mind, specific aspects of our overarching role are:

On Nourishing Our Christian Faith & Our Spiritual Growth:

- To convey, at every opportunity, an abiding sense of covenantal relationships in ministries and interacting with other churches, the Conference, and the National Church. These relationships form the basis for our faith journey with God. They are the backbone of our faith, our *mana'o 'i'o*. They are the promises we make as God-loving people to Creator, Church, community, and ourselves.
- To encourage and promote participation in Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) ministry.
- To foster and encourage active participation on mission teams and governing bodies of the HCUCC.

BY LAWS

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

(Affiliate Organization of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ)

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ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION OF SCHCC AND RULES OF LAW

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches celebrates and nourishes its biblical roots in the Christian faith, while sustaining the richness of Hawaiian traditions and cultural values. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches draws together Churches which strive to create opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership and commitment in order to attain a common vision. This vision embraces the nurturing of all people to become instruments for building a better world and community.

Our purpose and mission are as follows:

- To advocate at all levels of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ in the best interest of the Hawaiian Member churches.
- The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches celebrates and nourishes its biblical roots in the Christian faith, while sustaining the richness of Hawaiian traditions and cultural values.
- The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches draws together Churches which strive to create opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership and commitment in order to attain a common vision. This vision embraces the nurturing of all people to become instruments for building a better world and community.
- To operate exclusively for charitable, scientific, literary, religious, or educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law), with all powers granted to nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Hawai'i, and all other lawful purposes.

We are organized as State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (referred to in these Bylaws as the "SCHCC"), a tax-exempt Hawaii nonprofit corporation under Section 501(c)(3), and all of our activities will be performed in furtherance of our vision, purposes and mission. The SCHCC is an affiliate organization of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ (referred to in these Bylaws as the "HCUCC").

These Bylaws, as well as the Articles of Incorporation and other governing documents of the Board of Directors, provide the foundation upon which the Board and officers will govern the SCHCC and are based on the operations of the SCHCC, as well as applicable Hawai'i and federal rules. References to Hawai'i law, the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act in Chapter 414D of the Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and IRS rules are referenced within parenthesis following the provisions for which they apply. Unless otherwise indicated in these

Bylaws, references to “Member,” “Members” or “Membership” with an initial capital letter refers to persons within the class of Membership of the SCHCC in Article X of these Bylaws with such rights and limitations described in the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and Hawai`i law.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 2.1 Powers/Duties of the Board and Inspection of Records. All corporate powers are vested in the Board of Directors to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Hawai`i and the Internal Revenue Code, including the power to do all things necessary, not inconsistent with the law, to further the activities of the SCHCC. (HRS 414D-52(17) and -131(b).) The Board shall conduct, manage and control the affairs and business of the SCHCC consistent with State and federal laws, the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and policies and resolutions of the Board.

Without limiting the foregoing, a director is entitled to inspect and copy the SCHCC’s books, records and documents at any reasonable time to the extent reasonably related to the performance of the director’s duties, including the duties as a committee member, but not for any other purpose or in any manner that would violate any duty to the SCHCC or law. (HRS 414D-306.5(a).)

Section 2.2 Composition, Selection and Qualifications of Directors. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the following directors:

- (1) Officer-Directors: The officers of SCHCC, as described in Article V of these Bylaws (the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor). The officers shall take office as designated members of the Board concurrently with their respective positions and terms as the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor of SCHCC.
- (2) Island Council Representative-Directors: To the extent possible, one (1) representative from each of the Island Councils (Kaua`i, O`ahu, Moloka`i, East Hawai`i, West Hawai`i and Maui). Each of the Island Councils shall appoint one (1) representative as a member of the Board. Such appointment may be conducted by mail in the Board’s discretion.
- (3) Conference Minister-Director: To the extent possible, the Conference Minister of the Hawai`i Conference, United Church of Christ, or his/her representative. The Conference Minister of the Hawai`i Conference, United Church of Christ, or his/her appointed representative shall take office as a designated member of the Board concurrently with the term of office as the Conference Minister.

- (4) Other Representative-Directors: Other representatives from organizations or bodies that the Board determines will help further the purposes of SCHCC. The representatives shall be appointed by their respective organizations or bodies. Such appointment may be conducted by mail in the Board's discretion.

The Board may increase or decrease the number of directors from time to time at a regular or special meeting of the Board by amending the composition of the Board and deleting or adding to the composition requirements above, provided that the number of directors may in no event be less than three as required by Hawai'i law. All director candidates and directors must be individuals and have a strong commitment to furthering the purpose and mission of the SCHCC, as described in Article I. (HRS 414D-115, -132, -133 and -134.)

Any person who does not have the authority to vote as a member of the Board of Directors shall not be a "director" as that term is used under the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, Chapter 414D of the HRS. (HRS 414D-14 (defining "directors").)

All directors will serve without remuneration or expectation of remuneration in their role as directors. Remuneration does not include payment of reasonable expenses and indemnification or insurance for actions as a director. (HRS 414D-149(f).)

Section 2.3 Term of Office of the Directors. The directors shall hold office as members of the Board as follows:

- (1) Officer-Directors: The officers of SCHCC shall hold office as a member of the Board concurrently with their respective offices as officers.
- (2) Island Council Representative-Directors: The Island Council representatives shall hold and remain in office as a member of the Board, unless they resign or are otherwise removed under Section 2.6.
- (3) Conference Minister-Director: The Conference Minister of the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ, or his/her appointed representative shall hold office as a member of the Board concurrently with the term of office as Conference Minister or in the case of the appointed representative, for so long as the Conference Minister who made the appointment remains in office.
- (4) Other Representative-Directors: Other representatives from other organizations or bodies that the Board determines will help further the purposes of SCHCC shall hold and remain in office as a member of the Board, unless they resign or are otherwise removed under Section 2.6.

The term of a director filling a vacancy expires at the end of the unexpired term that the director is filling. Even if a term has expired, a director shall continue to serve until the

director's successor is selected, or until there is a decrease in the number of directors. (HRS 414D-135.)

Section 2.4 Vacancies. A vacancy on the Board by a designated officer-director (that is, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor) or Conference Minister shall be filled by the successor who fills the designated office as an officer or Conference Minister. (HRS 414D-141(c).) If an appointed representative director of an Island Council, Conference Minister or other organization/body held a vacant office, the respective Island Council, Conference Minister or organization/body who appointed the director may only fill such vacancy. (HRS 414D-141(b).)

If a vacancy will occur at a specified later date (by reason of a resignation effective at a later date or otherwise), such vacancy may be filled before it actually occurs so long as the new director does not take office until the vacancy occurs. (HRS 414D-141(d).)

Section 2.5 Resignation of Directors. A director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors, President or Secretary. Such resignation will be effective when the notice is effective, unless the notice specifies a future effective date. If the notice is made effective at a later date, the Board may fill the pending vacancy before that date so long as the successor does not take office until the effective date. (HRS 414D-137.)

A resignation of a director who is holding office as a director by virtue being an officer in Section 2.2 (that is, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor) will automatically be a resignation as an officer, unless the Board amends these Bylaws to delete the designated officer-director position in Section 2.2.

Section 2.6 Removal. The designated officer-director (that is, the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Advisor) or Conference Minister may be removed by amending the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and removing the designated position. (HRS 414D-139(a).)

An appointed representative director of an Island Council, Conference Minister or other organization/body may be removed without cause by the person appointing the director or the Board of Directors. (HRS 414D-139(b).) The person removing the director shall do so by giving written notice of the removal to the director, and either the President or Secretary. A removal is effective when the notice is effective, unless the notice specifies a future effective date. (HRS 414D-139(c) and (d).)

The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Section 2.4.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3.1 Regular and Special Meetings; Pule `Ohana. If the Bylaws or the Board fixes the date, time and place of a directors' meeting, the meeting is a regular meeting. All meetings other than regular meetings are special meetings. (HRS 414D-143(a).) Notice of regular and special meetings shall be given in accordance with Section 3.2.

The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly, unless otherwise determined by the Board. All meetings of the Board of Directors (and Members) shall be opened and closed with pule `ohana.

Section 3.2 Call and Notice of Meetings. The President or Board of Directors may call and give notice of a meeting of the Board. (HRS 414D-145(d).) The Secretary shall give (or cause to be given) notice of each meeting of the Board for which notice is required in accordance with this Section.

(1) Notice Requirements. Except as otherwise required in the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or law, regular meetings may be held without notice (provided, that the Board has previously fixed and provided notice of the date, time and place of the meeting). Special meetings shall be preceded by at least two (2) days' notice to each director of the date, time and place, and may state the purpose of the meeting. (HRS 414D-145(a) and (b).) Note: The form of notice and its effectiveness, as provided for in Subsection (2), below, must be taken into consideration when providing notice under this Section.

(2) Form of Notice and Effectiveness. Unless otherwise required, notice may be oral, written or in the form of an electronic transmission. Oral notice is effective when it is communicated. Except for a notice provided to the Members under Section 11.4, written notice to the directors is effective at the earliest of the following: when received, five (5) days after its deposit with the US Postal Service, as evidenced by the postmark, or on the date shown on the return receipt signed by or on behalf of the addressee, if sent by registered or certified mail. (HRS 414D-15(a), (b), (c) and (e).)

Notice may be provided by electronic transmission; provided, that the director to whom the notice is given consents ("electronic transmission" means any form of communication that does not involve the transmission of paper and that creates a record). The following means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have been given as follows:

- a) If by facsimile, when directed to a number at which the director has consented to receive notice;
- b) If by electronic mail, when directed to an electronic mail address at which the director has consented to receive notice;

- c) If by posting on an electronic network together with separate notice to the director of the specific posting, upon the later of the posting and the giving of the separate notice; and
- d) If by any other form of electronic transmission, when directed to the director.

A director may revoke such consent by written notice or electronic transmission to the SCHCC. Such consent shall be deemed to be revoked if (1) the SCHCC is unable to deliver by electronic transmission two consecutive notices in accordance with the consent and (2) such inability becomes known to the Secretary or other person responsible for giving notice; provided, that the inadvertent failure to treat the inability to give electronic notice as a revocation shall not invalidate any meeting or other action.

If the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act prescribes notice requirements for particular circumstances, those requirements shall govern. If the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws prescribe notice requirements, which are not inconsistent with this Section or the Nonprofit Corporations Act, those requirements shall govern. (HRS 414D-14 (defining “electronic transmission”); -15(i), (j) and (k).)

(3) Waiver of Notice. A director may waive any required notice by submitting a written and signed waiver or by attending or participating in a meeting, unless the director at the beginning of the meeting or prior to a vote on a matter not noticed in conformity with law or these Bylaws, objects to the lack of notice and does not thereafter vote for or assent to the objected to action. (HRS 414D-146.)

Section 3.3 Decision-Making By Meeting and Quorum. The Board of Directors shall make decisions by holding a meeting at which a quorum is present either in person and/or by wireless communication, as described below. Alternatively, the Board may make decisions without holding a meeting under Section 3.4. In making any such decision, a director may not vote by proxy.

Where Board decisions will be made at a meeting, a majority (that is, more than half) of the directors in office will constitute a quorum. (HRS 414D-147(a).) If a quorum is present when a vote is taken, the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present shall be the act of the Board, unless the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws require a greater vote. (HRS 414D-147(b).) Each director shall be entitled to one (1) vote.

In establishing a quorum, the Board may allow any director (or all directors) to participate in the meeting by any means of communication whereby all participating directors can hear each other at the same time (for example, telephone conference). Participation by such means whereby all directors can hear each other at the same time shall constitute presence in person at a meeting. (HRS 414D-143(c).)

Section 3.4 Decision-Making Without Meeting. Any action permitted to be taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if all the directors unanimously sign one or more written consents describing the action taken and include such consent(s) in the corporate records.

“Written consent” includes a consent executed by an electronic or digital signature; provided that the SCHCC employs reasonable measures to authenticate the electronic or digital signature. Reasonable measures include commercially available security measures used by board meeting portal systems.

The action taken is effective when the last director signs the consent, unless the consent specifies a different effective date. Such consent(s) shall have the same effect as a meeting vote. (HRS 414D-144.)

ARTICLE IV

COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The SCHCC may have two types of committees: committees of the board and advisory committees. A “committee of the board” is a committee of the Board of Directors that can exercise the authority of the Board and consists solely of directors (that is, two (2) or more members of the Board), who serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Board may create committees of the board and appoint directors to serve on them by an affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office. (Note: the vote to create a committee of the board is greater than the vote to create an advisory committee, which is described below.)

Each committee of the board may exercise such authority of the Board of Directors as specified by the Board. However, a committee of the board may not authorize distributions; approve or recommend to Members dissolution, merger, or the sale, pledge, or transfer of all or substantially all of the SCHCC’s assets; elect, appoint or remove Board members or fill vacancies on the Board or on committees; or adopt, amend, or repeal the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws. (HRS 414D-148(a), (b), (d) and (e).)

Sections 3.1 to 3.4, above, that govern meetings of the Board apply to committees of the board and their members. (HRS 414D-148(c).)

An “advisory committee” is a committee that does not exercise Board authority. Advisory committee members may include non-Board members. The Board may create advisory committees by a vote of the number of directors required to take action under Section 3.3 (that is, by a majority vote of the directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present). The President may also create advisory committees with the approval of the Board. Advisory committees shall have such powers as authorized by the Board; provided, however, that advisory committees may only act in an advisory capacity to the Board and cannot exercise Board authority.

Committees of the board and advisory committees may further be classified as standing or special (ad hoc) committees. Standing committees are those committees with a continuing existence. Special committees are those committees created for a special situation and whose existence may not be permanent.

All committees that are created shall have committee descriptions, as necessary, which are kept in a corporate file and disseminated to committee members. Such committee descriptions may include the name of the committee and its purpose, member composition, whether it is a committee of the board or advisory committee, whether it is a standing or special committee, who it will report to, and other information, as appropriate.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

Section 5.1 Designation and Authority. The officers of the SCHCC shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Advisor. The officers shall perform the duties and have the authority as set forth in these Bylaws, prescribed in a resolution of the Board, or directed by an authorized officer. (HRS 414D-153(a) and -154.)

Section 5.2 Qualifications, Election and Term of Office. All officer candidates and officers must have a strong commitment to furthering the purpose and mission of the SCHCC and be in good standing in an active Member church or a past member of a Member church and in good standing, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Except for the Advisor, all officers shall be elected by the active Members at the annual meeting of the Members during the 'Aha Iki or at such other time as the Board may determine. Preferably, no more than two of the four officers shall be from the same island. The officers elected by the Members shall hold office for a term of two (2) years and may hold office for successive terms. The same individual may hold more than one office in the SCHCC, provided that not less than two (2) persons shall be officers. (HRS 414D-153(a), (c) and (d).)

The President shall appoint the Advisor, who shall hold office concurrently with the appointing President unless otherwise removed or the Advisor resigns.

Section 5.3 Resignation and Removal; Vacancies. An officer may resign by delivering notice to the SCHCC and the resignation will be effective when the notice is effective unless the notice specifies a future effective date. If the resignation is made effective at a future date and the Board accepts that future date, the Board of Directors may fill the pending vacancy before the effective date, provided the successor does not take office until the effective date. Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the Membership whenever the best interest of the Hawaiian Member Churches and the SCHCC is not served. (HRS 414D-156.)

The President shall have the authority, with approval by the Board of Directors, to fill a vacancy in the office of the Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Advisor for the

unexpired term until the next scheduled election. In the event that the President is unable to serve or resigns, the Vice-President shall assume the presidency and fill the vacancy in the office of the Vice-President, with the Board's approval, for the unexpired term of the office of Vice-President.

Section 5.4 President. The President shall have the following duties:

- (1) Have general charge and supervision of the SCHCC and preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- (2) Prepare an Annual Report.
- (3) May create advisory committees under Article IV, as needed, with the Board of Director's approval.
- (4) Represent the SCHCC on the HCUCC Council.
- (5) Work with the other officers, directors and staff, if any, to ensure that the SCHCC complies with State and federal mandates, including those described in Articles VII and VIII.
- (6) Perform such other duties as are incident to the office or are required by the Board. (HRS 414D-154.)

Section 5.5 Vice-President. The Vice-President shall have the following duties:

- (1) Assist the President and in the President's absence, be the presiding officer, perform the duties of the President, and have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President.
- (2) Assume the presidency in the event the President resigns or is not able to serve.
- (3) Chair the Committee for Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches.
- (4) Prepare an Annual Report of the Committee for Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches.
- (5) Have such powers and perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or President. (HRS 414D-154.)

Section 5.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

- (1) Exercise general supervision over the receipt, custody, and disbursement of corporate funds.
- (2) Receive and deposit all funds in an accredited financial institution approved by the Board of Directors.
- (3) Keep an accurate accounting of all funds received and disbursed and shall give a detailed report of all accounts at each Board of Directors meeting.
- (4) Prepare a financial report for the Annual Meeting.
- (5) Keep an accurate record of all Member churches current with payment of their dues and notify the Secretary of those Member churches in arrears by March 01 of each year prior to the Annual Meeting.
- (6) Perform all other duties assigned by the Board of Directors or President.
(HRS 414D-154.)

Section 5.7 Secretary. The Secretary shall have the following duties:

- (1) Prepare (or cause to be prepared) the minutes of Board, Executive Committee, and Member meetings including the Annual Meeting.
- (2) Give (or cause to be given) proper notice of all meetings of the Board of Directors, committees and Members under Sections 3.2, Article IV and Section 11.4.
- (3) Be responsible for compiling and preparing reports submitted by all officers, the Advisor, Island Council Presidents, committee chairs and others for the Annual Meeting handbook.
- (4) Provide a sign-in sheet for all meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, as well as for all delegates attending the Annual Meeting or other Membership meeting.
- (5) Include a copy of the previous year's Annual Meeting minutes in the current year Annual Meeting handbook.
- (6) Send Board of Directors meeting minutes to the members of the Board of Directors two weeks prior to each scheduled Board meeting, with the agenda for the scheduled meeting. Record any corrections and additions to the minutes of all meeting minutes after approval by the Board.

- (7) Send Executive Committee meeting minutes to the Executive Committee within two weeks after the meeting. Record any corrections and additions to the minutes of all meeting minutes after approval by the Executive Committee.
- (8) Authenticate records.
- (9) Keep and maintain (or cause to be kept and maintained) the records and reports described in Section 7.1(3).
- (10) Perform all other duties assigned by the Board of Directors or President. (HRS 414D-14 (defining “secretary”), -153(b) and -154.)

Section 5.8 Advisor. The Advisor shall have the following duties:

- (1) Have thorough understanding and experience of the SCHCC.
- (2) Advise the Board of Directors in matters of function, policy, church polity, past practices and historical background.
- (3) Prepare a report for the Annual Meeting.
- (4) Serve a term concurrently with the term of the President who appointed the Advisor.
- (5) Perform all other duties assigned by the Board of Directors or President. (HRS 414D-154.)

ARTICLE VI

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT: DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

A director and an officer shall discharge his or her duties as a director/officer or member of a committee in good faith, in a manner that is consistent with the director’s/officer’s duty of loyalty to the SCHCC, with ordinary care, and in the best interests of the SCHCC and Members. In performing such duties, a director and an officer are entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports, or statements if prepared or presented:

- 1) By one or more officers or employees of the SCHCC who the director or officer reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented,
- 2) By legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons regarding matters the director or officer reasonably believes are within the person’s professional or expert competence, or

- 3) In the case of a director, by a committee of the board (see Article IV) of which the director is not a member regarding matters within its jurisdiction and the director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence.

A director or officer is not acting in good faith if the director or officer has knowledge, which would make reliance upon these persons or the committee unwarranted. (HRS 414D-149(a) - (c) and -155(a) - (c).)

ARTICLE VII

ADMINISTRATION AND COMPLIANCE

Section 7.1 Corporate Requirements and Records.

(1) State Annual Report to be Filed. The SCHCC shall file an annual business report with the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“DCCA”) on a form furnished by the DCCA. The annual report allows the DCCA to keep up-to-date on information required by the State on the statutory requirements to be a Hawaii nonprofit corporation. The SCHCC’s annual report must be filed with the DCCA on or before December 31 of each year and reflect the state of affairs of the SCHCC as of October 1 of the year when filed. (HRS 414D-308.)

(2) Maintenance of Mailing Address and Agent. The SCHCC shall continuously maintain in this State a mailing address of its principal office, a registered agent and a business street address of the agent. To change the mailing address, agent or address of the agent, the SCHCC must file a form provided by the DCCA. (HRS 414D-71 and -72.)

(3) Records to be Kept. The SCHCC shall maintain the following records, as well as others necessary to the operations of the SCHCC:

- a) Permanent records of the following: minutes of the meetings of the Members and Board of Directors, a record of all actions taken by the Board or Members without a meeting under Sections 3.4 and 11.8, and a record of all actions taken by committees of the board as authorized under Article IV;
- b) Appropriate accounting records;
- c) An alphabetical list of the names and addresses of the Members by class, as applicable, and indicating the number of votes each Member is entitled to cast;

- d) The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and all amendments in effect;
- e) Resolutions adopted by the Board relating to the Members' characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations, and obligations;
- f) Records of all actions approved by the Members for the past three (3) years;
- g) Financial statements furnished to the Members under Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 414D-306 (see Section 12.3) for the past three (3) years;
- h) A list of the names and business or home addresses of the current directors and officers;
- i) The most recent State annual report filed with the DCCA under Section 7.1(1). (HRS 414D-301.)

Additionally, the IRS provides the following guidelines for the following records in the event that the records may be material to the administration of any federal tax law (501(c)(3) Tax Guide for Churches & Religious Organizations, IRS Pub. 1828, p.26 (Rev. 8-2015):

Records of revenue and expenses, including payroll records (retain for at least four years after filing the returns to which they relate);

Records relating to acquisition and disposition of property (real and personal, including investments) (retain for at least four years after the filing of the return for the year in which disposition occurs).

All such records and others in the SCHCC's operations shall be maintained in accordance with these rules and guidelines within the SCHCC's document retention and destruction policy procedures.

(4) Designation of Persons With Signing Authority. The Board of Directors shall designate by resolution an individual or individuals to sign checks, contracts and other instruments, as approved by the Board. Unless authorized by the Board, no director, officer, agent or employee of the SCHCC shall have any power or authority to bind the SCHCC by any contract or other instrument. (HRS 414D-52(17).)

(5) Regular Review of Articles and Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall review the Articles of Incorporation and these Bylaws on a regular basis to ensure that they reflect the current exempt purposes of the SCHCC and comply with existing operations and State and federal laws. (Such laws include those referenced within parenthesis in these Bylaws.) All

amendments to the Bylaws shall be consistent with the Articles of Incorporation. (HRS 414D-187.)

Section 7.2 Fiscal Year and Taxes.

(1) Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the SCHCC is July 1 through June 30, or as the Board of Directors may otherwise determine.

(2) State and Federal Income Taxes; General Excise Taxes. Hawaii imposes three taxes that are generally applicable to corporations: income, general excise, and use taxes. Employment and other State, federal and local taxes may also be applicable.

However, an organization that is recognized by the IRS as a qualified church (including a qualified association of churches) generally need not submit federal 990 income tax returns or Hawaii income tax returns with certain exceptions (for example, for unrelated business income). A qualified church (and a qualified association of churches), however, must file periodic and annual Hawaii general excise tax returns (even if exemption from GET is obtained). (See IRS Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File (28 July 2020); Tax Facts 98-3 (Nov. 1998) and 2019-2 (Sept. 2019), State of Hawaii, Dept. of Taxation.)

The SCHCC's Board of Directors shall consult with the SCHCC's tax advisor to ensure that the SCHCC complies with Internal Revenue Code and Hawaii State tax rules and regulations applicable to the SCHCC.

Section 7.3 Solicitation and Registration With State Attorney General.

(1) Registration With Attorney General and Exception. In general, a charitable organization must register with the State department of the attorney general before conducting any solicitation for money or thing of value, as defined in Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 467B-1. Such registration must be completed at such time and include such financial and other reports as required under the law. Certain exemptions to this registration rule exist.

Under HRS 467B-11.5, organizations that are exempt from registration include duly organized religious corporations exempt from filing 990 tax returns.

Upon confirmation by the SCHCC's tax advisor that the SCHCC is a qualified association of churches under Section 501(c)(3), the Board of Directors shall apply to the department of the attorney general to be exempt from the registration requirement. (For more information, see the Hawaii Charity Registration System at ag.hawaii.gov/tax/; HRS 467B-2.1(a) and -11.5.)

(2) Use of Unregistered Professional Persons Prohibited. The SCHCC shall not use the services of an unregistered professional solicitor or professional fundraising counsel as defined in Chapter 467B of the Hawaii Revised Statutes in the solicitation of contributions. (HRS 467B-9(o).)

ARTICLE VIII

LIMITATIONS: DISTRIBUTIONS; LOANS/GUARANTIES; PRIVATE INTEREST/LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES; CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Section 8.1 Distributions Prohibited. The SCHCC shall not make any distribution, except as otherwise authorized under the law. “Distribution” means “the payment of a dividend or any part of the income or profit of a corporation to its members, directors, or officers.” (HRS 414D-14 (defining “distribution”), -231 and -232.)

Section 8.2 Loans or Guaranties Prohibited. The SCHCC shall not lend money to or guaranty the obligation of a director or officer of the SCHCC. (HRS 414D-151(a).)

Section 8.3 Restrictions--Private Interest; Political and Legislative Activities. The Board of Directors shall ensure that the SCHCC complies with the following IRS tax rules by consulting with its tax advisor:

- 1) Inurement and Private Benefit. The IRS provides the following guidelines for churches and religious organizations:

Inurement to Insiders

Churches and religious organizations, like all exempt organizations under IRC [(“Internal Revenue Code”)] Section 501(c)(3), are prohibited from engaging in activities that result in inurement of the church’s or organization’s income or assets to insiders (such as persons having a personal and private interest in the activities of the organization). Insiders could include the minister, church board members, officers, and in certain circumstances, employees. Examples of prohibited inurement include the payment of dividends, the payment of unreasonable compensation to insiders and transferring property to insiders for less than fair market value. The prohibition against inurement to insiders is absolute; therefore, any amount of inurement is, potentially, grounds for loss of tax-exempt status. In addition, the insider involved may be subject to excise tax. See the following section on [e]xcess benefit transactions. Note that prohibited inurement doesn’t include reasonable payments for services rendered, payments that further tax-exempt purposes or payments made for the fair market value of real or personal property.

Excess benefit transactions. In cases where an IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization provides an excess economic benefit to an insider, both the organization and the insider have engaged in an excess benefit transaction. The IRS may impose an excise tax on

any insider who improperly benefits from an excess benefit transaction, as well as on organization managers who participate in the transaction knowing that it's improper. An insider who benefits from an excess benefit transaction must return the excess benefits to the organization. Detailed rules on excess benefit transactions are contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 26, sections 53.4958-0 through 53.4958-8.

Private Benefit

An IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization's activities must be directed exclusively toward charitable, educational, religious or other exempt purposes. The organization's activities may not serve the private interests of any individual or organization. Rather, beneficiaries of an organization's activities must be recognized objects of charity (such as the poor or the distressed) or the community at large (for example, through the conduct of religious services or the promotion of religion). Private benefit is different from inurement to insiders. Private benefit may occur even if the persons benefited are not insiders. Also, private benefit must be substantial to jeopardize tax-exempt status. (501(c)(3) Tax Guide for Churches & Religious Organizations, IRS Pub. 1828, p.5 (Rev. 8-2015).)

- 2) Political Campaign Intervention. The IRS provides, in part, the following guidelines for churches and religious organizations:

Political Campaign Activity

Under the Internal Revenue Code, all IRC Section 501(c)(3) organizations, including churches and religious organizations, are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in, or intervening in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for elective public office. Contributions to political campaign funds or public statements of position (verbal or written) made by or on behalf of the organization in favor of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office clearly violate the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violation of this prohibition may result in denial or revocation of tax-exempt status and the imposition of excise tax.

Certain activities or expenditures may not be prohibited depending on the facts and circumstances. For example, certain voter education activities (including the presentation of public forums and the publication of voter education guides) conducted in a non-

partisan manner do not constitute prohibited political campaign activity. In addition, other activities intended to encourage people to participate in the electoral process, such as voter registration and get-out-the-vote drives, would not constitute prohibited political campaign activity if conducted in a non-partisan manner. On the other hand, voter education or registration activities with evidence of bias that: (a) would favor one candidate over another; (b) oppose a candidate in some manner; or (c) have the effect of favoring a candidate or group of candidates, will constitute prohibited participation or intervention.

Individual Activity by Religious Leaders

The political campaign activity prohibition isn't intended to restrict free expression on political matters by leaders of churches or religious organizations speaking for themselves, as individuals. Nor are leaders prohibited from speaking about important issues of public policy. However, for their organizations to remain tax exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3), religious leaders can't make partisan comments in official organization publications or at official church functions. To avoid potential attribution of their comments outside of church functions and publications, religious leaders who speak or write in their individual capacity are encouraged to clearly indicate that their comments are personal and not intended to represent the views of the organization....

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(501(c)(3) Tax Guide for Churches & Religious Organizations, IRS Pub. 1828, pp.7-8 (Rev. 8-2015).)

- 3) Lobbying Activity. The IRS provides, in part, the following guidelines for churches and religious organizations:

Substantial Lobbying Activity

In general, no organization, including a church, may qualify for IRC Section 501(c)(3) status if a substantial part of its activities is attempting to influence legislation (commonly known as lobbying). An IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization may engage in some lobbying, but too much lobbying activity risks loss of tax-exempt status.

Legislation includes action by Congress, any state legislature, any local council or similar governing body, with respect to acts, bills, resolutions or similar items (such as legislative confirmation of

appointive offices), or by the public in a referendum, ballot initiative, constitutional amendment or similar procedure. It doesn't include actions by executive, judicial or administrative bodies.

A church or religious organization will be regarded as attempting to influence legislation if it contacts, or urges the public to contact, members or employees of a legislative body for the purpose of proposing, supporting or opposing legislation, or if the organization advocates the adoption or rejection of legislation.

Churches and religious organizations may, however, involve themselves in issues of public policy without the activity being considered as lobbying. For example, churches may conduct educational meetings, prepare and distribute educational materials, or otherwise consider public policy issues in an educational manner without jeopardizing their tax-exempt status.

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(501(c)(3) Tax Guide for Churches & Religious Organizations, IRS Pub. 1828, p.6 (Rev. 8-2015).)

Section 8.4 Managing Conflicts of Interest. The Board of Directors shall ensure that the affairs of the SCHCC are managed in an ethical manner without improper conflicts of interest by following the requirements of the SCHCC's conflict of interest policy procedures and IRS regulations.

Under the IRS's intermediate sanctions regulations, a tax-exempt corporation is prohibited from entering into any transaction in which an economic benefit is provided to or for the use of any "disqualified person" if the value of the economic benefit provided exceeds the value of the consideration (including the performance of services) received for providing the benefit. A "disqualified person" is any person who was, at any time during the five-year period ending on the date of the transaction involved, in a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the organization, a family member of a disqualified person, or a 35% controlled entity of persons in the previous two categories.

An authorized body composed of individuals who do not have a conflict of interest must approve any such transaction in advance, and the authorized body must rely upon appropriate data as to comparability and adequately document the basis of the decision concurrently with the decision. (26 CFR 53.4958-4.) The Board shall consult with its legal or other expert advisor, as necessary, to ensure proper compliance with this federal mandate.

ARTICLE IX

LIMITATION OF DIRECTOR LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

The personal liability of a director to the SCHCC and the Members for any monetary damage because of a breach of his or her duties to the SCHCC and the Members shall be limited to the extent specified in Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act. (HRS 414D-32(b)(5).) The SCHCC shall further indemnify and advance expenses to a Board member and an officer, employee, or agent of the SCHCC consistent with the Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and the Act. (HRS 414D-160 to -167.)

If the SCHCC indemnifies or advances expenses under Article VII of the Articles of Incorporation in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the SCHCC, the SCHCC shall report such action taken in writing to the Members with or before the notice of the next meeting of the Members. (HRS 414D-307.)

ARTICLE X

MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Section 10.1 Members of Record. The Members of the SCHCC shall consist of those persons who are admitted into the Membership under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and resolutions adopted by the Board. Membership in the SCHCC is evidenced by the SCHCC's current list of Members. (HRS 414D-52(15) and -81(a).)

Section 10.2 Membership and Qualifications; Rights and Limitations; Active Member and Good Standing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to establish conditions for admission of Members, admit Members, and issue Memberships. (HRS 414D-52(15); -131(b).)

(1) Membership Qualifications and Member Delegates: The Members of the SCHCC shall consist of the churches of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. No person shall be admitted as a Member without the person's consent. (414D-81(b).) Each active Member church in good standing shall be entitled to select the following representative delegates:

- (a) One (1) lay delegate selected by the Member church. Member churches that having more than two hundred members shall be entitled to select one (1) additional lay delegate.
- (b) One (1) young adult delegate age twenty-five years or younger selected by the Member church.
- (c) One (1) authorized minister delegate of the Member church.

(2) Rights and Limitations: Each active Member church in good standing shall enjoy all the benefits of Membership, with such limitations as described in these Bylaws and determined by the Board of Directors. Each active Member church in good standing shall have the number of votes based on the representative delegate(s) of the church on matters submitted to a vote of the Members. Provided, however, that for purposes of altering, amending, restating or repealing the Bylaws or adopting new Bylaws, each Member church shall only be entitled to one vote.

Member churches who are not active and/or in good standing, as determined by the Board, shall not enjoy the benefits of Membership and do not have a right to vote on matters submitted to a vote of the Members.

Except as described in these Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation, and documents created and resolutions adopted by the Board, all Members shall have the same rights and obligations. (HRS 414D-84.)

(3) Active Member and Good Standing: An “active” Member church is one, who is current in payment of their assessed annual Membership dues. The Board of Directors shall determine the annual dues with input from the Members, and the dues shall be paid and also recorded by the Treasurer by December 31 of each year.

Member churches, including their delegates, who are not in good standing with their respective Island Councils, or do not adhere to criteria applicable to Members and Memberships, appropriate standards of conduct or who otherwise fail to meet the qualifications of Membership as determined by the Board, shall be considered not in “good standing.”

Section 10.3 Member’s Liability to Third Parties. A Member of the SCHCC shall not, as such, be personally liable for the acts, debts, liabilities or obligations of the SCHCC. (HRS 414D-85.)

Section 10.4 Resignation of Members. A Member may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Secretary. The resignation of a Member shall not release the Member from any obligation the Member may have to the SCHCC as a result of obligations incurred or commitments made prior to such resignation. (HRS 414D-86.)

Section 10.5 Termination, Expulsion or Suspension of Members. No Member may be expelled or suspended, and no Membership or Memberships may be terminated or suspended except pursuant to a procedure that is fair and reasonable and carried out in good faith. Under Hawaii law, the procedure will be deemed fair and reasonable when either:

- 1) The SCHCC provides: (a) prior written notice to the Member not less than fifteen (15) days before the expulsion, suspension, or termination indicating the reasons therefor; and (b) an opportunity for the Member to be heard, orally or in writing, not less than five (5) days before the effective date of the expulsion, suspension, or termination by a person or

persons authorized to decide that the proposed expulsion, suspension, or termination not take place; or

- 2) An alternative procedure is used that is fair and reasonable taking into consideration all the relevant facts and circumstances.

Any written notice given by mail shall be sent to the last known address of the Member shown in the corporate records. A Member who has been expelled or suspended may be liable for dues, assessments, or fees as a result of the obligations incurred or commitments made prior to the expulsion or suspension. (HRS 414D-89(a) - (c) and (e).)

ARTICLE XI

MEMBERS' MEETINGS AND VOTING

Section 11.1 Annual, Regular and Special Membership Meetings; Pule `Ohana. All meetings of the Members, whether Annual/regular or special as described below, shall be opened and closed with pule `ohana.

(1) Required Annual Meeting/Regular Meetings. The SCHCC shall hold an Annual Meeting of the Membership each year. The Annual Meeting shall be held during the `Aha Iki at the `Aha Pae`aina in June or as otherwise determined by the Board, and may have other regular Membership meetings as determined by the Board.

At each Annual Meeting, the President and Treasurer shall report on the activities and financial condition of the SCHCC, and time shall also be provided for business, spiritual and cultural awareness concerns. At each Annual meeting, the Members shall consider and act upon only such matters as may be raised consistent with the notice requirements in Section 11.4.

The failure to hold an Annual Meeting or regular meeting at a time stated in or fixed in accordance with these Bylaws shall not affect the validity of any corporate action. (HRS 414D-101(a), (b), (d), (e) and (f).)

(2) Special Meetings. The Board of Directors may call special meetings of the Members. Only those matters within the purpose or purposes described in the meeting notice required by Section 11.4 of these Bylaws may be conducted at a special meeting of Members. (HRS 414D-102(a) and (e).)

Section 11.2 Record Date: Determining Members Entitled to Notice, Vote, and Other. Under Hawaii law, the SCHCC may set a date, called a "record date," to determine and set an official count of the Members for the purpose of providing notice, to vote, or other action. (HRS 414D-107.) A record date allows the SCHCC to use the official count of the Members as of a predetermined date to ensure that it meets the notice and quorum requirements or taking other action since Members may join (or resign) from day-to-day.

(1) Record Date For Entitlement to Notice of Members' Meetings. The Board of Directors may fix a future date as the record date for determining the Members entitled to notice of a Members' meeting. If no such record date is fixed, Members at the close of business on the business day preceding the day on which notice is given, or if notice is waived, at the close of business on the business day preceding the day on which the meeting is held, are entitled to notice of the meeting. (HRS 414D-107(a).)

(2) Record Date For Entitlement to Vote. The Board may fix a future date as the record date for determining the Members entitled to vote at a Members' meeting. If no such record date is fixed, Members on the date of the meeting who are otherwise eligible to vote are entitled to vote at the meeting. (HRS 414D-107(b).)

(3) Record Date For Entitlement to Other Rights. The Board may fix a future date as the record date for the purpose of determining the Members entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any other lawful action. If no such record date is fixed, Members at the close of business on the day on which the Board adopts the resolution relating thereto, or the sixtieth (60th) day prior to the date of such other action, whichever is later, are entitled to exercise such rights. (HRS 414D-107(c).)

A record date may not be more than seventy (70) days before the meeting or action requiring a determination of the Members occurs. A determination of Members entitled to notice of or to vote at a Membership meeting is effective for any adjournment of the meeting, unless the Board fixes a new date for determining the right to notice or the right to vote, which the Board must do if the meeting is adjourned to a date more than seventy days after the record date for determining Members entitled to notice of the original meeting. (HRS 414D-107(d) and (e).)

Section 11.3 SCHCC to Prepare Membership List for Meetings.

(1) Preparation and Maintenance of List. After fixing a record date for a notice of a meeting under Section 11.2, the SCHCC shall prepare an alphabetical list of the names of all Members entitled to notice of the meeting. The list shall include the Members' addresses and number of votes each Member is entitled to cast at the meeting. The SCHCC shall further prepare on a current basis through the time of the Membership meeting, a list of Members, if any, who are entitled to vote at the meeting, but not entitled to notice of the meeting. This list shall be prepared on the same basis and be part of the list of Members. (HRS 414D-109(a).)

(2) Inspection of List Upon Demand. The list of Members shall be available for inspection by any Member for the purpose of communication with other Members concerning the meeting. The list shall be available at the SCHCC's principal office or other reasonable place identified in the meeting notice in the city where the meeting will be held, beginning two (2) business days after notice of the meeting for which the list was prepared is given and continuing through the meeting. A Member is entitled on written demand to inspect and copy the list at a reasonable time and at the Member's expense during the period that it is

available if the demand is made in good faith and for a proper purpose, the Member describes with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records the Member desires to inspect, and the records are directly connected with this purpose. The demand shall also be subject to the limitations in Section 12.2. (HRS 414D-109(b).)

(3) Inspection at Meeting Upon Request. If a request is submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting, the SCHCC shall make the list of Members available at the meeting. Any Member may inspect the list at the meeting or any adjournment. (HRS 414D-109(c).)

Section 11.4 Notice of Meetings of Members. Unless otherwise required, notice to Members may be oral, written or in the form of an electronic transmission. Notice may be provided by electronic transmission; provided, that the Member to whom the notice is given consents (“electronic transmission” means any form of communication that does not involve the transmission of paper and that creates a record). Oral notice is effective when it is communicated. Unless otherwise indicated in the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act, written notice to Members is effective when mailed so long as the notice is postpaid and correctly addressed to the Member’s last known address as shown in the organization’s current list of Members. (HRS 414D-14; -15(a), (b), (c), and (d).)

A written notice or report delivered as part of a newsletter or other publication regularly sent to Members shall constitute a written notice if addressed or delivered to the Member’s last known address, or in the case of Members who are residents of the same household and who have the same address, if addressed or delivered to one of the Members, at the last known address. (HRS 414D-15(g).)

The following means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have been given as follows:

- 1) If by facsimile, when directed to a number at which the Member has consented to receive notice;
- 2) If by electronic mail, when directed to an electronic mail address at which the Member has consented to receive notice;
- 3) If by posting on an electronic network together with separate notice to the Member of the specific posting, upon the later of the posting and the giving of the separate notice; and
- 4) If by any other form of electronic transmission, when directed to the Member. (HRS 414D-15(j).)

A Member may revoke such consent by written notice or electronic transmission to the SCHCC. Such consent shall be deemed to be revoked if (1) the SCHCC is unable to deliver by electronic transmission two consecutive notices in accordance with the consent, and (2) such inability becomes known to the Secretary or other person responsible for giving notice;

provided, that the inadvertent failure to treat the inability to give electronic notice as a revocation shall not invalidate any meeting or other action. (HRS 414D-15(i).)

If the notice requirements described below or Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act prescribes notice requirements for particular circumstances, those requirements shall govern. If the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws prescribe notice requirements, which are not inconsistent with this Section or the Nonprofit Corporations Act, those requirements shall govern. (HRS 414D-15(k).)

All notices to the Members shall be provided in a fair and reasonable manner. (HRS 414D-105(a).) Notice shall be deemed fair and reasonable if given as follows:

- 1) The SCHCC gives notice to the Members of the date, time and place of each Annual, regular and special meeting of Members no fewer than ten (10) or more than sixty (60) days before the meeting date;
- 2) The notice of an Annual or regular meeting includes a description of any matter that must be approved by the Members under the following circumstances: director conflict of interest (HRS 414D-150); determination and authorization of indemnification (HRS 414D-164); amendment of the Articles of Incorporation (HRS 414D-182); approval of a plan of merger (HRS 414D-202); approval of a sale, lease, exchange or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the SCHCC's assets other than in the usual and regular course of activities (HRS 414D-222); and approval of a plan of dissolution (HRS 414D-241 and -242); and
- 3) The notice of a special meeting includes a description of the matter(s) for which the meeting is called. (HRS 414D-105(c).)

Other means of giving notice may also be fair and reasonable when all the circumstances are considered; provided, however, that notice of the matters referred to in Subsection 2), immediately above, must be given. (HRS 414D-105(b).)

If an Annual, regular or special meeting is adjourned to a different date, time or place, notice need not be given of the new date, time or place, so long as the new date, time or place is announced at the meeting prior to the adjournment. However, if the new date is more than seventy (70) days from the original record date for determining Members entitled to notice, then a new record date must be set under Section 11.2, above, and notice given to the Members of record as of the new record date. (HRS 414D-105(d).)

Section 11.5 Waiver of Notice by Member. A Member may waive any required notice before or after the date and time stated in the notice by delivering to the SCHCC a signed waiver of notice. A Member may also waive any objection to the lack of notice or defective notice of the meeting by attending the meeting without objecting at the beginning of the meeting and to consideration of a particular matter at the meeting by not objecting when it is presented. (HRS 414D-106.)

Section 11.6 Decision-Making By Meeting and Quorum. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum, unless otherwise required by the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act. Any amendment to decrease the quorum may be approved by the Members or the Board of Directors. The Members must approve any amendment to the Bylaws to increase the quorum required for any Member action. Unless one-third (1/3) or more of the voting Members are present in person or by proxy (if allowed), the only matters that may be voted upon at an annual or regular meeting of Members are those that are described in the meeting notice. (HRS 414D-111.)

Except in the case where these Bylaws will be altered, amended, or repealed under Section 14.1, each Member shall be entitled to have one (1) vote for each of the Member's representative delegates described in Section 10.2(1) of these Bylaws. (HRS 414D-110.) If a quorum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the Members entitled to vote are present at the meeting by virtue of having a delegate at the meeting, a combined vote of a majority of the delegates (that is, more than half) representing the Members at the meeting shall be the act of the Members, unless the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws or the Hawaii Nonprofit Corporations Act require a different vote. The Members must approve any amendment to the Bylaws to increase or decrease the vote required for any Member action. (HRS 414D-112.)

If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, Member delegates or proxies of Member delegates (if allowed) may participate at an Annual, a regular or a special meeting of the Members by means of the Internet, teleconference, or other electronic transmission technology in a manner that allows them the opportunity to read or hear the proceedings substantially concurrently with the occurrence of the proceedings, vote, pose questions, and make comments. The SCHCC shall implement reasonable measures to verify that each person deemed present in this manner and permitted to vote is a Member delegate or proxy of a Member delegate. (HRS 414D-101(g); -102(f).)

Section 11.7 Proxy Voting. If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, a Member may appoint a proxy to vote or otherwise act for the Member's delegate(s) by signing an appointment form. A Member may authorize a person to act as a proxy by:

- 1) Executing a writing authorizing another person or persons to act as a proxy; or
- 2) Transmitting or authorizing the transmission of a facsimile or other means of electronic transmission authorizing the person or persons to act as a proxy; provided, that such transmission must specify that the transmission was authorized by the Member. A copy, facsimile telecommunication, or other reliable reproduction of the writing or transmission created pursuant to the foregoing may be used in lieu of the original writing or transmission for any and all purposes for which the original writing or transmission could be used; provided, that any such copy, facsimile telecommunication, or other reproduction shall be a complete reproduction of the entire original writing or transmission.

An appointment of a proxy is effective when received by the Secretary or other officer or agent authorized to tabulate votes. Such appointment shall remain valid for eleven (11) months, unless otherwise expressly provided in the appointment form. An appointment of a proxy is revocable by the Member making the proxy, unless the appointment form states that it is irrevocable and the appointment is coupled with an interest. (HRS 414D-113(a), (b), (c) and (e).)

Section 11.8 Decision-Making Without Meeting.

(1) Action by Written Consent: If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, any action to be approved by the Members at a meeting may be approved without a meeting if at least eighty percent (80%) of the delegates representing the Members approve such action by written consent, and the consent is signed by those Member delegates, describes the action taken, and is delivered to the SCHCC. Such written consent shall have the same effect as a meeting vote.

If the record date is not otherwise determined by the Board under Section 11.2, the record date for determining Members entitled to take action through their delegates without a meeting is the date the first Member delegate signs the written consent. Written notice of Member approval under this Section shall be given to all Members who have not signed the written consent. If written notice is required, Member approval under this Section shall be effective ten (10) days after the written notice is given. (HRS 414D-104.)

(2) Action by Ballot: If authorized by the Board in its sole discretion, any action that may be taken by the Members at a meeting of Members may be taken without a meeting if the SCHCC delivers a ballot or ballots to every Member entitled to vote on the matter. The SCHCC may deliver the ballot(s) by electronic transmission. To be effective, the ballot must: (a) be in written form or in the form of an electronic transmission, (b) set forth each proposed action, (c) provide an opportunity to vote for or withhold a vote for each candidate for election as a director or officer, and (d) provide an opportunity to vote for or against each proposed action.

All solicitations for votes by ballot shall (a) indicate the number of responses needed to meet the quorum requirements, (b) state the percentage of approvals necessary to approve each action, and (c) specify the time by which a ballot must be received by the SCHCC in order to be counted.

Approval by ballot shall be valid if (a) the votes cast by the Member delegates by ballot equals or exceeds the quorum required for Member representation (that is, at least 25% of the Members) to be present at a meeting to authorize the action, and (b) the total number of affirmative votes by the delegates equals or exceeds the number of affirmative votes for approval that would be required to approve the action at a meeting. Except as provided in these Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation, a ballot may not be revoked. (HRS 414D-104.5.)

ARTICLE XII

INSPECTION OF CORPORATE RECORDS

Section 12.1 Inspection of Records by Members.

(1) A Member is entitled to inspect and copy the following records at a reasonable time and location specified by the SCHCC; provided, that the Member gives at least five (5) business days written notice:

- a) The Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, and all amendments in effect;
- b) Resolutions adopted by the Board relating to the Members' characteristics, qualifications, rights, limitations, and obligations;
- c) Minutes of Member meetings and records of actions approved by the Members for the past three (3) years;
- d) Financial statements furnished to Members under HRS 414D-306 (Section 12.3 of these Bylaws) for the past three (3) years;
- e) The names and business or home addresses of the current directors and officers; and
- f) The most recent State annual report filed with the State Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs under HRS 414D-308 (Section 7.1(1) of these Bylaws). (HRS 414D-302(a).)

(2) Additionally, a Member may inspect and copy, at a reasonable time and location specified by the SCHCC, the following documents; provided, that the Member gives the SCHCC written notice at least five (5) business days before the date that the Member wishes to inspect and copy, the demand to inspect is made in good faith and for a proper purpose, the Member describes with reasonable particularity the purpose and the records the Member desires to inspect, and the records are directly connected with the purpose:

- a) Excerpts of the minutes of the meetings of the Members and Board, a record of actions taken by the Members or directors without a meeting under Sections 3.4 and 11.8, and a record of authorized actions taken by committees of the board (see Article IV), to the extent not subject to inspection above;
- b) Accounting records; and

- c) Subject to HRS 414D-109(b) and -305 (see Sections 11.3(2) and 12.2), the Membership list. The SCHCC may comply with a Member's demand to inspect the Membership list by providing the Member with a list of its Members that was compiled no earlier than the date of the demand. (HRS 414D-302(b) and (c); -303(d).)

(3) The SCHCC may impose a reasonable charge for labor and materials to cover the cost of copies; provided, that such charge shall not exceed the estimated cost of production or reproduction of the records. (HRS 414D-303(c).)

Section 12.2 Limitation on Use of Membership List. Without the Board of Directors' consent, the Membership list or any part thereof shall not be obtained or used by any person for any purpose unrelated to a Member's interest as a Member. Without limiting the foregoing, without the Board's consent, the Membership list or any part thereof shall not be used to solicit money or property unless the money or property will be used solely to solicit the votes of the Members in an election to be held by the SCHCC, used for any commercial purpose, sold to or purchased by any person, or published in whole or in part to the general public. (HRS 414D-305.)

Section 12.3 Inspection and Copying of Financial Statements. Upon a Member's written demand, the SCHCC shall provide the Member with its latest annual financial statements. If the financial statements are prepared on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles, the annual financial statements must also be prepared on that basis.

If a public accountant reported upon the annual financial statements, the accountant's report must accompany them. If not, the statements must be accompanied by a statement by the President or person responsible for the financial accounting records, stating the President's or other person's reasonable belief as to whether the statements were prepared on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles and, if not, describing the basis of preparation and any respects in which the statements were not prepared on a basis of accounting consistent with the statements prepared for the preceding year. (HRS 414D-306.)

ARTICLE XIII

EMERGENCY POWERS

In anticipation of or during an emergency, the Board of Directors may act in accordance with the following guidelines, as provided for in Hawaii Revised Statutes 414D-53:

- 1) An emergency exists if a quorum of the directors cannot readily assemble because of some catastrophic event.
- 2) The SCHCC may modify lines of succession to accommodate the incapacity of any director, officer, employee or agent.

- 3) The SCHCC may relocate the principal office, designate alternative principal offices or regional offices, or authorize the officers to do so.
- 4) During an emergency, notice of a Board meeting need only be given to those directors that are practicable to reach and may be given in any practicable manner, including publication and radio. Additionally, one or more officers present at a Board meeting may be deemed to be directors for the meeting in order of rank, as necessary, to achieve a quorum.
- 5) Corporate action taken in good faith during an emergency to further the ordinary affairs of the SCHCC binds the SCHCC and may not be used to impose liability on a director, officer, employee or agent.

ARTICLE XIV

AMENDMENTS

Section 14.1 Amendment/Restatement of the Bylaws. Subject to Section 14.3, to amend or restate these Bylaws, the Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment/restatement and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members. The SCHCC shall notify each Member of the meeting in accordance with these Bylaws for giving notice to Members. The notice must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the proposed amendment/restatement and contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the amendment/restatement. If the Board seeks to have the amendment/restatement approved by ballot or written consent, the material soliciting the approval shall contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the amendment/restatement.

An amendment or a restatement requiring Member approval must be approved by receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes which Members present at the meeting or represented by proxy (if allowed) are entitled to cast. (HRS 414D-182(a)(1) and -187.) Each active Member church in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, irrespective of the number of representative delegates the Member has.

All amendments to the Bylaws shall be consistent with the Articles of Incorporation. (HRS 414D-187.)

Section 14.2 Amendment/Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation. Subject to Section 14.3, the Articles of Incorporation may be amended or restated by the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the directors in office at a meeting duly called and noticed or by written consent. Provided, that if the amendment or restatement includes an amendment requiring approval by the Members, the Board must submit the amendment/restatement to the Members for approval.

If the Board seeks to have the amendment/restatement approved by the Members at a Membership meeting, the Board shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment/restatement and directing that it be submitted to a vote at a meeting of the Members. The SCHCC shall notify each Member of the meeting in accordance with these Bylaws for giving notice to Members. The notice must also state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the proposed amendment/restatement and contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the amendment/restatement. If the Board seeks to have the amendment/restatement approved by ballot or written consent, the material soliciting the approval shall contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the amendment/restatement. An amendment or a restatement requiring Member approval must be approved by receiving at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes which Members present at the meeting or represented by proxy (if allowed) are entitled to cast. (HRS 414D-182(a), -184(a) - (e) and -187.) Each active Member Church in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, irrespective of the number of delegates the Member has.

Section 14.3 Amendment Terminating or Canceling Members. Any amendment to these Bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation that would terminate all Members or any class of Members or redeem or cancel all Memberships or any class of Memberships must be approved by the Members by the following procedure:

- 1) Prior to adopting a resolution proposing such an amendment, the Board of Directors shall give notice of the general nature of the amendment to the Members.
- 2) After adopting a resolution proposing such an amendment, the Board must give notice to the Members proposing the amendment, and the notice shall include one or more statements of up to five hundred (500) words opposing the amendment if such statement is submitted by any five (5) Members or by Members having three percent (3%) or more of the voting power, whichever is less, not later than twenty (20) days after the Board has voted to submit such amendment to the Members for approval.
- 3) The proposed amendment must be approved by the Members, whether through attendance or proxy (as allowed under the Bylaws), by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by each Member present at the meeting at which the amendment is voted upon. Each active Member church in good standing shall be entitled to one (1) vote, irrespective of the number of representative delegates the Member has.

Section 10.5 shall not apply to any amendment meeting the requirements of this Section. (HRS 414D-89.5.)

CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am an authorized officer of the SCHCC and that the Members entitled to vote adopted these Bylaws on June 15, 2022, and the Bylaws are currently effective. These Bylaws supersede the Constitution and the Bylaws amended at the Annual Meeting on June 5, 2019, and all amendments thereto.

Date: July 20, 2022

James H. Mota Vice President
Authorized Officer (signature and office held)

