

# **III. ANNUAL REPORTS**





## Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ

### LUNA HO'OMALU REPORT

Aha Na Ka Ewalu

June 16, 2022

Aloha to the delegates and members of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC). It has been an active and momentous year for our association, and I am grateful for the supportive leaders and Board members who make serving our Hawaiian churches a joy! I am especially grateful for our Papa Makua, Kahu Wendell Davis, for sharing his gifts and talents with our association. One amazing blessing is his weekly devotionals that touch so many people. He continually encourages our people to look to God for wisdom and blessing. He teaches us to live out the famous Bible verse of Proverbs 3:5-6, ***“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.”***

In my Luna Ho'omalua report on behalf of AHEC, I want to review highlights from the many activities and events that took place in our Association in the past year. The major focus of AHEC has revolved around the General Synod Resolution that was passed last summer. I want to review two of the positive changes that we are living into on behalf of the Resolution:

**First**, the passed Resolution gave AHEC the full weight and support of the United Church of Christ to live into the complex issues of the Resolution. We are grateful for the indigenous voices that would not let the Resolution fail at the General Synod and were persistent to see justice prevail. The large majority of delegates that supported the Resolution in its final passage gave us empowerment to move forward diligently. Our experience will be reported to the General Synod in two years, and we hope that God will make our paths straight in the Hawaii Conference to demonstrate real progress. There have been challenges, but we are trusting the Lord to “make our paths straight.”

**Second**, two major committees were created to continue building the vitality of AHEC. Our Papa Makua sent out a letter dated September 3, 2021 that stated:

“If you have not heard the news, we wanted to share with you the faithfulness of God and inform you that our resolution was passed by the General Synod on Sunday (July 18<sup>th</sup>) after a 'no-win' situation on Saturday (July 17<sup>th</sup>). Mahalo ke Akua! Recently, on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup>, our AHEC Board of Director's convened. Based on the approval of our resolution, our board established two significant committees: **Ho'okolokolo Committee** and **Ho'olala Committee**. Here is a summary of both committees:

**Ho'okolokolo Committee** (Accountability): *To examine, research, and administer the particulars of the 1993 Redress Apology, and subsequent governance issues along with any other areas of injustice and wrongdoing. This committee shall work in partnership with the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ and recommend appropriate actions of correction to the AHEC Board of Directors. With the complete support and approval of the General Synod, this committee is to prepare and submit a report, with the approval of the Board, describing in detail its finding at the next General Synod in two years.*

**Ho'olala Committee (Strategic):** *To establish and initiate a five-year, ten-year and fifteen-year strategic plan for the association of Hawaiian evangelical Churches. The purpose of this committee is to connect three key areas for AHEC: MISSION – Defining our purpose; VISION – Establishing a plan of achievement; PLAN – Developing steps to achieve our ultimate goals.”*

I now want to give some summary highlights of the last year in bullet-point form, not necessarily in chronological order:

1. **Ho'olala Committee Clergy Survey:** Kahu Sam Masilamoney is the chair of this committee tasked with researching and presenting a “Vision Plan” for our association. One of their first responsibilities is sending out and collecting information from our Clergy in a survey. We are excited at learning how to further refine our vision and purposes with the Hawaiian churches.
2. **Resolution Progress:** Our Ho'okolokolo committee continues to research and investigate current actions involving international law that speaks to the true status of Hawai'i. They meet on a regular basis and have invested a vast amount of personal time on behalf of our association. The committee has heard from Dr. Keanu Sai, who shared a 90 second video of a presentation he had made to the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland the morning of March 21, 2022. In his 90 second address, Dr. Sai presented a legal case as to why the overthrow of the kingdom's government by the United States in 1893 violates international law and the human rights of its subjects. This story was later reported on by news media in Hawaii. The Committee has also been communicating with the United Church of Christ Board of Directors, Officers and General Synod leadership to have regular meetings as this process moves forward.
3. **Partnership Dissolution:** The AHEC Board of Directors made a hard decision to dissolve the partnership with the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches due to actions revolving around the Resolution passage. The Board authorized our Papa Makua to work through any forms of reconciliation with those involved.
4. **AHEC and Foundation Land Discussion:** AHEC had previously officially taken a vote to not be in favor of the Bylaw changes regarding the status of the Foundation legally separating from the Conference. The Hawaii Island Association also shared that opinion in a MokuPuni vote. The Foundation Bylaws have already been legally changed in 2018 by the Council “Members”, but those changes will not take effect until July 1, 2022. The Spring Halawai of February 12, 2022 had a motion made and passed that read: *“A motion for a Forensic audit of lands from the Hawaiian Evangelical Association and the ABCFM prior to 1893-2022 to the Hawaii Conference UCC and the Hawaii Conference Foundation.”* A desire to gain clarity of this often-contentious subject has resulted in the desire for a meeting between the Resolution Committee leaders and our Conference/Foundation leaders.
5. **Deeds In Trust:** The Foundation sent AHEC the requested “Guideline A” which was voted on by the Foundation in the 1970-1980's to allow for churches to receive their “Deed In Trust” back. This is a very fascinating historical document revealing the necessary steps to

make possible the return of a church deed back from the Foundation.

6. **Ordination by “Privilege of Call” for Kahu Sam Masilamoney of Kona Lanakila Church:**

The AHEC Spring Halawai of February 12, 2022 was highlighted by the Ecclesiastical Council for Kahu Sam Masilamoney. Kahu Sam shared his spiritual history and call to the ministry with our delegates. The motion for Ordination by Privilege of Call was approved unanimously by the Halawai. A service of Ordination and Installation was conducted at Kona Lanakila Church March 27, 2022 by our Association leadership. It was a beautiful service and a wonderful lunch afterwards at the Manago Hotel!

7. **Ecclesiastical Council for Kauanoë Ho’omanawanui:** On April 9, 2022, a quorum of our Association churches gathered to examine Kauanoë Ho’omanawanui for “Ordination Pending Call in the United Church of Christ. ”It was a blessed time as delegates, Conference representatives and invited guests listened to a presentation of the Candidate offering her sense of call to ministry, theological grounding and readiness for ministry using The Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers in the UCC. Kauanoë used the cultural illustration of the he’e (octopus) for the eight Marks of Ministry that were highlighted. After examination of the candidate, a unanimous vote was taken by delegates approving the motion of “Ordination Pending Call.”

The last two events have been the most meaningful for our association. One of the purposes of the creation of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches was the ability to ordain candidates from within our Association. It is exciting to see younger people receiving training and serving our Hawaiian churches. We have others still in the process and they give us hope in the future of our beloved Hawaiian churches. Please be in prayer with AHEC as we desire to move forward into a brighter future and lay aside some of the contentiousness of the past.

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# Kahu Wendell B.K. Davis

## Papa Makua Report – AHA NA KAI EWALU – June 2022

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"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him". – James 1:12

### Hālāwai (Meeting)

- Attended Church On Ministry (C.O.M.) Meetings as scheduled
- Attended meetings with the Ho'okolokolo Committee as scheduled. Attended the UCC National Board with the Ho'okolokolo Committee on living the AHEC Resolution. (May 14).
- Attended meetings and support of the Ho'olala Committee, as scheduled.
- Attend monthly meetings with Conference Minister Popham as scheduled.
- Attended meetings with the AHEC Executive Board as scheduled.
- Attended meetings with Situational Consultation Group as scheduled.
- Attended meetings with Ho'okolokolo Committee as scheduled.
- As directed by the Board of Directors, communicated with churches regarding efforts to ho'oponopono as a result of events related to the AHEC Resolution passed in July 2021.

### Pili Lehulehu (Public Relations)

- In partnership with our AHEC Ho'okolokolo Committee, assisted in submitting an article into the OHA newspaper, Kawaiola.

### 'Oihana Kaila (Outreach Ministry)

- **WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS** – Provide spiritual guidance to all AHEC Churches, other Hawaiian Churches, HCUCC leadership, individuals, families, and communities. .
- **KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS** - Ongoing efforts with Kevin Cockett, KS Associate to the CEO, Jack Wong continues on partnership initiatives.
- **KALO TV/KLTE RADIO** – Provided an Easter Message for broadcast.
- **HAWAI'I PRAYER BREAKFAST 2022** – Attended this year's prayer breakfast as a guest of KALO TV.
- **KANEOHE PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP** - Attend monthly meetings with pastors from various Christian ministries on the windward side of Oahu, including Hawaiian, Tongan and Samoan churches.

## Ho'ola Ana (Healing)

- Attended memorial service for **Aunty Adeline Rodrigues** at Olowalu Plantation House on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended and participated in the memorial service for the mother of **Kahu Michael Warren** at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church on April 21st.
- Officiated the memorial service of **Kahu Harvey Ching**, former pastor of Kaneohe Congregational Church.

## Kahu Hapanui (Pastor to Pastor)

- **Kūkā Time: With Na Kahu 'Ohana Hour (Zoom Meeting)** Established meetings and time with pastors and lay leaders to share joys, concerns, reflection on pastoral self-care and monthly church updates.
- **Papa Kahu Outreach:** Continued contact with churches, pastors, and lay leaders both active and inactive. Monthly updates made on the needs and health concerns of Kahu Kaupu and Kahu Kaina. Kahu Mersberg continues to be a vital part of Ewa Community Church with Kahu Rennie Mau.
- **Kona Lanakila Church:** Attended Ordination service for Kahu Sam Masilimoney, Kona Lanakila Church.
- **Ko'olau Hui'ia Congregational Church:** Attended worship service on March 20. Also attended Kapa'a First Hawaiian Congregational Church.
- **Haili Congregational Church:** Served as a guest pastor and provided music for Haili Church on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Nā Hana I Holomua (Ongoing Initiatives)

- **AHEC WEBSITE:** Our website: <https://ahechawaii.org> continue to improve with tutorials and posting of information for transparency and communication purposes.
- **AHEC FACEBOOK:** Postings to our Facebook Page continue to be utilized and reflect the great work of our churches. Thank you to all our churches, especially, Kahu Rennie Mau for the sharing of events and activities.

## 200<sup>th</sup> Aha Pae‘aina of the Hawai‘i Conference United Church of Christ

### Conference Minister Report

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham



The symbolism of stairs is widely used among congregations and churches to indicate growth of one kind or another. The growth can be numerical, but it may also be in goal attainment or community engagement. It is a widely used image as it communicates an agreed upon truth: climbing equals achieving and achieving equals success. As Vaclav Havel noted, “it is not enough to stare up the steps, we must step up the stairs.”

Such an image focuses our attention on the vertical step. How far up we are stepping. Many church growth books are filled with paradigms, strategies, and “fool proof” tactics aimed at mounting the next step.

There is nothing wrong with these books nor with this focus. But as Vaclav Havel perceives staring up the steps accomplishes very little. With that in mind, I also think the horizontal shelf that actually forms the step where we are placing our weight on is just as important as the vertical climb. In organizational language the horizontal shelf is the infrastructure which supports the heft of the organization. No matter how robust our mission and vision and strategic plan, if we do not have the infrastructure to support it, we will tumble back down.

This past year and the year before, due primarily to COVID, became years of giving attention to our infrastructure.

In the Conference Office, at least for the Conference side of life, we have realigned the job descriptions of the Support Staff. Primarily letting go of “personal assistant” duties so that all Support Staff now have duties directly related to servicing the Conference at large. Our new part

time Associate Conference Ministers are deployed to live on neighboring islands as presence is a symbol of caring. And as a Staff we adopted the 2022 Conference Office Playbook (see attached) to assist in ensuring our focus is on local church and pastor support.

Within the Conference, we graduated our first cohort in the Certificate in Theological Education Leadership from the Pacific School of Religion. Our “beta test” group, if you will, and are ready to launch a more solid CTTEL cohort this fall. We also provided guidance and recommendations for our congregations as we move through the pandemic stage of COVID-19 and into an endemic stage. We transitioned our weekly Wednesday Zoom meetings to a First Wednesday Conversation seeking to address new tools available for the local church and topical discussions. First Wednesdays have also provided a regular platform to engage discussions on the life of the Conference and to provide transparency on issues before either the Conference Council or the Foundation Board of Trustees.

By focusing on infrastructure we can put more and more weight on the next step up the stairs before us. No doubt more infrastructure strengthening is needed. It is hoped that in this coming year we can begin to convene special interest conversations with our Samoan and Micronesian leaders. It is also hoped that we will begin quarterly meetings with the presidents of the Associations. There are plans to launch two ministerial Community of Practice groups to augment the present two Pastoral Support Groups. Hopes are high with the exciting venture of the Innovation and Engagement Missional Team. The Council is engaging a conflict resolution consultant to help us better address the sharp, rubbing edges of the Conference.

This seems is a lot to reinforce this horizontal step that we are placing our weight on. Yet, it must also be acknowledged that the step had been made strong with the adoption of the Ka Papa Ho‘olālā 2018 – 2028 (Strategic Plan 2018 – 2028). One piece not foreseen at that time by the Conference was the need for a Capital Campaign to give adequate resourcing to the aspirations of the Conference. The Conference leadership approved a Capital Campaign and this coming year we will engage in inviting people into the vision of the Campaign before a public launch in 2023.

By our stair-step model very few of these components compose the exciting vertical strut of the stairs God is calling us to climb. However, they are intricate components of the horizontal surface that will support us as we place our full weight as the Hawai‘i Conference on it.

## **Hawai'i Conference Office 2022 Playbook**

The Playbook of the Conference Office answers six critical questions that provide clarity and alignment to *Ka Papa Ho'olālā 2018 – 2028*, the Hawai'i Conference Strategic Plan.

### **Why does the Conference Staff exist?**

To provide services of support, resources, and connections to bless the Hawai'i Conference's 118 churches, ministers, laity, five Associations, and all affiliates.

### **How does the Conference Staff behave?**

We live out our Core Values, follow our Guideposts and embrace our Mindsets:

#### **Core Values**

Be Kind / Be respectful / Be faithful to the Gospel / Be compassionate / Be helpful / Be transparent

#### **Guideposts**

- Embrace our Mission, Vision and Core Values
- Be intentional in the inclusion of historical trauma of the Hawaiian people and its ramifications for today
- Be malleable to model growth into new ways of being church
- Manage assets with transparency and sustainability
- Celebrate the full 'ohana of the Conference
- Include marginal voices in ongoing discussions
- Honor Christ as the center of our common life

#### **Mindsets**

- Celebrate traditions without becoming trapped by traditionalism
- Cultivate a culture of innovation
- Engage other members of the staff and partners
- Make our successors proud of us
- Embrace teamwork by building on each other's strengths
- Celebrate the rich diversity which is the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ

### **What does the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ do?**

The Hawai'i Conference UCC advances the gospel of God's good news in Jesus Christ, while living in the tension between the gospel's God-given nobility and its human-agenda entrenchment.

### **How will the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ succeed?**

By being "Sent forth by the Spirit to walk humbly in Christ's footsteps pursuing peace, justice and the renewal of creation."

### **What most important right now?**

#### **For the Conference:**

Engage with our churches / Prioritize relationships

#### **For the Staff:**

Promote and Encourage self-care / Value one another / Honor each other's voices / Maintain confidentiality as appropriate / Hold regular staff meetings (systems attention) / Promote open, honest communications within staff (culture attention)

### **Who must do what?**

One team dedicated to "One 'ohana: a unified, radiant and transforming expression of the body of Christ."

## **Komike Hookolokolo Report May 10, 2022**

1). The Komike Hookolokolo sent three letters to the HCUCC regarding information about Hawaiian Church lands and 90 days have passed and no response. We will continue sending letters. White Supremacy and white privilege continue in HCUCC and UCC. Per the resolution passed by the GS 2021 we are charged to fulfill the below "Be it resolved":

No letter no response as of yet

2) We will meet with national UCC at the end of April

UCC President John Dorhauer -violates General Synod resolution to listen and uses white supremacy and white privilege to stop other national members from listening. He chose the date to meet and he cancels violating UCC President Sherry Apology and commitment to the Native Hawaiians.

3) Justice and Witness collaboration moving forward 12 educational presentations. We met with presenters and they will research and provide new presentations in alignment to the AHEC resolution and our position in the year 2022.

4) AHEC article printed on a full page in the Kawaiola newspaper. Article printed in April issue.

5) Working with Michael Matsukawa

6) Vote for Papa Makua position to be paid; vote to transfer Olaa Spring to AHEC to protect water; Vote to support drafting a pronouncement and Proposal for action to submit to GS 2023; Vote to eradicate White Supremacy and White privilege from HCUCC

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**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**  
**HO'OLALA COMMITTEE ( Strategic Planning Committee)**  
**Rev. Sam Masilamoney- Chair**  
**Report – May 2022**

Since the formation of Ho'olala Committee, the Members met seven times over Zoom. As directed and guidance from Papa Makua Wendell Davis, the Committee developed a Survey for the AHEC Minister and for their Churches to respond to questions which in turn will help the Committee to compile the response and forward it to Papa Makua for his review and recommendation as to proceed with a Five Year, Ten Year and Fifteen Year plan to accomplish their goals.

The Survey for the Churches and for the Minister was sent out by e-mail and the response has been coming in slowly. During our last Meeting, the Committee decided to send the Survey by mail by enclosing a stamped envelope to make it easier for the Churches and the Minister to respond in a timely manner. In order to complete a strategic Planning , a response from all Churches and Minister is critical.

As per the direction and request from Papa Maku, the Committee has submitted a Budget for the year 2022-2023 to cover the cost to continue with the mission and the vision of this Committee and assist all our AHEC Churches and the Minister to plan and execute a Five Year, Ten Year and Fifteen Year strategic plan based on the response to the survey. Committee also continue to update the mailing address of the AHEC Churches and the Minister for better correspondence and communication.

Mahalo,

Rev. Sam Masilamoney  
Chair- Ho'olala Committee

**AHEC Committee on Ministry**  
**Report to the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**  
**June 12, 2022**

Aloha Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Board of Directors,

The current AHEC Committee on Ministry (COM) members are:

- Wayne Higa (2nd term, West Maui, 2024)
- Sam Masilamoney (1st term, West Hawaii 2024)
- Maile Baird (2nd term, Kauai, 2023)
- Loke Kamanu (1st term, East Hawaii, 2022) \* to be re-elected June 2022
- Joyclynn Costa (1<sup>st</sup> term, East Maui, 2022) \* to be re-elected June 2022
- Rennie Mau (1<sup>st</sup> term, O'ahu, 2023)
- Molokai Rep (vacant)
- Brian Welsh (Ex-officio AHEC Luna Ho'omalu)
- Wendell Davis (Ex-officio Papa Makua)
- Jonathan Roach (Ex-officio Conference)

The association moved to accept Sam Masilamoney's Ordination as a UCC Minister at the February Spring Aha Halawai. Kahu Sam's installation at Kona Lanakila Church took place on March 27 at Kona Lanakila Church. Congratulations to Kahu Sam, Kona Lanakila Church and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches.

Moving forward there is a Fitness Review Response Team Training happening as this BOD meeting is taking place. Fitness reviews are the kuleana of the COM the response team members are a part of the interview and support process.

*Response Teams* are persons outside of the Committee on Ministry who are trained to observe and report while reserving judgment. Interview Teams usually composed of two or three persons who interview those with information related to the concern, gather documentation related to the concern (such as letters, emails, receipts, photographs, etc.), draft interview summaries for review by those interviewed, and share interview summaries and documentation with the Committee on Ministry.

The initial and final outcome of the Fitness Review is done by the Committee on Ministry. How were response team members chosen? COM members were asked to submit names of AHEC members to the COM chair. COM chair reached out to members and forwarded information to those accepting and/or considering being part of the response team,

The COM recommended and scheduled an Ecclesiastical Council (EC) of Kauanoe Ho'omanawanui a member of Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant Church. On April 9, 2022 AHEC voted unanimously to move Kauanoe forward Pending Call. We continue to be transformed as we are doing new things. Ordination Pending Call means Kauanoe has gone through the Member in Discernment Process, completed her Seminary education with Vancouver School of Theology. All Kauanoe needs for ordination is an ordainable call. Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant Church is not in a position to call a settled pastor at this time. We (AHEC) have apono a *Yes, we feel Kauanoe*

*is ready to be ordained when she receives a call.* At this point she is not yet ordained. But when she receives a call (job offer) and it deemed an ordainable call then she becomes ordained. The call does not and is not limited to AHEC. It could be another association or even another conference. Sort of like makua that send their keiki off to college and hope the get good jobs here at home, but not always the case. But as makua we paepae, lift up and support as much as we can.

Kahu Michael Warren Senior Pastor of Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church has been reinstated to full ministerial standing in AHEC and the United Church of Christ. Let us all continue to pray for Kahu Michael, his family and church as he continues to walk with God. Pray that his ministry and Kalapana Maunakea continue to be blessed grow and be successful.

The COM will continue to strive to do the work of the association in support of na Kahu ame ne Ekalekia, Pastors and Churches.

Mahalo Ke Akua a me ka Ha'aha'a,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wayne Higa". The script is cursive and fluid.

Wayne Higa  
Chairperson AHEC Committee on Ministry

Exodus 34:10

‘Ī maila kēlā, Aia ho‘i, ke hana nei au i berita; a e hana nō wau i nā mea kupanaha ma mua o kou po‘e kānaka a pau, ‘a‘ole i hana ‘ia kekahi mea e like ai ma ka honua a pau, ‘a‘ole ma kekahi ‘āina; a e ‘ike auane‘i nā kānaka a pau o kou wahi i ka hana a Iēhova: he mea weliweli kēlā mea a‘u e hana aku ai iā ‘oe.

*He said: I hereby make a covenant. Before all your people I will perform marvels, such as have not been performed in all the earth or in any nation; and all the people among whom you live shall see the work of the Lord; for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.*

**REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR**  
**Churches Authorized with Standing in the Hawai'i Conference**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**June 1, 2022**

**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**

<b><u>Hawai'i Island</u></b>	<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>
Kainaliu:	LANAKILA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	TAKETA, Charlene	P
Kurtistown:	'OLA'A FIRST HAWAIIAN CHURCH	MASILAMONEY, Sam	Sup
Nanawale:	KALAPANA MAUNAKEA FIRST HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC	KAPUNIAI, Agnes Lani	P
Punalu'u:	HOKULOLO/HENRY 'OPIUKAHA'IA CHAPEL	WARREN, Michael	P
<b><u>Kaua'i</u></b>			
Anahola:	KO'OLAU HUI'IA PROTESTANT CHURCH		
<b><u>Maui</u></b>			
Ha'iku:	KALANIKAHUA HOU CHURCH		
Honokowai:	LAHUIOKALANI (KA'ANAPALI) CONG'L CHURCH		
Huelo:	KAULANAPUEO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	AARONA, James	P
Kihei:	KEOLAHOU CONGREGATIONAL HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Lahaina:	WAIOLA CHURCH	ROSA, Anela	P
Olowalu:	OLOWALU LANAKILA HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Pa'ia:	PA'IA HAWAIIAN PROTESTANT CHURCH	NEWTON, Roy	
Waihe'e:	WAIHE'E PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Wailuku:	KA'AHUMANU CHURCH	HIGA, Wayne	P
<b><u>Moloka'i</u></b>			
Puko'o:	KALUA'AHA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	OGOSHI, Janice	P
<b><u>O'ahu</u></b>			
'Ewa	'EWA COMMUNITY CHURCH	MAU, Rennie	P
Hale'iwa:	LILI'UOKALANI PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Hauula:	HAU'ULA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC	CHEE, Sage	P
Honolulu:	BISHOP MEMORIAL CHURCH		
	KALIHI AND MOANALUA CHURCH	NAEOLE, Manu	P
	KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH	MAKUAKANE, Kenneth	P
Pearl City:	KAHIKUONALANI UCC	HIRAKAWA, Rick	P
Wai'anae:	KA HANA O KE AKUA CHURCH	HASSAN, Irene	P

**CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

Hilo:	HAILI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Holualoa:	HELANI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Laupahoehoe:	LAUPAHOEHOE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	CACABELOS, Alvira	P
Milolii	HAUOLI KAMANAO	KAUPIKO, Charles	P
		KAUPIKO, Melveen	P

# UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING

## ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Alger, Richard	RT	Makuakane, Violet	RT
Davis, Wendell	CH	Masilamoney, Sam	P
Ha'alilio, Nancietta K.L.	RT	Mau, Rennie	P
Kaina, William H.	RT	Merseberg, James	RT
Kaupu, David K.	RT	Twigg, David	RT
Kekuna, Curtis	RT	Warren, Michael	P
Makuakane, Kenneth	P	Welsh, Brian	CH

## LICENSED MINISTERS

### AHEC

Cacabelos, Alvira	Kaupiko, Charles
Higa, Wayne	Kaupiko, Melveen
Hirakawa, Rick	Rosa, 'Anela
Kapuniai, Agnes Lani	Taketa, Charlene

## MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT

### AHEC

Hoomanawanui, Kauanoë (Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant)

## MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING OUR CHURCHES

### (Without standing in the Hawai'i Conference)

### AHEC

Chee, Sage

**LEGEND:**

AP	Associate Pastor
CH	Chaplain
CM	Commissioned Minister
CME	Conference Minister Emeritus
CP	Co-Pastor
CW	Conference Work
D	Dual Standing
DW	Denominational Work (UCC covenanted, affiliated or associated ministries)
EW	Ecumenical Work
ED	Educational Work
HW	Health and Welfare work in UCC institutions
IN	Interim Minister
IS	Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist
LA	Leave of Absence
Lay	Lay Leaders
Lic	Licensed Minister
MD	Member in Discernment
MY	Missionary (Global Ministries or other)
OD	Ordained Minister of another denomination serving a UCC church
OL	Other Local Church Position
OMP	Ordained Ministerial Partner
OP	Other Profession
OR	Other religious work (Bible Society, YM/YWCA, etc.)
P	Pastor
PC	Pastoral Counseling
PD	UCC Ordained Minister serving another denomination
PE	Pastor Emeritus
RPM	Recognized Partner Minister
RT	Retired
SU	Supply Pastor
UC	Unclassified
Y	Youth Ministry

Formation Missional Team/Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ  
2021-2022 Annual Report

The Formation Missional Team (FMT) works to promote the formation of strong Christian communities in the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ (HCUCC).

Its key functions are:

- To develop programs for: the Conference, Youth, Congregations, Clergy and other areas as needs arise.
- Ensure that programs are more than just activities or events, but opportunities that can change people's lives and help them grow to be more faithful.
- Include programs that help develop people's sense of call, strengthening the church to be effective UCC witnesses in their community and Hawaii.
- Lead the transformation of people's lives and build relationships and connections. Work on evangelism, emphasize the necessity of going to the people, not waiting for them to come.

To meet these functions in the 2021-2022 year, the FMT developed programs utilizing the Conference's Strategic Initiatives as follows:

*Strategic Initiative #1: Training and Spiritual Formation*

**2022 Leaders' Event**

Completed on February 26, 2022. The theme was "Oh God, What Now?" We conducted a virtual gathering and had approximately 90 individuals participated via Zoom. Event goals were: 1) To understand and to articulate the challenges being faced by our churches in the "post" pandemic era; 2) To build relationships amongst the people in our churches through shared conversation; 3) To foster inter-church, inter-Conference communication about working toward solutions for our churches; and, 4) to impact program planning being developed by the Conference, the Hawaii Conference Foundation and the various Missional teams. There was a panel conversation and then breakouts where participants provided feedback on articles written by Susan Beaumont, "Innovating into an Unknown Future" and "Leading in an In-between Season." Participants considered the questions: 1) What is your church's new normal; 2) What are your church's challenges; 3). Where has your church grown in this time; 4). Where do you see room for growth and creativity in your church and in the Conference; 5). What has been helpful/sustaining during this time in your church or for you personally; and 6)How can we help each other.

Feedback from participants suggest that they enjoyed the format of the event and the ability to interact in small groups. They felt that having a combination of formats – panel, groups and then learning sessions would make for better future events. No fee was charged for this event.

**Communities of Practice**

Rev. Jonathan Roach, who is one of the Association Conference Ministers, has developed a plan, working with the FMT and Conference Minister David Popham, to reinstate Clergy Communities of Practices in the Fall of 2022. This plan calls starting with two clergy groups of community of practice. These communities will be focused upon pastoral ministry and empowering clergy to develop their competence for the practice of ministry in a variety of settings. They work to build community, cultivate knowledge and understanding through experience-based learning, and foster spiritual formation.

### **Oahu Association Clergy Conversations**

In February, clergy in the Oahu Association began to be invited to bi-monthly clergy meetings via Zoom. Hosted by Mokupuni President Wayne Ibarra, these meetings are informal in structure and are intended to strengthen, renew and initiate relationships among clergy colleagues.

Participants have ranged from a high of 16 to four or five. Nonetheless, all who take part find each session unique and helpful to support one another, to strengthen church connections and to share theological and practical resources. The conversations might be seen as an example of "working out our salvation in fear and trembling, knowing that it is God who works in us, to will and to act according to (God's) good purpose" (Philippians 2:12-13). By conversing and "going with the flow" of the Spirit, insights into what we face within and beyond our congregations emerge, along with encouragement and inspiration.

### **Theological Education**

The HCUCC partnered with the Pacific School of Religion to offer a comprehensive program of learning for those serving in leadership positions in the church. The ten courses and two workshops covered a range of topics from spiritual practice to preaching and Biblical studies to theology. The courses were offered via Zoom with resources provided by the seminary. Six completed the requirements to receive the Certificate of Theological Education for Leadership. Others have the option of completing those requirements during the next cohort. Some used the courses for continuing education.

The instructors represented the cultural diversity that people in Hawaii experience and the background and expertise to challenge and inspire students. During the Aha Pae'āina, a workshop will be offered on the TEL program. In addition, Dr. Joyce DelRosario, Rev. Tana Roseboro-Marsh and Dr. David Vasquez-Levy will be with us in person. There will be opportunities to speak to others about that learning opportunity. Since learning continues, those planning the next cohort of the TEL program are preparing to incorporate what the Hawaii students shared about their experiences. The Formation Missional Team looks forward to continuing the relationship with the Pacific School of Religion and with all those who seek to begin a lifetime of learning and leadership.

### **Aha Pae'āina**

This will be the first-time delegates will gather for the Aha Pae'āina in person at Central Union Church. Our experience over the last two years has taught us that we can meet via Zoom and still be the church. That has impacted this 200<sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina:

- 1) The theme will be Mai keia hanauna a ia hanauna aku—From Generation to Generation
- 2) Our opening worship will be prerecorded and broadcast
- 3) HCUCC chaplains will be prerecording morning devotionals that will be broadcast and available on the website
- 4) All workshops and some standard reports will be via Zoom and will be recorded for reviewing on the website
- 5) The Aha Iki meetings will also be via Zoom
- 6) The first plenary will meet Friday, June 17 at 3:00 p.m.
- 7) Dr. Jeffrey "Kapili" Lyon will be the keynote speaker Friday night, and that will be broadcast and recorded
- 8) All business will be conducted in person by delegates

There is a \$160 registration fee.

We look forward to receiving evaluations of his Aha. Thanks go to those who served on the Aha Pae'āina Planning Committee: Jack Belsom, Kerisa Carmelo, Phoebe Liu-Eng, Sharon Matsuyama, David Popham, Karen Welsh, Danielle White, Lori Yamashiro and Kristen Young. We also want to acknowledge the support of the staff without whose support would have been extremely difficult.

### **Pastoral Leaders' Retreat**

For the second year in a row, the Hawai'i Conference Pastoral Leaders Retreat took place on Zoom and in person on September 15 and 16, 2021. The original plan was to hold an in-person retreat at the St. Anthony Retreat Center on O'ahu, but due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 infections and the restrictive protocols in place at the retreat center, the planning team decided to pivot to a hybrid retreat. The first day of the retreat was held on Zoom, and island gatherings were held on the second.

Our Conference Minister, the Rev. Dr. David Popham opened the retreat by delivering a message on Sabbath for the morning worship. Attendees responded in small breakout groups on Zoom. The Rev. Dr. Carrie Doehring, Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Iliff School of Theology gave two plenary presentations focused on self-care. In the first, she introduced the practice of "breath prayer" as a means of experiencing Sabbath rest at any time of the day. In the second presentation, she talked about how moral and spiritual struggles are sources of stress and invited us to name them in dyad conversations.

On the second day of the retreat, pastoral leaders gathered on their respective islands to have conversations that followed-up on the previous day's learning and experiences. Oahu pastoral leaders gathered via Zoom, and in-person gatherings were held on Hawaii, Maui and Kauai. For some, the in-person gatherings were the first-time folks were able to see each other in over a year.

A total of 36 pastoral leaders from all associations participated. It was a welcome break for all who were able to attend. Self-care and fellowship with colleagues are important for the health and well-being of pastoral leaders.

The planning team appreciates the financial support of the G.N. Wilcox Foundation and all five of the Associations of the Hawai'i Conference. The low cost and online platform allowed many to participate.

The Pastoral Leaders Retreat is an important offering of the FMT and the Hawai'i Conference, and it should continue to be offered annually. Other events and avenues to care for and encourage pastoral leaders should also be considered.

This subcommittee is also planning the 2022 Pastoral Leader's Retreat scheduled for October 11-13, 2022 at the St. Anthony Retreat Center.

### *Strategic Initiative #3: Expansive Concept of Church*

#### **Wisdom of Kalaupapa**

The lives of those who call Kalaupapa their home serves as a beacon of hope for all of us as we go through times of difficulty. This committee has worked on completing the Wisdom of Kalaupapa curriculum is designed to look at key elements one goes through in order to move from fear to faith. Using stories of the patients, kōkua, and the 'āina of Kalaupapa, we see our own lives and find the hope that will give us life anew. We currently have modules 1 and 2 complete and ready for presentation. The goal is to have the other 3 modules completed by end

of June 2022. This activity was led by Reverends Phyllis Meighen and Kalani Wong. The Conference is currently working toward including this activity within its new missional team, the Innovation and Engagement Missional Team.

*Strategic Initiative #4: Gifts and Wisdom of the Next Generation*

**Youth (Grades 6 – 12) and Young Adult (Up to age 35)**

With the leadership of Rev. Kalani Wong and Kristen Young, Youth and Young Adult activities will coincide with the 200<sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina. Also working on this initiative are Danielle White, Tiffany Marrote and Sasha Kamahale.

Participants will stay at the Pagoda Hotel. There is a registration fee of \$50. Housing, transportation (ground and air), Aha registration, food costs will be subsidized through the FMT budget.

*Strategic Initiative #6: Live Aloha*

**Prayers of Aloha**

Building upon a great suggestion in the Conference Staff's Editorial Team, Rev. Jonathan Roach, who serves as one of our ACM, developed the Prayers of Aloha prayer cycle working with the Editorial Team and with the FMT. The goal of this program reminds us that we are one 'ohana: a unified, radiant, and transforming expression of the body of Christ. We might be 116 different congregations; dozens of ministries, committees, and teams; spread out across six islands; members of five different associations; urban and rural; Hawaiian, local, and haole; but our Strategic Initiative Six calls us all to live aloha by strengthening our relationships as members of local churches, Associations, and the Conference as the body of Christ through prayer and lifting one another up to God.

**Associating and Conferring**

The FMT has tried to be inclusive of all Associations in its planning by including planning partners from each area.

**G.N. Wilcox Grant**

FMT submitted a draft grant request for the GN Wilcox grant program. It is currently sitting with the Conference Office as other needs by the Conference and its programs are being considered.

*Ephesians 4:15-16*

*But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.*

*The members of the FMT extend their gratitude to God and to all of you who have entrusted us to do the work of the Church.*

*Becky Ashizawa, Jack Belsom, Wayne Higa, Wayne Ibarra, Nixon Jack, Phyllis Meighen, Janice Ogoshi, Jonathan Roach, Joan Sakaba, Kalei Tong, Danielle White, Kalani Wong, Lori Yamashiro and Kristen Young.*

**Na Lima Hoike "E"  
Program Committee Report  
2022 'Aha `Iki - June 2022**

<u>DATE GRANT RECEIVED</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PROGRAM/ EVENT DATES</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE FINAL REPORT REC'D</u>	<u>UNUSED FUNDS</u>
08/15/21	Kona Lanakila	Noolau Leadership 09/20/21- 09/24/21	\$ 1,775.00	10/08/2021	\$ 632.12 (10/08/21) (ck # 005885)
09/09/21	Laupahoehoe Congregational	HCUCC Pastoral Leaders Retreat 09/15/21 - 09/16/21	\$ 191.40	10/22/2021	xxxxxx
09/30/21	Hau'oli Kamana'o	Vancouver School of Theology 09/30/21	\$ 539.69	11/01/2021	xxxxxx
11/23/21	Kalihi and Moanalua Church	Live Nativity Event 12/10/21 - 12/11/21	\$ 2,700.00	01/09/22	\$ 842.37 (01/19/22) Ck # 2759)
12/20/21	Hau'oli Kamana'o	MBC-VST Seminary/MDIV Program (Technology) 01/17/22 - 09/25/25	\$ 6,524.58	04/10/22	xxxxxx
01/22/22	Kona Lanakila	Noolau Leadership 03/06/22 - 03/10/22	\$ 1,726.00	04/10/22	xxxxxx
02/22/22	Laupahoehoe Congregational	AHEC 2022 Virtual Spring Halawai	\$ 25.00	03/05/22	xxxxxx
<b>Total Awarded and Returned Unused Funds Jul 1, 2021 – March 31, 2022</b>			<b>\$ 13, 481.67</b>		<b>\$ 1,474.49</b>

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Report Submitted 05/09/22 by Kalei Arinaga

**Committee Members: Chair,** L. Alaka'i Paleka, **West Hawaii,** Pualani Muraki, **East Hawaii,** Ron Fujiyoshi, **Oahu,** Sandy Kaina, **At Large,** Russell Paio, **Ex-Officio: Papa Makua** Wendell Davis, **Pu'ukū,** Kerisa Carmelo

**One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts. (Psalm 145:4 - NKJV)**

- **Hua Mua Batch 6 Deposits March 2, 2022**
- **DATED      DEPOSITED      AMOUNT      CHECK#**
- 112521      030222      \$25.00      √2581
- 112521      030222      \$200.00      √113
- 013022      030222      \$200.00      √1146
- 022022      030222      \$100.00      √3355
- 022022      030222      \$150.00      √5926

**Total Deposit \$675.00**

**Generations Investment Services, Inc.**  
**an affiliate of the Pension Boards UCC, statement dated March 31, 2022**  
**Total Investment Holdings \$ 438,670.72**

***CELEBRATE Hua Mua in the months with 5 Sundays in 2022***  
***Mei, Iulai, Okakopa***

Please make checks payable to AHEC Hua Mua  
Mail to PO Box 1872, Kailua Kona, HI, 96745.

Respectfully Submitted,

*L. Alaka'i Paleka*

L. Alaka'i Paleka, Chairperson

## Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

### Oahu Island

June 2022

#### Bishop Memorial Chapel:

Kahu/Pastor: Kahu Manu Naeole

#### **Worship Services:**

Mid-week High School Chapel, Wednesday, 10am

Sunday Evening Boarder Chapel: Sunday at 6 PM

Elementary and Middle School students participate in chapels directed by Christian Education teachers. High school services are available on YouTube. Search the Bishop Memorial Chapel channel for the archive of videos available to view.

#### **Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects:**

Deputation team visits are still on hold for the remainder of this school year.

End of the Year Convocation will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022.

Kamehameha-Kapālama Baccalaureate service will be held at Kawaiahao Church on Saturday, May 28, 2022.

#### **Life Celebrations:**

no life celebrations

#### Ewa Community Church

Kahu/Pastor: Kahu Rennie Mau

Moderator: Olive Echano Douglass

#### **Worship Service:**

9:00 A.M. Sunday

John Wesley Methodist Church – 11:00 A.M. Sunday

Posted a virtual Sunrise Service online; 7:30 A.M. in-person Easter Breakfast

Members: A faithful average (14) attend church. Mask is optional.

**Illness/Disease/Surgery:** Joy Cabebe, underwent colon surgery and the procedure was successful to remove a cancerous tumor and two lymph nodes. Jeremiah Bautista had a successful surgery on his gall bladder. Cindy Banik, Norbert Diaz, Lillian YPK Todd, Truman Todd, Janet Stout – Diagnosed with cancer. ECC friend Andrew Morales passed away. ECC visited Kahikuonalani Church (2/27). ECC Pastor Emeritus, Kahu Kimo Merseberg enlightened the ECC members with a short visit, but full of historical information, to Leeward Community College, standing at or near the original Kahikuonalani Church. ECC visited Kalihi-Moanalua Church (3/27) Liliuokalani Church (4/24) and will visit Ka Hana Na Akua Church (5/22).

**Lenten Study:** Kahu Mau used the book “Autopsy of a Deceased Church”, Tuesday nights, 6:30p – 7:30p. Along with the discussion of the book, ECC has initiated SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) dissection of its church.

Campus Development: Much activity as some funding has been blessed to ECC and work has begun to repair and paint its parish hall; completed one week after Easter Sunday. Fund raising continues toward this project. A majority of ECC's tenants have returned to their operations on campus on its designated days and evenings.

### **Hau'ula Congregational Church**

Kahu/President Sadrian (Sage) Chee  
Moderator: Bessie Kamakeeaina

#### **Worship Services:**

Permits submitted and awaiting approvals to finish repairs and remodeling of the church sanctuary and facilities.

Services to be held in-person after work has been completed.

All meetings be held via online services.

#### **Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects:**

Organizing community volunteers to participate in refurbishing of our church pews, furniture, and grounds.

Partnering to distribute Covid essentials, such as Masks and at home testing kits.

Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday partner with Aloha Harvest and our local faith and community-based organizations to distribute food to the community. Last year we partnered and distributed 2.5 million pounds of food throughout Ko'olauloa and the island.

Portable toilet provided by Windward Porta Potty Rental, Hau'ula, Hawaii located on back of church building.

In process of looking for Engineer for Septic tank.

Benchmark for three estimates to fumigate church building and storage shed for termites.

Life Celebrations – no life celebrations.

**Hauula Kahuku Church** – report to AHEC Oahu Isle Rep not received.

**Ka Hana Ke Akua Church** – report to AHEC Oahu Isle Rep not received.

### **Kahikuonalani Church**

Pastor Rick Hirakawa  
Moderator – David Wong  
Delegate – Joanne Kishimori

#### **Worship Services:**

Sunday Services 9:30 A.M. ( usage time – 8:30 – 10:50)

Pohnpei UCCP – usage time – 11:00 – 1:20

Tuvalu Fou Church usage time – 1:30 – 3:30

Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects:

March 6, 2022 – Resumed holding our annual Scout Sunday with Troop 75 who were chartered by our church over 50 years ago.

March 27 – Kahikuonalani removed the covid restrictions and are now mask optional.

The Serteens Club, a high school service club meets once a month at our church until they return to St. Andres Priory at the beginning of the new year.

Pastor Rick continues to take care of the Outreach Ministry for the Church.

**Deaths:**

April 8, 2022 – Marian Chun

**Kalihi and Moanalua Church**

Kahu Manu Nae'ole

Moderator/President: Toni Ku-Daniels

Church Delegate: Toni Ku-Daniels / Johnnie Ku

**Worship Services:**

11:00a Sunday worship service

**Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects:**

2 baptisms

3/27/22 - Ewa Community Church visited worship service with lunch after

Ho'olala Committee: Survey sent out last week to kahu and congregations

2 other churches use the facilities

Chuukese – Sunday after KMC worship service

Samoa (SISDAC) – Wednesdays, Saturdays

**Life Celebrations:**

no life celebrations

**Kawaiaha'o Church**

Kahu Kenneth Makuakāne

Moderator: Brandon Keoni Bunag

Delegates: Char Izuka, Elizabeth Garcia, Ka'iulani Hess

**Worship Services:**

Sunday, 8:30am, in person and via YouTube [kawaiahaochurch.com](http://kawaiahaochurch.com).

Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00pm, in person and via You Tube

Good Friday Service, 7:00pm, in person and via You Tube

Easter Sunday Worship Service, 8:30am.

2nd Sunday worship service at 10:30am., beginning in May 2022.

**Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects:**

Family Fellowship Friday Nights, 5:00-8:00pm, Games, movie nights and snacks.

Ohana Easter Egg Hunt, Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 2:30pm., all ages invited.

Bible Study, Sunday, 10:00am. Kane and Wahine classes.

Small group Bible Fellowship throughout the week via Zoom.

Kawaiaha'o Church School curriculum preparation for online digital classes.

Archives are being digitized. Thankful for funding received to assist in the project.

Homeless Ministry worship services and fellowship in the gymnasium.

Host Ali'i Sunday to honor Ali'i who continue to point us to Ke Akua.

Malama Lunalilo Tomb and Gardens, 2nd Friday of the month, 9-12:00noon.  
Semi-Annual Membership Meeting, Sunday, April 24, 2022, 10:00am.  
Council, Board of Trustee and Committee Meetings via Zoom.

**Life Celebrations:**

7 new members introduced to the congregation, Sunday, April 3, 2022.  
Kauai Ramos – Hawaiian Memorial, Saturday, June 12, 2021.  
Ronald Kia’aina - Kawaiaha’o Church Sanctuary, Saturday, July 24, 2021.  
Joel Leong – Life Celebration to be announced.  
Dottie Suiso – Punchbowl Cemetery, January 4, 2022.  
Ann Bolan – Kawaiaha’o Church Sanctuary, January 29, 2022.

**Lili’uokalani Protestant Church (LPC)**

Kahu/Pastor: Guest Ministers  
Moderator: John Hirota  
Church Delegate: Laurie H. Kauleinamoku

**Worship Services:**

Sunday, 10:00 a.m. in-person only

**Guest Ministers:**

23 Jan 2022	Kahu Wallace Kuroiwa	Kalaupapa Sunday
30 Jan 2022 & 20 Feb 2022	Kahu Lauren Buck-Medeiros	Henry Opukahaia Sunday
06, 13, 27 Feb 2022	Kahu D. Neal MacPherson	Holy Communion
06, 13, 20, 27 Mar 2022	Kahu D. Neal MacPherson	Holy Communion
03 Apr 2022	Kahu Kyle Lovett	Holy Communion
10 Apr 2022	Kahu Alpha Goto	

**Programs, Events, Meetings, Projects:**

13 Feb 2022 First Membership Invitational  
27 Feb 2022 Second Membership Invitational  
13 Mar 2022 Third Membership Invitational (tour and history of LPC)  
13 Mar 2022 Special Church Council Meeting  
(Deacon’s recommendation to approve membership to LPC)  
13 Mar 2022 Special General Membership Meeting  
(Council’s recommendation to approve membership to LPC)  
27 Mar 2022, 3 Baptisms and 7 installations of new members with Aloha Hour following  
Baptism: Lilinoe N. Fisher  
Baptism & Membership: Olan (Morgan) Fisher and Scott Fisher  
Membership: Joyce (Stanley) Aton, Robert “Doug” Aton  
Randy Kahale, DebraPat Piilani (Kawahakui) Oliveira  
Nina Monalene (Lorenzo) Pangelinan

Respectfully Submitted by:  
/a/ Myrna-Lyn D. Abang  
AHEC Oahu-Isle Representative

West Hawaii AHEC Report.  
West Hawaii Representative Kahu Charles Kaupiko  
June, 2022

**Hau'oli Kamanao Church:**

- Church for every first of the month in person at Hale Pule the rest of the month service on zoom Facebook live @Hau'oli Kamanao Church. 11:00am Sunday.
- Passover dinner 6:30pm April 15<sup>th</sup> live! Hau'oli Kamanao Church
- Kingdom Leadership Conference postpone to later time! Hau'oli Kamanao Church
- Easter sunrise service April 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00am Hau'oli Kamanao Church
- Island breeze performed May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 27 of our church ohana head to California to do cultural exchange, visit university of Arizona, fellowship with church ohana in California. May 30<sup>th</sup>- June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth night Wednesday night 6:30-7:30pm.
- Voted to Kokua Debi Lee support for Hokuloa church Henry Opukahaia Chapel in Punaluu Kau.

**Kona Lanakila Congregational Church:**

- Church is reopened and doing alternative preaching sharing message by Kahu Charlene Taketa 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month and Kahu Sam Masilamoney 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of every month.
- Hallelujah to virtual worship services via Zoom.
- Kahu Sam Ordination at Lanakila Church March 27<sup>th</sup> 2022.
- Bible study resume in January 2022 6:30pm Wednesday night and anticipating a new membership.
- Weekly in person and Virtual worship srvcies.
- Every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month "Special Lulu" for Lima Kokua-Makana to support members/friends in time.

**Kauaha'ao Congregational Church:**

- Outdoor worship service every Sunday by sidewalk of sanctuary/hall.
- Live on Facebook. Praise Jam at 9:15am and 10:10am

**Healani Congregational Church:**

- Bible study's postponed.
- Church service @ 10:00am and Keiki service @ 10:30am.
- Roy Ibarra has been overseeing and conduct for hale pule and ohana's of Healani Church.

*For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink" he says to you, But his heart is not with you. Proverbs 23:7 NJKV*

"Kukulu Ke Kahua Aupuni,"  
"Building The Kingdom Foundation"

Kahu Charles Kaupiko

**Association of Evangelical Churches  
East Maui Report  
June 2022**

Aloha Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God is good all the time and all the time God is good. In these times of unknowing one thing is for sure and that is our Lord and Savior lives. East Maui is active and alive. Speaking with anake Maile Shaw of Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church service continues to be face to face. Measures are taken and she reported zero covid. Paia has taken a role to mālama the kupuna and partnered up with Meals to Kupuna. The certified kitchen prepares the meals and Paia provides the delivery. Mahalo to aunty Maile Shaw and the Mahuna ohana. Paia is also planning a 142<sup>nd</sup> Celebration and Ho`ike tentatively November 8, 2022. Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church began November 2, 1880. Services continue to be held every Sunday @ 11 am. Mahalo those who came before us that we may worship in his house today.

**Kalanikahua Hou** continues to hold service both virtual and face to face. Supply Pastor Jimmy Aarona provides his worship to three of our Hawaiian Churches. Mahalo Tri-isle Mokupuni that provide his relationship with AHEC. Kalanikahua Hou has been active in its community and continue to do outreach to families in need. We are doing a pilot of Kupuna Sunday, which was started in December. Being a new year we want to lift up the kupuna and find the stories we may never capture without the venue of kuka kuka over a meal. (year of the kupuna 20tutu 2022) December honored Viola Hanaike and January acknowledged Jimmy Kaihou Sagawinit. We are looking forward to breaking bread with aunty Rebecca Kehano in June. Sadly, we have to announce loss of a dear and founding woman for our hale pule aunty Evelyn (Ulu) Hashimoto. Prayers to the Hashimoto and Vida ohana.

In 2019 Kalanikahua Hou decided to follow in the footsteps of our Kupuna and recognize La Ku`oko`a. This year we are planning to celebrate La Ho`iho`i Ea, July 31, 2022. On that day we will respectfully acknowledge our independence by folding the American flag and only fly the Hae Hawaii until the completion of our restoration. We have prayed on the action we have decided on and respectfully share our decision with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We do this in dedication of our Kupuna and HRH Liliuokalani.

**Kaulanapueo Church** doors remain closed anticipating repairs. After the loss of anake Janet Akau decisions have yet to be made. Judy of Kaulanapueo attends the virtual service on Sunday which keeps the spirit of her church alive. Prayers to the congregation and ohana of that Hale Pule.

Keanae Church is left in disrepair at this moment and our Conference Property Management must come up with some solutions. Boundary issues with the State, I believe still is a major factor in the property. No further information currently.

**Nahiku Protestant Church** once pastored by the late Cynthia Alencatre still has active members. Anake Sharon Kahookele had an accident at home and caused her to be hospitalized for a few days due to a broken foot. She is recovering very well at home under the care of her daughter and Moderator of Nahiku church, Ellen Kahookele. We gather both on zoom and every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month Kahu Aarona will make the drive out to Nahiku.

Bless Kahu Aarona and mama kahu as they steward these churches. Also prayers of strength and good health to Kahu Roy Newton of Paia Hawaiian Church.

We continue to support our Association and pray truth and justice prevails all the days of our service to our Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ.

Aloha,

Joyclynn Costa  
Maui Rep.

**West Maui & Molokai AHEC Churches**  
**Report to the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches**  
**June 12, 2022**

Aloha Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches,

**Lahuiokalani Ka`anapali Congregational Church:**

Every Sunday at 10 o'clock, Andy Carba rings the bell, calling everyone to join our church services. That *kani-kani pele*, beckons people from the beach as well as people having coffee at the Farmers Market. Our small-member church has a core group of 18 members. Lay leader, Aileen Trout, leads the service and message. The ukulele band: Pam Finamore, Debbie Peters, and Jill Gage lead us in song.

The congregation has a new parsonage, which includes a room for Bible study and social gatherings. Larger gatherings must be held outdoors under a tent. The church sanctuary was built in 1929 so the windows were in need of replacement. Through State Council's fund for Repairs and Maintenance, Lahuiokalani received funds for new windows. What a blessing!

With the easing of COVID rules, we will begin to serve refreshments.

**Waiola Church:**

Waiola Church continues to operate on steady ground. With cost cutting measures and generous donations of the past year we have been able to attend to many delayed maintenance projects and meet pressing obligations.

Sunday services have been in-person since the beginning of August, following County Covid guidelines we continue to ask attendees to wear masks and our side doors are kept open. Two families with young children have been attending and the recent purchase of an iPad allows us to record live services and then post them on our Facebook page. Church traditional music is provided using recorded, and sometimes live, guitar music, and fellowship is experienced briefly after services despite foregoing our traditional after service meal and talk-story gatherings. Board and membership meetings have been conducted on-line via zoom.

We completed repairs to our annex building in preparation for Punana Leo O Lahaina Hawaiian language preschool to move into it over the coming break. This was a drawn-out process with many upgrades required to meet current permitting requirements. A major challenge was faced to redo plumbing for the kitchen and bathrooms - requiring grounds and graveyard irrigation system changes to meet County water regulations. We hope to soon replace air conditioning units for our Hall with funds left from our successful "pay off the Hall mortgage" campaign. The graveyard is faithfully attended and maintained and work was done clearing and pruning trees on our Luakini rental property.

Waiola was able to achieve 5 for 5 standing with OCWM and special mission offerings made for 202 and strives to continue these in 2022. The church bylaws have been modernized and updated to reflect current realities. Looking forward to 2023, Waiola prepares to celebrate our 200th anniversary - with careful planning underway.

Kahu Anela Rosa continues to serve us with weekly sermons and gifts of aloha. She has accepted a leadership position with AHEC and remains working at her beloved Napili Resort. Though small, with modern technology we have become a congregation with engaged participants from near and afar. The Church receives many hours of loving work from our Board

members: Judy Kinser, Gordon Bradley, Laura Sakamoto, Tama Kaleleiki, Watters Martin, and Susan Yap, and office manager, Jen Mather.

We seek guidance from Ke Akua as we explore new ways to share the gifts of Aloha and Christian fellowship that so many have experienced at Waiola Church. Linda Norrington Church moderator

**Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church:**

Memorial service for Aunty Adeline “Addie” Rodrigues were held on April 19th at the Olowalu Plantation.

**Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church:**

Continues to have in person service. Using supply pastors to fill the pulpit. Services are at 9:30 am Sunday mornings.

**Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church(PHPC):**

*Ua hūnā nō wau i Kāu ‘ōlelo i loko o ko‘u na‘au i ‘ole au e hana hewa aku ‘ia ‘Oe Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee. Psalms 119:11*

...our memory verse for 2022 finds Pā‘ia Hawaiian Protestant Church (PHPC)basking in His glory!

Praise God PHPC managed to navigate face to face worship services safely throughout the pandemic. We required masks, posted wellness reminders, practiced social distancing & disinfection protocols. Praise God for our Kahu Roy Newton who weekly shares God’s word & message at our 11:00am Worship Service; communion on the first Sunday. We follow a lectionary prepared for the year by Kahu Roy, that ascribe a 4–6-week thematic series in alignment by scripture.

In March, we welcomed the Royal Order of Kamehameha and O Na Wahine Hui O Kamehameha; returning our Ali‘i Sunday Worship Service; followed by fellowship & luncheon serving their favorites; tripe stew & Hawaiian food.

Kamehameha School’s Maui deputation team is cleared to lead worship and we look once again forward to their return to PHPC. We held Sunrise Resurrection Sunday Worship Service followed by breakfast and fellowship.

Since the abrupt departure of Lloyd Nebres early last year, PHPC has been blessed by the talents of Kumu Kalei Aarona Lorenzo (& their ‘ohana) who serves as our pianist and musical extraordinaire. Last year, we launched a collective effort that allowed everyone to share mana’o related to what PHPC means to them, which was composed into a PHPC song by Kumu Kalei. We practice this Himeni weekly during our worship service and look forward to sharing it at our Ho‘ike planned for November 5, 2022.

Reggie Galacia continues as our lead deacon with a pure heart to serve. Aunty Maile Shaw and Cousin Leonard Paleka are our resident tenants ministering to daily visitors and campus oversight. In the absence of accurate records, PHPC established a topical mapping inventory of our cemetery. Cemetery internment is limited and we are looking to establish cemetery protocol and guidelines. Praying Christ’s grace, mercy, love & peace, health, safety & wellness be with all of God’s people.

2021 Pauku: Psalms 27:4 - One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and

to enquire in His temple. Ho‘okahi no mea a‘u i noi aku ai a ia Iehova, ‘oia ka‘u e ‘imi aku ai. E noho au ma loko o ka hale o Iehova I na la a pau o ko‘u ola ‘ana, E nana aku i ka nani o Iehova, a e ninaninau i loko o kona luakini.

**Waihee Protestant Church:**

Waihee Protestant Church still having Services. Sunday mornings 08,:30 a.m. Usually 4 to 5 member's attending. On March 13,2022 John Hoomana joined in membership at Waihee Protestant Church. We have a Bathroom Project, will start as soon as the Contractor finishes his job in Kula. We are next. We are going with Mike Young (Wide Open Construction, Inc.) Just \$156,246. Looking for Grants and lots of Kukua.

Pohnpei Ministry doing Fundraiser's( ladies sewing skirts, dresses and blouses). We are Praising Ke Akua every day. Still have homeless at our location.

**Ka’ahumanu Church:**

In person services are happening and we continue to share worship virtually on Facebook service is at 9:00am. Ka’ahumanu Church began its own Capital Campaign to raise \$2,000,000.00 for the repair and restoration of the sanctuary and steeple.

Punana Leo o Maui preschool building was deemed unsafe by a structural engineer. The building was leaning. Temporary repairs have been done and building deemed safe for occupancy. We will need to move forward with a more permanent renovation of the building in the next year. More fundraising in the next couple of years.

**Kalua`aha Congregational Church:**

Continues to have worship service in person for worship on the 4th Sunday of the month. There is a quarterly shared service with Waialua Congregational Church, and they do participate in Topside Council meetings and activities.

Mahalo Ke Akua a me ka Ha‘aha‘a,



Wayne Higa  
West Maui Representative



**STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT  
2022`AHA PAE`ĀINA `AHA `IKI NĀ KAI `EWALU  
ANNUAL (VITUAL) MEETING**

**DEVOTION:** The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you but will rejoice over you with singing.” Zephaniah 3:17

Aloha to all our beloved brothers and sisters serving the Lord. We welcome you all in the love and delight of our Lord God. God rejoices in you and is a Warrior who is ever with you.

We continue to share of our Oahu sister's and brothers. Officers for Oahu Association are President- Ipo Gora , Vice-President- Kahu Manu Nae`ole, Secretary- Toni Ku-Daniel, Treasurer -Laurie Kauleinamoku. Lili'uokalani meets with regular service but no Sunday School at this time. Kalihi and Moanalua Church meet in person for service and they are also holding Sunday School as many of them are family members. Kahikuonalani holds small services and shares their facilities with a Micronesian congregation. Lorna Motas shares that Sunday School is not in session at this time. Our Kawaiahao Church family recently had a concert (I like to think of it as an 'Aha Mele) recently that Kahu Mau shared a bit with us. We look forward to hearing from more churches and pray for safety and unity.

East Hawaii shares officers are President Cynthia Akimseu, Vice-President Minnette Crawford, Secretary Meli Akimseu, Treasurer- Russell Paio, Advisor-Loke Kamanu, and Auditor - Frank Mulec. They have 8 active churches which are opened for worship. The Early Release program (kids 3- 12yr old) due to COVID are not meeting at this time. However, their workers meet and plan to see how they can best meet the needs of the community children. At this time no Hoike are planned or reported but all are looking forward to next year having their Hoike.

Our Island presidents continue to meet and at our May meeting planned for our Hō`ike for the 2022 `Aha Pae`āina. Information was sent to churches and we mahalo those who have responded and we look forward to sharing the videos at our meeting this 2022 `Aha Pae`āina.

Be blessed and let us reflect on our Lord's great love and care for us. Be secure in your faith, know that God's love will always be there for us. Please continue to pray for the world and especially for all of us here in Hawaii, beloved in Christ.

Mahalo i Ke Akua

Loke Kamanu  
State Sunday School Association President

## Hawaii PAAM Report

05-09-22

Report - Kahu Rennie Mau, Hawaii PAAM Moderator

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### “Stand Together Grant”

Hawaii is now re-opening and Hawaii PAAM youth are now collecting digital stories, artwork, and recipes as Hawaii dealt with the pandemic, racism, and comforting hope. “Kitchen Table Stories.” We will be publishing the stories with recipes this year!

### StoryXPeriential with PIXAR Animation

Hawaii PAAM partnered with GAMEKIDS, Olelo TV, and the Hawaii Film Commission on a 10 week online webinar for youth to learn “storyboarding.” The purpose was to encourage youth to create and share stories of their own culture and experiences. Over 300 youth world-wide are participating including youth from Samoa and Micronesia. The program will repeat and we can open it up to other PAAM regions.

<https://youtu.be/SxgVxqGpFXc>

To understand how important this training is for nonprofits and churches here is a TED talk link to a presentation:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/hyeonmi\\_kim\\_how\\_webtoons\\_are\\_changing\\_movies\\_and\\_tv](https://www.ted.com/talks/hyeonmi_kim_how_webtoons_are_changing_movies_and_tv)

Sample of one of our youth . . .



### **Hawaii PAAM with the UCC Rural Coalition of Small Churches**

Participating in monthly meetings with pastors and church leaders across the UCC. 70% of UCC churches are designated small churches (including most PAAM churches). We are addressing issues and projects which can help our small churches (i.e. insurance, internet access, seniors, children, “call and search”, etc.) If you are interested in joining in - please let Kahu Mau know and he will add you to their email list. There is a FB Group page to join. Click: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1015320602739808>

### **Hawaii PAAM and HCUCC Disaster Ministries**

Mahalo to Danny Tengan and Wayne Fujikane of the HCUCC Disaster Ministries who have worked with Hawaii PAAM to coordinate food distribution to many of the Pacific Islander church families in need on the island of Oahu. We have also been distributing PPE supplies as they are available. We were able to help the Pu’uhonua Ministry of the Hauula Kahuku Church after a flood over the New Year’s weekend.

### **SCREENCASTING Workshop**

Hawaii PAAM hosted a “Screencasting” Workshop for Pastors and Church leaders on new ministry tools for online ministry.

### **Hawaii PAAM Youth Bible Study**

Since March 2020, Hawaii PAAM hosted a weekly bible study for youth across our islands via ZOOM on Wednesday nights. . Led by Sasha Kamahale (Kawaiahao Church) and Kahu Rennie Mau. Currently on break with start-up again in the SPRING 2022..

### **Update Hawaii PAAM Brochure**

Hawaii PAAM is updating its digital and print brochure. Hawaii PAAM is a partnership ministry in the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC).

### **Hawaii PAAM and HCUCC Micronesian Committee**

We continue to work with the HCUCC Micronesian Committee on supporting the work and ministries of our Micronesian brothers and sisters here in Hawaii. Food distribution for the past five months. Of significant note is the creation of a ONE STOP Center on Hawaii Island with several grants including from Hawaii Conference and the National UCC.

### **Hawaii PAAM UCC - Polity Course with an Emphasis on Pacific Islander churches**

Hawaii PAAM is developing with other UCC entities a UCC Polity Course from a perspective of Native and Indigenous. The online course will focus on Pacific Islanders. The class will be taught by Kahu Rennie Mau with others on the [www.beadisciple.com](http://www.beadisciple.com) platform in the Summer 2022.

### **New “Free” Interactive APP for Hawaii PAAM:**

Wonder App - <https://wonder.me/>

Geneva App - <https://geneva.com/>

Kahu Mau will host a webinar soon for those interested on how to use these free and powerful apps. Please send me an email to register: [kahumau@gmail.com](mailto:kahumau@gmail.com)

### **OFFICERS for 2020-2022**

**Moderator** - Kahu Rennie Mau, Ewa Community Church

**Vice-Moderator** - Pastor Jordan Gallen, Jr. UCCP (United Church Pohnpei) Pearl City

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# Report of the Covenantal Relationship between Kamehameha Schools and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches- Aha Iki 2022

The Covenantal Relationship between Kamehameha Schools and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches provides opportunities for nā haumāna to participate in activities with the local churches. These activities have provided opportunities for the students to grow in their faith and character. The churches have been reinvigorated and encouraged to see youth leading worship and practicing servant leadership.

## Goals of the Covenantal Relationship

1. KS will establish deputation teams which will be available to local churches to lead worship and demonstrate servant leadership. This would demonstrate to the local church that youth can be a contributing member to the worship experience.
2. Support the local churches by providing opportunities for the students to demonstrate servant leadership to their church and home communities. KS will assist the student in developing the projects.
3. Encourage pastors of the local churches to be a part of our ministry to our children by serving as resources for our Chapels and Christian Education classes.
4. KS will make its facilities available for AHEC functions, provided they do not conflict with KS events/functions.

## Serving our Local Churches

- The COVID 19 pandemic has curtailed our ability to serve our local churches. Just when it seemed like we would be able to head out once again, a wave of variants took over and we had to pull back.. We anticipate being able to serve our churches as our communities gather in person once again.

Ke Akua pū,



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