

III. ANNUAL REPORTS



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Luna Hoomalu 2021 Aha Na Kai Ewalu Report

Ano'ai me ke aloha ia Iesu,

June 2021

The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches was formulated in 1994 through the United Church of Christ (UCC)-Apology to the Native Hawaiian population for participating in the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. This action called for the UCC-Redress funds that established our association in representation to the Native Hawaiian population, the *Kanaka Maoli*. Our faith in God has persevered throughout our long history into the present day and will remain in the future to come. We give all glory to Ke Akua, our Heavenly Father and am truly blessed to be among believers of Him. According to our non-profit Articles of Incorporation under Section 415B-34, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) our AHEC purpose is described in: ARTICLE II-Purpose, the purpose of this Association shall be:

- 2.1 To affirm our Hawaiian Evangelical, biblical roots.
- 2.2 To express our Christian faith through Hawaiian cultural forms, including Hawaiian values, traditions, language, and spirituality.
- 2.3 To authorize and confirm standing of churches and standing of Na Kahu (ministers); and
- 2.4 To transact any and all lawful activities for which nonprofit corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 415B, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

In my experiences over the past three years, our Churches, and their Membership practice Hawaiian Evangelical and Biblical Roots in the liturgy unique to our Hawaiian Islands. Our Hawaiian expression of Christian faith is shown through many of our cultural forms. The beautiful Hawaiian language that captures our rich traditions sharing our spiritual relationship with Creator and the land that He has given to us. As the ex-officio on the Committee on Ministry (COM) I have witnessed a wide range of issues, from fitness reviews, complex court cases surrounding ownership responsibilities of our churches and their cemeteries to divided congregations and unstable leadership. Many joys of the COM included ecclesiastical councils that welcomed the calling of local ministers and the joining of new Churches. We are ever so blessed while remaining faithful in all our works among this unique community of faith. The four items within ARTICLE II-Purpose, shines through the very hearts of each and every single Church, congregation, member, and partnerships. It is all of you that live out the purpose of our AHEC naturally and loyally without any doubts.

I am truly blessed to be called as an AHEC Member in Discernment (MID); it has been such a divine educational journey to attend seminary while serving you all. I have grasped a tremendous amount of knowledge in such a short period of time. By His will I am able to apply these learnings into my service to AHEC in real time. I will complete my Master in Divinity (MDIV) this summer and may be adding another Masters of Arts in Theological

Studies (MATS) along with the Masters in Indigenous Theology (MTh) in the Fall. Wish me heaps of faith as the MDIV is 90 credits, the MATS is 40 credits, and the MTh is an additional 24 credits. I have enough credits for the MDIV and MATS this summer and able to accomplish the additional 24 credits in the Fall. For all the courageous souls who endured 5-7 years of seminary I applaud your devotion, especially if you also worked full time as a parent. I hope to encourage everyone to pursue their calling in perpetuating justice and peace for our Hawaiian people and the people who have called Hawaii home. My three children, by my side, have learned so many aspects of ministry through witnessing my diverse participation in so many levels of ministerial and leadership roles.

Our current AHEC Bylaws describe the duties of the Luna Hoomalu to include these eight items. In 5.1.2.1 I Shall preside at meetings of the Association, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu. I have attended and hosted every meeting that is within this section. The 5.1.2.2 shares my consultation with the Association officers, shall propose the direction for the Association to the Board of Directors for its approval, and shall make an annual report to the Board of Directors and to the Aha Na Kai Ewalu. The direction that I had posed at the beginning of my tenure as acting Luna Hoomalu was to bring our Association into compliance. Beginning with our AHEC Bylaws, we were able to wrap up many years of editing among the Special Bylaws Committee that was formed to complete that task. In 2020, the AHEC Bylaws were finalized and approved enabling a much clearer application process with the Programs Committee, now renamed Na Lima Hoike E as well as adding our Special Hua Mua Committee as a Standing Committee. In 5.1.2.3 I shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and except where provisions to the contrary may be stated in these Bylaws. With this Aha Na Kai Ewalu being an election year for the seat I currently serve I can see the need to abide by this particular item. Prayers to the Nominating Committee for upholding such a noble position in securing mail-in ballots this year since the hit of COVID-19, tracing each sender and assuring accurate counts and representation. This is no easy task. I was unable to carry out participating on all Standing and Special Committee's except for the Executive Officers, Na Lima Hoike E and the COM. I did not receive notifications to any other Standing and Special Committee meetings and am unsure if any took place in the past year or beyond. The 5.1.2.4 states the Luna Hoomalu may be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) years and may be elected to another term if one (1) year has elapsed from the time that the person ended the prior term. In 5.1.2.5 I Shall represent the Association on the Conference Council of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ (UCC). I have served in this capacity for the duration of my term and have learned an exquisite amount of information about the multiple layers facilitated at the Conference Council of the Hawaii Conference UCC. Since beginning my tenure, I have joined the Hawaii Conference Foundation as a member and Class A Trustee as well as serving on the Property Management Committee. In 5.1.2.6 I shall execute all contracts and other documents as ordered by the Association or Board of Directors; and 5.1.2.7 I shall in alternating terms be a Kahu and a layperson. This leadership roll has enabled our functioning budget and continued support to our Na Lima Hoike E, Hua Mua, COM, and other Association needs. My beloved Koolauhuiia Protestant Church has called me to serve the pulpit a few times each month and as needed. It has been a joy serving as a Kahu or layperson conducting Sunday services. The next item, I am not too familiar with as we have not yet needed to experience 5.1.2.8 -After extensive searching, in the event an eligible nominee is not

available, then a nominee from the category may be presented. I participated in the following AHEC activities as the acting Luna Hoomalu:

General Membership Meetings Article 3:

Spring Halawai February 20, 2021

Aha Na Kai Ewalu June 17, 2021

Board of Directors Meetings Article 4:

December 20, 2020 April 10, 2021

Officers Meetings Article 5:

March 18, 2021

Committee Meetings Article 6:

COM- January 15, 2021 January 30, 2021 March 13, 2021 March 19, 2021 April 9, 2021 May 7, 2021

Na Lima Hoike E-April 30, 2021

Conference Council Meetings Article 5:

February 6, 2021 March 26-27, 2021 March 27, 2021 April 17, 2021 April 24, 2021
May 15, 2021 May 22, 2021

I am truly grateful to be learning from our entire Association coming from all of our many villages throughout our island chain. Our Committees; have been diligent in their procedural understanding their role and duties to our membership. Please see their reports and the many milestones that have been accomplished in this 2021 year to date. To the many committee members shuffling your busy lives and attending the many, many, Zoom and face to face meetings gaining more and more clarity in our service to His people. I am elated to be able to work alongside every one of you as you gather solutions and fill in where needed.

On behalf of our Executive Committee, please forgive us when we have failed to serve you. We are aiming to serve to the best of our capabilities. To our loyal partnerships, Kamehameha Schools, Pacific Islanders and Asian American Ministries, Christian Endeavor Hawaii, State Sunday School Association, State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches and the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center, we truly appreciate your patience with the AHEC and extend an invitation to remind us of our covenant with you all if we have not fulfilled those expectations. Giving all glory to God, our Heavenly Father, Ke Akua. I look forward to working alongside you all in maintaining the advancement in our direction for the AHEC and the covenantal relationships we have among our rare community of faith here in Hawaii.

¹⁶You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

¹⁷This I command you, that you love one another. -John 15:16-17

Aloha I Kekahi I Kekahi,

Kauanoë M. Hoomanawanui

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(acting Luna Hoomalu 2021)



**2021 Virtual 'Aha Pae'āina Na Kai `Ewalu
Luna Ho'omalulu Hope Report
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
June 17, 2021**

Scripture: I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. (Psalm 121:1-2)

Aloha Kākou a pau loa,

Our Lord is always in control no matter what we may think, he has the plan, the answers and the way we should move. We just need to look up to him and trust that he has our hopes and needs in hand and will always be there for us. With every challenge that we face, we know that we can look to him for guidance and he will show us the way. He made heaven and earth, the whole of it. He can easily help us, if we let him, if we trust in his love and care. Look to him, and he'll be there for you.

As servants for the Lord, we move forward working for our congregations sharing the Lord's wisdom and aloha. Kūpuna have shared their mana`o and will continue to do so as has many of our churches moving forward and standing strong in faith with courage. We keep all in prayer that our Lord will lead us where we need to go and accomplish what is needed, what is pono for all.

This past year, I've been working with the Aha Pae'aina Planning Committee on behalf of our partnerships. This feels familiar as it has been welcomed work. We have discussed ideas, planned events, and worked together moving forward. As Luna Ho'omalulu Hope this was a learning experience which I enjoyed as our group from across the Pae'aina shared ideas and encouraged one another.

For this 2021 Virtual `Aha Na Kai `Ewalu, besides my role as the Luna Ho'omalulu Hope, I will also be in the role as Kakau `Olelo as Lorna Bufil has resigned. We send her our heartfelt aloha and mahalo for serving AHEC these past year and pray blessings upon her as she moves forward in her service for our Lord and his people. Mahalo Lorna.

Mahalo to all of you who have allowed me to serve this Association, learn more, and grow in the Lord and his wisdom. I have been truly blessed. Keep in prayer one for another across our Pae'aina and around the world. Ever look to our Lord as he will always care for us and lead us where we need to be of the most value to his work.

A hui hou pū Kakou,

Loke Kamanu
Acting Luna Ho'omalulu Hope, AHEC





Kahu Wendell B.K. Davis

Papa Makua Report – AHA NA KAI EWALU – June 2021

"Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path". – Proverbs 3:5-6

Hālāwai (Meeting)

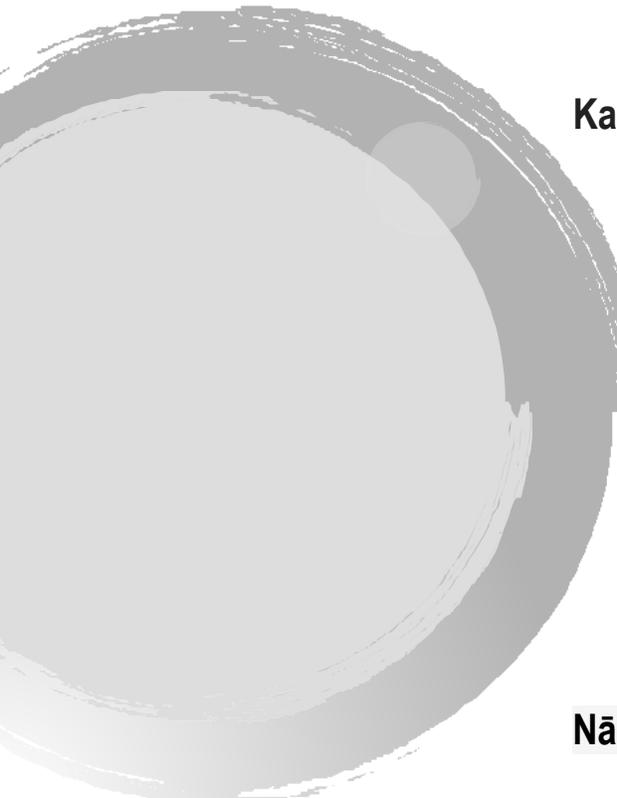
- Attended Church On Ministry (C.O.M.) Meetings as scheduled
- Attended meetings with our Hua Mua Committee and assisted with zoom networking with the Pension Board. Initiated posting of Hua Mua Sunday notices to churches.
- Attended meetings with the Resolution Committee as scheduled. Assisted with the completion of the AHEC Resolution to the General Synod for this summer and contributing to upcoming newsletters.
- Monthly meetings continue with HCUCC Conference Minister, Kahu David Popham every second Thursday of each month.
- Attended the Papa Makua Committee meetings, as needed.

‘Oihana Kaila (Outreach Ministry)

- **WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS** – All AHEC Churches, other Hawaiian Churches, individuals, families, and communities on a weekly basis.
- **COV-19 INFORMATION** – All AHEC Churches – Provided information to all churches regarding updates on COV-19, along with updates on CDC, State and City guidelines, as well as vaccination initiatives and update.
- **OUTREACH INFORMATION** – All AHEC Churches – Provided information regarding benefit notifications, grant opportunities and government support initiatives.
- **KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS** - Meetings and collaboration continue with Kevin Cockett, KS Associate to the CEO, Jack Wong, on partnership initiatives (See “Nā Hana I Holomua”) Currently participating with KS and other pastors, as a member of their “Faith Advisory Group”, designed to assist the spiritual needs of Kamehameha Schools.
- **KALO TV/KLTE RADIO** –Upcoming initiatives include Christian Hawaiian devotionals in both video and podcast format for local, national and international Christian outreach.
- **PAAM** - Ongoing meetings with Kahu Rennie Mau in support of PAAM.
- **HAWAI’I PRAYER BREAKFAST** - Attended this prayer event on May 7th.

Ho’ola Ana (Healing)

- Assisted with support initiatives for Haili Church in transitional phases for encouragement and spiritual direction.



Kahu Hapanui (Pastor to Pastor)

- **Kūkā Time: With Na Kahu, Na Alaka'i (Zoom Meeting)** Established time with pastors and lay leaders to share joys, concerns, reflection on pastoral self-care through monthly meetings.
- **Kūkā Time:** Continued contact with churches, pastors, and lay leaders both active and inactive (in-person, email, text, phone conversation).
- **Hola 'Aina Kahunapule:** Ongoing in-person pastor gathering and kūkā hour monthly continues.
- **Leeward Community Outreach:** Assisted Kahu Irene Hassan (Ka Hana O Ke Akua) with community outreach efforts for the homeless in West Oahu, with specific assistance to Pokai Bay. I contacted other pastors throughout Oahu for additional prayer and personal support of this event. The community outreach was very successful and currently, other initiatives and collaboration are being planned to address this community's need.

Nā Hana I Holomua (Ongoing Initiatives)

- **AHEC WEBSITE:** Ongoing efforts continue as our AHEC Website continues to be developed. Mama Kahu Angie Warren is assisting with forming and managing our website. Churches are urged to provide all information for their page in the proper form. The Website address: <https://ahechawaii.org>
- **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 for the sharing of their events and activities.
- **AHEC TELEVISION CHANNEL:** AHEC T.V. continue to be used for our churches and global transparency on the work and ministries of AHEC. Churches are invited to send their video links (YouTube, Vimeo, etc.) for posting. It will not repost video links from FACEBOOK. However, if churches utilize FACEBOOK LIVE, they can post to YouTube and send the link. There is also a section called, BLOG that can be used for church sharing.
- **VISION TEAM:** On-going efforts continue for its formation and direction. More specific outcomes and goals are to be defined after the Aha Pae'aina.
- **KS PARTNERSHIPS:** On-going conversations with the Kamehameha Schools focus upon their request for assistance of AHEC in providing Christian value initiatives for KS Preschools state-wide. I have also initiated efforts to establish a partnership with the Kamehameha Schools Resource Centers throughout the islands (Oahu, Kaua'i, Maui, Moloka'i, Hawai'i) as added support facilities for assisting AHEC, as needed. With the help of the Kamehameha Schools Alumni Association, this partnership will be valuable in identifying and connecting with all Hawaiian Churches both locally, nationally, and internationally to increase membership churches in AHEC

Report of the AHEC Papa Makua Committee
For AHEC Aha Na Kai Ewalu for June 2021

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.
1 Timothy 6:17-19

Our AHEC Papa Makua committee has celebrated the work of our Papa Makua, who since being elected at our Aha Na Kai Ewalu in June 2019 has been serving our AHEC kahu, churches, committees, and board faithfully and well without full compensation. Our Papa Makua's advice to us was, "Have faith in Ke Akua, be patient and allow the spirit to move!"

The latest good news:

1. The Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ Council appointed on February 6, 2021, a two-person committee of Linda Rich and Elwood "Woody" Kita to meet with our AHEC Papa Makua Committee to negotiate the salary package of the Papa Makua. Five of us (Kahu Brian Welsh, Papa Makua and myself together with Linda Rich and the Conference Minister David Popham) met on Zoom for our first meeting on May 6, 2021. It was a good first meeting: getting to know each other and frankly sharing our ideas on the issues that we want to conclude.) Rev. David Popham will send us the link to find the best time for us to meet next.
2. Our Papa Makua meets monthly with both the Conference Minister David Popham and the Executive Director of the Hawaii Conference Foundation Andy Bunn deepening personal relationships and discussing issues related to the AHEC, the HCUCC and the HCF.
3. The Conference Minister has reported that included in the fund-raising capital campaign of the HCUCC/HCF of \$20 million, with the help of The Pension Boards Inc., are funds for the Papa Makua position.

The HCUCC/HCF fundraising campaign is still at the feasibility study stage. When the funds from this fundraising campaign to pay for the Papa Makua will become available is still not known.

Our AHEC Papa Makua Committee recommends that the term of our Papa Makua Wendell Davis be extended for another term of two years.

Reach out to our Papa Makua, thanking him for his faithful service and keep him and all of us in prayer!

AHEC Papa Makua Committee:

Ronald Fujiyoshi

Kahu Brian Welsh

Kahu Mike Warren

Report of the AHEC Ho`ola I Ka `Aina Komike
(AHEC Land Research Committee) for AHEC Aha Na Kai Ewalu, June 2021

“The land must not be sold permanently, because the land is mine and you reside in my land as foreigners and strangers.” (The Year of Jubilee: Leviticus 25:23)

Our komike has continued to learn about the intricacies of land in Hawai`i with our second tutorial led by Mr. Donovan Preza on The Great Mahele. Dr. Ronald Williams, Jr. who participated actively as a resource person is too busy with his work. Mr. Kalaniakea Wilson and Kahu Mahina Kaupiko have joined us in the tutorials replacing some of us who cannot keep up with the once-a-week pace.

We encourage our AHEC members to find ways to learn from Mr. Donovan Preza, an excellent and patient teacher. One can google his teachings on video and download his master’ thesis, “The Empirical Writes Back: Re-Examining Hawaiian Dispossession Resulting from the Mahele of 1848”.

What we have learned so far:

1. The Mahele was a uniquely Hawaiian land model unlike anything in the USA.
2. King Kamehameha III’s aim was to distribute land fairly to Kanaka Maoli and to maximize the land being productive.
3. The present judicial system has not followed the principles of the Mahele.
4. Real ownership of title lies in the original Mahele deed.
5. The owner of the property listed in property tax files may not be correct.
6. The Mahele is one of the first in the world to grant to tenants rights in the land.

The goals of the committee remain the same:

1. To research the titles of our AHEC churches to determine who owns the land.
2. To research the history of the land of the HCUCC (Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ).

Our committee is excited by the responses of many of our AHEC churches; we still are looking for persons from each of our churches to work with in researching your church land. We also want volunteers to work with us to research material on Oahu at the Archives and the Bureau of Conveyances.

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AHEC Resolution Committee Report
199th Aha Pae'āina/AHEC Aha Na Kai Ewalu
June 13-19, 2021

Committee Members: Papa Makua Wendell Davis, Kahu Ron Fujiyoshi, Kahu Kaleo Patterson, Pualani Muraki, Kalaniakea Wilson

“Thou Shalt Not Bear False Witness Against Thy Neighbour”

The AHEC Resolution Committee has been meeting weekly to address fulfilling requirements to be prepared for the educational intensive and presentation for General Synod July 2021. Look out for upcoming webinar's to educate our AHEC ohana about the complexities of the AHEC resolution for a deeper, clearer, understanding. The AHEC website <https://ahecchurch.weebly.com/> is the platform to read bi-monthly newsletters that expand upon the AHEC resolution and the significant events in Hawaiian history that lead to the creation of the AHEC resolution. Please share the AHEC website link with members and attend a webinar for more information. Our committee has convened and educated each other for eight months with ke Akua's guidance. We are currently working on a synopsis, question and answer page and possibly a study guide with additional resources to further the education for everyone to understand the situation we are in. Our first newsletter was posted on May 4, 2021 and the following dates additional newsletters will be posted to provide some historical context and education. May 18, 2021, June 1st, 15th, 29th, 2021, and the last newsletter will be posted on July 13th, 2021 summarizing war crimes on the 1839 Hawaiian constitution first in the world that begins with a quote from the bible confirming our foundation as the first Christian nation in the Pacific. “Ua hana mai ke Akua i na lahuikanaka a pau i ke koko hookahi, e noho like lakou ma ka honua nei me ke kuikahi, a me ka pomaikai.” Acts 17:26 of the bible. “God hath made of one blood all nations of men, to dwell on the face of the earth in unity and blessedness.”

**Na Lima Hoike "E"
Program Committee Report
Aha Na Kai Ewalu - June 17, 2021**

DATE GRANT RECEIVED/ DATE AWARDED	CHURCH	PROGRAM/ E ENT DATES	AWARD AMOUNT	DATE FINAL REPORT REC'D
10.20.20	Laupahoehoe	Spring Aha Halawai, 01/31-02/01/20	\$ 1157.00	11.30.20
07.03.20 10.20.20	Kalanikahua Hou	Na Wai Kuleana 7/06-26, 2020	\$ 3000.00	04.20.21
02.20.21	Laupahoehoe	Spring Aha Halawai, 02/20/21	\$ 20.00	Pending
10.10.20 Denied	Laupahoehoe	'Aha Pae'aina 2020 Oct. 04-10, 2020	Denied. * Reason: Date of application dated 10/10/20 and signed on 10/20/20. Application not received before the event.	
02.26.21 Denied	Laupahoehoe	Church Leaders Event February 13, 2021	Denied. * Reason: The application not received prior to the start of the event, and the envelope with request was postmarked 2/13/21, which is after the event started.	
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED FOR FY 20-21			\$ 4,177.00	
TOTAL RETURNED UNUSED FOR FY 20-21			\$ 150.00	
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT			\$ 47,661.00	

Program Committee Members

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Report Submitted by K. Arinaga - May 12, 2021

AHEC Committee on Ministry
Report to the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

May 12, 2021

Aloha Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC),

As we approach the annual meetings of our Association and Conference I gratefully and humbly submit this report from on the Committee on Ministry (COM). It has been a challenging time and it has been a rewarding time.

I'd like to take this time to say a mahalo nui loa to our outgoing members Anela Rosa (West Maui) and Keri Carmelo (West Hawaii). They have been valuable members of the team. They leave the COM but will continue faithfully in serving our Association.

Welcome to our new members nominated and to be duly elected by this body to serve in this very important part of the whole. If you wish to serve, if you wish to learn the Committee on Ministry is the Committee for you. So next year when the Nominations Committee sends out those forms. Send in the forms and say: "Here I am and I want to serve."

Church Relations (E Hapai na Ekalesia) – *Caring and working to be in touch with our churches.* This category would be to kokua churches when and as needed.

We have had one church transfer from O'ahu Island Association(OIA) to AHEC. That church was Ewa Community Church. Ewa Community Church also called Kahu Rennie Mau as Kahu La'a (Ordained Pastor) as their settled pastor.

You may have heard that there was some conflict in Hau'ula. Papa Makua Wendell Davis has been working with both churches. Mahalo Papa Makua. The Association now has two churches in Hau'ula, Hau'ula Congregational Church led by Kahu Sage Chee and Hau'ula Kahuku Congregational Church led by Kahu Linda Nina Kaaihue.

Policy & Procedure (Kahua, Papa Hana) – *The Committee is mandated in our By-Laws to follow the UCC Manual on Ministry(MOM) and the Buke Lawelima.*

The UCC MOM was updated in 2018. The Buke Lawelima was adopted by the Hawaiian Evangelical Association what latter became the Hawaii Conference UCC in 1956. The COM will be working on updating (not changing) the Buke Lawelima to reflect AHEC as we are today. At this time there is no update on the Buke Lawelima. But when that is complete it will be presented to the Board of Directors for discernment.

The COM will also strive towards having Policies & Procedures documented and readily available for use and clarification. These would be such things as procedural checklists and documents needed. The how do we take what is in the MOM and Buke Lawelima and apply them as simply and uncomplicated as possible.

Hawaii Conference UCC webpage: hcucc.org now includes a link to each Association's Committee on Ministries. The link will share who your COM members are from your area and

the processes needed to help the COM to better serve you the members.

Continuing Education ('Imi Na'auao) – There are all kinds of educational opportunities available for not just our Kahu but for the leaders within our churches. We would like to be able to gather the information on these opportunities and have them readily available for everyone. As well as encourage funding for continuing education through our Association. Some of our Kahu are already using some of these educational opportunities. Should anyone become aware of any resources please let the Committee know.

Part of our COM kuleana is seeking to help provide needed and on-going educational and training opportunities for not only na Kahu but our general membership.

Pastoral Relations ('Imi ike Kahu) – Seeking and caring for our Kahu.

Buke Lawelima - High standards in the ministry are essential for the carrying on of our Lord's work through his churches. Careful provisions should be made by the Associations for the choice of young men or women for this holy office. It must be remembered that an ordained person is a minister of the church at large and should be of such caliber as to be able to carry on his work with sincerity and competence not only in his local association but wherever Congregational-Christian ordination is recognized.

The COM will be implementing some procedural changes for the Periodic Review Process that has become known as the Annual License Review. The problem is just that. For Kahu that are licensed it means filling out a form, answering questions, mailing it in to get authorized to serve for another year. It is a requirement of being licensed.

More than that it is a time for representatives of the committee to talk story and build relationships with our Kahu. Alo I ke alo, face to face. How you doing? How your Church doing? How your family doing? Anything the COM or the Association can do for help? That kind of stuff. Periodic Reviews are not just for licensed Kahu but ordained, retired, and anyone authorized within our Association. Covid has opened up a new opportunity do this. Being able to watch our many churches and pastors services every week and zoom meetings.

The Association held it's first online virtual Ecclesiastical Council for Kahu Arthur Manu Naeole. That was followed by his Ordination and Installation service as the called Kahu La'a (Ordained Pastor) of Kalihi & Moanalua Church.

Kahu Sam Masilamoney has been authorized as a Kahu Pono (Licensed Pastor) at Lanakila Congregational Church. Upon completion of UCC History & Polity courses the COM shall continue his process of ordination in the UCC in the Privilege of Call Process.

Kahu Alvira Cacabelos has been authorized as a Kahu Pono (Licensed Pastor) at Laupahoehoe Congregational Church. She is also in the process of completing UCC History & Polity courses.

Recently one of our Kahu had a Fitness Review done. Fitness reviews will always be difficult. There were complaints made. Not from his church. But complaints non the less. That fitness review is now in an appeal. An appeal can only challenge the process of the review and not the outcome. Representatives of our AHEC Com are currently reviewing documents of the fitness

review. The COM is also reviewing the program of growth towards complete reinstatement of our Kahu.

The O'ahu Association began and will complete an ordination process with Kahu Irene Hassan. She has been called by Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church UCC an AHEC member church. Kahu Irene will transfer her standing to AHEC at the completion of the ordination process with the O'ahu Association.

Kauanoë Ho'omanawanui is completing her Seminary courses at Vancouver School of Theology. The COM looks forward to completing her Ordination process in the up coming months. She is a member of Ko'olau Hui'ia Protestant Church on Kauai.

It has been a challenging time, educational and uplifting. Mahalo again to you the members of the Association for your prayers and support of your Committee on Ministry.

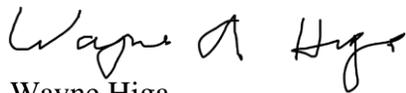
The Covenant Renewed

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.

Mahalo Ke Akua a me ka Ha‘aha‘a,



Wayne Higa

Acting Chair AHEC Committee on Ministry

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR
Churches Authorized with Standing in the Hawai'i Conference
United Church of Christ
May 27, 2021

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

<u>Hawai'i Island</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
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:	HOKULO'A/HENRY 'OPIUKAHA'IA CHAPEL	WARREN, Michael	P
Waiohinu:	KAUAHA'AO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	WONG YUEN, Debbie	P
<u>Kaua'i</u>			
Anahola:	KO'OLAU HUI'IA PROTESTANT CHURCH		
<u>Maui</u>			
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
<u>Molokai</u>			
Puko'o:	KALUA'AHA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	OGOSHI, Janice	P
<u>O'ahu</u>			
'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
	KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH	WOOTEN, Douglas	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
<u>CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES</u>			
Hilo:	HAILI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	WELSH, Brian	P
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
Davis, Wendell CH
Ha'alilio, Nancietta K. RT
Kaina, William H. RT
Kaupu, David K. RT
Kekuna, Curtis RT

Makuakane, Ker P
Makuakane, Viol RT
Mau, Rennie P
Merseberg, Jam RT
Twigg, David RT
Welsh, Brian P

LICENSED MINISTERS

AHEC

Higa, Wayne
Hirakawa, Rick
Kapunia, Agnes Lani
Kaupiko, Charles

Kaupiko, Melveen
Rosa, 'Anela
Taketa, Charlene
Wong Yuen, Debbie

MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT

AHEC

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

MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING OUR CHURCHES

(Without standing in the Hawai'i Conference)

AHEC

Chee, Sage

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

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

1. I attended the Board of Director’s Zoom Meeting, Saturday, April 10, 2021, along with truly invested Hua Mua Committee members, that have additional committee responsibilities.
2. On April 20, 2021, Hua Mua Committee had a Zoom Meeting with Kahu Popham of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ. We thank him for his transparency, and willingness to answer questions to the best of his ability. We, the AHEC Hua Mua Committee and HCUCC are both preparing for capital campaigns. Discussion of how we can work together for maintenance of properties including taxes, support of clergy, ensuring the perpetuation of the position and office of AHEC Papa Makua, and emerging ministries were started. There is a lot of work to do, conversations to be had, and with Ke Akua’s guidance, we will fulfill needs.
3. **CELEBRATE Hua Mua in the months with 5 Sundays in 2021- May, August and October. Please make checks payable to AHEC Hua Mua, and mail to PO Box 1872, Kailua Kona, HI, 96745.** Papa Makua Wendell Davis will be sending reminder email. Mahalo Papa Makua.

4. Hua Mua Donations Received since last report:

Rec’d/Deposit.	Amount	Check #
031921/050721	\$555.00	1001
032021/050721	\$151.35	1316
042421/050721	\$176.00	1979
050721/050721	\$200.00	1090
050721	\$1,914.35	Batch 3 Deposit

Respectfully Submitted,

L. Alaka’i Paleka

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ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES
199th Aha Pae'āina
East Hawaii Report

June 14 – 17, 2021

Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him.

Proverbs 30:5

As our churches in East Hawaii continue abide by COVID19 restrictions, many of our churches have moved to online telecast either with Zoom meetings or online with live services. There has been very little changes in the past year reported by the individual churches. COVID 19 has brought on social distancing, motivating our churches to become more creative in presenting God's Word to the world. We continue to place our trust in Him, as we become innovative in presenting God's love to a hurting world.

- **Haili Congregational Church & Kuhio Chapel**- Kahu Brian Welsh is continuing to minister to his congregation. Sunday Services are held at Haili Church beginning online at 9:45 with pipe organ selections on Facebook at Haili Congregational church. Kuhio Chapel is closed. Haili Church services are well attended via online participation by members as well as visitors.
- **Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church** Kahu Michael Warren continues to serve Kalapana Congregation. Kalapana hosts Sunday services at 11:00 at Kalapana Maunakea Church Live on Facebook. Kalapana Maunakea continues to distribute food to the community at organized food distribution every other month as well as hosting a Food Bank for families in need.
- **Laupahoehoe Congregational Church** We celebrate Kahu Elvira Cacabelos, who is called to minister to Laupahoehoe faithfully. Mahalo for God's blessings as we keep our friends in prayer. Laupahoehoe is holding Sunday services via Zoom with their congregation. Laupahoehoe had just began "in church services" when the second mandate to close churches occurred. Mahalo to their members who continue to participate and support the Sunday services.
- **Ola'a First Hawaiian Church** – Kahu Lani Kapuniaia continues to pastor Ola'a. Ola'a is working to come online virtually with their worship service from the social hall. At this time they are videotaping on Sundays and distributing the video upon request.

So brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ continue in your faith in our Lord. Be safe and healthy keeping in prayer for one another always in God's love and grace.

Mahalo I Ke Akua,
Pamela Ah-Nee
East Hawaii Representative



West Hawaii AHEC Report. West Hawaii Representative Kahu Charles Kaupiko
May 15, 2021

Hau'oli Kama'ano 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 Kama'ano Church. 11:00am Sunday.
 - Replace roof on church & hall.
 - Painting being done.
 - Youth night Wednesday night 6:30-7:30pm.
 - Easter sunrise April 4th at 6:30am with Ecabalos School brought praise and worship at park pavilion.
 - Women's retreat May 7 & 8 "Mana Wahine Mai Ha'awipio."
 - Vision statement: Building the Kingdom Foundation.
- Please keep them in your pule mahalo nui loa!

Lanakila Congregational Church:

- Church is reopened and doing alternative preaching sharing message by Kahu Charlene Taketa 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month and Kahu Sam Masilamoney 2nd and 4th of every month.
 - Hallelujah to virtual worship services via Zoom.
 - Weekly in person and Virtual worship services.
 - Every 5th Sunday of each month "Special Lulu" for Lima Kokua-Makana to support members/friends in time.
 - Pulpit supply: Worship leader: Barbie Muraki-Valdez, Vice-Moderator
 - Worship Service with the choir of Hoolokahi Church with Soloist Vicky Lee performing for the Prelude and Communion with the Choir doing Special Music.
- Please keep them in your pule mahalo nui loa!

Kauaha'ao congregational Church:

- Outdoor worship service every Sunday by sidewalk of sanctuary/hall.
 - Oversees Hokuloa/Henry Opukahaia Church at Punaluu.
 - Easter sunrise on audio tune in to FM 98.1 to listen to the service.
 - Live on Facebook. Praise Jam at 9:15am and 10:10am
- Please keep them in your pule mahalo nui loa!

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.
- Please keep them in your pule mahalo nui loa!

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up- for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground. Genesis 2:4-5 NRSV

Kukulu ke kahua aupuni,
Kahu Charles Kaupiko

**Association of Evangelical Churches
East Maui Report
May 15, 2021**

Aloha Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to take a moment to pray for all those affected with the effects this virus has caused. I understand some have suffered physical and mental health.

This past year has caused some to lose their jobs and the ability to better provide for their families. Bless those who have reached out to the community in their area and with God's blessing found ways to provide.

I am happy to say Paia Protestant Church has continued to open their doors and provide a safe environment to gather and fellowship. Kahu Roy Newton continues to provide his service to Paia as well as his home hale pule Maluhia in Waiehu. Kalanikahua Hou continue to zoom a weekly service for their members as well as Kaulanapueo and Nahiku Protestant Church. Kalanikahua Hou did however, provide a safe Easter service with communion. A neat self-contained wafer and cup of juice was given to those who wanted to partake. For Mother's day we had a fundraiser pancake breakfast sale which started after Sunday service. Although Kaulanapueo has chosen to close their doors for now due to low membership, they continue to be in service by way of zoom with Kahu Aarona. For those of you who knows aunty Janet Akau her health is frail but her care is loving and ever present with her mo`opuna and daughter Nan. I request for prayers for Keanae Protestant Church due to damage from the last storm. The steeple fell directly in front of the entrance. They have also endured other serious damage. This year did not only take a toll on our lives it has taken a toll on our structures as the weather came through Maui, especially on the East side.

Let us give thanks for the blessings we have, family, good friends and our ability to fellowship in every church with our Lord and Savior.

Mahalo Ke Akua,
Joyclynn Costa

Aloha

Joyclynn Costa
East Maui Rep.

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

Oahu Representative Report

199th Aha Pae'aina/AHEC Aha Na Kai Ewalu

June 13-19, 2021

I pray that this report finds you and your church well and under the guiding hand of God. Since the last Aha Pae'aina, our Oahu churches have seen the calling of two new Kahu to the pulpit. This lends to an encouragement that God's Word continues to move God's people during these times. I was able to attend and participate in the following installation services both virtual and in-person as the Oahu representative.

Kahu Rennie Mau was installed as Pastor (Kahu) of Ewa Community Church on November 15, 2020. This was historic in that it was the first ever virtual AHEC installation of a Kahu. The presentation was unique in that those who were participants pre-recorded their parts. Kahu Rennie Mau and staff were able to place those parts in a worship format. It was different however; the basics of an installation service was met less the physical hugs and kisses. Mahalo Ke Akua!

Kahu Manu Naeole was ordained as a Kahu in our Association on Sunday November 22, 2020. On that same day, we installed him as Pastor (Kahu) of Kalihi Moanalua Church. This was a special time in that we were able to bring forth a young Native Hawaiian pastor to serve. Kalihi and Moanalua remained faithful in their search and call of Kahu Naeole and now have embarked on a life of ministry together.

It has been an honor to have served on the Board. The times have been challenging and the work of AHEC causes one to be faithful while that same faith holds us accountable to the work at hand. I have not been very effective at keeping the communication lines open between our Oahu churches and the Association work, for this I ask for your forgiveness. I pray that the Holy Spirit move within the Oahu churches to raise up effective leaders to continue the important work of the association.

Aloha Ke Akua,

Trevor Maunakea

Report of the Covenantal Partnership between Kamehameha Schools and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches – ‘Aha Iki 2021

Aloha,

To ensure the safety of the students during the COVID-19 pandemic, all student activities were put on hold. As such, our deputation teams were not able to serve our local churches. We used this time to build our students' faith and develop their spiritual leadership skills so we might be able to serve you when we are freed to do so.

Mahalo for your understanding and we look forward to partnering with the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches as we all help our students develop their faith lives in real and practical ways. The goals of the covenantal relationship remain:

Goals of the Covenantal Relationship

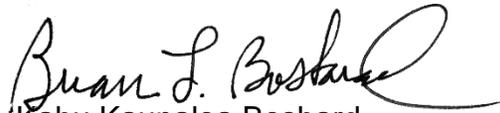
1. KS will develop at least one deputation team from each campus which will be available to local churches to lead worship and demonstrate servant leadership. This would demonstrate to the local church that youth can be a contributing member to the worship experience.
2. Support the local churches by 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.

Please feel free to contact any of us to schedule a visit.

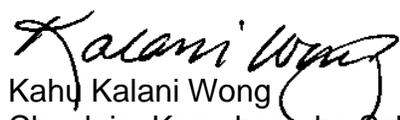
Ke Akua pū,



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Hawaii PAAM Regional Report

05-15-21

Report - Kahu Rennie Mau

Email: kahumau@gmail.com

Unsettling Truths

Hawaii PAAM with Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center (PJRC) has been hosting a six week book study based on the book, “Unsettling Truths” - The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery” co-authored by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah. This is a revealing new study and it is related to the AHEC resolution being proposed to General Synod. Resource Facilitators: Rev. Dr. Ha’aheo Guanson, Kahu Rennie Mau, Linda Rich, Leon Siu, Rev. Jeannie Thompson, and Brennon Takayama.

Doctrine of Discovery Webinar

Kahu Mau, on behalf of Hawaii PAAM facilitated the national UCC Webinar on the Doctrine of Discovery from the perspectives of Oceania. Here is the replay:

https://youtu.be/cRP8oeAxv_E

STOP THE HATE - National Webinar

Hawaii PAAM participated in a national UCC Webinar on “Stop the Hate - Asian American Pacific Islander.” A Call to Prayer and Action by (PAAM) with national leaders of the United Church of Christ . Replay Link: <https://youtu.be/lKsiph3bnCM>

Hawaii PAAM Youth Bible Study

Since March 2020, Hawaii PAAM has hosted a weekly bible study for youth across our islands via ZOOM its 7PM on Wednesday nights. . Led by Sasha Kamahale (Kawaiahao Church - Life 360) and Kahu Rennie Mau.

“Stand Together Grant”

Hawaii PAAM has received a \$4000 National Grant to work with young people in our Hawaii PAAM churches to collect digital stories and art regarding the Pandemic and racism. As a part of this project has evolved, we are doing the “Jerusalem Challenge” and invite all AHEC churches to participate. Jerusalem is a song written by a South African artists which focuses on world peace and racial justice. Millions of people around the world have put his music to a special dance. Hawaii PAAM invites submissions from individuals and churches dancing and sharing stories.

Another aspect of the project is “Kitchen Table” Stories recipes and stories of comfort food from our various church ohana. For more information, please go to the hawaiiipaam.org website or the Hawaii PAAM Facebook Group page.

Update Hawaii PAAM Brochure

It's been many years since Hawaii PAAM has updated its brochure. We will reveal a digital brochure for 2021. Please remember that Hawaii PAAM represents you on our national UCC level.

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.

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.

Mahalo to InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (West side); pastors Kahu Ken Makuakane, Kahu Rick Hirakawa, Kahu Gordon Marchant, Kahu Rennie Mau and Papa Makua Wendell Davis; and members of Ewa Community Church, Pearl City Community Church, UCCP Pearl City Pohnpei Church, Kahikuonalani Church, and Waipahu Filipino UCC for their many volunteers. Over 1200 families are being served each month since September 2020.

Hawaii PAAM UCC - Polity Course

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.

OFFICERS for 2020-2022

Moderator - Kahu Rennie Mau, Ewa Community Church

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

Secretary - Josann Jenks, Kawaiahao Church

Treasurer - Pastor Jeannie Thompson, Nuuanu Congregational Church

Youth - Ella Anderson, Kapaa UCC

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Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center

AHA PAE'AINA 2021 - AHEC REPORT

Dr. Kahu Kaleo Patterson, President & Dr. Kahu Haaheo Guanson, Executive Director

1. UH Manoa Summer Session is running w/ the following upper division and graduate courses; 1.Indigenous Peacemaking 2.Hawaiian Peacemaking and Ho'oponopono 3.Personal Peace 4. Gandhi, King & Liliuokalani. These courses have run for many years and were developed and are taught by Kaleo & Haaheo.
2. Dr. Haaheo is the new administrative Dean of the local Episcopal Church of Hawaii Seminary - Waiola Hui Ia which starts a new session this summer. The seminary offers an accredited ordination track locally converting now to online and has ordained several students in the last 4 years, including 6 native Hawaiians.
3. PJRC is currently collaborating with others and developing a new Hawaiian leadership development program to include licensing and local ordination, with courses in indigenous theology, social justice, church development and community organizing.
4. Prisons in Hawaii are opening up to community chapel programs this summer. PJRC has begun efforts to rebuild and restart the Hui Baibala and Makahiki classes. Reentry programs have been ongoing during the pandemic. We mahalo the AHEC and UCC support.
5. PJRC was active in organizing a Religious Leaders Statement of Support and Solidarity for Hawaii workers in April and works closely with the Hawaii Workers Center.
6. PJRC took a position on VETO HB 499 and participated in advocacy and organizing the Veto HB488 sign waving and Vigil, related to extending 100 yr. leases of Hawaiian Lands.
7. The PJRC Pacific Peace Center at the Towers of Kuhio Park Terrace is \opening up again with new programs. Many of the 500 families of KPT were impacted by Covid !9.
8. Food Outreach Drive Thru and outreach continues and entails 6 events a month with food for 300 Households, and partnerships with St. Stephen's, Hawaii Food Back, Ham Produce & Partners in Development, over 100 volunteers and many community partners.
9. Mahalo nui loa to all for prayers and support. We greatly appreciate the blessings we receive each and every day.





STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
P.O. BOX 407 HOLUALOA, HAWAII 96725

199th Aha Pae'aina

AHEC – Aha Na Kai Ewalu - Virtual Meeting
June 17, 2021

Aloha Kakou,

Represented the SCHCC at the Hawaii Conference Council and AHEC meetings.

The SCHCC has filed for its 501c3 Non-Profit Status, which continues to be a work in progress.

An addendum to its “Celebrating Advocacy – Past, Present, Future” book, in final editing.

The Repair & Maintenance Fund, a line item in the Hawaii Conference Foundation FY 2020-2021 budget allocation, remained at \$40,000.00. Two (2) churches applied and were approved funding.

The Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund, awarded funding to one (1) church.

The SCHCC continue discussions on a reconciliation working group with representatives from AHEC and the HCUCC.

Contributed funds to the Kahu Richard Kamanu Memorial Fund and Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church.

A Letter of Encouragement from the Executive Committee emailed to Island Council Presidents to distribute to its member churches.

The Bylaws of the SCHCC and Island Councils were reviewed by the Executive Committee with legal advise by an Attorney at Law to insure both entities are in covenant.

As FY 2020 – 2021 comes to a close, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches continues advocating on behalf of our Hawaiian Churches of the Hawaii Conference UCC.

Boyd Matsuyama - President



**2021 VIRTUAL `AHA PAE`AINA NA KAI `EWALU
STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION REORT
ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES
JUNE 17, 2021**

Philippians 4:6-7 ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Aloha from your State Sunday School board. Our father admonishes us to pray and petition with thanksgiving. He welcomes it and promises us peace beyond our understanding. Jesus is our shield and we give thanks and guard our hearts and health, as we keep focused on Christ. Thank you all for serving our Hawaii churches in this association. It continues to be a challenging time but we just need to keep faithful and safe. They Lord will take care of us.

During the 2021 Virtual Spring Halawai, we were pleased to receive positive feedback regarding the "Hoike" in which several churches shared music in praise. Praise The Lord! Many people responded that they really miss the singing and fellowship and were glad we shared and praised together.

In addition, at our board meetings we've received feedback regarding moving forward with Sermon 4 Kids. As many of our churches' Sunday Schools are not meeting at this time Sunday Schools have enquired how they might share lessons with students. So, we have worked with our SSSA executive board and present a Workshop at this 2021 Aha Pae'aina. Resources on Sermon4Kids as well as how to navigate their website will be shared at the workshop. The board has designated Wahineaukai Mercado to instruct as she uses it and is very familiar with it. SSSA supports this program, which follows our lectionary.

Next, SSSA took action to support our Sunday Schools in good standing by using donations to pay for their SSSA dues for the past two years. Sunday Schools are also reminded through their Island Associations to reach out to us for their Sunday School needs. Currently, our treasurer and secretary have been tasked to develop a form that churches may use to ask for help with their needs. We will share it with your island Sunday School Association when it is completed. Hulo!

Finally, SSSA has been the partnership representative to the 'Aha Pae'aina 2021 planning team. We Persevere together. It has been a learning experience and we are blessed to have been able to work with Kahu Jack Belsom and his team.

So let's keep each other keep us in prayer as we continue to work together for our Churches and Congregations. Blessings and thanksgiving go out to all Christ's children. E holomua kākou me Iesu Christo. Let us move forward persevering with Jesus Christ.

Me ka Mahalo i Ke Akua,


Loke Kamanu, President of State Sunday School Association

