

Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ  
Conference Council  
November 1, 2014  
Hawaii Conference Office  
Tentative Agenda

8:30 Gathering and Bible Study

8:45 Reports from Associations, SCHCC, Missional Teams, Personnel Committee,  
Treasurer, Conference Minister

9:30 Long-Range Planning Discussion

Break

10:00 Hawaii Conference Foundation Members Meeting

1. Approval of Minutes of August 2, 2014
2. Executive Director's Report

10:30 Action Items:

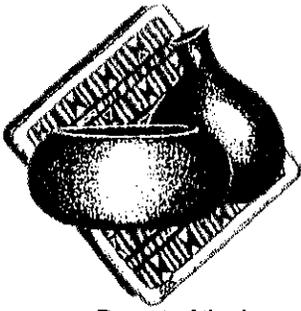
1. Approval of August 2, 2014, Minutes
2. Designation of Clergy Housing Allowance(s) for 2015
3. Appointments to Teams and Committees
4. Election: General Synod
5. Other

Break

11:30 James Moos, Executive Minister for Wider Church Ministries and  
Jane Sullivan-Davis, Executive for Resource Development, Global Ministries

1:00 Lunch & Adjourn

Future Council Meeting Dates: February 7, April 11



# ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

## HAWAII CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Report of the Luna Ho'omalulu of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

October 20, 2014

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

Aloha kakou,

The past three months have presented some unusual challenges to the normal pace of AHEC meetings. Since the new Board has taken responsibility at the Aha Iki, we have had not one, but two important gatherings blown away by hurricanes. In August our first Board meeting was shut down by Hurricane Iselle and the district of Puna is still recovering from its onslaught. Now this past weekend our Fall Halawai was canceled because of Hurricane Ana. How strange is that to have hurricanes during each of our important gatherings? It makes me wonder what the Spring Halawai holds for us. Fortunately no hurricanes are predicted that time of year!

Even though we are delayed in our normal activities, the work of the Association continues on. We were successful in having a make-up Board meeting in September and some positive things occurred at that time. One important thing to share is the Installation Service of Pastor David W. Kieffer as the Kahu of Lili'uokalani Protestant Church in Haleiwa on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 2:00 PM. AHEC will be installing Kahu Kieffer as a minister with Dual Standing.

The work of the Association continues in bringing resolution to the settled Papa Makua position. Discussions and plans to progress with Search Committee members and agendas are a bit in limbo as Hurricane Ana has set us back. This topic will be a part of our December Board meeting and by God's grace will progress forward!

One thing I presented at our Board meeting was a bit of Vision for our Association. I share an excerpt from my September report:

"My hope is to not dwell on past struggles, but to move forward as we see new vision to fulfill our destiny as Kalawina churches. Our Bylaws say that our purpose shall be: "To affirm our Hawaiian evangelical, biblical roots and to express our Christian faith through Hawaiian cultural forms, including Hawaiian values, traditions, language and spirituality." In order to help spark more brainstorm ideas and unify us toward common goals, I want to present a list of sample ideas that we may come to embrace and bring into existence as God leads us.

Here are some sample ideas:

1. Create a 30 day children's book based on the Kalawina tradition of family Ohana (family devotions). Interview our kupuna and learn the history and traditions of this rich cultural heritage. Illustrate it and make it a quality book children will want to use.
2. Dig into our church's closets and find lost music from the Song Contest Era that we can republish and share in this generation. Who knows what treasures we may find!
3. Create a youth curriculum sharing our Kalawina history and traditions that Kamehameha Schools and others may utilize.
4. Gather together and print a concise history of our Association. Put all the important documents such as the Kramer/Miller Report, The Evaluation of the Hawaiian Ministry and Aha decisions into a book that will put everyone on the same page for generations to come as to the uniqueness of this non-geographical, cultural Association.

5. Invite leaders from large churches of many denominations to come and learn accurate history of our Missionary heritage. They can then share with their congregations and help expand our vision and influence in the Islands. As you can see, if we embrace some of these or other ideas, there is plenty of work to do! My hope is that we will gain a stronger measure of unity as we work together for Christ."

The opening of this report was a Bible verse reminding us that as we trust in our great Lord, He will guide us forward. Might that be our experience in all of our Associations!

Blessings, Kahu Brian Welsh

**Kauai Association UCC  
Executive Committee  
9/23/14, 5:30pm**

**1. Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 5:32pm by Russell Maeda, President.

**Present:** Russell Maeda, President; Rev. Donald Schmidt, Associate Conference Minister, Hawaii Conference UCC; Jolynn Chew, Secretary; Linda Shigeta, Youth & Young Adult; Aletha Kaohi, Nomination; Rev. Michael Christensen, Church & Ministry; Rev. Rennie Mau; Andrea Kaohi, Waineke

**Absent:** Rev. Alan Akana, Chaplain; Milton Ching, President, Council of Hawaiian Churches; Mary Frazier, Treasurer; Naomi Hamamura, Church & Ministry; Glenn Frazier, Waineke

**2. Opening Prayer**

Rev. Nani Hill

**3. Minutes of 8/26/14 Executive Meeting**

Jolynn Chew

Motion by L. Shigeta; Second: A. Kaohi: to accept Minutes as corrected unanimously; closed: placed on file.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

Russell Maeda

Motion by A. Kaohi to accept Income & Expense Reports and Balance Sheets for August 2014; second; J. Chew; accepted unanimously; closed: subject to audit.

**5. Committee Reports:**

**5a. Council of Hawaiian Churches**

Aletha Kaohi

Milton Ching resigned as President; new President, Aletha Kaohi; V. President, Isaiah Kaauwai; Rev. Nani Hill; next meeting scheduled 11/2/14.

**5b. Church & Ministry**

Rev. Michael Christensen

1. Letter from Rev. Bob Smith retiring as Pastoral Associate at the Church of the Pacific received and accepted effective 10/01/14.

2. Recommendation made to grant Shem Korn of the Kauai Marshallese standing as "Recognized Partner Minister". Accepted unanimously.

3. Resignation of Milton Ching, as member of the Church & Ministry received; effective immediately.

4. Committee meeting date/time scheduled to change. After further conversation, the committee decided to keep their regular day and time (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 3:30p.m.)

**5c. Nomination**

Aletha Kaohi

Ongoing: one vacancy for Vice President; additional vacancies on Church & Ministry (1-Lay; Milton Ching resigned) and Youth & Young Adult (1-Y/YA; Ann Paua & Puafua Paua resigned)

**5d. Waineke**

Andrea Kaohi

Ongoing: increased occupancy of cabins; report attached. Need to communicate Waineke Work Days to increase participation from all churches; next Work Day scheduled for Dec; date to be announced.

### **5e. Youth & Young Adult**

Rev. Rennie Mau

1. Kahu Mau is now the Administrator for the online Armatus Training modules on “safe church”.
2. Proposed annual budget for the Island Wide Youth Coordinator presented, approximately \$1500; ongoing discussion.
3. KAUCC-Youth website established.
4. Successful summer programs/activities to date; Sadako, Thousand Cranes; Aha Opio, International Peace Week. Upcoming KAUCC Fall Intercession Camp, 10/5/14 – 10/8/14.
5. Linda Shigeta continues to collaborate Sacred Day Walk program with Rev. Phyllis Meighen; reminder of Women’s Board of Missions program on 10/4/14 at LUC.

### **5f Associate Conference Minister**

Rev. Donald Schmidt

1. HCUCC Fall Youth Camp registration closed; “filled”; including 16 youth from Lanai Union Church.
2. Ongoing search for pastors for Lihue Christian, Kapaa First Hawaiian & Church of the Pacific
3. Pastor Donald is available to visit with your church to discuss Stewardship

## **6. Old Business:**

### **6a. 2014 Fall Aha Mokupuni Update**

Rev. Nani Hill

Date/Time: 11/2/14 at Hanapepe Hawaiian 3pm  
Theme: “Pass It On” Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:2

### **6b. 2015 Spring Aha Mokupuni**

4/24/15 – 4/25/15 confirmed with Lihue United.

## **7. New Business:**

### **7a. Disaster Ministry**

Beverly Tobias, Kauai VOAD

No show; consideration to reschedule.

### **7b. Presentation on UCC Polity**

Rev. Donald Schmidt

To be rescheduled.

**7c. Any Other Business:** Request for clarification regarding the schedule of KAUCC Executive Committee meetings and KAUCC Association meetings as set by the By-Laws. Discussion followed and recommendation made to establish a By-Laws Committee at the October Executive Committee meeting.

## **8. Closing Prayer**

Russell Maeda

**Next meeting: October 28, 2014, 5:30pm @ Lihue Christian**

**Adjourned @ 6:54pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jolynn Chew**

**KAUCC Secretary 2014 - 2015**

## Report of the O'ahu Association: November 5, 2014

*The vision of the O'ahu Association is called to be a community of churches and authorized ministers covenanted in Jesus Christ to celebrate and proclaim the reign of God in word and deed.*

Board Members: Wayne Ibara, Gloria Imamura, Darel Itano, Darrell Kicker, Jayne Ryan Kuriowa, JP Sabbithi, Joan Sakaba, Kachusy Silander, John Stepulis, Sugalutimoteo, Lori Yamashiro, Dawn Young, and Martin Zorn.

Associate Conference Ministers: Diane Weible and Donald Schmidt

**Congregations:** There are approximately fifty congregations in covenant with the United Church of Christ through the O'ahu Association. One congregation was received into full standing during the Spring 'Aha Mokupuni.

**Ministers and Members in Discernment:** As of today, we have 85 authorized ministers with full standing in the Association. We have eleven members in discernment including one who was newly received as a member in discernment this past year. Randy Reynoso was approved for ordination pending a call following an Ecclesiastical Council on February 9, 2014. Cindy Au, chaplain for Arcadia Retirement facilities was ordained on September 27 at Central Union Church.

### **Gatherings:**

Our clergy continue to meet every second Tuesday for fellowship and continuing education. We thank the Rev. Diane Weible and the Rev. Donald Schmidt for arranging those meetings. The clergy gatherings have been a time of worship, fellowship and learning. Our association conference ministers thoughtfully arranged continuing education for clergy during these gatherings.

**The Spring Mokupuni** was held at the Makiki Christian Church on May 10, 2014. We had two presentations followed by two workshops during the Mokupuni. 1. A presentation on Mental Illness and Church's response by Lani Tsuneishi-Frederick, Director of Nursing, Leahi Hospital and 2. Church's response to Homeless Situation on Oahu by Jerry Coffee, Clinical Director of Institute for Human Services. Both of them also led the gathering in two workshops. The feedback from the participants showed us that there was enlightenment on mental illness and awareness about homeless situation on the Island.

The Fall Mokupuni which was scheduled to be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to November 15<sup>th</sup> due to Hurricane Ana.

**Church and Ministry Committee:** The Committee has been working on providing opportunities for continuing education for clergy. The committee also offered the Boundary Training on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of October. This well attended whole day seminar was led by Associate Conference Minister Donald Schmidt. The Board of Directors recently approved recommendations from the Church and Ministry Committee for policies related to boundary training and continuing education.

**Scholarships:** During the year, three ministry students were awarded scholarships by the Association. While two students are studying at Vancouver School of Theology Native Ministries Program, one is at Andover Newton Seminary in Massachusetts. The scholarship for one student was made possible by the Huang Scholarship through United Church of Christ–Judd Street, which is administered by the O‘ahu Association.

We are proud of being the O‘ahu Association where our faith is nurtured, our love is shared and Christ’s name is glorified. To God be the glory!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev.Dr.JP Sabbithi

President, Oahu Association, United Church of Christ



**‘Aha O Nā Mokupuni ‘O Maui,  
Moloka‘i Ame Lāna‘i  
2371 W. Vineyard Street  
Wailuku, HI 96793–1626**

TO: Conference Council  
FROM: Tri-Isle Association  
DATE: October 23, 2014  
SUBJECT: Tri-Isle Association report for November 2014 Council meeting

The Tri-Isle Association executive board has been meeting monthly. Our latest endeavor is planning and launching an educational program entitled Equipping Tomorrow’s Church Leaders. This is a proposal from the Church & Ministry Committee and will consist of nine courses over a period of three years. Three courses will be offered each year with visiting seminary professors, local clergy or scholars as instructors. In addition a Boundary Training will be offered every year.

The fall Aha Makua meeting was held on September 13, 2014, at Po`okela Church with an attendance of 68 people. Worship was led by youth who attended the Western Regional Youth Event and by Po`okela Church youth. Our keynote speaker was Martha Mensendiek, missionary to Japan. She gave an inspiring account of her work at Doshisha University as well as an update on the Fukushima disaster recovery work that continues. Business item consisted of information and approval of the policies presented by C&M, and the ETCL continuing education program.

Policies were adopted at the Aha Makua meeting in September around continuing education for all authorized ministers to maintain standing in the TIA. Requirements are (1) complete Boundary Training once every three years, and (2) complete an approved Continuing Education Course each year, using the UCC’s Marks for Ministry as a guide. There are other ways to complete these requirements and will be addressed by the C&M Committee with the minister.

Our local clergy will be conducting a workshop on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Wailuku Union Church on “Worship and Ministry.” Invitations have gone out to all churches. A recognition service for the installation of Miguel Morales as licensed minister at Maui Evangelical Church was held on October 19, 2014. The celebration was marked with joy and good food! Offerings received at the installation are designated to the Scholarship Fund of the Hawaii Conference.

Diane Meyer  
President, TIA



# Hawai`i Island Association UCC

## November 1, 2014 Report For: The Hawai`i Conference Council, UCC

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*Iokwe aolep,*  
Aloha all,

*Mokta jen bar men otem jej, jen lelok Nebar im Kamolol nôn Ar Iroj kin juôn in Iien emmôn im ej Alikar tok nôn kijwôj kajojo.*

Before anything else, let us give Praise and Thanks to our King in Heaven for this good Time which Grace provides for each and every one of us.

*Almighty God, your Son has shown us how to love one another. May our love for you overflow into joyous service and be a healing witness to our neighbors through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

From this week's UCC "Weekly Seeds"

Well, after the two hurricanes that stopped by, the news for right now is the wonderful Love and Caring that we are watching as the people of Pahoia bravely face the lava flow coming down the mountain very slowly. It is very much like being there for the death of a relative. So far not many places are lost, but it seems ready to happen at any moment.

God bless the people who are working so hard and being so loving for those who are preparing to leave their homes and start a new chapter in their life. Faith is often the only way for them to cope with the sudden changes. We are all working together like never before.

Even with the storms and all the damage, on the 25th of October, we had a wonderful Aha Mokupuni at Lanakila Congregational Church. We met in a round collection of tables and shared information, plans, and fellowship together. It was a lovely day with great food prepared and served by our host Kahu Charlene Taketa after worship and our business meeting. We all agreed that the Talk Story sessions at our Aha Mokupuni are really very important. This is a good way for us to know about each other, and all our problems, hopes, and dreams for working together.

All over the community a spirit of joy and togetherness begins the "multi holiday" season at this time of year. We shall move around with each other, party and eat together, and sing and worship together to share the season that comes to fullness with Advent and finally with Christmas. In remembrance of the Baby Jesus, there will be many special ways our children will come to learn the stories about Jesus and his birth so long ago. He became a Man of Love, who gave his life to be our Savior and free us of our sins. Today we still follow his path and hope to share his Love and Grace with those we come to be with on our journey to seek out and follow His will.

*Ber Wôt Iloan Aenemmôn \* Stay Inside Feeling Good!*

Nebar im Kamolol Iroj ilo etan Dri Lomour eo nejin, Jesus Christ, im Anij en ber Ibôm Aolep Kom Otemjelok. Give Praise and Thanks to our Savior Jesus Christ, and God be with you, each and every one of you.

Ñae, Keola

It is I here, Keola

President: Hawai`i Island Association - UCC

# Big Island Eruption Lava Flow Update

Aloha all,

I will attach a map of where the lava is flowing, but it has slowed down right now just outside of crossing the Pahoia Village Road, which is where my bank and other locations like the Post Office are located. When it crosses the roadway then big changes will begin to happen and they might end with less access. There will only be two emergency roadways until the lava cuts through them as well as the main highway and Kahakai Blvd. Finally, some time next year or so, We will have to change to another emergency roadway which will go all the way up to the Volcano National Park, where upon we will have to turn around and go back to Hilo to get supplies. Most people will likely take that route about two times per month, because it will be at least a two and a half hour trip covering about 100 miles each way. Right now town is only about 23 miles away from my house, and the one way trip can be made in less than an hour. At that point we will have to wait it out to see how soon the lava will come toward our neighborhoods. It may indeed some day wipe the entire area out. Only time will tell.

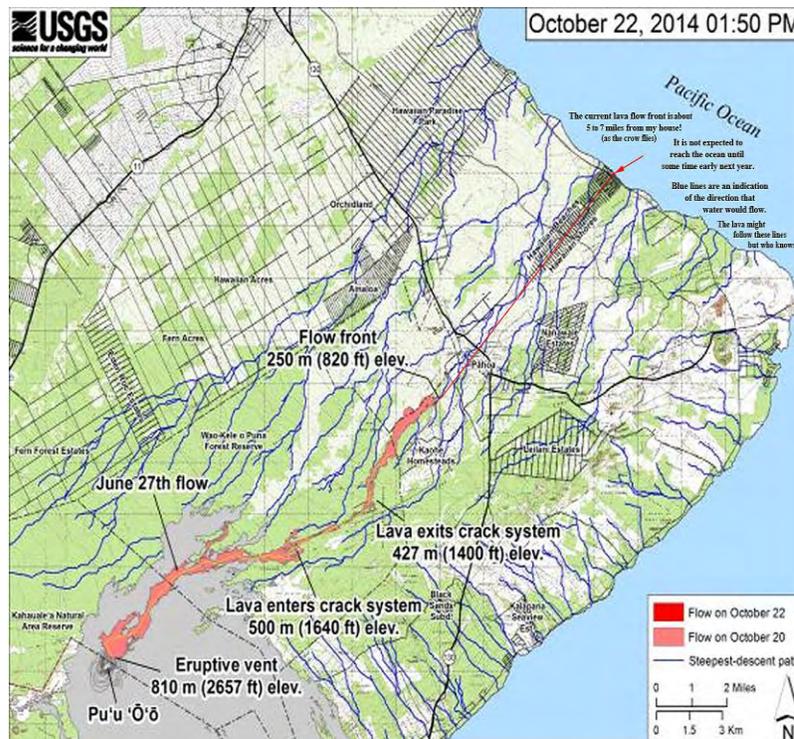
The image I will attach shows where the lava was a couple of weeks ago, and today it is about 450 yard from cutting the roadway to Pahoia. There is a bypass a half a mile further downhill which is not expected to be cut for perhaps a month or so. When that happens, then we will have to use the first of the two emergency roadways. When the lava reaches the sea, then we will only be able to get out of this area, the three subdivisions and one town here, by a very long route through the National Park. If that also is cut, we will all have to leave or face isolation and lack of all kinds of things. Don't Worry Be Happy is my tune, because worry itself won't change anything, and the lava could indeed stop at any time.

This eruption however, has not stopped for more than 30 years, and in the past has gone on for as much as 60 years or more at a time.

Only God in Heaven, Pele here on the ground with her movement, and the Oneness of all things within each and every one of knows the answer what happens next. We can experience it in a spiritual way by coming back to the quiet center of our hearts so that we can watch and listen to the creation of more land on this vibrantly living island! The map below shows where I live with a red line to the flow front on October 22. The flow is now just shy of being 500 feet from the Pahoia Village Road. We shall see now what happens.

Don't worry, Be happy!  
God Bless Us All,

Keola



Here, also are a couple of wonderful links that shows how the lava flow moves and what we can expect:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ooes\\_mqTwME](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ooes_mqTwME)

This is a longer video with the whole drama of the lava flow at Kalapana in the 1990's and even earlier:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6rk3oW4aahQ>



State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches  
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STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES  
Report for HCUCC – Conference Council Meeting  
November 01, 2014

Aloha kakou,

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) begins a new year (FY 2014 – 2015) with new leadership: President, Boyd Matsuyama; Vice President, Kahu Kealahou Alika; Secretary, Aletha Kaohi; Treasurer, Frank Mulec; Advisor, Sharon Matsuyama.

Welcome to the SCHCC Board of Directors (Island Council Presidents / Representatives / Partnerships): **East Hawaii Council**, Frank Mulec; **West Hawaii Council**, Harry Aiu; **Maui Council**, Aileen Trout; **East Maui Hawaiian Ministry**, Kelson Namahoe; **Oahu**, Della Kuaana; **Kauai**, Aletha Kaohi; **Molokai**, Stella Iaea; **William Kahuaka'i Kelihoomalua Scholarship Fund**, Kahu Richard Kamanu; **Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC)**, Kahu Brian Welsh; **Pu'a Foundation**, Toni Bissen.

The Oahu Council of Hawaiian Churches (OCHC) hosted SCHCC's first meeting, on August 16, 2014, at Kahikuonalani Church in Pearl City. Toni Bissen, Executive Director of Pu'a Foundation, shared an update of the work that Pu'a Foundation continues to do (especially with women incarcerated at the Women's Community Correctional Center – WCCC) within communities, on Oahu as well as the neighbor islands. Toni and members of her staff did a presentation on a program called "Huliau". This program deals with *"Community Healing & Well-being Work – Reconciling Past to Present for a Better Future"*. A couple of other programs that Pu'a Foundation continues to work on includes "Ua Mau Ke Ea" as community outreach and educational resources and "Ike Ku'oko'a", transcribing old Hawaiian newspapers, now being continued at WCCC.

The Board also revisited the SCHCC Bylaws and will be resubmitting the proposed amendments to the membership, for action, at the June 2015 Aha Iki. Churches will have an opportunity to review the proposed amendments prior to the June 2015 Annual SCHCC meeting at the Aha Iki.

SCHCC has the kuleana of reviewing requests for funding from the Repairs and Maintenance for Small Membership Hawaiian Churches and the Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund. Both funds have deadline dates of December 31 for applications to be received for review. Chairpersons for the Committees are Kahu Kealahou Alika, Repairs and Maintenance for Small Membership Hawaiian Churches and Aileen Trout for the Kahu Richard Wong Endowment. For applications and information, please contact your Island Council representatives (as shown above).

Kahu Richard Kamanu coordinates the **William Kahuaka'i Keliioomalua Scholarship Fund**. He has applications and information on this fund and the deadline to apply for this funding is on October 15. Please call Kaumakapili Church to contact Kahu Kamanu.

The next meeting date for the SCHCC Board has been scheduled for December 06, 2014.

In His Service,

*Boyd Matsuyama*

Boyd Matsuyama  
President, SCHCC

# Administration Missional Team Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ

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## October 2014 Report

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**Including: Charles Buck, Rod Chamberlain, Linn Garcia, Sherman Hee, Iese Tuuao, Joanne Nakashima, and Lori Yamashiro**

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### **BIG IDEA: Alignment of beliefs, statements and practice is a good thing . . .**

The Administration Missional Team (AMT) had its first and second meeting of the fiscal year on Aug 6, 2014 and Oct 1, 2014 based upon its functions for '14-'15. The Team has recommended that each missional team provide its core functions as part of the HCUCC website, for easy reference.

In terms of the AMT work, please see the following:

- Checking on how well our **By-laws are working**:
  - There are no pressing changes for the by-laws (the HCF Audit Committee does not plan to resubmit last June's recommend change, however, one of the lessons learned from the `Aha Pae`aina was that the workshop should have been done as a plenary or recapped on Saturday)
  - Two issues seem to need Council's guidance (and which may impact bylaws in the future) as we consider long term planning:
    1. How does the Council and HCF work together?
    2. There seems to be a disconnect between the Missional Teams and the Associations.  
How do we empower the Association?**After discussion, the Team agreed to take to the Council the two areas of concerns and ask for their input as to which to tackle first.**
- Reviewing our **projected Budget** for HCUCC Council action:
  - An initial review is scheduled for the January AMT meeting.
- Reviewing **Personnel** issues:
  - **After reviewing the nominees, the Team will recommend to the Conference Council Joshua Weible as the 11th delegate and Erica Mae Bonilla as the alternate.**
  - Alan Akana (Pastor at Koloa Union Church) and Francis Wong (Church of the Crossroads) have been submitted as nominees to the United Church Board from the Hawaii Conference.
  - The Personnel Committee has asked Charles and Sherman to create a policy regarding educational assistance for staff.
- Reviewing **pending resolutions or legal/audit issues**, including:
  - Kahikolu Church has received \$30,000 as a contribution from the Conference and Foundation for their legal fees. The judge agreed with the facts of the finding but could not do a summary ruling therefore it will go to a hearing.

The Team welcomes the opportunity to provide clarification or details as needed.

## **Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Missional team November 1, 2014**

Micah 6 – 8 from the Message

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,  
be compassionate and loyal in your love,  
and don't take yourself too seriously—  
take God seriously.

The team fulfills this directive by

- Equipping congregations with worship and study resources
- Inviting volunteers in congregations to be resource persons or advocates for initiatives
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- Educating churches on J & W initiatives through Conference communications, resource and study materials, workshops and presentations, etc.
- Advocating for justice and witness concerns in the public arena, as well as in denominational, ecumenical and interfaith settings

### **Justice and Witness information for congregational and individual use**

The team has created information for Justice Focus items and Special Sundays in the Church year. Materials include information on the topics, order of worship, background on issues, suggestions for songs, readings etc.

**Justice and Witness page <http://www.hcucc.org/#!/justice-and-witness-resources/c1669>**

- Mass Incarnations
- Rural Life Sunday
- Holocaust Remembrance
- Kaulaupapa Sunday
- Access Sunday/ Disabilities Week
- Marriage Equity Resources
- Completed but not on site yet Children's Sunday
- Heritage Sunday frame work will be available by year end

The team with support from council has committed to have articles in each issue of the Friend to highlight local, national and international Justice and Witness issues.

- October article on Tent of Nations – Palestine
- December seasonal topic

### **Justice and Witness advocates**

The team is committed to the development of champions in congregations or associations to carry forward the Justice and Witness message. We are beginning to get individuals with a passion for an issue stepping up to carry the message. We ask that you encourage members of your congregations and associations to be a champion. Champions can also bring forward issues that they would like the committee to support. The J&W team can work with the champions to create materials for their use and to share with the conference

**In development by the team new ways to keep the churches up to date on Justice and Witness issues**

The committee has under consideration periodic updates such as bulletin inserts or blubs and developing Justice and Witness stories from the congregations.

Also under consideration are periodic workshops with capabilities for all islands to participate. Topics under considerations are: Climate Change / sustainability, Criminal Justice System / Mass incarcerations, information / dialogue on Middle east and peace in our lives, Domestic Violence, Equality / economic justice, Transitional housing.

Purpose of the workshops is to focus on what is going on in the world. Telling the story in ways that relate to us here in the islands and how we can bring light to these issues through our faith and works.

**On line Survey Results**

**Question. Does your congregation participate in or run any programs or activities or advocate for policy changes supporting the topic. These may be formal or informal activities**

Answer Choices	Response
Food Insecurity --- Food Pantry, feeding programs, nutrition programs, advocacy programs such as Bread for the World	90.91%
Support for families in need - economic, social programs	63.64%
Domestic violence and bullying, prevention or education and support for victims	18.18%
Outreach to those who are homeless or in transitional housing	54.55%
Care of God's earth - carbon neutral congregations, support for farmers and fisherman, support for traditional farming and fishing practices that malama the earth.	45.45%

**Question: What items are you /your congregation interested in learning more about**

Answer Choices	Response
Support for those in need for example: food insecurity, feeding programs, homelessness, families in transition from homeless to housed	57.14%
Domestic Violence and Bullying	71.43%
Care of God's Earth	85.71%
Environmental Justice for example: including Atomic Bomb pollution, climate change effects on island nations,	71.43%
Inclusiveness for example: immigration, cultural sensitivity and equality and redress	57.14%

The peace of Christ be with you,  
Sue Smith Team Lead

HCUCC  
Stewardship Missional Team  
November 1, 2014

Members of the Stewardship Missional Team:

- Rev. Wesley Elmore, Kauai
- Kristen Kawachi, Oahu
- Richard Young, Oahu
- Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa, Oahu
- Diane Meyer, Tri-Isle
- Woody Kita, Hawaii
- Rev. Charles Buck, HCUCC
- Sherman Hee, HCF
- Rev. Donald Schmidt, HCUCC
- Lori Yamashiro, HCUCC

Activities August – October:

- Christian Investment Grants approved:
  - Waimea UCC - \$750.00 for Hou Kumulipo Bible Study community outreach
  - Windward UCC - \$2,000.00 New Beginnings Assessment/ Creating Transformational Leadership in Hawaii for Windward UCC. This will make information available to other churches assessing the potential effectiveness of this model to help revitalize congregations in Hawaii.
  - Lanai UCC - \$350.00 assistance for Youth Camp
  - Kauai Association – approved amended activities for the Sacred Walk grant providing post wilderness mentored leadership opportunity for involved youth.
- Henry Opukaha'ia Scholarship approved:
  - Rev. Diane Weible - \$1,000.00 for an online Chicago Theological Seminary course, Leadership for Transformation, spanning 2 semesters.
- Mascot for OCWM contest continuing.
- Exploring team's role in alternative energy activities in the conference.
- In process to identifying goals for team.
- Planning Friends of the Conference fund raising mail out for 2014.

Woody Kita

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Balance Sheet

As of 9/30/2014

(In Whole Numbers)

	6/30/2014	9/30/2014	YTD Change
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash	119,332	107,346	(11,986)
Investments (Restricted Funds)	1,508,575	1,457,210	(51,364)
Receivables - Foundation	27,835	34,930	7,095
Receivables - Church Health Premiums	16,682	35,029	18,347
Receivables - Associations	2,534	2,011	(523)
Receivables - Other	5,288	5,572	283
Prepays	14,451	17,037	2,586
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>1,694,697</u>	<u>1,659,134</u>	<u>(35,563)</u>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Land	1,100	1,100	0
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>1,695,797</u>	<u>1,660,234</u>	<u>(35,563)</u>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	32,818	60,763	27,944
Accrued Liabilities	85,536	85,816	280
Church Health Premiums Payable	14,321	33,767	19,446
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>132,675</u>	<u>180,346</u>	<u>47,671</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<u>1,563,121</u>	<u>1,479,888</u>	<u>(83,233)</u>
	<u>1,695,797</u>	<u>1,660,234</u>	<u>(35,563)</u>

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
From 9/1/2014 Through 9/30/2014  
(In Whole Numbers)

	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budget	Variance (M)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (Y)	FY 15 Budget	Budget Remaining
<b>Revenue</b>								
<b>New Section</b>								
0								
0	87,172	118,699	(31,527)	259,231	356,097	(96,866)	1,464,388	(1,205,157)
	87,172	118,699	(31,527)	259,231	356,097	(96,866)	1,464,388	(1,205,157)
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<b>Expense</b>								
<b>A Administration</b>								
100	5,706	7,642	1,936	18,802	22,925	4,123	121,700	102,898
105	74,784	71,087	(3,697)	209,767	213,262	3,495	853,049	643,282
115	177	1,193	1,015	3,022	3,578	556	57,460	54,438
120	0	292	292	0	875	875	3,500	3,500
123	417	792	375	1,251	2,375	1,124	9,500	8,249
125	10,339	3,269	(7,070)	16,330	9,808	(6,523)	39,230	22,900
130	0	288	288	0	865	865	3,460	3,460
140	0	208	208	57	625	568	2,500	2,443
199	26	73	48	26	220	194	880	854
	91,449	84,844	(6,605)	249,255	254,532	5,277	1,091,279	842,024
<b>B Stewardship</b>								
300	0	42	42	0	125	125	500	500
320	3,100	417	(2,683)	3,100	1,250	(1,850)	5,000	1,900
325	0	417	417	0	1,250	1,250	5,000	5,000
340	428	2,062	1,634	5,188	6,185	997	24,739	19,551
399	79	132	53	182	395	213	1,580	1,398
	3,607	3,068	(539)	8,470	9,205	735	36,819	28,349
<b>C Formation</b>								
500	1,458	1,875	417	4,485	5,625	1,140	22,500	18,015
520	49	25	(24)	(201)	75	276	10,300	10,501
540	0	754	754	394	2,263	1,869	9,050	8,657
550	9,726	1,667	(8,059)	(10,214)	7,500	17,714	15,000	25,214
599	0	227	227	0	680	680	2,720	2,720
	11,233	4,548	(6,685)	(5,537)	16,143	21,680	59,570	65,107
<b>D Justice &amp; Witness</b>								
715	0	167	167	0	500	500	2,000	2,000
735	0	167	167	0	500	500	2,000	2,000
799	50	227	177	115	680	565	2,720	2,605
	50	560	510	115	1,680	1,565	6,720	6,605
<b>Z Contribution Pass Throughs</b>								
990	25	0	(25)	35	0	(35)	0	(35)
991	11,478	12,500	1,022	25,789	37,500	11,711	150,000	124,211

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
From 9/1/2014 Through 9/30/2014  
(In Whole Numbers)

	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budget	Variance (M)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (Y)	FY 15 Budget	Budget Remaining
992								
OCWM Special Support	1,074	417	(657)	12,539	1,250	(11,289)	120,000	107,461
Total Contribution Pass Throughs	12,576	12,917	340	38,363	38,750	387	270,000	231,637
Total Expense	118,915	105,937	(12,979)	290,666	320,310	29,644	1,464,388	1,173,722
Excess (Deficit)	(31,743)	12,763	(44,505)	(31,435)	35,788	(67,223)	0	(31,435)

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Revenue Analysis**

From 9/1/2014 Through 9/30/2014  
(In Whole Numbers)

	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budget	Variance (M)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (Y)	FY 15 Budget	Budget Remaining
Revenue:								
Income from Funds	4,182	6,750	(2,568)	12,526	20,250	(7,724)	81,000	(68,474)
Events	2,042	3,417	(1,375)	5,885	10,250	(4,365)	81,000	(75,115)
Friends of the Conference	225	2,083	(1,858)	890	6,250	(5,360)	25,000	(24,110)
HCF Distribution	52,357	52,357	(0)	157,071	157,072	(1)	628,289	(471,218)
Medical Premium & Service Fees	291	250	41	573	750	(177)	3,000	(2,427)
Our Churches Wider Mission	22,956	37,500	(14,544)	51,578	112,500	(60,922)	450,000	(398,422)
Special Offerings	1,285	11,833	(10,548)	18,708	35,500	(16,792)	142,000	(123,292)
Mission Memorial Fund	3,800	3,800	0	11,400	11,400	0	45,599	(34,199)
Miscellaneous	35	708	(673)	600	2,125	(1,525)	8,500	(7,900)
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>87,172</b>	<b>118,699</b>	<b>(31,527)</b>	<b>259,231</b>	<b>356,097</b>	<b>(96,866)</b>	<b>1,464,388</b>	<b>(1,205,157)</b>

**Hawai`i Conference United Church of Christ  
Minutes of the Hawai`i Conference Council  
Hawai`i Conference Office, Honolulu, Hawai`i  
August 2, 2014**

*Present:* Iese Tuuao (Chair), Daniel Shimomura (Secretary), Linn Garcia (Treasurer), Mary Herbig (Young Adult At-Large), Kristen Young (Young Adult At-Large), Russell Maeda (Kaua`i), Jayaprakash Sabbithi (O`ahu), Diane Meyer (TIA), Keola Downing (Hawai`i Island), Brian Welsh (AHEC), Boyd Matsuyama (SCHCC), Aletha Kaohi (Formation), Elwood Kita (Stewardship), Suzanne Smith (Justice and Witness), Joanne Nakashima (Personnel), Sherman Hee (HCF), Charles Buck (Conference Minister)

*Staff Present:* Ann Hiyane, Donald Schmidt, Diane Weible, Lori Yamashiro

*Excused:* Rod Chamberlain, David Iha

### **I. Gathering**

At 8:30 AM, the meeting was called to order by Chair Iese Tuuao. Mary Herbig led worship.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

### **II. Orientation**

The Rev. Tuuao invited members to introduce themselves and then reviewed the Conference Council directory and "Top 10 Board Behaviors" written by Rod Chamberlain. Conference Minister Charles Buck reviewed "Roles and Relationships," a guide to how Conference bodies and groups work together, and Controller Ann Hiyane gave an overview on the reading of the Conference's financial statements.

At 10:00 AM, the Conference Council meeting was recessed, and, following a break, the Members Meeting of the Hawai`i Conference Foundation was convened at 10:15 AM. Joining the Members Meeting was HCF Trustee Roberta Jahrling.

### **III. Hawai`i Conference Foundation Members Meeting**

#### **A. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Suzanne Smith, and seconded,

*AC 08-14-01 To approve the April 5, 2014, Minutes of the Hawai`i Conference Foundation Members meeting.*

Motion was approved by consensus.

It was moved by Keola Downing, and seconded,

*AC 08-14-02 To approve the June 7, 2014, Minutes of the Hawai`i Conference Foundation Members meeting.*

Motion was approved by consensus.

## **B. Independent Auditor**

Ms. Hiyaue reported that with significant upper management changes of current auditing firm, PKF Pacific LLC, concern has been raised about the firm's ability to undertake and complete the audit for the Hawai'i Conference and HCF. Conference staff is recommending consideration of a new auditor.

Following discussion, it was moved by Elwood Kita, and seconded,

*AC 08-14-03 To send out Request for Proposals for the FYE2014 audit of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation and to authorize the Audit Committee to review proposals and select an audit firm.*

Motion was unanimously approved.

## **C. Orientation to the Hawai'i Conference Foundation**

Executive Director Sherman Hee gave a brief overview of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation by reviewing his previously distributed written report.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation Members was adjourned at 10:30 AM, at which time the Conference Council meeting was reconvened.

## **IV. Orientation to UCC**

The Rev. Buck introduced special guests: Geoffrey Black, UCC General Minister and President, and Karen Georgia Thompson, Minister for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations.

### **A. Orientation to UCC National Setting**

The Rev. Black commented on the following:

- a. United Samoan Ministries: He and the Rev. Thompson were in Hawai'i to meet with Samoan ministers and churches as part of the implementation of last year's General Synod resolution calling for the consideration of a United Samoan Ministries.
- b. General Synod: Theme of next year's General Synod will be "Unexpected Places."
- c. UCC Board: The creation of the United Church of Christ Board fulfills the mandate for a unified governance of the denomination. One of the important first tasks of the Board has been to address long-standing, excessive draws on investments primarily through reduction of budgets, reshaping of ministries, and ramping up of financial development. Regarding the last, he announced that a new director of development has been hired.
- d. UCC Values: A strength of the UCC is its expression of unique values, including extravagant welcome. He has recently thought that an important focus for the UCC is addressing climate change and living out environmental stewardship that is integral to our faith.

### **B. Orientation to Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships**

The Rev. Thompson commented on the following:

- a. World Council of Churches: WCC held its Tenth Assembly last year in Korea, and the WCC's Central Committee met last month in Geneva. The UCC relates to many of the WCC member churches.
- b. World Communion of Reformed Churches: UCC relates to its reformed partners primarily through the Caribbean and North American Council (CANAC), especially on issues related to justice such as human trafficking. The new general secretary is from the United Church of Canada.
- c. National Council of Churches of Christ: UCC is one of 37 member communions. The NCCC is in a process of revitalization.
- d. Full Partnerships: The UCC currently has full partnerships (which includes the orderly exchange of ministers) with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the churches that participate in the Formula of Agreement (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church USA, and Reformed Church in America). Full partnership is in process with the United Church of Canada.
- e. Mission Partnerships: The UCC is partners in mission with a number of churches, including Alliance of Baptists and the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa, and Pacific Conference of Churches.
- f. Interfaith Relationships: UCC maintains interfaith relationships with the Unitarian Universalist Association (on justice issues), Christian-Jewish Dialogue, and Muslim-Christian Dialogues.

The Revs. Black and Thompson entertained questions and comments from the Conference Council. The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 PM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

## **V. Action Items**

Office Coordinator Lori Yamashiro reviewed resources provided on computer USB drives, and asked members to read, sign and submit the Conflict of Interest Statement.

The following action items were taken up by the Council.

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Ms. Smith, and seconded,

***AC 08-14-04 To approve the Conference Council Minutes of April 5, 2014, as distributed.***

Motion was approved by consensus.

It was moved by Dr. Downing, and seconded,

***AC 08-14-05 To approve the Minutes of the 192nd `Aha Pae`aina with the following correction: page 2, under "Clergy New to Hawai'i," change Philip Reller's church to "Pearl City."***

Motion was approved by consensus.

It was moved by Diane Meyer, and seconded,

*AC 08-14-06 To approve the Conference Council Minutes of June 7, 2014, as distributed.*

Motion was approved by consensus.

**B. Financial Report of June 2014**

Treasurer Linn Garcia reviewed the unaudited financial statements as of June 2014.

**C. Independent Auditor**

It was moved by Mary Herbig, and seconded,

*AC 08-14-07 To send out Request for Proposals for the FYE2014 audit of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ, and to authorize the Audit Committee to review proposals and select an audit firm.*

Motion was approved by consensus.

**D. 193rd `Aha Pae`aina**

It was moved by Brian Welsh, and seconded,

*AC 08-14-08 To establish the dates of June 5-6, 2015, for the `Aha Makua of the 193rd `Aha Pae`aina, to be held at Central Union Church.*

Motion was approved by consensus.

**VI. Announcements**

1. Future Council meeting dates for the Conference Council are November 1, 2014; February 7, 2015; and April 11, 2015.

2. Missional Team and Committee appointments will be made at the next meeting of the Council on November 1, 2014. Chairs are asked to submit names of members to Lori Yamashiro in advance of the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM with a prayer given by the Rev. Buck.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Shimomura  
Conference Council Secretary



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**To:** Conference Council & HCF Trustees  
**From:** Sherman S. Hee, Executive Director, Hawaii Conference Foundation ("HCF")  
**Subject:** Executive Director's Report for the November 1, 2014 Members Meeting  
**Date:** October 23, 2014

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## **INTRODUCTION:**

Since our last meeting a partnership with The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii ("TNCH") has been finalized. TNCH will lead in the conservation of a kipuka on the slopes of Mauna Loa that contains plant and insect life that may trace its origins back over 600 years. The University of Hawaii at Hilo is also participating in this conservation effort. This is the first partnership with another nonprofit that serves as an example of extending our embrace to others.

## **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

We have new auditors, KMH LLP, who will complete a draft of our financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in January 2015. We look forward to another good report. Our corpus is growing. I am exploring ways to accelerate the growth through converting low yield assets to cash and generating rates of returns that meet your needs. The HCF is also exploring possible corpus growth through donations.

## **HCUCC CAMPUS:**

The campus is in good working order. But age is showing and maintenance costs will increase over time.

## **MISSIONAL MATTERS:**

### **21 Craigside & Craigside AOUO:**

The Craigside AOUO is working toward stabilizing expenses. Property management of 21 Craigside will return to Marcus Property Management, LLC. They were chosen, in part, because they were 30% cheaper than the old property managers, but also because they have as part of their enterprise service providers for most of what is needed for building maintenance and repairs. Our expectation, through this new management, is that net receipts from the building will increase 2 – 3% a month.

### **725 Kauhikoa Road, Haiku:**

The property is fully under use agreements with the parsonage half to Regina Splees, who is leasing her portion for seven years and advanced her rent by paying for her own repairs to the parsonage accrued through lack of maintenance by former tenants, and the sanctuary half to UCC Pohnpei Maui for \$500 per month for five years with a right to renew. This is a four-year effort that is finally complete. The property is back into full use and in good condition.

**Coan Lands on Saddle Road:**

A conservation easement is in place after two years of negotiations with TNCH. With TNCH, the HCF has a partner to help steward the property which includes a seven to ten acre kipuka that TNCH considers one of the most unique and important areas from a plant standpoint in all of Hawaii. The plants there are believed to have originated from native growth 500 to 600 years ago. Together TNCH and the HCF plan to reach out to other community groups to share the treasure of this special place.

**HCUCC Credit Union Formation:**

The HCUCC is able to join the United Methodist Federal Credit Union as are all members of the HCUCC, down to congregation members. This is our first chance to be part of a faith-based credit union, a membership I heartily support for the sake of our churches and its members. This is the result of a three-year effort to gain such faith-based access and all, especially churches, should take advantage of it.

**Halai Street property:**

Volunteers are set to clear a driveway path next week in time to roll out matting purchased to control mud in the driveway. The City and County of Honolulu road improvement set for the area will provide free driveway material to pave the route. Costs are expected to be less than \$10,000 in cash for an improvement estimated initially to be over \$200,000. This is the beginning of a project that will involve the community and several UCC churches.

**Heeia Kai:**

"Squatters" were discovered on the property. I will retain a person to serve as a watchman for the site and also to appraise it to determine the value of this property.

**Hokuloa UCC:**

We await the State's response for the lease on the property.

**Hualoha Congregational Church:**

Hualoha Preservation Ahahui is moving ahead with raising funds independent of the HCF for repairs to the structure and the access to the property.

**Kahikuonalani Church:**

An application for funding the final phase of the rebuilding of the sanctuary is with the Church Building and Loan Fund Board. Hopefully funding will be ready in December so demolition can begin during the Christmas break.

**Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church:**

There is nothing new to report on this effort this time.

**Kohala Pilgrim Church site (TMK: 3-5-5-15-25):**

I have an agreement to exchange this site for another property which will allow immediate use to further UCC missions. The property to be exchanged is in Kapaau and has a tax valuation of more than twice that of the church site. The HCF is exchanging a 0.4 acre site for a 40 acre site.

**Lahaina Parking Lot (Campbell Park):**

The project has the attention of the James and Abigail Campbell Family Foundation ("JACFF"). The JACFF is not in favor of the project. Waiola Church has not indicated its own interests. I will shelve this project and spend time on other HCF challenges.

**Moanalua Community Church:**

No progress has been made to separate the church from the shopping center lease.

**Olaa Flume Spring (Coan Trust):**

The chief consultant, Steve Bowles, died and the project stalled. It is back on track, focusing on alternative energy and bottled water sales as options to the bulk sale of water to the County of Hawaii.

**CLOSING THOUGHTS:**

Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful, so said Buddha. Do we agree?

**Hawaii Conference UCC**  
**Missional Team and Committee Appointments**  
**November 1, 2014**

**Administration:**

Rod Chamberlain  
Linn Garcia  
Joanne Nakashima  
Iese Tuuao  
Charles Buck  
Sherman Hee  
Lori Yamashiro

**Formation:**

Aletha Kaohi  
Della Kuaana  
Robert Smith  
Kimberlee Tong  
Kalani Wong

**Justice and Witness:**

Sue Smith  
Ellen Carson  
Dennis Barger  
Taka Harada  
Linda Rich  
Bonnie Shimazu

**Stewardship:**

Elwood Kita  
Wesley Elmore  
Kristen Kawachi  
Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa  
Richard Young

**Personnel**

Dominic Inocelda  
Carol Lee  
Joanne Nakashima  
Anne Sadayasu  
Debbie Wong Yuen

**Audit Committee**

Andy Poepoe  
Edwin Fong  
Janet Fujioka

Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting  
October 31, 2014

Formation Missional Team Report

The first meeting was held on Friday, October 30, 2014. Members present: Aletha Kaohi, Delia Kuaana, Bob Smith, Kalei Tong and Kalani Wong. Staff present: Charles Buck, Donald Schmidt, Diane Weible and Lori Yamashiro.

WHAT IS FORMATION'S KEY FUNCTION? We reviewed the key functions discussed at the November 15, 2013 meeting. What is our *kuleana*?

1. Programs should be more than just activities or events, but opportunities that can change people's lives and help them grow to be more faithful.
2. Programming should consider how to help develop people's sense of call, strengthening the church to be effective UCC witnesses in their community and Hawai'i.
3. Three reasons people choose a church: geography, denomination, conversion (transform/ change lives and grow in Christ). We tend to focus on the first two and need to work on the third.
4. A possible gap in the formation training is how to reach out (evangelism). Formation should lead to the transformation of people's lives and build relationship and connection. We need to think of going to the people not waiting for them to come.
5. Are we living out our mission: "That they may all be one".

The team is divided into four formations. Each team member is assigned to one of the formations. They are responsible for activities related to their respective formation. Every activity is evaluated.

1. FORMATION OF THE CONFERENCE

`AHA PAE`AINA 2015

Aletha Kaohi & Lori Yamashiro

*Kuleana:* `Aha Iki: The chairperson is a member of the Formation Team. They haven't met because of the storm. `Aha Makua: June 4 -5 at Central Union Church. Theme and Scripture after speaker is confirmed. Rooms reserved at Pagoda Hotel, deadline May 5. Reports, deadline April 24.

2. FORMATION OF THE YOUTH:

Kalani Wong, Charles Buck & Diane Weible.

*Kuleana:* `Aha Pae`ana Youth Event, Fall Camp, Regional Youth events, and any program related to Youth. Provide experiences that are meaningful which develop leaders. Need a Leadership Training Camp.

3. FORMATION OF THE CONGREGATION: Delia Kuaana, Kalei Tong & Donald Schmidt.  
*Kuleana*: Church Leaders Training Event, February 28, 2015, Nu`uanu Congregational Church.  
Subject: Conflict Resolution and Mediation. Church Administration Event for church secretaries is considered.

4. FORMATION OF THE CLERGY: Bob Smith, Charles Buck, & Donald Schmidt.  
*Kuleana*: Clergy Retreat: March 9-11, 2015 in Kona. Working on the following: New Clergy Orientation, Association of Retired Ministers, Survivors or Spouses (ARMSS) and Mentoring/ Training Program - refer to Church and Ministry Committee.

OTHER THOUGHTS AND IDEAS THAT ARE GOOD FOR THE TEAM.

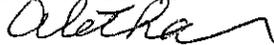
YOUTH: Camps have provided meaningful experiences, leadership, and spiritual growth.

CLERGY: Continue ways of "Nurturing Pastors".

CONGREGATION: Seek ways to assist churches in crisis and keep them in prayer.

The team offered a prayer for those who were affected by the recent storms and now the lava flow.

Submitted by:



Aletha G. Kaohi, chair  
10/30/14

**Conference Minister & State of Conference Report**  
**November 1, 2014**

I. Travels, Visits and Activities since August 2, 2014

A. Church Visits and Contacts

- *AHEC*: Kawaiaha`o, Church and Ministry Committee, Lanakila (HIA `Aha Mokupuni)
- *Hawai`i Island*: Church and Ministry Committee, Executive Board, Eastside Clergy, Westside Clergy, Imiola, Mokuaikaua, Church of the Holy Cross, First United Protestant, Fall Youth Camp
- *O`ahu*: Waipahu UCC, Nanakuli Samoan, United Church of Christ-Judd Street, Waiokeola, Central Union, Trinity Samoan, Ewa, Nu`uanu, Church of the Crossroads
- *Tri-Isle*: Kana`ana Hou-Siloama

B. UCC

Council for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, United Church Funds (Board and Committees), Retirement Housing Foundation, Council for Health and Human Services Ministries

C. Ecumenical, Interfaith, Community

Mid-Pacific Institute (Committees, Board, Accreditation), Craigside Board, Hawai`i Council of Churches Board, Ka `Ohana O Kalaupapa, Kamehameha Schools (Bible Dedication), Pu`a Foundation, Christian Board of Publication Board, Samaritan Counseling Center (Accreditation), Pacific School of Religion, The Nature Conservancy

II. In and Around the Conference

A. Staff

1. Retreat
2. Authorizing Ministry for the 21st Century

B. Events/Visits Updates

1. Wider Church Ministries, October 30-November 4
2. United Samoan Ministries, November 12-14
3. Western Regional Conference Ministers, November 17-18
4. Insurance Board, January 29-30, 2015

C. National Updates

1. United Church of Christ Board
2. United Church Funds (Endowment Conference, Fossil Fuels Free Fund)
3. Retirement Housing Foundation (United Community)

D. Kalaupapa Memorial

E. Tax Exemption

## General Synod Delegate

### 1. Joshua Weible, Delegate

Joshua is a member of Kailua Christian Church where he is one of the “older” and well-respected members of the youth group. Joshua has participated in local and national UCC youth events such as the Hawaii Conference Fall Youth Camp and the Western Regional Youth Event. He is a senior at James B. Castle High School where he excels as a student, provides leadership as senior class vice-president, and is on the soccer, track and cross-country teams.

### 2. Erica Mae Bonilla, Alternate Delegate

Erica is a member of Pearl City Community Church and a freshman at Pearl City High School. At church, she has taken on leadership roles in various activities and in worship. Erica also participates actively in outreach such as the church’s ministry to institutionalized elderly and children in Nepal, and in peer counseling with school classmates who are having personal problems.