

Resolution: Kalaupapa Sunday

*Adopted June 8, 2013
By the 191st `Aha Pae`aina
Of the Hawai`i Conference United Church of Christ
Meeting in Kailua-Kona, Hawai`i*

WHEREAS the members of the Hawai‘i Evangelical Association (HEA), the predecessor body of the Hawai‘i Conference of the United Church of Christ, concluded at its meeting on June 10, 1873, that it was the Association’s duty to help the public realize that segregation was the “only salvation for the Hawaiian people”; and,

WHEREAS the Association concluded that without such action, the work of the mission would mean the “shame, defeat and disgraceful overthrow to all that is promising and fair in the nation”; and,

WHEREAS such action led to the stigma and prejudice experienced by the more than 8,000 who were exiled to the Makanalua Peninsula because of fear; and,

WHEREAS the patients have left us a record of their thoughts, their lives and their insistence on justice in a situation that deprived them of their families, their homes and their basic rights;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the delegates of the 191st `Aha Pae`aina of the Hawai‘i Conference of the United Church of Christ approve the recommendation to establish an annual “Kalaupapa Sunday” on a Sunday to be designated by the Justice & Witness Missional Team; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a worship packet will be developed and provided to the member churches of the Conference that will include samples of hymns and songs, scripture readings, art, poems, stories and sermons; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that resources will be included to help families learn more about their ancestors who were exiled to Kalawao and Kalaupapa; that the patients and their descendants will be the major interpreters of their history—past, present and future; and that the history of Kalawao and Kalaupapa will remain a living inspiration and testament for generations to come.

This resolution will be implemented by the Justice & Witness Missional Team.