

III. ANNUAL REPORTS



Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
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Luna Hoomalu 2020 Annual Report

Ano'ai me ke aloha ia Iesu,

October 2020

It brings me a great pleasure to share with you another years' report as the acting Luna Hoomalu for the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC). Honestly, though I am a full-time seminary student, government official and mother, I did not hesitate in taking on the position as the Luna Hoomalu Hope. My duties included only two items; preside in the event that the Luna Hoomalu is absent and to fulfill my term limit. However, our Heavenly Father had other plans. I was made to act as the Luna Hoomalu in December 2018. It has been about two years of serving in this capacity and I would not have it any other way. I have been able to learn swiftly and take on the actions that were necessary to keep our AHEC advancing.

AHEC, 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. Our faith in Ke Akua has persevered throughout our history into the present day. We give all glory to Him, our Heavenly Father and am truly blessed to be His Kanaka 'Oiwi. 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.

As the acting Luna Hoomalu, the essence that I brought forth in Article II revolved around all four (4) of the items listed above. In my historical research of our Association I have affirmed our Hawaiian Evangelical journey and aim to remain driven in the direction of our Biblical roots to our Heavenly Father. The vitality of our Hawaiian Churches has been unique coming from the ability to express our values and traditions in our own Hawaiian language and liturgy. Upholding our truly rare in the reverence that is professed when we all come together and incorporate His '*Aloha* for us. We are all joined together as His standing in His authority and confirming standings to our *Hale Pule* and *Na Kahu*. I am truly blessed to be called as an AHEC Member in Discernment (MID), as 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. I hope to encourage everyone through enrichment with evangelism evolving as servants perpetuating justice and peace for our Hawaiian people and the people whom have called Hawaii home.

Our current AHEC Bylaws describes the duties of the Luna Hoomalu to include:

- 5.1.2.1** -Shall preside at meetings of the Association, the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, and the ‘Aha Na Kai ‘Ewalu;
- 5.1.2.2** -In 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;
- 5.1.2.3** -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;
- 5.1.2.4** -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;
- 5.1.2.5** -Shall represent the Association on the Conference Council of the Hawaii Conference UCC;
- 5.1.2.6** -Shall execute all contracts and other documents as ordered by the Association or Board of Directors; and
- 5.1.2.7** -Shall in alternating terms be a Kahu and a layperson.
- 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:

General Membership Meetings Article 3:

Spring Halawai February 2020
Fall Halawai September 2020
Aha Iki October 2020

Board of Directors Meetings Article 4:

May 2, 2020
June 27, 2020
August 1, 2020 (4.4.2)

Officers Meetings Article 5:

January 22, 2020
March 15, 2020
April 2, 9, 2020
June 21, 2020
August 6, 2020

Committee Meetings Article 6:

COM- December 13, 2019 January 23, 2020 February 18, 2020 March 19, 2020 May 1, 2020
June 5, 2020 June 26, 2020 July 10, 2020 August 14, 2020 September 11, 2020
Bylaws- December 19, 2019 March 23, 2020 April 15, 2020 -July 8, 2020

Conference Council Meetings Article 5:

March 19, 2020 May 9, 2020 June 5, 2020 August 15, 2020

Weekly Clergy Meetings held every Wednesday March 2020-present

Others:

Koolauhuiia Protestant Church Member Meeting: March 15, 2020

Kawaiaha'o Church: February 16, 2020

Kauai Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Meeting:

April 26, 2020 August 24, 2020 August 30, 2020 September 28, 2020

Aha Mokupuni: June 20, 2020 August 24, 2020

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 in the many milestones that have been accomplished in this 2020 year. To the many committee members shuffling your busy lives and attending the many, many, Zoom and face to face meetings to gain 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 Him, 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.

"8 E imi i ka mea nana i hana ia Pele i a me Oriona, A hoolilo i ka malu o ka make i malamalama. A hoopouli i ke ao a lilo i po; ka mea e hoopii ana i na wai o ka moana, a ninini iho ia lakou ma luna o ka ili o ka honua: O Iehova kona inoa. 9 O ka mea e lawe mai i ka make ma luna o ka po'e Ikaika. A e ho'obiki mai i ka luku ma luna o kahi paa. 10 Ke inaina nei lakou i ka mea e a'o ana ma ka puka pa. A ho'owahawaha lakou i ka mea e olelo pono ana. 11 No ia mea, no ko oukou behi ana ma luna o ka ilihune. A ke lawe nei oukou i ka ai makana mai ona aku la; Ua hana oukou i na hale pohaku i kalai ia, Aka, aole oukou e noho i loko o lakou: Ua kanu oukou i na pa waina maika'i, Aka, a'ole oukou e inu i kawaina o lakou. 12 No ka mea, ua ike au, he nui wale ko oukou lawehala ana, A me ko oukou mau bewa nui E hoopilikia ana i ka po'e hoopono, e lawe ana i ka uku kipe, A e hookahului ana i ka pono o ka po'e ilihune ma ka puka pa."

-Romans 5:8-12

Aloha Ke Akua,

Kauano M. Hoomanawanui

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(acting Luna Hoomalu 2020)



ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

2020 Virtual Fall Halawai Report

Luna Ho'omalua Hope Report

September 3, 2020

. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:5

Aloha Kākou a pau loa,

Growing pains happen when we stretch ourselves out of our comfort zone. Moving into this virtual world has done just that. We learn on the way and mistakes sometimes are made. Sometimes those mistakes are sin. We should never be ashamed for the sin we do but we do need to repent for that sin and persevere because the Lord is our hope, he is working us to be strong and unafraid. Persevere - - and your character will be strengthened. God has poured his love on us. His aloha is endless. We will persevere, we have aloha, and hope is ever with us. I MUA KAKOU!

Although there may be disturbing and painful issues we must hold faithful in service to our Lord, our churches, and our communities. The enemy is at work in so many ways trying to undermine our trust and love for the Lord. We here are leaders, and as such we carry the burden of guiding and building hope and promise through Christ for our churches and our Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches. Our Hawaiian people have suffered for years, but yet we persevere. Ke Akua loves us and he wants the best for us and that is what we should seek and encourage to one another. It begins with L-O-V-E---A-L-O-H-A and that grows R-E-S-P-E-C-T. I MUA KAKOU!

Mahalo nui for your care and love that builds hope in our hearts that the Lord will have his way and loves us ALL dearly. Please pray for one another as we pray for all of you. Man may disappoint, but God always provides love and hope for each and everyone us. We are his children, his beloved.

A hui hou pū kakou,



Loke Kamanu

Acting Luna Ho'omalua Hope, AHEC

September 29, 2020

An updated list of AHEC Membership Churches and Partnership Ministries is provided for your files.

Opihikao and Puka'ana Congregational Churches are no longer members of AHEC. Ewa Community Church is planning to join AHEC.

Ewa Community Church – ewacommchurch@gmail.com

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Ewa, HI 96706

Pastor: Kahu Rennie Mau email: kahumau@gmail.com

Cell Number: (808) 280-9591

Moderator: Olive Echano

By Law Revisions have been done by the By-Laws Committee at the Virtual Halawai held at Haili Congregational Church on September 18, 19th, 2020 to be reviewed by the AHEC body to be voted upon.

Due to COVID 19 pandemic the current AHEC Board of Directors voted by consensus to serve until elections which will be held in June of 2021. The Nominations Committee Chairperson is Mama Kahu Angie Warren. Please contact her with any questions.

The following churches have actively participated in the Spring and Fall Halawai:

Haili Congregational Church, Hau'oli Kamana'o Church, Hau'ula Kahuku Church, Kaahumanu Church, Kahikuonalani UCC, Kalanikahua Hou Church, Kalapana Mauna Kea Congregational, Kauaha'ao Congregational Church, Kaumakapili Church, Kawaiaha'o Church, Koolau Hui'ia Protestant Church, Lahuioakalani Ka'anapali Church, Lanakila Congregational Church, Laupahoehoe Congregational Church, Lili'uokalani Protestant Church, Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church, Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church, and Waiola Church.

The following Partnership Ministries have also participated in AHEC Halawai:

Kamehameha Schools, Christian Endeavor Hawai'i, SCHCC, Hawai'i Pacific Justice and Reconciliation, State Sunday School Association.

AHEC held our first Virtual Halawai held at Haili Congregational Church. We are very thankful for the opportunity to still communicate virtually with our sister churches. Great to see other delegates and Kahu's on -line. Although we encountered a lot of challenges with sound and technological glitches the lesson we learned as delegates and leaders taught us about patience, resiliency and finding ways that are possible to conduct AHEC business being persistent and teamwork. We have the option of using Zoom to conduct Business Meetings and still managing to be able to be in close contact with our peers. We are blessed as the good Lord continues to connect us. Keeping all of you in constant prayer as we slowly return to our not so normal schedules. Keep the faith and trust in the Lord.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as AHEC'S Kakau Olelo.

In Christ's Service,

Lerna Bufil

Kahu Wendell B.K. Davis
Papa Makua Report – Aha Pae'aina – October 2020

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take”.

- Proverbs 3:5-6

For generations of years, Native Hawaiians were sailing to the islands long before the Europeans came to the islands. They used their gifts and skills through the elements of wind, sea, and sky to navigate them home. They knew the different stars and the various ocean currents to get them through their voyage and destined shores. They traveled thousands of miles on their *wa'a kaulua*.

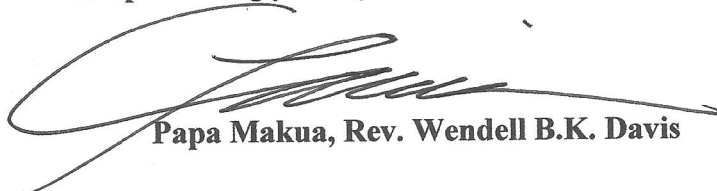
They did not have a compass or map, but would seek the constellation of stars to help them navigate at night and on cloudy nights, relied on the winds and currents, counting each wave that slapped the sides of their canoe. When the stars would move due to the rotation of the earth's axis, the North Star would remain constant. This would be their guide. It would be their *hōkū* (star) and point of reference. The *ho'okele* (navigator) would know where each star rose and their direction. Once they solved the directional turns of the stars, they would look up at the stellar night and navigate in a charted path with fixed eyes upon the beautiful map of the heavens.

Where are your eyes fixed today? In the fifteen months as Papa Makua, it has been a journey of both *kai mālie* (calm seas) and *kai 'ino* (rough seas), yet, there is no other place that I'd rather be, than on this “canoe” of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches. Over time, we have faced challenges and uncertainties that has caused much unrest, yet we continue to paddle together. We remain steadfast in our faith as we trust in our *ho'okele*, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and the *hōkū* of Ke Akua. He doesn't always give us directions or provides a full map view so we can see every turn we eventually take, He does give us a glimpse here, or a direction there, but rarely the entire picture. By faith, the journey continues.

WE REJOICE:

1. **Ewa Community Church** joined our association.
2. Campaign opportunities for self-sustainability through our **Hua Mua** Fund has begun.
3. On-going work of all committees, including our **Church On Ministry** for our pastors.
4. **Ho'ola I Ka 'Aina** (Research Committee) on the efforts to support our churches in researching their deeds and titles.
5. The establishment of an **AHEC website**.
6. **Database** of all AHEC Church contacts established.
7. **Mid-Week devotionals** circulated to all AHEC Churches
8. Continued efforts that focus on **self-governance**.

Keep focusing your eyes on God! He is our Hōkū!


Papa Makua, Rev. Wendell B.K. Davis

Na Lima Hoike "E"
NLHE Committee Report FY 2019-2020
AHEC 'Aha Nā Kai `Ewalu - October 08, 2020 / Zoom

<u>DATE GRANT RECEIVED/ DATE AWARDED</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PROGRAM/EVENT DATES</u>	<u>AWARD AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE FINAL REPORT REC'D</u>
7.2.19 / 9.4.19	Kawaiaha'o	Attend Bicentennial Celebration, Boston Park St. Church, 10/20-23/19	\$ 15,760.00	12.16.19
7.12.19 / 7.28.19	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Mtg, 7/27/19	\$ 93.00	8.7.19
5.22.19, R7.1.19 / 9.5.19	Hauoli Kamano	2019 Aha Iki/Youth Summit, 6/5-8/19	\$ 2,516.00	3.25.20
8.28.19 / 10.31.19	Opihikao	SCHCC BOD Mtg, 10/26/19	\$ 79.00	12.2.19
9.11.19 / 10.31.19	Ka'ahumanu	Fall Aha Halawai, 10/18- 19/19	\$ 310.00	12.19.19
9.13.19 / 10.31.19	Lili'uokalani	Fall Aha Halawai, 10/18- 19/19	\$ 266.00	11.18.19
9.19.19, R10.29.19/ 10.31.19	Haili/Kuhio Chapel	Aha Opio 2019, 10/4- 6/2019	\$ 233.00	3.1.20
9.24.19 / 10.31.19	Kalapana Maunakea	Aha Opio 2019, 10/4- 6/2019	\$ 467.00	12.6.19
9.30.19, Rev.3.2.20 / 5.29.20	Laupahoehoe	Fall Aha Halawai, 10/18- 19/19	\$ 408.00	Pending
10.3.19 / 10.31.19	Kona Lanakila	Fall Aha Halawai, 10/18- 19/19	\$ 365.00	12.6.19
10.17.19 / 11.6.19	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD mtg. 10/26/19	\$ 75.00	12.2.19
10.18.19 / 11.6.19	Paia Hawn Prot Church	Fall Aha Halawai, 10/18- 19/19	\$ 807.00	Pending
10.18.19 / cancelled	Laupahoehoe	Opihikao Church Hoike, 11/9/19	app cancelled by applicant	xxxx
10.22.19 / 5/29/20	Hauoli Kamano	Relax, Refresh, Recharge Revival, 10/24-27/19	\$ 333.00	Pending

11.15.19 / 3.6.20	Keawalai	Songs of the Church Retreat Jan. 24-26, 2020	\$ 1,000.00	2.15.20
1.3.20 / 1.14.20	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Mtg, 1/18/20	\$ 117.00	2.4.20
1.3.20 / 1.14.20	Kauaha'ao	Spring Aha Halawai, 1/31- 2/1/20	\$ 493.00	2.18.20
1.3.20 / 1.14.20	Lili'uokalani	Spring Aha Halawai, 1/31- 2/1/20	\$ 258.00	3.16.20
1.3.20 / 1.14.20	Opihikao	SCHCC BOD Mtg, 1/18/20	\$ 133.00	3.6.20
1.11.20 / 3.6.20	Kona Lanakila	Spring Aha Halawai, 1/31- 2/1/20	\$ 1,327.00	4.29.20
1.15.20 / 3.6.20	Ko'olau Hui'ia	Spring Aha Halawai, 1/31- 2/1/20	\$ 635.00 pending Final Report	Pending
1.29.20 / Pending	Laupahoehoe	Spring Aha Halawai, 1/31- 2/1/20	pending Final Report from Fall Halawai \$1,157.00	Pending
1.30.20 / Pending	Hauoli Kamano	Spring Aha Halawai, 1/31- 2/1/20	pending Final Report from Relax, Refresh, Recharge	Pending
4.18.20 by email to PC Chair / Denied	Kalapana Maunakea	Kupuna Technologies Program, 5/21-12/31/20	6.3.20 Denied base on program is to purchase items for a select group of people	xxxx
4.20.20 / Denied	Haili Church	Haili Christian School- payroll May-June 2020	5.11.20 Denied base on this is a business	xxxx
07.03.20	Kalanikahua	Na Wai Kuleana 7/06-26, 2020	pending Final Report \$ 3000.00	
		FY 19-20 TOTALS	\$ 23,492.00	

Program Committee Members – Report Submitted 9/28/20 by K. Arinaga

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Wryen Keoki Kiwaha, Youth Rep c/o 2020 - pc.kiwaha@gmail.com

Laurie Kauleinamoku, O'ahu c/o 2021 - kaulei56@hawaii.rr.com

Debi Higa, Maui c/o 2022 - debihiga@gmail.com

Boyd Matsuyama, SCHCC Rep. appointed - yamabtm0@yahoo.com

Kauanoë Hoomanawanui, Acting Luna Ho'omalū, Ex-Officio khoomana@hawaii.edu

Vacant - Hawai'i

HUA MUA REPORT.

2020 Virtual Fall Aha Hālāwai

2020 ‘Aha Iki Virtual October 4-10, 2020

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

1. Hua Mua Committee Zoom Meeting: August 5, 2020, 5pm.

2. Hua Mua By Laws updated. Mahalo Hua Mua and By Laws Committees for your input.

6.6 HUA MUA COMMITTEE:

The Hua Mua Committee exists to ensure that the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches is truly self-governing and financially self-sustaining as written in the mission statement.

6.6.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Committee will be composed of five (5) members with terms of three (3) years that are staggered, or until replaced. Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, and Three (3) at large members.

6.6.1.2 The Papa Makua and Puuku are ex-officio members of the committee.

6.6.2 PURPOSE:

To develop capital campaigns to raise funds for financial sustainability and present proposed plans, visions, and recommendations to the Board of Directors.

3. Beginning July 1, 2020, Hua Mua blessing Papa Makua Wendell Davis with \$1,000.00 monthly stipend.

4. We have decided to get our own PO Box 1872, Kailua-Kona, HI, 96745, Russell Paio will keep record of contributions and send to HCUCC.

B. Donation letters have been written.

1. Phase 1- a total of 28 letters were sent out to our Hawaiian Churches on the AHEC list, included you will find a self addressed stamped envelope SASE showing our Hua Mua Fund address of PO Box 1872, Kailua Kona, 96745.

2. Phase 2 Churches in UCC

95 of the attached letters to all our UCC Churches that was on the HCUCC website list. Same way, a SASE was included with each letter and we pray!

Mahalo Russell Paio and staff

Our next Zoom meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2020, 5 pm

Respectfully Submitted, L. Alaka‘i Paleka, Chair





**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Bylaws Committee
2020 Virtual `Aha `Iki & Nā Kai `Ewalu
E Ho`oku`ikahi Kākou
September 25, 2020**

³ And not only *that*, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces ^{3a}perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, ^{4a}character; and character, hope. Romans 5:3-4

Aloha Kākou a pau loa,

Mahalo to all the churches who attended the 2020 Virtual Fall `Aha Halawai. It was there we took the time to read, review, and discuss the changes necessary to our update and edit our bylaws. Each one of you helped to bring this about. Our Lord often stretches us to urge us to grow in ways, thoughts, action, and love. Through perseverance and your knowledge and diligence we have come to agreement in the work done on our bylaws. Working on these Bylaws took perseverance and the completion strengthens us as an Association. God's aloha is endless. I MUA KAKOU!

The Bylaws Committee is comprised of the following members:

Kahu Anela Rosa- Chair
Loke Kamanu- Co-Chair
Maile Baird – Kauai Rep
Kaiulani Hess- Oahu Rep
Jocelyn Costa – Maui Rep
Pualani Muraki – Hawaii Island Rep
Kauanoë Ho`omanawanui – ex Officio

So, the Bylaws committee thanks you for your diligent hard work as we move together for the good of our Association. Therefore now we come together at our Annual Meeting today to apono these bylaws in their corrected and agreed upon form. You did this, Mahalo i Ke Akua.

Now we share them with everyone once more. Prayerfully we move forward to apono these bylaws, which will govern us and lead us to pono decisions for the good of the Association.

A hui hou pū kakou,
The Bylaws Committee

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3 **ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**
4 **BYLAWS**
5 **Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ**
6 **Revised on 9/19/2020**
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9 **ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

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11 **1.1 MEMBERSHIP:** The Association shall have two (2) classes of members. The
12 designation of such class and the qualifications and rights of the members of such
13 class shall be as follows:
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15 **1.1.1 REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** The Regular Membership of this Association shall
16 include the following:
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18 1.1.1.1 Any church within the boundaries of this Association that
19 expresses its Christian Faith in native Hawaiian cultural
20 forms as expressed in the Constitution of this Association.

21 1.1.1.2 Any Kahu who holds standing in this Association.
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23 1.1.1.3 The officers of this Association.

24 1.1.1.4 Chairperson of all Association Committees.

25 1.1.1.5 The Conference Minister of the Hawai'i Conference United
26 Church of Christ.

27 **1.1.2. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:** The following persons shall be Associate
28 Members of this Association upon a majority vote of any regular members
29 presiding at any meeting of the membership:6

30 1.1.2.1 A minister of the United Church of Christ holding standing in an
31 Association or Conference other than the Hawai'i Conference.
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33 1.1.2.2 A minister serving a church under Privilege of Call.

34 1.1.2.3 An ordained minister holding standing in another denomination while
35 serving as a minister in a church of an Association of the Hawai'i
36 Conference United Church of Christ.

37 1.1.2.4 A member in good standing of any Conference Church of the
38 United Church of Christ.
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1.1.2.5 Such other persons who may be designated as Associated Members by the membership

1.1.2.6 Recognized partners in Ministry as defined by Article II herein.

1.1.3 **AUTONOMY OF MEMBER CHURCHES:** The Association recognizes the autonomy of the local church. Therefore, a church that is a member of this Association shall have a voice in the affairs of this Association and shall be expected to enter fully into the life and work of this Association, to be faithful to that life, and to serve in its mission.

1.2 **PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP:** All members of this Association shall have a voice in the affairs of this Association and shall be expected to enter fully into the life and work of this Association, to be faithful to that life, and to serve in its mission.

1.2.1 **NA EKALIESIA (Churches):**

1.2.1.1 **Mau Noa (Freedom)** The autonomy of the local church is inherent. Nothing in the Constitution and Bylaws of this Association shall destroy or limit the right of any local church.

1.2.1.2 **Mau 'Ohana (Fellowship)** All actions, decisions, and advisories emanating from the 'Aha Nui (General Synod) and the 'Aha Pae'aina and the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu shall be given proper and prayerful consideration by every member church.

1.2.1.3 **Mau Kuleana (Responsibility)** Each church is expected to fulfill its membership responsibility by paying the per capita assessments as determined by these Bylaws and/or by the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu to continue membership.

1.2.2 **NA KAHU (Ministers):** This Association recognizes that God calls certain persons to full and part-time service for various forms of ministry in the Church. This calling is 'apono (affirmed) by ordination and/or other appropriate service of dedication refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association The Kahu of the Association, then, shall be recognized with the title affirmed by the rite of ordination.

1.2.2.1 **Kahu La'a** The Kahu La'a, having fulfilled the requirements for ordination shall refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima

with with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association.

1.2.2.2 **Kahu Pono** The Kahu Pono, having fulfilled the requirements for recognition as a Minister sanctioned by the Association and/or having fulfilled the requirements for licensing as a Licensed Minister shall refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with **with reference to** the Manual on Ministry **as needed** and **respect** Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the Association shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association

1.2.2.3 **Kahu Hiki** The Kahu Hiki, serving a Church of the Association in a specific ministry shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges pertaining to that office and be expected to participate fully in the life and work of the Association.

1.3 VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

1.3.1 Each church, as defined in Section 1.1.1.1 of these Bylaws, shall have one vote for each delegate that a church is entitled to send to a meeting as defined in Article III hereof.

1.3.2 All Kahu, as defined in Section 1.2.2 of these Bylaws and the Conference Minister of the United Church of Christ, shall each have one (1) vote.

1.3.3 All members of the Board of Directors representatives of Partnership Ministries: State Sunday School Association, Hawaii Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries, Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center, Kamehameha Schools, State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, and the Christian Endeavor of Hawaii; and chairpersons of the Standing Committees shall each have one (1) vote.

1.3.4 Associate Members of this Association, and any new representatives of Partnership Ministries, shall have a right to voice their thoughts and opinions in the affairs of this Association but shall not have the right to vote.

1.3.5 Members must be present at a meeting to vote.

1.4 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP: The Board of Directors, by affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all of the members of the Board, may suspend or expel a member for cause after an appropriate hearing, and may, by a majority vote of those present at any regularly constituted meeting, terminate the membership of any member who becomes ineligible for membership. A church that does not meet its Mau Kuleana under Section 1.2.1.3 herein and for which a ho'oponopono process by the Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu has failed, in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, to redress the problem may be expelled from membership as established in this Section 1.4.

1.5 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER: Any member may resign from the membership in this Association by filing a written statement to that effect with the Secretary, but such termination shall not relieve the member of the obligation to pay any dues, assessments, or other charges theretofore accrued and unpaid.

ARTICLE II-PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES

2.1 RECOGNITION OF PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES: The Association, in the event that another organization agrees with the purposes of the Association as stated in the Constitution of this Association, may recognize such an organization as a Partnership Ministry and by a majority vote of the Board of Directors invite such an organization to become an Associate Member of this Association.

2.2 ROLE OF PARTNERSHIP MINISTRIES AS MEMBERS Partnership Ministries, which have standing in this Association as recognized under Section 2.1 herein, shall promote the purposes and programs of this Association and cooperate in its mission.

ARTICLE III- MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

3.1 'AHA NA KAI 'EWALU (Annual Meeting): The Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu shall be the Annual Meeting of the Association and shall be held in the month of June in conjunction with the 'Aha Pae'aina (the Annual Meeting) of the Hawai'i Conference and prior to the 'Aha Makua (Business Session of the Annual Meeting).

3.2 'AHA HALAWAI (Regular Meetings): Two regular meetings shall be held during the months of February and October of each year, with dates to be determined by the Board of Directors.

3.3 'AHA KUKA (Ecclesiastical Council Meetings): The Board of Directors shall call an Ecclesiastical Council at the request of a majority of the members of the Committee on Ministry. An Ecclesiastical Council is a meeting of the Association called for the purpose of deciding ordained ministry and state of the churches.

153 **3.4** **'AHA LA'A (Special Meeting):** A Special meeting(s) for fellowship or business
154 of the Association may be called by the Board of Directors at the request of
155 seven (7) or more churches.

156 **3.5** **PLACE OF MEETINGS:** The Board of Directors may designate any place, either
157 within or without the State of Hawai'i, as the place of meeting for any 'Aha Na Kai
158 'Ewalu, 'Aha Halawai, or 'Aha Kuka called by the Board of Directors. If no
159 designation is made or if an 'Aha La'a be otherwise called, the place of meeting
160 shall be the registered office of the Association in the State of Hawai'i; but, if all
161 of the members shall meet at any time and place, either within or without call or
162 notice, and at such meeting any corporate action may be taken.

163 **3.6** **KAHEA ANA (Notification)** The Board of Directors shall provide written notice of
164 all meetings to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the
165 meeting. Said notice shall state the place, day, and hour of the meeting, as well
166 as the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, and shall be
167 delivered either personally or by mail.

168 **3.7** **KAHU ANA (Representation)** Each church shall be represented by two (2) lay
169 delegates and a youth delegate who is 30 years of age or less at the time of
170 meeting. Those Churches with more than one hundred (100) members shall be
171 entitled to one (1) delegate for each additional fifty (50) or major fraction thereof.
172 The total delegates from any one church shall not exceed seven (7). All Kahu,
173 the Conference Minister of the Hawai'i Conference, members of the Board of
174 Directors, representatives of recognized Partnership Ministries and Chairpersons
175 of Standing Committees shall represent themselves.

176 **3.8** **KE KOHO ANA (Quorum)** A quorum for the transaction of business shall be
177 declared when at least one-third (1/3) of the churches in the Association are
178 represented.

179 **ARTICLE IV-BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

180 **3.9** **COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** There shall be a Board of
181 Directors consisting of the following:

182 3.9.1 The Officers of the Association;

183 3.9.2 One director from O'ahu, Kaua'i, East Maui, West Maui, East Hawai'i,
184 West Hawai'i and Moloka'i, who shall be elected at the Annual Meeting;

185 3.9.3 One representative from each of the following: State Sunday School
186 Association; Hawai'i Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries;
187 Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center; Kamehameha Schools; State
188 Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches; and Christian Endeavor of
189 Hawai'i; and,

190 3.9.4 The chairpersons of standing committees.

191 **4.1** **TENURE** Each Director shall serve for a term of two (2) years and may not serve
192 for more than (3) consecutive terms.

193 **4.2** **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

194 4.2.1 The purpose of the Board of Directors is to set the direction for the
195 Association in the pursuit of its purpose and mission and to submit to the
196 Association for its approval at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu the program plans
197 and budget for the attainment of the Association's goals.

198 4.2.2 The Board of Directors shall have the power to fill any vacancies in the
199 Board or its offices, committees, and positions for the interim period
200 until the next scheduled election or appointment by the affirmative vote of
201 the majority of the Board of Directors then serving.

202 4.2.3 The Board of Directors shall issue calls for meetings of the Association.

203 4.2.4 The Board of Directors shall act for the Association between Association
204 meetings and shall carry out those as instructed by the Association.

205 4.2.5 The Board of Directors shall have the power to designate any officer or
206 agent to enter into any contract and deliver any instrument in the name of
207 or on behalf of the Association provided such authority should be confined
208 to specific instances.

209 4.2.6 The Board may endorse to the Conference Nominating Committee a
210 candidate for the Hawai'i General Synod delegation.

211 **4.3** **MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

212 4.3.1 **Regular Meetings** Board shall meet as needed and not less than
213 four (4) times a year. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be
214 held without other notice than these Bylaws. The Board of Directors may
215 provide by resolution the time and place for holding additional
216 meetings of the Board without other notice than such resolution. The
217 Board may call for meetings and voting by video conferencing or by
218 telephone conferencing, and may permit electronic voting.

219 4.3.2 **Special Meetings** Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be
220 called by or at the request of the president or any three (3) directors. The
221 person or persons authorized to call special meetings of the Board may fix
222 any place, either within or without the **Pae'āina** Hawai'i, as the place for
223 holding any special meeting of the Board called by them. The discussion
224 and resolution will be limited to the item(s) which the Special Meeting was
225 called for.

226 4.3.3 **Quorum** At all meetings of the Board of Directors a majority of the
227 directors shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the

transaction of business and the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Board of Directors, excepts as may be otherwise specifically provided by statute or by these Bylaws.

4.3.4 **Notice** - Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least five (5) days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or sent by electronic correspondence to each director at his or her address as shown by the records of the Association. Any director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need to be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these Bylaws.

4.4 **Compensation and Reimbursement** Directors shall not receive any stated salary for their services as such, but by resolution of the Board reasonable expenses of attendance, if any, may be allowed for attendance at such regular or special meeting of the Board. The Board of Directors shall have power in its discretion to contract for and pay to directors rendering unusual or exceptional services to the Association special compensation appropriate to the value of such services.

4.5 **REMOVAL** Any Director may be removed from office at any time with or without cause by the affirmative vote of the majority of votes entitled to vote at any special meeting of the Board of Directors called for such a purpose.

4.6 **RESIGNATION** Any director may resign at any time by giving written notice of such resignation to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

5.1 **OFFICERS:** The Officers of this Association shall be members in good standing of a church that is a member of this Association. There shall be a PAPA MAKUA (Association Minister), a LUNA HO'OMALU (President), a LUNA HO'OMALU HOPE (Vice President), a KAKAU 'OLELO (Secretary), and a PU'UKU (Treasure). The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

5.1.1 **The PAPA MAKUA**

5.1.1.1 Shall be the spiritual leader of the Association and its chief executive and administrative officer, having general

266 supervision over the work of the Association under the
 267 direction of the Board of Directors;

268 5.1.1.2 Shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors and
 269 all other committees of the Association unless there are
 270 specific provisions to the contrary stated in these Bylaws;

271 5.1.1.3 Shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Nominating
 272 Committee, without vote;

273 5.1.1.4 Shall be a minister in good standing of the United Church of
 274 Christ, nominated by the Board of Directors and elected by
 275 the Association at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;

276 5.1.1.5 Shall serve a term of office of two (2) years, and there shall
 277 be no limit to the number of terms that may be served;

278 5.1.1.6 Shall be representative of the Association on the Conference
 279 Council of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ;
 280 and,

281 5.1.1.7 Shall be accountable to the Association.

282 **5.1.2 The LUNA HO'OMALU**

283 5.1.2.1 Shall preside at meetings of the Association , the Executive
 284 Committee, the Board of Directors, and the 'Aha Na Kai
 285 'Ewalu;

286 5.1.2.2 In consultation with the Association officers, shall propose
 287 the direction for the Association to the Board of Directors for
 288 its approval, and shall make an annual report to the Board of
 289 Directors and to the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu;

290 5.1.2.3 Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the
 291 Nominating Committee and except where provisions to the
 292 contrary may be stated in these Bylaws;

293 5.1.2.4 May be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4)
 294 years, and may be elected to another term if one (1) year
 295 has elapsed from the time that the person ended the prior
 296 term;

297 5.1.2.5 Shall represent the Association on the Conference Council
 298 of the Hawai'i Conference UCC;

299 5.1.2.6 Shall execute all contracts and other documents as ordered
 300 by the Association or Board of Directors; and,

301 5.1.2.7 Shall in alternating terms be a Kahu and a layperson.

302 5.1.2.8 After extensive searching, in the event an eligible nominee is
303 not available, then a nominee from the other category may
304 be presented.

305 5.1.3 **The LUNA HO"OMALU HOPE**

306 5.1.3.1 Shall perform the duties of Luna Ho'omalua in the event of his
307 or her absence or inability to act, and such other duties as
308 may be assigned by the Board of Directors; and,

309 5.1.3.2 May be elected for two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4)
310 years, and may be elected to another term if one (1) year
311 has elapsed from the time that the person ended the prior
312 term.

313 5.1.4 **The KAKAU 'OLELO**

314 5.1.4.1 Shall maintain a permanent record of all meetings of the
315 Association, Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and
316 the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu; Minutes are to be completed and
317 sent to the Executive Committee within thirty (30) days.

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319 5.1.4.2 Shall make an annual report to the Association including a
320 roll call of all churches and Kahu participating in the
321 Association and shall report all changes to the Association;

322 5.1.4.3 Shall issue notice of meetings as provided for in the
323 Constitution and Bylaws; annually publish a roster of officers,
324 directors, standing committee chairpersons and its
325 members, and perform such other duties as may be
326 required; and,

327 5.1.4.4 Shall serve a term of two (2) years and may be elected for
328 two (2) consecutive terms totaling four (4) years, or until his /
329 or her successor is elected and installed. Consenses
330 accepted

331 5.1.5 **The PU'UKŪ**

332 5.1.5.1 Shall receive all assets, contributions and assessments
333 made for the work of the Association;

334 5.1.5.2 Shall make payments of funds as may be directed by the
335 Board of the Directors or Association or donor gifts;

336 5.1.5.3 Shall at all time keep an accurate record of all transactions
337 involving the various accounts entrusted to his or her care;

6.1.2 The Executive Committee shall be the instrument of the Board of Directors between Board meetings and is empowered to carry out the duties of the Board and/or the Association.

6.2 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

6.2.1 The Committee on Ministry shall consist of seven (7) members; three (3) of whom should be lay persons, and shall include one (1) person from each of the islands as stated in Article 3.9.2. Members, who shall serve staggered terms, are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the 'Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu. Members shall serve for a term of three years beginning July 1 of the year elected, and may be elected for no more than two consecutive terms. In case of a vacancy, the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement to fill the unexpired term.

6.2.2 The Committee on Ministry shall decide upon the frequency of meetings. It shall be responsible for matters relating to Kahu; Members in Discernment; ordination; granting, maintenance, transfer, and termination of ministerial standing; privilege of call; installation; commissioning; and granting, maintenance, and termination of local church standing ; and shall, refer to applicable portions of the Buke Lawelima with with reference to the Manual on Ministry as needed and respect Hawaiian Cultural Values make appropriate recommendation (s) to the association.

6.2.3 The Committee on Ministry, through development of programs for professional growth, continuing education, personal support and denominational relationships, shall be responsible for matters relating to the support of the Kahu in the Association and the recruitment and nurturing of students of Hawaiian ancestry interested in entering the ministry, as defined in Section 1.2.2 hereof.

6.3 NOMINATING COMMITTEE The Nominating Committee shall consist of three (3) members and be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve staggered terms of two (2) years each beginning on July 1 of the year appointed.

6.3.1 The Nominating Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for the offices of Luna Ho'omalua, Luna Ho'omalua Hope, Kākau 'Ōlelo, and Pu'ukū; one or more candidates for island representatives to the Board of Directors; and one or more candidates for the Committee on Ministry.

6.3.2 The names of the nominees, with information of their qualification, shall be submitted to member churches no less than one (1) month before the Annual Meeting.

6.3.3 Nominations may only be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting, if there is a vacancy in a position at that time, a second is provided, and motion approved by the body.

6.4 FINANCE COMMITTEE

6.4.1 There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of three (3) members, appointed by the Board of Directors to serve staggered terms.

6.4.2 The appointed term shall be three (3) years.

6.4.3 The Pu'ukū shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee with the right to vote.

6.4.4 The Finance Committee shall present an Annual Budget to the Board of Directors for the next fiscal year.

6.5 NA LIMA HO'IKE E PROGRAM COMMITTEE

6.5.1 There shall be a Program Committee of eight (8) members, one (1) from each of the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, Moloka'i, 'Oahu, and Kaua'i, and one (1) youth delegate under 25 30 years of age, plus a representative from a recognized Partnership Ministry of this Association, and a representative of State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches as appointed by that body.

6.5.2 Each member of the Program Committee will serve a staggered three (3) year term. Accepted by consenses

6.5.3 The Program Committee members shall help the local churches develop programs.

6.5.4 The program committee will review and evaluate the grant applications.

6.5.5 The grant applications that are denied will be presented to the BOD for final consideration.

6.6 HUA MUA COMMITTEE

The Hua Mua Committee exists to ensure that the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches is truly self-governing and financially self-sustaining as written in the mission statement.

6.6.1 COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Committee will be composed of five (5) members with terms of three (3) years that are staggered, or until replaced. Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, and Three (3) at large members.

449 6.6.1.2 The Papa Makua and Pu`ukū are ex-officio members of the committee.

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452 6.6.2 PURPOSE: To develop capital campaigns to raise funds for financial

453 sustainability and present proposed plans, visions, and recommendations to the

454 Board of Directors.

455 Consensus accepted

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457 6.7 SPECIAL COMMITTEES

458 6.7.1 Special Committees may be created by the Association or the Board of Directors

459 to fulfill the purposes of the Association and/or represent the Association in other

460 affiliated and/or non-affiliated organizations.

461 6.7.2 Duties and functions of the Committee will be delineated by the

462 Board of Directors.

463 6.7.3 The term of the Committee will be determined at the time of

464 formation.

465 6.8 CHAIRPERSONS One member of each committee may be appointed

466 chairperson by the Board of Directors of this Association, and/or

467 to consider a committee recommendation.

468 6.9 QUORUM Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of

469 Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall

470 constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a

471 meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee.

472 6.10 RULES Each committee may adopt rules of its own government not

473 inconsistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of

474 Directors.

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476 ARTICLE VII-INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

477 7.1 INDEMNIFICATION Any person who is made a party to any action, suit or

478 proceeding, civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact

479 that such person is or was a director, officer, committee member, or a member of

480 a member Church serving in a position at the request of the Association , shall be

481 indemnified by the Association against the expenses (including amounts paid by

482 way of judgement, and settlement and including attorney's fees) reasonably and

483 necessarily incurred by him or her in connection with the defense of such action,

484 suit, or proceeding, whether or not such defense shall be successful in whole or

485 in part, or in connection with any appeal therein, or any settlement thereof,

486 except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit,

or proceeding that such person is liable for willful misconduct in the performance of his or her duties.

7.2 AUTHORIZATION Unless ordered by a court, any indemnification under Section 7.1 of this Article shall be made by the Association only if authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer or committee member has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Section 7.1. The determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of Directors who were not parties to the proceeding; or (b) if a quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable if a quorum of disinterested directors so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion to the Association; or (c) by a majority vote of the members; or (d) by the court in which the proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the Association or the director or officer or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not he application by the director, officer, attorney, or other person is opposed by this Association.

7.3 ADVANCE PAYMENTS Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be paid by the Association in advance of the final disposition of the proceeding as authorized by the Board of Directors in a particular case upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that the director or officer is entitled to be indemnified by the Association as authorized in this Article VII.

7.4 OTHER RIGHTS The indemnification provided by this Article shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled and shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such a person.

7.5 INSURANCE The Association shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any director or officer of the Association , against any liability asserted against or incurred by the directors or officer's status as church, whether or not the Association would have the power to indemnify the director or officer against liability under this Article.

ARTICLE VIII-EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

8.1 PERSONS AUTHORIZED Except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, or by resolution of the Board of Directors or by law, the person authorized to make and execute all written instruments of Association, including the checks, drafts, notes, bonds, acceptance, deeds, leases, and contracts shall be the Luna Ho'omalū (President), the Luna Ho'omalū Hope (Vice

President), the Kākau ‘Ōlelo (Secretary), the Papa Makua (Spiritual Leader), and the Pu’ukū(Treasurer). accepted by consenses

8.2 CONTRACTS The Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, in addition to the officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Association, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

8.3 CHECKS, DRAFTS, ORDERS, AND NOTES All checks, drafts or orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Association, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Association, and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by any officer if the amount of the instrument is under one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or by the Treasurer and countersigned by the President, the Vice President, or the Secretary of the Association if the amount of the instrument is one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or over.

ARTICLE IX-FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

9.1 BUDGET A proposed Annual Budget as presented by the Finance Committee, approved by the Board of Directors and distributed to the churches together with the notice of the Annual Meeting.

9.2. RECEIPTS

9.2.1 Uku Kumau (Dues) Each church member, as defined in Section 1.1.1.1 hereof, shall pay annual per capita assessment based on the total number members of that church. The Association shall establish the rate of assessment.

9.2.2 Lulu (Offering) An offering may be received at meetings of membership to support the work of the Association.

9.2.3 Fund Raising The Association may undertake special fund raising activities approved by the membership or Board of Directors.

9.2.4 Deposits All funds of the Association shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Association in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

9.3 DISBURSEMENTS All disbursements shall be paid by the Pu'uku (Treasure) as may be directed by these Bylaws, the Board of Directors or this Association.

9.4 AUDITS Within ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year, the Pu'ukū will submit to the Board of Directors an annual financial statement prepared in-house and verified as to accuracy by an authorized officer or member of the Board, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. Findings will be reported to the membership at the next meeting of the Association.

9.5 GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENT The Association may appoint a special committee to search and investigate grants that entitlement that may be available to the Association.

9.6 GIFTS The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Association any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the general purposes as for any special purpose of the Association. The Board may appoint a Special Committee to receive and manage endowments and special gifts.

ARTICLE X-BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Association shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, Board of Directors and Committees having any of the authority of the Board of Directors, and shall keep at the registered or principal office a record giving the names and addresses of the members entitled to vote. Any member, or his agent or his attorney may inspect all books and records of the Association for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE XI-FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall be from July 1 through June 30.

ARTICLE XII-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

All meetings of the Board of Directors, Committees, and the Association shall be conducted in accordance with the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order, which shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedure not covered by the Constitution or the Bylaws of this Association, as amended.

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ARTICLE XIII-AMENDMENT AND REVIEW

598 These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted
599 by a majority of the members present at any regular meeting or at any special meeting,
600 if at least thirty (30) days written notice is given of the intention to alter, amend, or
601 repeal or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting. These Bylaws shall be reviewed every
602 three (3) years.

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AHEC BYLAWS

Report of the AHEC Papa Makua Committee

Aha Na Kai Ewalu, October 6, 2020

***All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward
those who keep the demands of his covenant. Psalm 25:10***

Recognized the principle of Self-Governance for Native Hawaiians:

1. 168th Aha Pae`aina, June 1990—Recognizing the Right to Self-Governance of Native Hawaiians
2. General Synod, June 1991—Resolution: Self-Governance of Native Hawaiians

Recognition of the AHEC and full-time Papa Makua—170th Aha Pae`aina, June 1992:

1. Recognizes the Aha Iki as the new Hawaiian Churches association which will be a Non-Geographic Association.
2. Approves a full-time staff position with support staff for this association.
3. Approves full representation with voice and vote on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ.

“Agreement of Mutual Commitment” between the HCUCC and the AHEC:

Negotiated by HCUCC-Jeanette Kinaka, Aletha Kaohi, Arthur Goto; AHEC-Henry Maunakea, Genie Keanu, Kekapa Lee. (Sept. 16-17, 1994 and Oct. 8, 1994 motions passed by HCUCC)

Aha Na Kai Ewalu, June 2019—Kahu Wendell Davis elected as Papa Makua

Funding for the position stalled:

AHEC votes an Ad-Hoc Papa Makua Committee to negotiate salary for Papa Makua Met with Conference Minister, HCUCC Conference Council, Luna Ho`omaluku sent letter to Conference Minister and HCUCC Conference Council (May 17, 2020)

Latest news from Conference Minister David Popham’s report to the AHEC Sept 2020:

“At this time, we await a new HCUCC Council which will appoint an adhoc committee to be in conversation with the Papa Makua Committee of AHEC. In the meantime, I am proposing that a capital campaign be conducted by the Conference that will in part fund the Papa Makua position. Until further discussions can be held and finances strengthened movement forward on this issue is unfortunately slow.

Personally, I recognize Wendell Davis as the Papa Makua of AHEC. He and I meet monthly in his role as Papa Makua to discuss common concerns and support of AHEC congregations and ministers. I have expressed my hope to Wendell that with the new HCUCC Council the position of Papa Makua can be added to the structure of the Council.”

Keep our Papa Makua, our committee and our association in your prayers!

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)

“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)

Mr. Donovan Preza, the foremost authority on the Mahele is leading our *komike* in a tutorial on how to research land. He has invited Dr. Ronald Williams, Jr. as a resource to join us. We meet every Wednesday evening by Zoom for two hours of instruction. So far, we have had two sessions. We are learning that there is much misunderstanding of the Mahele of 1848. It will take us at least a year to understand the Mahele and how to research the land in Hawai`i correctly. What we do know is that Kamehameha III initiated the Mahele to keep the lands in the hands of his people. After our training, we believe we will be able to serve our churches better in defining who owns the lands upon which our churches stand.

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 looking for one person from each of our churches to work with us in researching your church land.

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Jun. 2019 - Aug. 2020 NECROLOGY REPORT

CHURCH	NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF DEATH
<u>HAWAII ISLAND:</u>		
Haili Congregational (3)	Alama Kamalu "Kukui" Welborn	September 28, 2019
	Nolan Remmers	January 22, 2020
	Conrad Alohalani Nathaniel	February 7, 2020
Kahikolu Congregational (1)	Sheila Navas Frasco, Deacon	
	Chair of Diaconate	
Laupahoehoe Congregational (3)	Kahu Clement Malani, Sr.	February 6, 2020
	Ruby Leilani Malani	March 25, 2020
	Lei Sato	
<u>MAUI:</u>		
Kaahumanu (3)	Karen (Lum Ho) Vida	
	Bernice Higa-Wirth	
	Caroline Benton	
Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian (1)	Jean Cooper	
Waiola Church (6)	Ronald Vaught	
	Mary Haunani Yap	
	Grale Lorenzo Chong	
	Barbara Kukahiko	
	Larry "Pops" Meneghin	
	Rachel Kaleiopu	
<u>O'AHU:</u>		
Kahikuonalani UCC (1)	Della Kuana	August 19, 2019
Kaumakapili (4)	Jaya Poepoe	August 11, 2019
	Matthew K. Motas	October 29, 2019
	Rosalind Lum	December 7, 2019
	Darlene Kaupu	June 11, 2020
Lili'uokalani Protestant (1)	Jacob Ng	December 14, 2019



ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES
2020 Virtual Aha Iki and Na Kai `Ewalu
2020 Virtual `Aha Pae`aina – E Ho`okuhi Kākou
September 26, 2020

I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. [Psalm 119:93](#)

My life is owed to the Lord. His word keeps me alive, guides me, and sustains me always. 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. God is moving forward with his word. The East Hawaii Churches of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association are:

- **Haili Congregational Church & Kuhio Chapel**-. A big Mahalo goes to Haili for hosting our first ever Virtual Aha Halawai on September 18 & 19. There were some challenges but the ground crew worked well to solve for problems. Kahu Brian Welsh Sunday Services are held beginning online at 9:45 with pipe organ selections on Facebook at Haili Church. 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. He continues working on his Program of Growth and we look forward to his graduation from the Calvary School of Theology. Amen! Live Sunday services are at 11:00 at Kalapana Maunakea Church on Facebook. They help distribute food to the community at organized food distribution every other month.
- **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 has Sunday services via Zoom with their congregation. They had just began "in church services" when the second closing occurred. Mahalo to their members who always participate in meetings when planned and called upon.
- **Olaa First Hawaiian Church** – Kahu Lani Kapunia continues to pastor Olaa and God is Good all the time! Olaa is working to come online virtually with their worship service from their social hall. At this time they are trying videotaping on Sundays during their service. They are working at this task to reach their congregation and all people.
- **Opihikao Congregational Church** –Sadly, `Opihikao has left our Association and we continue to keep them in prayer. We will still worship with them and when its possible again, we look forward to Hoike together in the future.

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,

Loke Kamanu

Pro-Tem East Hawaii Representative



West Hawaii AHEC Report. West Hawaii Representative Kahu Charles Kaupiko
September 4, 2020

Hau'oli Kamananao Church:

- Church is has been closed from March 31st to present due to covid-19 doing service on zoom Facebook live @Hau'oli Kamananao Church. 11:00am Sunday.
 - Replace roof on church & hall.
 - There has been contact of covid in village and a cluster of cases has shown to affect the ohanas in the area. Please keep ohanas in your pule for Milolii village. Mahalo nui loa!
 - AID has been rendered to help affected ohanas personal needs and care packages through community friends and governmental resources.
- Please keep them in your pule mahalo nui loa!

Lanakila Congregational Church:

- Church is reopened and doing 2 services 9:00am & 10:15am by Kahu Charlene and Sam Masilamoney.
 - Christian education (spiritual growth) and stewardship.
 - Coordinating new approaches to worship services and needs of church ohana due to the impact of covid (Kahu Charlene Taketa, Covid Coordinator, with the Kokua of Assistant Pastor Sam Masilamoney, THD).
 - Weekly in person and Virtual worship services.
 - Mission and community outreach by Na Kahu.
 - Praise and worship.
- Please keep them in your pule mahalo nui loa!

Kauaha'ao Congregational Church:

- March 15, 2020 ended services at church turned to online live services online Facebook @Kauaha'ao Congregational Church.
- Drive through communion and service.

Healani Congregational Church:

- Bible study's wednesday night 7pm on zoom.
 - Uncle Harry Aiu has been receiving his healing and treatment over his personal health. Please keep him and his ohana in your pule mahalo nui loa!
 - 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!

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the Lord, And their righteousness is from Me, Says the Lord.
Isaiah 54:17 Amene

Mahalo Ke Akua,
Kahu Charles Kaupiko

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Ka'ahumanu Church ~ Wailuku: Led by Kahu Wayne Higa ~ Service each Sunday at 9am via virtual live Facebook zoom. They have returned to the Hale Pule since the 2nd week of June with minimal attendance, however, still doing virtual live on Zoom. Planning still in effect on how to come back while keeping all requirements for Health in place keeping everyone mindful of health and concerns. Church Website: www.kaahumanuchurch.org

Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church ~ Kihei: Church service is online on their website. Kokua from Pastor Roxanne Whitelight, service is posted by Saturday evening, service is at 9:30am. Website: www.keolahouhawaiianchurch.org

Lahuiokalani Ka'anapali Congregational Church ~ Honokowai: Since July 5, public worship has been in place. As a small-member church, attendance has been steady with 14 people. Normally, tourists increase church attendance to 30-35 people. A good side effect of COVID-19 is that the congregation has become more unified and know each other better. The long-awaited church parsonage, with an office, is on property. This will allow a 24/7 presence on the church property. Aileen and Bob Trout will reside as caretakers. The church is looking for ways to reach the community as they move into the future.

Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church ~ Olowalu: No service since the pandemic started and their general attendees are mostly family and they intend to come back in person when things are in better shape. Still waiting for approvals for their new Hale Pule on permits from the County, that is ongoing for some years now, ran into some complications with permits, working on clearing those items.

Waihee Congregational Church ~ Waihe'e: A very small group of 3 -5 people have been attending church at 8:30am every Sunday. Working with the social distance criteria. The Pohnpei's celebrate their 5-year anniversary on Sept 06 and has asked to have service at the church. Guidelines will be implemented with allowing a ten person gathering.

Kalua'aha Congregational Church ~ Moloka'i: Sent an email to Earline and have not heard back on status of church.

Waiola Church ~ Lahaina: Service each Sunday at 9am on Waiola Church Facebook page, virtual video taped. Board and membership have not decided on return to the Hale Pule just yet, annual board meetings are by zoom, one membership meeting was also by zoom. Concerns on property that Waiola is caretaker of, on Front Street, Campbell Park and the Hale Kahu. In the process of moving the physical office to one of the hall offices. This will allow Punana Leo o Lahaina to move to the office annex and have its full use for the school. Website: www.waiolachurch.org

Respectively Submitted,
Anela Rosa
West Maui Representative

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
2020 `Aha `Iki Virtual `Aha Pae`aina
Kauai Congregational Churches – Ko`olauhui`ia Church
September 18, 2020

Aloha :

Ko'olauhui'ia Church is renovating the kitchen and

Welcomes Kamehameha School classrooms buildings have been moved to the church ground below the existing Sunday School building. Details for the merger and renovations with Koolauhui'ia's Vice Moderator, Essie Williams is available, please contact her for update. Kauai Council of HCCC membership took place at Kapaa First Hawaiian Church on August 19, 2019. Koolauhui'ia Church was represented by Kauanoë Hoomanawanui. Churches present were Waimea United Church of Christ (Mike Vidinha), Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church (Bonnie Shimatsu)

Kahu Bob Smith, retired Kahu, continues to kokua with Communion on the First Sunday of each Month at Ko'olauhui'ia Protestant Church last month Communion Celebration was on the grounds of Koolau Cemetery with Kahu Bob. It was a beautiful sunny day with the sprinkling of rain in the morning and a sunny day. Kahu Sarah Jones, Chaplain at Wilcox Memorial Hospital who preaches on the 2nd Sunday of each month shared her last sermon with Koolauhui'ia., as she has taken a position at the Lutheran Church in Lihue, we wish her and her ohana blessings on their new venture. Kahu Kordell, retired Chaplain at Kamehameha School and current advisor to Kamehameha School's Administration is with us on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Uncle Nathan Kalama challenges and introduces songs that he wrote with the congregation on the 4th Sunday of each month. There is a Q & A session, and many introduces Sunday School Songs that we have forgotten Waimea UCC will not host the 2020 Aha Pae'aina. They are prepping for the bicentennial of the arrival of missionaries in Waimea and is still in discernment concerning their move out of the UCC denomination. Hanapepe Hawaiian will not have a Na Himeni Concert this year although a Hawaiian plate fundraiser will still be held. Renovations to the parsonage and church office is completed at Wai'oli Hui'ia. The interim pastor is David Leong. The church is in consultation with the Hawaii Conference Office to get their property deeds returned to them to be able to apply for grants.

The Kauai Associations Fall Mokupuni was held at the Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church on November 4, 2018. Sharing Session based on the Three Great Loves—Aloha Keiki, Aloha Kakou, Aloha Aina opened the Aha. Members of churches were asked to share stories related to each of these three loves relating it to the Initiatives from the Strategic Plan. Kapaa First Hawaiian Church are still dealing with the plumbing issues with the bathroom. They continue to work on their Strategic Plan

Peter Galuteria wrote a song for Kawaiaha'o Church to perform for the Bicentennial Celebration in 2020. The music and words will be sent to all churches and the churches may substitute their church's name in the song if they choose to sing it.

MAI MANA'O INO AKU, O MANA'O INO IA MAI 'OUKOU Do not judge, so that you will not be judge

Mahalo ke Akua; Maile Baird , Kauai AHEC Representative

Report of the Covenantal Relationship between Kamehameha Schools and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches-Aha Iki 2020

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

Goals of the Covenantal Relationship

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

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the Deputation Teams were not able to get out into the churches since March. These are the activities which have taken place this year.

Achievements

- Tri-Campus:
 - The three deputation teams gathered on the Big Island August 16-18 to learn of the life of 'Ōpūkaha'ia by visiting his birthplace and final resting spot. This was in preparation for the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the missionaries. We will be participating in the events in Kailua-Kona on April 4-6, 2020. (Kahu Kalani journeyed to New England for the 200th Anniversary of the Departure of the Missionaries from Boston Harbor on 10/23)
 - The three campuses made their annual mission trip to Kalaupapa where they led worship at Kana'ana Hou Church, helped maintain the yards of the church and one of the patients, made friendly visits to the care home to share music with the patients.
- *KS Kapālama.*
 - Oct 20- Lili'uokalani Protestant Church
 - The deputation team cleaned the church and yard on Saturday, October 19

- The team led the Sunday Worship Service on October 20th.
 - Nov 17- Wai‘anae Protestant Church Sunday- led the worship service.
 - January 4- Topside Moloka‘i Churches
- *KS Maui:*
 - February 23- Kalanikahua Hou Church
- *KS Hawai‘i-*
 - Oct 13 – Papa Ali‘i Sunday at William Charles Lunalilo Center (KSH)
 - Nov 24 –Community Chapel at William Charles Lunalilo Center (KSH)
 - Dec 15 – Will be leading worship at Kūhiō Chapel and Haili Chapel

Servant Leadership

- KS Kapālama
 - Oct 19- Assisted Lili‘ūokalani Protestant Church with cleaning of hale pule and yard. Also, cleaned gravestones of the founders of the church.
- KS Hawai‘i
 - Dec 7- Shop with a Cop at Target teaming with Salvation Army and Catholic Charities. Students will be serving through caroling and gift wrapping.

Pastoral Participation

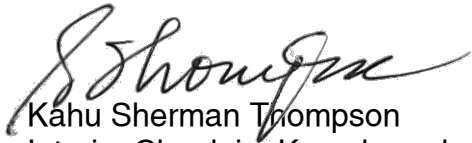
- Kahu Ken Makuakane (Kawaiaha‘o) and Kahu Doug Wooten (Kaumakapili) serve on Kamehameha Schools Faith Advisory Council
- Hope Kahu Barrett Awai (KSK) has been assisting Kawaiahao Church by providing music for their online services
- February 16- Kahu Kalani led service at Lahuiokalani-Ka‘anapali Congregational Church

The COVID-19 pandemic has severely impacted all of us. The class of 2020 has lost so many of their landmark events. To give them some sense of closure to their time at Kamehameha Schools, we have had to reimagine key events. The Tri-Campus, Maui Campus and Hawai‘i Campus Baccalaureate services was shared via Facebook Live. In addition, each campus had a drive through diploma presentation ceremony. A full version of the graduation ceremony was shared later that day.

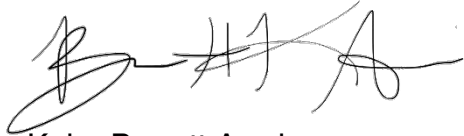
Because of the social distancing rules, all deputation team presentations are on hold at this time. When the situation permits, we will be able to serve our local congregations once again.

We are all in a time of change and reimagining, however, loli ‘ole ko kākou Akua- Our God NEVER changes. We can live confidently knowing “that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

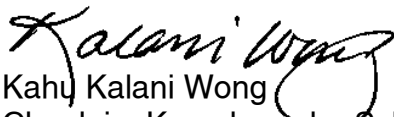
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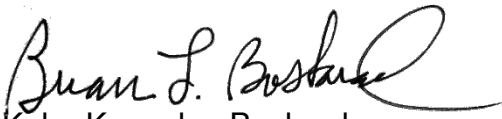
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Hawaii PAAM

Aha Iki Report 2020

Report - Kahu Rennie Mau

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MULAN

Hawaii PAAM and partner - GAMEKIDS Hawaii have been working with children and youth from our Hawaii PAAM churches as well as youth from California and Samoa. The summer-long project was delayed due to the COVID-19 lockdowns and Kahu Mau being injured. However, the completed project will debut on Saturday, October 10th at 6:30PM. It will be broadcasted on the Hawaii PAAM Facebook Group page.

“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. Invitations will go out soon for youth grades 6 and above through young adults. In October and November, adult mentors will be selected and trained. Online virtual meetings and webinars will be led and stories to be compiled in January - March 2021 for publication in April 2021. More announcements forthcoming after the leadership team is put together.

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. A special workshop will be held on Thursday, 8th at 5PM for the Aha Paeaina.

Native Hawaiian Self-Governance and AHEC Video from the Fall 2020 Aha Halawai

<https://youtu.be/laZUJOzQdxE>

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Hawaii PAAM Support

Hawaii PAAM comprises some 170 churches here in Hawaii, but we do not have membership dues. Funds are raised from individual donations and church donations and fundraisers. If you are able to support the work of Hawaii PAAM. Please make a check and donation to “Hawaii PAAM” and mail to:

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Aha Iki of the 198th Aha Pae'aina

Aha Na Kai Ewalu
October 8, 2020

Aloha Kakou,

Mahalo to Uncle Stanley Lum for hosting our Executive Committee meetings and Kahikuonalani Church (Joanne Kishimori, the late Della Kuuana) for hosting our Board meetings.

The SCHCC continues to encourage the Island Councils/members to consider implementing the strategic initiative(s) that best fits its churches.

By Laws revisions were approved at the 2019 Annual Meeting. With this approval, the SCHCC applied for its 501c3 Non-Profit Status.

As custodians of the Katherine and Clay Wery Fund, the Executive Committee finalized the Guidelines and Application form to implement this program.

An addendum to its "Celebrating Advocacy – Past, Present, Future" book, is focusing on completion in 2020.

The Repair & Maintenance Fund, a line item in the Hawaii Conference Foundation budget, remained at \$40,000.00, which four (4) churches were approved and received funding.

Two SCHCC members continue discussions on a Reconciliation working group with representatives from AHEC and the HCUCC.

As FY 2019 – 2020 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
SCHCC President



STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION REPORT
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
2020 Virtual Aha Pae'aina `Aha `Iki Na Kai `Ewalu
October 4-9, 2020

Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the LORD. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?" declares the LORD. Jeremiah 23:24

Aloha our brothers and sisters of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Church blessings to all as we continue keep our faith and health up and more so raise our eyes to heaven. Our father will aid us as needed to bring us through all challenges to our people and 'āina. The Lord sees all hearts and men even in their secret places. We, as Christians, can move confidently knowing that Jesus is our shield and we give thanks that he guards our hearts (and health) always.

As for our Sunday Schools, we know that families are sharing stories, songs, prayers, and verse with their children and each other. Our only Hō'ike on Hawaii Island this year was Pu'ula Church and Haili Church's Hoike which was a joyous time together. Due to our current situation with Covid 19 and spikes in reported cases, we have decided to cancel the rest of our 2020 Hō'ike on Hawaii Island. As for Oahu Sunday School Association, they too are under restrictions and are not meeting.

Our State Sunday School Officers are: President- Loke Kamanu; Vice-President Oahu-Ipo Gora; Vice-President Hawaii Island – Cynthia Akimseu; Secretary- Wahineaukai Mercado; Treasurer – Kahu Diane Hultman; Advisor – Juliana Yotsuji and Auditor – Frank Mulec. We Mahalo their faithful service to our State Sunday School and churches.

With extended restrictions ensuing, the State Sunday School Association is planning to meet via Zoom with its board members to see how we can help assist our Sunday Schools across the state following our 2020 Virtual `Aha Pae'aina. Please share ideas or question you may have regarding Sunday School during our Annual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 6 from 9:00-11:00 as we share our meeting time with State Christian Endeavor.

Because of the current situation, the State Sunday proposes to keep its officers at this year's 2020 Virtual `Aha Iki / Aha Pae'aina and have them serve for an additional year till 2021 `Aha Pae'aina. Also, SSSA has been working with the Formational Team, State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, and State Christian Endeavor to plan for our upcoming `Aha Pae'aina. To be in covenant with our churches and partnerships we move forward with Christ.

So let us keep each other in prayer and our hearts in love and trust always in the Lord. Stay healthy and safe. Blessings and thanksgiving go out to all Christ's children.

E imua kākou me Iesu Christo. Let us move forward with Jesus Christ.

Me ka Mahalo i Ke Akua,

Loke Kamanu, President of State Sunday School Association

