



STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

ANNUAL MEETING (Virtual)

June 15, 2021

199th. ‘Aha Pae`aina (*Virtual*)

June 13-17, 2021

(SCHCC)

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

‘Aha Iki - *Annual Meeting*

June 15, 2021

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

‘Aha Pae‘āina Tentative Schedule 5/26/2021

Time	Event	Description	Kuleana
Saturday, June 12			
1:00 pm	Delegate Orientation	How we will work in this Virtual ‘Aha Pae‘āina	Administration Missional Team
Sunday, June 13			
3:00 pm	Call to Order	‘Aha Pae‘āina Convenes	Eric Anderson, HCUCC Council Chair
	Opening Worship	Virtual worship for all	Worship Planning Committee
Monday, June 14			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	AHEC
10:00 am–12:00 pm	‘Aha Ona Kahu	For Kahu of Hawaiian Churches	Wendell Davis
5:00–7:00pm	Workshop	AHEC’s General Synod Resolution: White Supremacy Disguised: 128 years of continued white supremacy and war crimes on the Hawaiian Kingdom Christian Nation	Wendell Davis, Ron Fujiyoshi, Pualani Muraki, Kalaniakea Wilson
Tuesday, June 15			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Hawai‘i Island Association
12:00–1:00 pm	Workshop	Provoked Perseverance! When Change Matters: Reflections on Matthew 15:21-28 from a postcolonial, race, and gender perspective	Sharon Jacob, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Pacific School of Religion

Tuesday, June 15 Continued			
Time	Event	Description	Kuleana
1:30–4:30 pm	SCHCC	State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches	Boyd Matsuyama
5:30–7:00 pm	Workshop	Report of the Conference Minister followed by Conference Minister Installation Service	David Popham, Conference Minister
Wednesday, June 16			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Kaua'i Association
9:00–10:00 am	CE Hawai'i	Christian Endeavor Hawai'i Annual Meeting	Michael Warren
10:00–11:00 am	SSSA	State Sunday School Association Annual Meeting	Loke Kamanu
12:00–1:00 pm	Workshop	Property-Liability Commercial Insurance Trends	Tim Harris, President and CEO, Insurance Board
5:30–6:30 pm	Workshop	Children's Sermons	Wahineaukai Mercado
Thursday, June 17			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	O'ahu Association
8:30 am	'Ohana		AHEC
9:00 am–12:00 pm	Membership Meeting of all AHEC Churches	AHEC Luna Ho'omalū—Kauanoë Ho'omanawanui	Kauanoë Ho'omanawanui
12:30–1:30 pm	Workshop	Wisdom of Kalaupapa Premier: Module 1 – Personal Response to Crisis: From Fear to Faith	Roberta Jahrling, Phyllis Meighen, Lana Ka'opua
5:30–6:30 pm	Workshop	Growing Faith and Social Justice Leaders of Hawai'i	Jeffrey Acido, Cassie Chee, E. Kevin Faller, Debieh Miguel Acido

Time	Event	Description	Kuleana
Friday, June 18			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
12:30–1:30 pm	Workshop	Hawai‘i Conference Foundation Updates	Andrew Bunn, Executive Director
5:30–6:30 pm	Workshop	HCUCC FYE2022 Budget	Roda Tabilas, HCUCC Treasurer
Saturday, June 19			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Tri-Isle Association
8:00 am	Business Session		Administration Missional Team
10:30 am	Closing Worship	Virtual Worship for all	Worship Planning Committee

June 13, 2021

Aloha, to all the delegates, guests and friends of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. It is with great joy and thanksgiving to God that I welcome you to the 199th 'Aha Pae'āina.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, as last autumn, so this summer, we will gather virtually for our faith-family reunion. Using the technology and technical help available to the Conference, attendees will be able to explore the theme *E Ho 'omau Kākou, We Persevere Together*. This theme of tenacity in community will be explored through daily devotions and workshops, opening and closing worship, as well as the various plenary sessions throughout the week.

I want to thank the pastors and church leaders of the 116 congregations who have faithfully provided ministry during the pandemic. Whether that ministry was being in prayer over the phone and an online platform or distributing food and PPE equipment in your communities, your work is appreciated. God was honored due to your dedication to living out the good news of Christ in this year of disruption and steep learning curves.

Thanks and gratitude also need to be given to the Conference Council, our five Associations, State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, and the Board of Trustees of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation for all the hard work, "perseverance," and leadership demonstrated through the many wise decisions made to benefit the Conference and its congregations.

In the year in which we passed a deficit budget we added a new missional team to the council, planned toward new Associate Conference Ministers, launched the *Church in the 21st Century* workshop series, and raised The Friends of the Conference revenue by a whopping 42%. Is God still speaking? Yes! Are the Hawai'i Conference lay people and ministers still listening and responding? Yes!

All those gathered for the 199th 'Aha Pae'āina will have an opportunity to dialogue about more of the amazing things God is doing among us, including a plan to grow faith and social justice leaders of Hawai'i; *A Resolution Encouraging to End 128 Years of War Between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom*; and a biblical conversation on postcolonial, race, and gender perspectives. I am delighted to share the joy of this year's 'Aha Pae'āina with all of you, as we persevere together in the common mission God gifted us.

In mission and ministry together,

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham
Conference Minister

II. BUSINESS ITEMS

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
199th Aha Pae'āina
Annual Virtual Meeting

AGENDA
June 15, 2021

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. CALL TO ORDER @ _____ | B. Matsuyama |
| 2. OPENING PULE/OHANA/LULU*
(* Please make checks payable to SCHCC)
(Mail to: Frank Mulec, P.O.B 1065, Pahoa HI 96778-1065) | N. Andrade |
| 3. ROLL CALL / QUORUM: Yes___/ No___
Member Churches: _____ Partnerships: _____ | K. Alike |
| 4. GREETINGS | B. Matsuyama |
| 5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA
5.1.
5.2.
5.3. | B. Matsuyama |
| 6. 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2020 | K. Alike |
| 7. FINANCIAL REPORT
7.1. Annual Treasurer's Report

7.3. Other
7.3.1. Kokua Mau
7.3.2. Makeke | F. Mulec |
| 8. CONFERENCE STAFF/SCHCC OFFICER'S REPORT
8.1 Conference Minister
8.2 Advisor
8.3 President | D. Popham
S. Matsuyama
B. Matsuyama |

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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| 9.1. Repair & Maintenance | L. Motas |
| 9.2. Kahu Richard Wong Endowment | A. Trout |
| 9.3. William Kahuakai Kelihoomalua Scholarship | S. Matsuyama |
| 9.4. Katherine and Clay Wery Fund | B. Matsuyama |
| 9.5. AHEC – 5E's Program | B. Matsuyama |
| 9.6. Nomination | S. Matsuyama |

10. ISLAND COUNCIL REPORTS

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|-----------------------|--------------|
| 10.1. Kauai Council | H. Pacheco |
| 10.2. Oahu Council | K. Hess |
| 10.3. Topside Council | U. Sai |
| 10.4. Maui Council | A. Trout |
| 10.5. WH Council | S. Matsuyama |
| 10.6. EH Council | C. Malani Jr |

11. PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

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|-----------------------|------------|
| 11.1. PU'A Foundation | T. Bissen |
| 11.2. AHEC | K. Carmelo |

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 12.1. Addendum – Celebrating Advocacy Book
- 12.2. 501c3
- 12.3. Election Update
- 12.4.

13. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

- 13.1. Proposed Budget 2021 - 2022
- 13.3.

14. REFLECTION / CONCERNS

- 14.1.
- 14.2.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 15.1. FY 21/22, Proposed Meeting Dates: 7/31/21, @ 11am,
10/30/21, 1/29/22, 4/30/22
- 15.2.
- 15.3.

16. ADJOURNMENT @ _____ / _____

17. CLOSING PULE

S. Masilamoney

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)

SCHCC Annual Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2020
Zoom

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Boyd Matsuyama, President.
‘OHANA TIME	<p>Aileen Trout, President of the Maui Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, led the <i>‘Ohana</i> Time.</p> <p>The scripture readings were drawn from Matthew 6:14-15 and Ephesians 4:31-32. Aileen noted that both speak to the need for “forgiveness and reconciliation.” She reminded everyone that events were held in September celebrating the birthday of Lili‘uokalani and pointed out that it would be while the Queen was under “house arrest” at ‘Iolani Palace that she would go on to write what we now know as the “Queen’s Prayer.”</p> <p>It was in 1893 that the Hawaiian nation was overthrown with the assistance of U.S. military forces. A century later, in 1993, the United Church of Christ issued a public apology for the church’s complicity in the overthrow. Redress and reparations were made including \$1.25 million for the establishment of a non-geographical association of Hawaiian churches that existed during the time of the overthrow and that still exist today.</p> <p>In addition, each member church was provided with a grant of \$33,000 each. Another \$1 million was provided for the establishment of has become known as the Pū‘ā Foundation, a foundation whose work is based in the wider community.</p>
ROLL CALL/ QUORUM (Appendix A)	Delegates from 26 of the 46 member churches or a majority were present and constituted a quorum.
AGENDA	<u>The Proposed Agenda was then approved by consensus.</u>
GREETINGS	Boyd offered a word of welcome to all delegates, visitors and staff persons.

MINUTES

A. SCHCC Annual Meeting – June 5, 2019 (*Appendix B*)

The SCHCC Annual Meeting minutes of June 5, 2019 were reviewed. The minutes of June 5, 2019 were approved by consensus.

FINANCIAL
REPORTS

A. Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (*Appendix C*)

Attention was called to the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Discussion followed.

Following a brief discussion, it was agreed by consensus to ratify the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Motion passed.

B. Annual Treasurer's Report FY 2019-2020 (*Appendix D*)

The total income for 2019-2020 was \$8,629.41 and the total expenses was \$6,665.12. The ending balance as of June 30, 2020 was \$16,872.74.

C. *Kōkua Mau* (*Appendix E*)

Funds available through *Kōkua Mau* included the following:

- Fund for Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches (\$40,000)
- *Kahu* Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund (\$7,000)
- William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund (\$4,500)
- Katherine & Clay Wery Fund (\$2,500)

It was noted that Wong and Keli'iho'omalua Funds continue to be under the custodial care of the State Council. The Wery Fund was designated to the State Council by the Hawai'i Conference for dispensation.

D. *Makēkē* (*Appendix F*)

Gifts totaling \$350 was received from Helani, Haili, and Kahikolu churches. The budgeted amount was \$2,100.

COMMITTEE
REPORTS

A. Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches - Aletha Kaohi (*Appendix G*)

Attention as called to the report. An update of the churches that were awarded funds was highlighted. The timeline for the completion of the projects was extended through 2021 because of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Auntie Aletha reminded everyone that churches submitting applications must be current in their dues.

B. *Kahu* Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund – Aileen Trout (*Appendix G*)

No applications were received in 2019. Aileen shared examples of the kinds of programs that were supported by the fund.

A copy of the application form was included in the SCHCC annual report booklet.

C. William K. Keli’iho’omalua Scholarship Fund (*Appendix H*)

D. Katherine & Clay Wery Fund – Stanley Lum (*Appendix I*)

Uncle Stanley reminded everyone about the background of the Wery Fund. He said, “The gift for the Wery Fund was given to the Hawai’i Conference for oversight. The conference was responsible for designating an agent to administer the fund, subject to oversight by the Conference Minister and always in conjunction with the State Council.

A grant of \$2,500 has already been approved for the current year for the proposal for a “Teen Suicide” program on Moloka’i. The request was received from Uluwehi Sai.

Uluwehi noted that the “team” was in a planning process through a partnership with the Kamehameha Schools. “Everything was brought to a halt because of COVID-19.” She added that Lili’uokalani Children’s Trust is now taking the lead. The same people remain involved.

Boyd pointed out that the Wery Fund includes a corpus that is not to be used. Instead the funds provided for the development of programs by the island councils will be drawn from the interest generated by the gift.

Naleen Andrade added that she was *hānai* by the family and that it was Katherine Wery's intent that the gift be used to support the development of programs for small membership Hawaiian churches.

D. AHEC – 5E's Program – Boyd Matsuyama (*Appendix J*)

Boyd announced that current members on the committee include: Haunani Pacheco (Kaua'i); Ka'iulani Hess (O'ahu); Earlene Iaea (Moloka'i); Frank Mulec (East Hawai'i); Sharon Matsuyama (East Hawai'i) and Aileen Trout (Maui).

E. Nomination Committee – Sharon Matsuyama (*Appendix K*)

Upon the recommendation of the Nomination Committee, action was taken on the following motion by the SCHCC Executive Committee and Board of Directors: "Due to non-receipt of candidates' names for the election of officers for the SCHCC, the SCHCC Executive Committee recommends, with approval by its Board of Directors, that the current President be given the authority to fill any vacancy in the Officer positions, for an interim period, until a special election is scheduled for June 2021 at the next 'Aha Iki.'" The motion was passed.

Delegates were invited and action was taken to ratify the recommendation.

ISLAND
COUNCIL
REPORTS

A. Kaua'i Council – Haunani Pacheco (*Appendix L*)

Haunani said that most of the churches have "adapted to holding online virtual services. Some have held in-person services.

She noted that some churches like Wai'oli Hui'ia in Hanalei are dependent on tourism. The church received support for the repair of its parsonage, social hall and church sanctuary following the flood of 2017. Work continues on the sanctuary.

Kahu Eric Lucy was called to serve as pastor in August 2019. He is originally from San Clemente, California and previously served as a missionary in Mexico.

B. O'ahu Council – Kai'ulani Hess (*Appendix M*)

The report is on file.

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C. Moloka'i-Topside Council – Uluwehi Sai

Uluwehi pointed out that the report for the Kaua'i Council is the report for the first quarter of 2020. Boyd request that an annual report be submitted. It will then be forwarded to all of the delegates.

She mentioned that Pualani Akaka is the Chair of the Council and Earlene laea serves as Secretary. The Rev. Janice Ogoshi was called to serve the Topside churches. She began her ministry in September 2020.

D. Maui Council – Aileen Trout (*Appendix N*)

The report is on file. She provided an update on several things. Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church continues to call pulpit supply pastors. They are in a search process for a new pastor.

The Rev. Scott Landis has been called as the Interim Pastor at Keawala'i Congregational Church. Olowalu continues its efforts to construct a new sanctuary.

Ka'ahumanu continues its own commitment to repair its church building. Punānā Leo O Maui is set to reopen in the church's social hall following the recent lockdown due the COVID-19 pandemic.

Uncle Jimmy 'A'arona continues to serve as pulpit supply at Kaulanpueo, Kalanikahua Hou and Nāhiku Churches.

Pā'ia is doing well.

Waiola has undergone its challenges as a result of the pandemic. The loss of income has made it no longer possible for the church to provide *Kahu* Meg Watson with an adequate salary package. She left Waiola in April.

Kanu ‘Ānela Rosa has agreed, again, to serve as the licensed pastor.

Aileen reported that a new parsonage is now on the church property at Lāhukalani.

E. East Hawai‘i Council – Frank Mulec (*Appendix O*)

The report is on file.

F. West Hawai‘i – Sharon Matsuyama (*Appendix P*)

The roof at Hau‘oli Kamana‘o in Miloli‘I has been repaired but other work has been delayed. Virtual services are being held.

The village experienced a recent COVID-19 scare. The Moderator was diagnosed with the coronavirus.

Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen added that because the church has a large lawn and sidewalk area, a decision was made to hold weekly drive-in services. Cars are parked facing the sanctuary and an altar area is set-up on the sidewalk.

PARTNERSHIP
REPORTS

A. Pū‘ā Foundation – Toni Bissen (*Appendix Q*)

The report is on file.

Toni added that the work of Pū‘ā Foundation is to “give back and to serve as many people as possible. She referenced the parable of the talents and the importance of using our talents and gifts to serve. The “trauma to transformation” work of the foundation now spans over 24 years.

B. AHEC – Kerisa Carmelo (*Appendix R*)

The report is on file. Kerisa highlighted the association’s ongoing discussions on three matters including the termination of standing for *Kahu* Mike Warren within the United Church of Christ; the litigation between the Hau‘ula Kahuku Church as a member of AHEC and the Hau‘ula Congregational Church/Hawai‘i Conference Foundation, and matters related to the *Papa Makua* and the Hawai‘i Conference.

STAFF
REPORTS

A. Conference Minister – David Popham (*Appendix S*)

The report is on file.

B. Advisor – Sharon Matsuyama (*Appendix T*)

The report is on file. Sharon expressed her appreciation to the Island Council Presidents and to the SCHCC Officers for their leadership.

C. President – Boyd Matsuyama (*Appendix U*)

The report is on file. Boyd also expressed his appreciation for those serving in positions of leadership as member churches.

UNFINISHED
BUSINESS

A. 501 (c) (3) – Articles of Incorporation – Frank Mulec

Uncle Frank said once the *Articles of Incorporation* are filed, amendments will need to be made to the *Bylaws* to make certain they are in compliance with the *Articles of Incorporation*.

B. Addendum to “Celebrating Advocacy” – Aletha Kaohi

Auntie Aletha reported that the book should be ready by Christmas.

OTHER

A. Reconciliation Working Group – Kealahou Alika & Wayne Higa

The Reconciliation Working Group will be leading a workshop on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 to provide participants with an update on its work. Malina Kaulukukui initially served as a member of the group. She has since left and Linda Mitch was invited to join the current group.

The group includes Hau’oli Akaka, Kealahou Alika, Joyclynn Costa, Wayne Higa, Isaiah Ka’awai, and Meleanna Meyer, David Popham and David Turner.

B. Necrology (*Appendix V*)

Delegates added the following names to the Necrology Report:

- Hailli Alma Kamalu “Kukui” Kalima-Wellborn,
Conrad Nathaniel & Noland Remmers
- Hau’ula Merci Castillo
- Kauaha’ao Auntie Mabel Kaipo
- Kawaiaha’o Corinthia Harbottle, Auntie Gerri Hewett
- Lanakila Uncle Alex Ako, Pastor Ewatt Joseph,
& Uncle Mel Ho’omanawanui
- Waialua UCC Grant Lee

ANNOUNCEMENTS A. Meeting Dates

The following are the meeting dates for the SCHCC Board of Directors:

- Saturday, January 30, 2021
- Saturday, April 24, 2021

INSTALLATION
OF OFFICERS

Kahu David Popham led the service of installation for the following officers:

Boyd Matsuyama, President
Aletha Kaohi, Vice-President
Frank Mulec, Treasurer
Kealahou Alika, Secretary

Current Advisors include Sharon Mastuyama and Uncle Stanley Lum. Boyd offered a word of appreciation to Naholo Gramberg and Kahu Ken Makuakane for their technical support in hosting the SCHCC Annual Meeting.

CLOSING
SONG & *PULE*

Delegates were invited to sing, “*Hau’oli Au, E Hawai’i Au*,” a *mele* that was written and composed by Toni Bissen of Pū’ā Foundation. Kahu Barry Mick offered the closing prayer at 11:54 a.m.

Kealahou C. Alika, Secretary

Appendices A-V

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)
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via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

Name	Church/Partner	Voting Delegate	Visitor
James 'A'arona	Kaulanapueo/ Kalanikahua Hou/Huelo	X	
Pualani Akaka	Kalaikamanu Hou	X	
Cynthia Akimseu	Haili Church	X	
Kealahou Alika	Wailuku Union Church		
Dolly Andrade	Kahikolu	X	
Naleen Andrade	Kahikolu	X	
Toni Bissen	Pū'ā Foundation	X	
Kerisa Carmelo	Lanakila	X	
Joyclynn Costa	Kalanikahua Hou	X	
Susan Ferrell	Wai'oli Hui'ia	X	
Ron Fujiyoshi	Ola'a	X	
Naholowa'a Gramberg	Tech Support		X
Wayne Higa	Ka'ahumanu	X	
Ka'iulani Hess	Kawaiaha'o	X	
Ricky Hirakawa	Kahikuonālani	X	
Kauano'e Ho'omanawanui	AHEC Luna Ho'omalū	X	
Dominic Inocelda	Pearl City Community	X	
Catherine Kaide	Laupahoehoe		X
Loke Kamanu	Kalapana Maunakea	X	
Margaret Rose Kamanu	Kalapana Maunakea		X
Bessie Kamakeeaina	Hau'ula UCC	X	
Gwendolyn Kamanu			X
Kini Kawa'a	Kalapana Maunakea	X	
Aletha Kaohi	Hanapēpē	X	
Edie Kapiko	Keawala'I	X	
Laurie Kauleinamoku	Liliuokalani	X	
Charles Kaupiko	Hau'oli Kamana'o	X	
Ka'imi Kaupiko	Hau'oli Kamana'o	X	
Melveen Kaupiko	Hau'oli Kamana'o		X
Leivallyn Kaupu	Hau'oli Kamana'o		X

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Name	Church/Partner	Voting Delegate	Visitor
Joanne Kishimori	Kahikuonālani	X	
Kyle Lovett	Central Union		X
Stanley Lum	SCHCC		
Kenneth Makuakane	Kawaiaha'o	X	
Gordon Marchant	Pearl City Community	X	
Sally Jo Manea	Kapa'a First Hawaiian		X
Boyd Matsuyama	Puka'ana	X	
Sharon Matsuyama	Puka'ana	X	
Vivian Maunakea	Conference Staff		X
Manon Meisner	Kahikolu		X
Barry Mick	Kapa'a First Hawaiian	X	
Lorna Motas	Kaumakapili	X	
Frank Mulec	'Opihikao	X	
Manu Naole	Kalihi & Moanalua	X	
Christine Nu'uhiwa	Conference Staff		X
Shirley Ota	Pearl City Community		X
Haunani Pacheo	Wai'oli Hui'ia	X	
Russell Paio	Laupahoehoe	X	
Alaka'i Paleka	Pā'ia	X	
Lisa Payuyo	Pacific School of Religion		X
Naomi Takei	Pearl City Community		X
Brian Welsh	Haili	X	
David Williams	Kauaha'ao		X
Walter Wong Yuen	Kauaha'ao	X	
Debbie Wong Yuen	Kauaha'ao	X	
Lori Yamashiro	Conference Staff		X

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NECROLOGY

Hawai'i Island:

Haili	Alma Kamalu "Kukui" Kalima-Wellborn, Conrad Nathaniel & Noland Remmers
Kauaha'ao	Mabel Kaipo
Kahikolu	Sheila Navas Frasco
Lanakila	Alex Ako, Mel Ho'omanawanui & Ewattt Joseh
Laupahoehoe	<i>Kahu</i> Clement Malani Sr., Ruby Leilani Malani & Lei Saito
'Opihikao	Louis Kahoano Elia Jr. & Miyoko Kaohi

Maui:

Ka'ahumanu	Caroline Benton, Bernice Higa-Wirth & Karen Lum Ho Vida
Keolahou	Jean Cooper
Waiola	Grale Lorenzo Chong, Rachel Kaleipo, Barbara Kukahiko, Larry "Pops" Meneghin, Ronald Vaught & Mary Haunani Yap

O'ahu:

Hau'ula	Merci Castillo
Kahikuonālani	Della Kua'ana
Kaumakapili	Darlene Kaupu, Rosalind Lum, Matthew K. Motas & Jaya Poepoe
Kawaiaha'o	Corinthia Harbottle & Gerri Hewett
Lili'uokalani	Jacob Ng
Waialua	Grant Lee

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

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Proposed Budget
FY 2021 - 2022

INCOME:

Church Dues (FY 20-21), 45 @ \$50	\$2,250.00	
Mākeke	2,300.00	
Interest Income/Wm Crisp Fund	1, .00	
Donations-churches, individuals, Lulu at mtgs.	3,675.00	
Other Income, reimbursements	3,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>\$13,050.00</u>

EXPENSES:

Air Fare: Executive Committee*	\$6,600.00	
Resource Persons	500.00	
Car Rental/Gas/Parking	1,100.00	
Lodging: Executive Committee*	1,800.00	
Meals	1,000.00	
Office Expenses	300.00	
Host Church Makana, 9 mtgs @ \$150	1,350.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses: unbudgeted, underbudgeted	400.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<u>\$13,050.00</u>

(*Pres, VP, Sec, Treas. and Advisor)

Note: Pū'ā Foundation, Makana Budget of \$1,000.00 will be drawn from the Common Trust Fund held by the SCHCC

State Council of Hawaiian
Congregational Churches

Kōkua Mau

FY 2021-2022

FUNDS AVAILABLE:

(Perpetuate the Funds)

Fund for Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches	\$40,000.00
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Kahu Richard W. Wong Grant Fund	\$7,000.00
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William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund	\$4,500.00
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Katherine & Clay Wery Fund	\$2,500.00
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<u>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE:</u>	<u>\$54,000.00</u>
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State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

2021 'Aha Iki Mākeke Report
May 14, 2021

On August 16, 2020, the 2020 - 2021 SCHCC Mākeke Flyer has been sent to all our member churches. As a result of this announcement, the monetary donations received has been a total of **\$2,050.00** from 15 churches, and 2 individual supporters.

We appreciate, recognized, and thank the following churches and individuals for their generous monetary donations and continued support for the SCHCC:

Kauaha‘ao Congregational Church

Boyd T.Matsuyama

Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church

Sharon L.K. Matsuyama

‘Opihikao Congregational Church

Lahuiokalani Kā‘anapali Congregational Church

Hau‘oli Kamana‘o Church

Haili Congregational Church

Helani Congregational Church

Wai‘oli Hui‘ia Church

Puka‘ana Congregational Church

Lanakila Congregational Church

Kahikolu Congregational Church

Kapa‘a First Hawaiian Church

Kaumakapili Church

Hanapēpē Hawaiian Congregational Church

Kahikuonalani Church UCC

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J Mulec

SCHCC Mākeke Chair



State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

2021 - 2022 Mākeke Flyer

May 14, 2021

Aloha Kākou,

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) has historically set up a “Mākeke” during its Annual Meeting, at the ‘Aha Iki. For many years, our Hawaiian Churches contributed food items (baked goods, preserves, pickled fruits and vegetables) hand crafts and a variety of other items, including fresh produce. In the past few years, with more restrictions set on traveling and with the cost of airfares and shipping increasing, a physical Mākeke has pretty much diminished or hard to do.

Mahalo Ke Akua and mahalo to all that contributed to this mākeke in the past.

The “Mākeke” has been the one fundraiser (and continues to be the only fundraiser), that the SCHCC has, annually, which helps with operating expenses. With that thought, in mind, we encourage your continued mākeke support, not only at the ‘Aha Iki but throughout the entire fiscal year, as monetary donations to support the SCHCC in its work for our Hawaiian Churches.

Please make checks payable to SCHCC and mail to:

SCHCC

Frank Mulec, Treasurer

PO Box 1065, Pāhoa, HI 96778-1065

NOTE: Place “Mākeke” on the memo line of your checks.

Again, contributions will also be accepted throughout the entire year. Mahalo for your continued support to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J. Mulec - SCHCC Mākeke Chair

III. ANNUAL REPORTS



*Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
199th Aha Pae'aina*

*State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)*

Aha Iki - via ZOOM

June 15, 2021

Advisor's Report

Aloha mai kakou e na SCHCC Ohana,

As Advisor to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC), it still warms my heart to see and feel the love and support that continues to be shared throughout this organization, even with the challenging “adjustments” we continue deal with. ADJUSTMENTS.....at our recent April 2021 SCHCC Board of Directors meeting, Kaiulani Hess, Vice President of the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, shared that she didn't like using the word ‘changes’, so she decided that from now on, she would use the word ADJUSTMENTS which reflects a more positive feeling, and I must say that I totally agree, so I, too, have started using “adjustments” rather than ‘changes’. (EXAMPLES: **Before** – “the COVID issue has forced us to make changes in our everyday life “ **After** – “the COVID issue has forced us to make adjustments in our everyday life”). Mahalo, Kaiulani for your sharing.

To our Island Council Presidents / Representatives and Partners (past and present) **Kauai, Oahu, Top-side Molokai, Maui, East Hawaii, West Hawaii, Pu'a Foundation,** and **AHEC**.....MAHALO for your leadership and continued support. It's been interesting and educational listening to how your respective Councils have been adjusting to the various ways you have been dealing with church life, family life, community life, and personal life. **YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!!!!**

Mahalo Nui Loa, Officers of the SCHCC Board of Directors: Boyd Matsuyama – **President**, Aletha Kaohi (retired as of 12/31/2020)- **Vice President**, Lorna Motas- new **Vice President**, Retired Kahu Kealahou Alike - **Secretary**, Frank Mulec – **Treasurer**, *Stanley Lum - **Resource Coordinator**, for your outstanding leadership representing the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

*As most of you may (or may not) know, Uncle Stanley Lum, Resource Coordinator for SCHCC, was recently “called home” to be with our Lord. It is with a deep sense of sadness, much gratitude and appreciation and more Love and Aloha, that I share this prayer: *“Give us the strength to endure this time of mourning and grief at the loss of a dear friend and loved one. May the peace of God reign in our lives, the love of God surround us, the Spirit of God empower us, and the joy of God uphold us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen”*

I extend my sincere mahalo for being allowed to be a part of the SCHCC Board. It has, indeed, been my privilege serving as Advisor to this Council.

God's Blessings,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama - Advisor, SCHCC

cc: SCHCC Board of Directors



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

2021 Aha Iki of the 199th Aha Pae'aina

SCHCC Annual Virtual Meeting
June 15, 2021

Aloha Kakou,

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

Participated in Pearl City Community Churches virtual Hawaiian Sunday service and Rev. Gordon Marchant installation service.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Boyd Matsuyama – President

SCHCC Repairs & Maintenance Report Update for 2019, 2020, 2021 as of April 16, 2021					
2019	Church	Council	Contact Person	Amount of Award	Complete Date
1-	Hau'oli Kamana'o	W. Hawaii	Kaimi Kaupiko		
Job Description	Fumigation church and kitchen			\$ 2,000.00	11/8/2020
	Renovation of kitchen is partially done per email on 12/26/20			\$ 9,000.00	Est. by 6/1/2021
2-	Helani Cong'I Church	W. Hawaii	Rollin Rabara	\$ 19,000.00	Not completed
			Harry Aiu		
Job Description	Replacement of south side wall church wall and addition of storage rooms is on hold per Rollin Rabara 4/20/2021				
3-	Lanakila Cong'I Church	W. Hawaii	Pualani Muraki		
Job Description	2019/2020 awarded: steeple repair . Awarded \$22,000			\$ 22,000.00	2/1/2021 Final report submitted
	2019 award			\$ 3,000.00	
	2019 award	This was returned funds from Kalapana Maunakea Church.		\$ 3,000.00	
	2020 award			\$ 16,180.00	
Comments	Amount refunded to SCHCC. Check mailed to Frank Mulec 4/16/21. Returning to HCF.			\$ 2,582.00	
2020					
4-	KALAIKAMANU HOU C C	Molokai	Uluwehi Sai	\$ 7,500.00	Not completed
Job Description	Repair Social Hall				
5-	Ola'a First Hawaiian Church	East Hawaii	Judith Bailey		
Job Description	Replace roof and repair damaged wood			\$ 13,039.00	10/17/2020
	Final report submitted				
6-	Waiola Church	Maui	Linda Norrington		
Job Description	Repair SS and Office roof. Installed 30 year shingles and new ridge cap on east side.				12/27/2020
	Final Report submitted				
2021					
1-	Kaulanapueo Cong'I Church				
Job Description	Fumigate Sanctuary	Maui	Judy Buettner	\$ 5,632.00	4/17/2021
	Spot treat the Hale 'ai.				
2-	Hau'ula Cong'I Church	Oahu	Bessie Kamkaeeaina		
Job Description	Replace and Repair roof			\$ 11,522.00	1/15/2021
	Final report received 4-25-21 from Bessie Kamkaeeaina				
2013	Kauaha'ao Cong'I Church	E. Hawaii	Kahu Debbie Wong- Yuen		
	Grant award from 2013	Final report was submitted and rec'd to Aletha Kaohi with pictures			

**STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
(SCHCC)**

**FUND FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF
SMALL MEMBERSHIP HAWAIIAN CHURCHES**

Application Information

Funding for the Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches is included by the Hawaii Conference Foundation (HCF) in its annual budget. Monies so allocated must be spent within the fiscal year for which it is approved.

The SCHCC has been given the responsibility for administering the funds, but in truth, we must all be partners in seeking the means by which needed repairs can be made. The underlying philosophy of the HCF and SCHCC is to help Hawaiian churches help themselves by sharing in the efforts by church members to raise funds (*i.e.* fundraising, solicitation of gifts, tithing goals, etc.)

More often than not, requests from Hawaiian churches exceed the amount allocated in the budget, not surprisingly, given the age of some of the structures and facilities. The task of reviewing requests and determining which are funded and by what amount, falls to the SCHCC.

In so doing the SCHCC Committee for the Repair & Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches (hereinafter referred to as R&M Committee) must take into account a number of considerations including the following:

- The Need for the Project

Is the repair or maintenance critical? How would it affect the mission of the church? What might happen if it were not done? Is it time-critical? Must the work be done within a certain time-frame? What is the church's participation (*i.e.* sharing the cost; providing in-kind services; a combination of both?)

- Priority Consideration

If there are not enough funds to grant all requests, support must first be given to the churches whose deed is held by the HCF. The HCF, as Trustee, has a fiduciary responsibility which carries a legal obligation to support those churches.

In cases where a church that holds its own deed is faced with unusual extenuating circumstances that cannot be addressed because of the preferential obligation imposed by the Trust, SCHCC may suggest an alternative that avoids any conflict.

Applications for the repair and maintenance of septic systems and handicapped accessibility are also priorities of the fund. The first would be in compliance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State Department of Health.

The second would be in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

- **Scope of Work**

The fund is available to cover the cost of the repair and maintenance to existing structures on church premises including the *hale pule* (church building), *hale 'āina* (social/fellowship hall) and *hale ke'ena* (office building). The scope of work may include the repair and maintenance of windows, doors, floors, and roofs as well as painting, electrical, plumbing and fumigation work.

What the fund does not cover is the cost for sound systems, computer systems, carpeting, air conditioning, fans, appliances and furnishings as well as parking lots, landscaping, gates and fences.

- **Reimbursements**

Reimbursements for complete projects will not be considered unless, at the discretion of the R&M Committee, compelling and justifiable reasons dictate otherwise.

- **Completeness of Application**

All applicable items must be completed including the duly-signed minutes of the meetings of both the Member Church and its respective Island Council. The minutes of the meeting of the church's governing body (*i.e.* Congregation, Church Council) must include the type of project the funds are being requested for; the estimated cost of materials, labor and skills to be hired; a clear showing of the total amount to be contributed by the Member Church in cash, in-kind services, or a combination of both and the action taken.

Projects costing more than \$5,000 must be supported by a Licensed Contractor's estimate.

- **Discerning Need**

Member Churches are encouraged to discern what is needed most. The work of reviewing and acting upon requests for assistance presents the SCHCC, through the work of the R&M Committee, with a challenge and an opportunity to be in partnership with our member churches.

There are no hard and fast rules. There is no checklist.

However, there are guidelines governing the work of the R&M Committee. The R&M Committee seeks to do its work prayerfully and thoughtfully relying upon the Holy Spirit for wisdom and guidance.

Reviewing the Application

1. Member Church forwards the completed Application Form, with the minutes of the meeting of the church's governing body (*i.e.* Congregation, Church Council) approving the submission of the application to the Island Council President.

Please provide the original application plus 2 additional sets of the application (single-sided copies only) and minutes (double-sided recommended).

2. Upon approval by its Island Council, the Island Council President will forward the application form of the Member Church to the Chairperson of the R&M Committee. The Island Council will provide the minutes of the meeting approving the submission of the application to the R&M Committee.

All applications are due by December 31st.

3. At the first scheduled meeting of the SCHCC Board of Directors following the December 31st deadline, the R&M Committee shall present its recommendation to the Board.

Whether an application is approved or denied, the Chairperson of the R&M Committee will inform the Member Church of the Board's decision by written notice or via email.

4. Upon approval by the SCHCC Board of Directors, the Chairperson of the R&M Committee shall inform the Executive Director of the HCF, in writing, of the name of the church and the amount of the approved grants. The Chairperson of the R&M Committee shall provide the HCF with the approved applications and the minutes of the SCHCC Board of Director's meeting in which the approval action was taken.
5. Upon completion of its project, the Member Church shall submit a written report to the R&M Committee, preferably with photographs if available. At that time the account will be closed.
6. Any unused funds shall be returned to the SCHCC. Unused funds may not be applied to other projects.

If new projects are considered, churches must submit a new application.

(Revised: October 2016)

**STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
(SCHCC)**

**FUND FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF
SMALL MEMBERSHIP HAWAIIAN CHURCHES**

Application Form

Please complete sections A & B Only

A. Contact Information & Project Proposal

1. Name of Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box City/State Zip Code

Telephone Number: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____ Additional Contact Information: _____

2. Does the Hawaii Conference Foundation hold the church's title or deed?

___ **Yes** ___ **No**

3. Project Proposal: *(If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application)*

- What is to be done?

- Who will do each portion?

- How will this project enhance or benefit your church's ministry?

4. Time-Frame for Project Completion

Start Date: _____ Completion Date: _____

B. Budget Worksheet

1. Sources of Income with Amount of Contribution

Local Church Contribution: _____

Other Sources of Funding: _____
(Include name and amount of any other grants you are applying for.)

Total Amount of Contributions: _____

2. In-Kind Donations *(Please give reasonable estimate of value. If necessary, use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this application)*

Volunteer Hours: _____

Equipment: _____

Supplies: _____

Other: _____

3. Project Expenses

General Contractor - Proposed Bid Cost: _____
(Attach bid to application)

Required Materials – Total Materials Cost: _____
(Itemize and attach)

Total Project Expense: _____

4. Calculation for HCF Allocation:

Total Project Expense: _____

Less Total Contribution: _____

HCF Allocation Requested: _____

5. Cost Share

Total Cost of Project: _____ Amount Requesting: _____

===== **For Island Council Use Only** =====

1. Signatures

Moderator: _____ Minister: _____

Island Council President: _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

2. Check off all that apply:

Signatures: ____ Moderator ____ Minister ____ Council President

Minutes: ____ Congregational/Church Council ____ Island Council

===== **Recommendation by Repair & Maintenance Committee** =====

1. Recommendation

Approval: ____ Denial: ____ Grant Amount Recommended: _____

Comments: _____

2. Signature

Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

===== **Review & Approval of SCHCC Board of Directors** =====

1. Recommendation

Approval: ____ Denial: ____ Grant Amount Approved: _____

Comments: _____

2. Signatures

SCHCC President : _____ Date: _____

SCHCC Secretary: _____ Date: _____

(Revised: October 2016)

Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund

Report of Awards for 2021

June 15, 2021

On June 25, 1990, Kahu Richard W. Wong established the “KAHU RICHARD W WONG ENDOWMENT FUND “to help Hawaiian churches for their:

- educational,
- mission,
- scholarship,
- evangelistic,
- personnel,
- and building needs.*” However, *“(Grants are **NOT** to be given to build, maintain, or renovate *income producing facilities.*”

The annual fund allocation is **\$7,000**.

On January 14, 2021, the committee met to review funding requests for calendar year 2021. The committee received one (1) application from Kaumakapili Church. They requested assistance to repair the church’s pipe organ, which is 44 years old. The total cost of the project amounted to \$14,429.28.

The Committee always asked the question: *Will the church’s mission fail if this request is denied?* The Committee determined that the church’s mission would be enhanced by the repair of the organ. Committee members include:

- Chairperson Aileen Trout, Lahuioikalani Ka’anapali Congregational Church
- Linda Norrington, Waiola Church
- Boyd Matsuyama, Puka’ana Congregational Church

AWARDS FOR 2021:

Kaumakapili Church:

\$7,000.00

Approved for **repair of the church pipe organ**

Committee Chair, Aileen Trout

**State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(Hawaii Conference Foundation)
Kahu Richard W Wong Endowment Fund**

On June 25, 1990, Reverend Richard W Wong, Pastor Emeritus of Kaumakapili Church, took a bold step to support Hawaiian churches. On that day, he penned a letter to James Richards of the Hawaii Conference Foundation with the intention of establishing an endowment fund to *kōkua* Hawaiian churches. He transferred all his shares of stock from his investment portfolio to establish the *Kahu Richard W Wong Endowment Fund*.

The purpose of this fund is to assist member churches of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches with educational, missional, evangelistic, personnel, and building needs, from the earned interest income.

Outreach ministries are given priority over building requests. Churches needing repair and maintenance are encouraged to submit applications to the *Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches Committee*.

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches was given the responsibility for the administration of this fund. The President, of the Board of Directors for State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, appoints a chairperson for this committee.

PROCEDURES FOR APPLICANT:

- Complete and sign the application, submit the original plus 4 copies of the application to Island Council President.
- Attach the signed original plus 4 copies of the Church's Minutes, showing the Action taken for the Grant Request, with the applications.
- If granted funds, submit an annual report to the Chairperson of the Kahu Wong Committee.

PROCEDURES FOR ISLAND COUNCIL:

- Review and ensure that the application is completed as required.
- President and Secretary will sign the application and submit the original plus 4 copies of the application: (Distribution: 1 to applicant, 1 for Island Council, original plus 2 copies to Kahu Wong Committee.)
- Island Council President submits original plus 2 copies of the application with the **signed Minutes** of the Island Council meeting to Kahu Wong Committee **BEFORE December 31**.

PROCEDURES FOR KAHU WONG COMMITTEE:

- Reviews applications and makes recommendations to the SCHCC Board of Directors for action.
- Chairperson signs the Committee's recommendations and provides 1 copy to the SCHCC Secretary and keeps a copy for the Committee records / files.

PROCEDURES FOR SCHCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Receive recommendations from the Kahu Wong Committee for final decision.
- Committee Chairperson notifies applicant of the Board's decision, by letter via U.S. Mail.
- Committee Chairperson submits the original application and Minutes, showing the Board's decision of grant awards, to the Hawaii Conference Foundation, for disbursement.

(Revised: April 09, 2016)

**State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(Hawaii Conference Foundation)**

**Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund
Application Form**

*Please complete every line of the application; using N/A (not applicable) if necessary.
Secure all required signatures.*

Name of Church: _____

Church Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box City/State Zip Code

Contact Person: _____

Telephone Number: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email: _____

PURPOSE: The purpose of this program is to assist member churches of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) with fulfillment of their church mission through the awarding of monetary grants from the earned interest income of the Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund.

GRANT AWARDS: Monetary grants shall be awarded to member church applicants for project proposals meeting the criteria set by the program. Any member church of the SCHCC may apply for a grant by submitting a completed application form.

PROGRAM/PROJECTS: A project proposal must serve a religious purpose. It may be submitted for any of the following subjects.

Check project: _____ Music Ministry _____ Outreach _____ Scholarships
 _____ Social Justice _____ Personnel _____ Worship
 _____ Christian Education _____ Other(specify) _____
 _____ Church Repairs (*priority given to Mission work*)

RESTRICTION: “Grants are not to be given to build, maintain, renovate, or support income producing programs / projects.

Name of Church: _____

What is the **Objective(s)** of your program/project? Explain the intent for this project including how your church will accomplish this endeavor. *Attach additional pages, if necessary.*

Describe the **Activities**, which the church hopes to generate, including the audience you hope to reach.

Submit a detailed **Budget**: include materials needed and the cost; labor costs; receipt of other grants.

The **Timeframe**: Describe a timeline for the implementation of the project and its ability to be an ongoing ministry.

The **Evaluation**: Describe how you will monitor this project and evaluate its accomplishments.

(At the completion of this project, you will submit a written evaluation to the Chairperson of the Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund.)

===== For Local Church and Island Council =====

Name of Church: _____

Total cost of Program/Project: _____ Amount Requested: _____

Contact Person/Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Minister/Moderator: _____ Date: _____
(Moderator will sign, if Church has no Minister)

Island Council President: _____ Date: _____

Island Council Secretary: _____ Date: _____

=== Recommendation by Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Committee ===

Approval: _____ Denial: _____ Grant Amount Recommended: _____

Comments:

Committee Chair: _____ Date: _____

===== Review & Approval by SCHCC Board of Directors =====

Approval: _____ Denial: _____ Grant Amount Approved: _____

Comments:

SCHCC President: _____ Date: _____

SCHCC Secretary: _____ Date: _____

The Minutes of the _____ SCHCC Board of Directors meeting will
be sent to the Hawaii Conference Foundation with the original application.

(Revised: April 09, 2016)

William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund

(State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches)

Sharon Matsuyama, Chairperson

c/o Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ

1848 Nuuanu Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

(808)- 936-1385

Aha Iki - via ZOOM

June 15, 2021

Annual Report

Aloha e na hoahanau me na hoaloha,

The “William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund” was established as a memorial Scholarship in 1979, following the passing of Licentiate Kahu, William K. Keliihoomalu. The fund was started with a monetary gift of \$25.00 by Mrs. Ada Larrison, a friend of the family, and continued growing with support from members of the Keliihoomalu ‘Ohana, Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church, and many friends. She requested that this gift be placed in a Custodial Account with the Hawaii Conference Foundation, for the purpose of providing financial aid for seminary, postgraduate and continuing education expenses. When the fund grew to the amount of \$500.00, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) was appointed Custodian of this Scholarship fund. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches turned the funds over to the Hawaii Conference Foundation to be invested, setting a goal of reaching the amount of \$5,000.00, with the intention of using the earned interest income towards the granting of scholarships, for the purpose stated.

Unfortunately, for FY 2020-2021, no applications have been received, requesting funds. As a reminder, the deadline for applying for funding through the William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Fund is by October 15 of each year.

Interested individuals are encouraged to consider requesting financial assistance through this Scholarship fund. Please refer to the William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship Policy (in this handbook) or on the SCHCC website by logging on to www.hcucc.org then clicking on Affiliate Organizations. .

If there are any questions, call the telephone number shown on the letterhead of this report.

In His Service,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama,

Chairperson - William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship

William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalu Scholarship Fund

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
1848 Nuuanu Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
Ph: (808)- 791-5633

Scholarship Policy

Background: The William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalu Scholarship Fund was launched following the passing of Licentiate Kahu, William K. Keli'iho'omalu. Kahu Keli'iho'omalu served as a member deacon of Kawaiaha'o Church for over 20 years. He enrolled in the Lay Pastors School on the Island of Maui and received his certificate as Licensed Minister for the Tri-Isle Mokupuni. Kahu Keli'iho'omalu served at the Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church for a number of years until his retirement. He moved back to his home on the Island of Hawaii in the village of Kalapana, Puna. Upon his death this scholarship was established by a gift from Mrs. Ada Larrison, a friend of the family. She asked that this gift be placed in a Custodial Account with the Hawaii Conference Foundation in the name of "William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalu Scholarship Fund." Over the years' family, friends, and investments raised that fund to \$5,000. It was her request that the principle of \$5,000 remain in the account and the balance of income received would be used for the purpose of providing scholarship to Lay or Ordained ministers for continuing education. If there are no applicants the unused balance would be re-invested in the same account. The custodians of this Fund will be in the care of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, or its predecessors.

- I. Who Qualifies?
 - A) The applicant must be an active member of a church which is a member of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.
 - B) The applicant must be enrolled in a Licensed Minister School or an accredited Seminary approved by the Scholarship Committee.
- II. How to apply for the scholarship?
 - A) The applicant must apply through the local Church of which they are an active member.
 - B) Application for the William K. Keli'iho'omalu Scholarship can be acquired from the President of the local Island Councils or through the President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

- C) The Executive Committee of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches will review and process all applications on October 15th of each year and forward recommendations to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors for decision.
- D) When an application has been approved, the awardee will be required to sign a Promissory note.

III. What are the requirements and stipulations?

- A) Total Scholarship awarded as follows:
 - 1. Seminary -
 - a) initial 3 years – not to exceed \$3,000 per completion of education and not exceed \$250 per semester and \$1,000 per school year.
 - b) development – 2 years + not to exceed \$2,000 per completion of education and not to exceed \$1,000 per school year.
 - c) continuing education – a sum not to exceed \$1,000 per applicant per three (3) year period.
- B) The award will be sent to the Seminary or School of Theology by the Treasurer of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. In the event that a seminary or School of Theology will not accept the award, it will be sent to the recipient. For Continuing Education recipients, the award will be sent to the applicant.
- C) The Seminary recipient will be required to send a copy of their transcript for each semester. Continuing Education recipients will be required to send a copy of their expense receipts. Transcripts and expense receipts shall be sent to the:

President - SCHCC
Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
1848 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
- D) In the event the applicant does not complete his/her course of study, the award then becomes a loan. The applicant shall repay this loan with no interest attached.
- E) If the applicant is unable to complete his/her course of study, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Executive Committee shall be notified immediately. The Executive Committee will then review the individual's situation and determine whether or not the award becomes a loan.

(Revised: October 2016)

WILLIAM KAHUAKA'I KELI'IHO'OMALU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Scholarship Application

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____
P.O. Box/Street City/State Zip

SEMINARY to attend _____ Accepted? Yes / No

Address _____ Date to Begin _____
Street City/State Zip

Certificate or Degree _____ Amt. Requesting \$ _____

List them: (On Back of this Form)

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Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
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3. This Scholarship may be renewed each year and requires completion and submission of a "Renewal Form." . A Renewal Form may be requested from the address above.
4. Application Forms and Renewals must be received by the President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches with appropriate signatures and approvals by October 15th of each year.

SIGNATURES and APPROVALS:

Applicant Date _____

President/Moderator or Pastor of your Local Church Date _____

President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Date _____

Form Approved _____
(Revised: October 2016)

WILLIAM KAHUAKA'I KELI'IHO'OMALU SCHOLARSHIP FUND

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Scholarship Renewal Form

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____

P.O. Box/Street

City/State

Zip

SEMINARY to attend _____ Accepted? Yes / No

Address _____ Date to Begin _____

P.O. Box / Street

City/State

Zip

Certificate or Degree _____ Amt. Requesting \$ _____

Applied Other Grant/Loans? ____ Yes ____ No Amt Requested _____ Amt. Granted _____

List them: (On Back of this Form)

GRANTS/LOANS

AMOUNT REQUESTED

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State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

KATHERINE & CLAY WERY FUND

Annual Report

June 15, 2021

Aloha mai Kakou,

In July 2016, Dr Naleen Andrade, hanai daughter of Katherine Hanley Wery, met with the SCHCC Executive Committee and discussion on areas the fund would benefit Rural Hawaiian Churches.

Our Resource Person, the late Stanley H.L. Lum (8/29/30 - 4/29/21), was tasked in drafting the guidelines and application form.

To date Molokai Topside Council was approved funding but have not requested funds due to delay with the Covid Pandemic.

Boyd Matsuyama - President

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC)

Katherine & Clay Wery Fund
Request for Assistance

Island Council: _____ Date: _____

Re Church: _____

Island Council Mailing Address:

Island Council Phone No: _____

Fax No: _____

Email: _____

Contact Person _____

Phone No: _____

Cell No: _____

Email: _____

Purpose: The Katherine & Clay Wery Fund (the Fund) is intended to assist and improve the well- being of small, preferably rural, Hawaiian churches, of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ (HCUCC). The HCUCC has oversight responsibility for the administration and operation of the fund; the SCHCC is responsible for developing and executing programs and projects that best meet the purpose of the fund. SCHCC is a resource for Island Councils and Hawaiian member churches in securing and arranging for service providers appropriate to their request.

Churches seeking assistance must be current active members of their respective Island Council and can trace their history to the work of the Protestant missionaries who were sponsored by the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

The SCHCC Executive Committee established the following list of activities to which the Funds may be applied. A Church whose “need” does not fall within any Project / Activities listed below may, through its Island Council, submit a request based on its circumstances.

Project/Activities: Check Appropriate Choices:

- ☐ Baptism ☐ Bible Study ☐ Building & Grounds ☐ By Laws
- ☐ 501(c) (3) ☐ non-profit Registration ☐ Christian Education
(Sunday school, adults) ☐ Community Outreach ☐ Confirmation
- ☐ Ecumenical & Interfaith Partnerships
- ☐ End of Life Planning ☐ Home & Hospital Visits ☐ Insurance
- ☐ Memorial Service ☐ Music ☐ Personnel ☐ Safe Church Policy
- ☐ Stewardship ☐ Teacher Training
- ☐ The Lord’s Supper ☐ Worship ☐ Vision/Mission
- ☐ Other (Specify)

On additional pages, Island Councils, in collaboration with member churches, should provide the following information in their request for assistance:

1. A description of the project/activity it intends to pursue, the audience it seeks to reach, an estimate of the number of attendees, and the anticipated outcome.
2. Suggestions, if any, of service providers and additional support that may be needed.

3. A timeframe for implementation and duration of the project/activity.
4. How the project/activity will be monitored.

Requests for Assistance are to be sent, through Island Councils, to :

SCHCC/K&C Wery Fund
P.O. Box 407
Holualoa, HI 96725

Distinctive Feature of the K&C Wery Fund

The Katherine & Clay Wery Fund (K&C Wery Fund) differs slightly from other funding available to HCUCC churches. The Repair and Maintenance fund, the Kahu Richard Wong Endowment, and the William Keliioomalu Scholarship fund make grants in aid to churches having needs that meet respective criteria. Churches approved for funding then go about arranging the work to be done with contractors, their congregation or a combination of both.

By comparison, the K&C Wery Fund will focus on improving the state of well-being of small Hawaiian churches by assisting them in obtaining resources that will strengthen their ministry, both internally and in the community they serve. It may involve obtaining the services of persons skilled in dealing with problems that detract from the solemn business of building faith and covenant; it could be linking churches for sharing programs/activities that build lay leaders; or designed to help kupuna fill their day or prepare them for the end time.

A list of areas that can contribute to the well-being of a church is listed in the description of the K&C Wery Fund. The Island Council should be Churches' first point of contact. Church needs should be discussed with the Island Council which will forward all requests for assistance that meet the spirit and intent of the Fund. Reference to the description of the K&C Wery Fund would help appreciably in preparing a Request for Assistance.

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Annual Virtual Meeting

June 15, 2021

Report of AHEC – Na Lima Hoike “E”

FY 2020 - 2021

<u>Received</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
07/03/20	Kalanikahua Hou	Na Wahine Kuleana	3,000.00*
10/20/20	Laupahoehoe	Spring Aha Halawai	1,157.00*
02/12/21	Laupahoehoe	198 th Aha Paeaina	Denied**
02/13/21	Laupahoehoe	Church Leaders Event	Denied**
02/17/21	Laupahoehoe	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	20.00

*Carry over from FY 19/20

**Denied: Applications received after event started.

Churches are encouraged to work with Island NLHE Committee Reps with questions or assistance in completing Grant Applications and/or Final Reports.

Churches must use the current Grant Application and Final Report forms as posted on the Hawaii Conference UCC website at: www.hcucc.org/na-lima-ho-ike-grant

Altered Applications/Final Reports and Electronic Signatures will not be accepted.

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***Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
199th Aha Pae'aina***

***State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(SCHCC)
Aha Iki - via ZOOM
June 15, 2021***

Nominations Report

Aloha mai kakou,

It continues to be a challenging time, with the COVID issue, for many.

The efforts of the Nominations Committee, to schedule a Special Election at the June 2021 Aha Iki, has been very much appreciated. However, the intent to schedule a “Special Election” had to be revisited due to insufficient understanding and clarity of the term “Special Election vs Special Meeting” , which would have resulted in a decision that would not be “in the best interest of our SCHCC churches”

After sharing this mana’o with the SCHCC Executive Committee and the SCHCC Board of Directors, the Nominations Committee was granted the approval to reschedule the SCHCC Elections to June 2022.

At the completion of the June 2021 SCHCC Annual Meeting, the Nominations Committee will be reorganizing to include a representative from each Island Council for a balanced representation.

Mahalo nui loa to the current members of the SCHCC Nominations Committee: Lorna Motas – Kaumakapili Church / Oahu Council, and James Aaron – Keawala’i Church / Maui Council, for your willingness to continue serving on the nominations committee. We are looking forward to welcoming new representatives from the following Island Councils; Kauai, Top-side Moloka’i, East Hawaii and West Hawaii, to complete the SCHCC Nominations Committee.

God’s Blessings,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama
SCHCC Nominations Committee Chair

KAUA'I COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Quarterly & Annual Report

June 15, 2021

What a year this has been. We have all learned to be patient and to cast all of our problems upon the Lord. We have acknowledged our weaknesses in the face of hardship and have humbled ourselves and have put our trust in the Lord that all will be well.

Our Hawaiian churches on Kaua'i are slowly getting back to normal. All have found that Zoom has allowed them to continue to have church services and church meetings. Here is just a recap of what our churches are doing.

Waimea UCC - Worship services are held outside on their Lanai. They plan to be back in their sanctuary on Mother's Day. They will be opening the gym for after school program and sports like volleyball.

Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational – They have in person services as well as Zoom services. They had a spring cleaning, painted their fence, trimmed a tree, and had a successful rummage sale. They were able to provide gift cards to their keiki and food for their Kupuna with funding from the KCHCC.

Kapaa First Hawaiian – They continue to live stream their services. They have issued packets to their Sunday School children with projects they can do at home. There is no singing.

Ko'olau Hui'ia – They started in person services on Easter Sunday. Kahu Kordell and others have been filling the pulpit. They continue to use Zoom for those who are not able to attend in person church services.

Wai'oli Hui'ia –Services have been in person since June of 2020. Zoom and Facebook Live are also being utilized. There is a mens group that meets on Monday nights and there is a Keiki Night on Wednesdays. There was a Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday as well as the regular service. More children programs are being planned.

The Hanalei landslide continues to hamper economic recovery on the North Shore. The road is open all day on Sunday which is a blessing for all of us. Thankyou everyone for your prayers.

Blessings to all of you,

Haunani Pacheco

Oahu Council of Hawaiian Churches
State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

June 15, 2021

Hau'ula Congregational Church: Bessie Kamakeeaina for Kahu Sadrian Chee

Currently waiting for permit approval from the City of Department of Planning & Permit. We do not know how long before we are approved for Hau'ula Congregational Churches permit.

Projects contracted to Maunakai & Associates are completed. Kahu Dr. Francine Park Palama, Principal owner saw projects through from conception to completion. She did an outstanding job in meeting all the requirements we contracted her to do. She was always there to speak through team meetings and off-site meeting and travel with Bessie Kamakeeaina to several church meetings within the United Church of Christ and providing a unique perspective. Her professionalism was very much appreciated.

Thank you. You all have a bless week.

Kahikuonalani Church: Joanne Kishimori, Church Delegate

Pastor Rick Hirakawa

Moderator: David Wong

- Sunday Services: The church is still closed. Pastor Rick delivers the message on YouTube on Sunday at 10:00 A.M.
- Keiki Care Center, an independent pre-school on the grounds is open.
- Outreach: Totally involved with Kahikuonalani Park Activities, PAAM food distribution, Touch A Heart Kupuna and Family Meals.
- Took part in a 4 week Zoom Bible Study based on a book by Lisa Harper entitled "The Very Good Gospel". It was moderated by Kahu Rennie Mau of Ewa Community Church and Pastor Rick Hirakawa of Kahikuonalani Church. The book mainly addressed social justice and injustice.
- David Wong, our moderator, and I attended the Church Leaders Event.
- Pastor Rick and I attended the Aha Halawai.
- Ka Leo Hawaii – Our church was invited to attend a 5-week session of Hawaiian Language instruction at Ewa Community Church taught by Kahu James Merseberg and facilitated by Kahu Rennie Mau. Even though Kahu Merseberg preferred an in-person class, I and another person could attend by Zoom. Kahu stressed that this was not like a college course. The goals were to: 1) Realize the significance of Olelo Hawaii (Hawaiian language) to the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. He reminded us that the state of Hawaii has two official languages, English and Hawaiian. 2) To understand the Hawaiian alphabet: Ka Pi apa Hawaii. 3) to be able to comfortably say the names of the New Testament books in Hawaiian. 4) To learn the Apostle Paul's reason for greeting the Church/Christians. Kahu Merseberg invited us to send him a greeting in English that we wanted translated to Hawaiian and he did that for the next class, so we were able to say our greeting in Hawaiian. 5) to count in Hawaiian (so we could say the scripture in Hawaiian. And 6) to receive our favorite verse in Hawaiian and to introduce the Bible reading in Hawaiian. I told Kahu Merseberg that I enjoyed his class and it had exceeded my expectations.
- Zoom Book Study by PAAM and the Pacific Justice and Reconciliation Center based on the book Unsettling Truths, starting April 12 and continuing for 6 weeks.

Kalihi and Moanalua Church Report:

Kahu Manu Naeole

Church President Toni Ku-Daniels

Sunday Services 1. We have been open for services since July 2. We were providing links via Zoom, and an online option for those who have not been in church with us. The sanctuary was recently fitted for Wi-Fi access so online services might be returning soon.

Use by Tenants 1. Chuukese Community Church of Christ continues to use our church for Sunday afternoon services. 2. Punana Leo o Honolulu uses our campus for one of their preschool sites. They have returned to in person classes 3. The Baibala project through PID has ended. They closed their office on site at the end of October 2020.

Other Activities 1. Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:30 AM. 2. Family and Sunday School Hō'ike held on March 28th. The next one is on June 3. The sermon series on the book of Mark concluded on Easter. 4. The new sermon series on Acts begins April 11 through Pentecost Sunday. 5. Kahu and deacons are in the process of planning a community outreach event this summer

Kaumakapili Church Delegate Report for February-April 2021

"If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised." 1 Peter 4:11

Aloha Ke Akua ia Kakou!

Kaumakapili Church continue to be blessed and we give praise to God Almighty.

- We just opened the doors to Sunday worship service on March 7 and have about 35-40 attendees in person and 40+ attending via Zoom. One Easter Sunday Service will be held at 8:30am on the front lawn of the church and being outdoors will allow us to accommodate more people and space them out.
- On February 17, we had a modified Ash Wednesday service followed by spiritually moving Lenten Wednesday night services based on the theme, "A Journey of Transformation" lead by Kahu Doug Wooten and the Deacons.
- We held our Annual Congregational Meeting on February 21 and approved the 2020 Financial statements and the nomination slate of new members joining the different ministries. Due to Covid, members with expiring terms were asked to serve on more year which they all agreed to.
- The Outreach Ministry continues to serve the homeless on Dillingham and in Kalihi. A joy that has come out of the Outreach program is a young disabled woman who previously roamed the streets around the church has sought help to clean herself up and return home. She now attends our Sunday Worship service with her son and her mother. Praise God for His healing grace!
- Kaumakapili Church is responsible for two cemeteries, Ma'ema'e Chapel Cemetery and Pauoa Cemetery both in Nu'uano. As good stewards, we have spent time, resources and building relationship to beautify and better care for these two special places. This has required, cutting trees, restoring and posting signs, installing fencing and a chain gate at Ma'ema'e. Documenting and redocumenting graves, headstones, etc. is being done by two volunteers who have ancestors buried there.

- The Tuesday morning Women of the Bible Fellowship continues to be a success, drawing women and men from within and outside Kaumakapili Church. The fellowship and friendships that have been built through this ministry has been awesome and all praise goes to the Holy Spirit.
- Kahu Doug Wooten will continue the Wednesday Bible study following the Lenten season, 6:00-7:00 pm.
- We initiated our 2025 Strategic Visioning plans. We are very excited about what God has in store for us and how He will use us to further His kingdom on earth!
- Thanks to the grant award from the Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund, we have started the organ repairs. There is much more that is needed for this project but we are faithful that the resources will flow in to help us complete this initiative. The church has started a Fun-raiser called, "The 12 Tribes of Israel", to help fundraise for this effort and improve the multi-media system in the sanctuary.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Lorna Motas, Kaumakapili Church Delegate

Kawaiaha'o Church

Kahu Kenneth Makuakane

Moderator (church delegate): Ka'iulani Hess

Church Delegates: Andrew Dahlburg, Char Izuka

All Glory to God!

- Kawaiaha'o Church doors are open for in person and YouTube Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 am.
- Maundy Thursday Worship Service and Easter Sunday Worship Service were in person and online on Kawaiaha'o Church TV, YouTube. For Good Friday, Kahu Ken held an online YouTube Bible Study Fellowship. 220 people attended in person, the Easter Sunday Worship Service. Registration, health, and safety protocols are followed.
- Church meetings of the church leaders continue online. God willing, our first in person and via Zoom membership meeting will be April 25, 2021. This will be our first membership meeting since October 2019.
- Small group gatherings for Bible study, Fellowship and Prayer via Zoom.
- Bicentennial Speaker Series continue YouTube. The Kawaiaha'o Church 201st Birthday Worship Service is on Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 8:30 am, in person and via YouTube.
- Kawaiaha'o Church School – enrollment is up; health and safety guidelines are strictly adhered to by the staff; the children are happy to be in school with each other.
- Light and Salvation – prayers continue for Pastor O's ministry and worship in helping the houseless community.
- Life Under Construction – weekly Bible Study / Fellowship gathering on Instagram with youth from other churches and communities. Youth have been delivering food to families and cleaning public parks as outreach community work.
- Church delegates attended OCHCC, HCUCC Church Leaders Event and the SCHCC meetings in January 2021 via Zoom. Also, attending webinars and workshops offered on the HCUCC Coconut Wireless.
- Prayers continue for those who need healing mercies, who have lost their jobs, lost loved ones, who have no food or other life necessities, who have lost their businesses or are struggling with trying to keep their business alive, and those who are struggling both financially and spiritually.

Most of us know of someone who has contracted COVID and suffered loss, those who are serving in the armed forces or lost a loved one in that service, we share together in your prayers for the people. Thanksgiving Prayers to the Father for His abundant provision, his love and salvation through his one and only Son, Christ Jesus.

Lili'uokalani Protestant Church (LPC)

We have been having In-Person Worship Services with Guest ministers:

24 Jan 2021	Kahu Alpha Goto
31 Jan 2021	Kahu Alpha Goto
07 Feb 2021	Kahu ?
14 Feb 2021	Kahu D. Neal MacPherson
21 Feb 2021	Kahu Lauren Buck-Medeiros
28 Feb 2021	Kahu Alpha Goto
07 Mar 2021	Kahu Kordell Kekoa
14 Mar 2021	Kahu D. Neal MacPherson
21 Mar 2021	Kahu Wally Kuroiwa
28 Mar 2021	Kahu Kordell Kekoa (Palm Sunday/Holy Communion)
04 Apr 2021	Kahu Kordell Kekoa (Easter Sunday)
11 Apr 2021	Kahu D. Neal MacPherson?

- Births - Feb 2021, Carter Kaimi Okeakua Iosefa Turnage, born to Anela Lautalo & Joe Turnage
- Healing Prayers- Our Pule Ho'ola Hou, our prayer of dedication of Healing. May Ke Akua embrace his healing hands upon the following people and their families, caregivers, and also those not listed, may he give them comfort, peace, and healing: Linda Coloma, Aunty Carol Custino, Crystal Grilho, Duane Hammerstrom, Rod Ishimoto, Dennis Kaio, Owen Kano, Syd Kawahakui, Leatrice Kawamura, Vernon Kishinami, Laurine (Awai) Lacar, Stanley Lum, Mel Manoha, John Moneyhun, Ryan Normandin, Loren Nelson, Garrett Passos, Margaret Roy, Bill Satterwaite, Pamela Shon, Dexter Soares, June Souza, Jim and Aunty Edna Stewart.
- Special prayers for both the military and civilians who serve our country both at home and around the world to keep us free and out of harm's way. To those who have lost loved ones, Lord God, please grant to them much healing, peace, and aloha.
- We pray for our nation! Let us heal and work together in harmony.
- Special prayers for the immigrant children.
- Special prayers for the families and businesses that were affected by the flood waters in Haleiwa and throughout Hawaii
- Special prayers to God's people on earth, may he find a cure or a safe vaccine for this pandemic
- Lord, we also pray for those afflicted with Coronavirus, for the families who have lost loved ones due to this pandemic. We pray and give thanks to the many doctors, nurses, first responders, EMS personnel, those who work at the stores so we can get our necessities, their families, many who are not able to see their families because they have been in contact with COVID patients. To the scientists and researchers who work diligently to find a cure or a safe vaccine to fight against this pandemic.
- In Loving Memory, Deepest sympathy and condolences to the families of the following: Alvin Morishita, Kenneth Souza, Charlene Yamada (03/20/21 - short prayer in sanctuary & drive by on LPC's grounds)
- Have you had new members? No

- Have you had any baptisms? Yes How many? 1

03 Apr 2021 Reuben Vader Kokanawai Tadashi Kaio, son of Chatlynn Wilkins and Tyler H. Kaio
Since our last meeting, this is what I have been doing/attended:

23 Jan 2021	Virtual OCHCC Quarterly meeting via Zoom; remit yearly dues by 31 Jan 2021
25 Jan 2021	Virtual Na Kahu meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
30 Jan 2021	Virtual SCHCC meeting via Zoom
08 Feb 2021	Deadline for registration for 2021 Virtual Church Leaders Event
08 Feb 2021	Deadline for registration for 2021 Virtual Spring 'Aha Halawai
13 Feb 2021	Virtual Church Leaders Event Workshop
15 Feb 2021	Virtual Church Leaders Event Workshop
18 Feb 2021	Virtual Church Leaders Event Workshop
20 Feb 2021	Virtual Church Leaders Event Workshop
20 Feb 2021	Virtual 2021 Spring 'Aha Halawai via Zoom
22 Feb 2021	Kahu & Layreaders meeting with Papa Makua Wendell Davis via Zoom
29 Mar 2021	Kahu & Layreaders meeting with Papa Makua Wendell Davis via Zoom
03 Apr 2021	SSSA Meeting via zoom
11 Apr 2021	CHCC Annual meeting via Zoom
24 Apr 2021	SCHCC meeting via Zoom

Upcoming Events

08 May 2021	Oahu Association Meeting via Zoom
13 Jun 2021	199 th Annual 'Aha Pae'aina
14 Jun 2021	'Aha Pae'aina
15 Jun 2021	'Aha Pae'aina
	SCHCC @ 1:00 p.m.
16 Jun 2021	'Aha Pae'aina
17 Jun 2021	'Aha Pae'aina
18 Jun 2021	'Aha Pae'aina
19 Jun 2021	'Aha Pae'aina

Respectfully submitted by:

Laurie H. Kauleinamoku, Delegate

Pearl City Community Church: Millie Yee, Church Delegate

- We held our first In-person Worship Service in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 04, 2021. The First Service commenced at 8:00 a.m.; with the Second Service at 10:00 and will be on Zoom.
- Domestic Violence Fundraising; Mahalo, for your contributions of \$3,005 for our Domestic Violence Fundraising. 31 members and friends of PCCC have responded to the growing community need of domestic violence in Hawaii.
- Safe Church: The backgrounds check has been completed for the following: Staff, Council, Deacons, Mission, Trustees, CE, Sunday School Teachers, Nursery, Personnel, Finance, Librarians, Community concerns, Common Grace Volunteers, Sacred Dancers, Hearts for Jesus, and Hawaiian Ministry.
- 2021 Budget: On November 23, 2020, the Finance committee finalized the 2021Budget which was presented to Council on November 27,2020 with the recommendation to approve. Upon

approval the Budget was mailed to the Congregation with Council's recommendation to accept Congregation vote; 123 Yes, 22 No.

- By Law changes: To ease implementation of work orders by Board of Trustees and to streamline operations of the church, changes to Article V, Article XI and Article XII were voted on by the Congregation. $\frac{3}{4}$ approval needed; $\frac{3}{4}$ approval received.
- 879 Third St. Purchase; Council voted to purchase the property subject to congregation approval. A Summary sheet, history and ballot were mailed to the Congregations. Congregation vote: 100 Yes, 34 No
- TAH Kupuna & Family Meals has signed a 6-month facility –use agreement with PCCC for 2021.
- Pastor Gordon Pastoral Review and Evaluation; His 3 years contract is ending in July. A Survey was sent to Council, Boards, Committee and Staff for review and evaluation.
- Jackie Garcia, Music and Choir Director will be moving back to the mainland in July. Her husband military rotation is up.
- Memorial service: celebrating Estrella Lariosa's life will be held at Pearl City Community Church later date and time. She was a Music and Choir director for many years at PCCC.

No reports: Waianae Protestant Church, Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church and Bishop Memorial Church.
What is the status of these churches with SCHCC?

Moloka'i Topside Report for 2020

2020What a year this has been..... for the Topside churches on Moloka'i and for the state of Hawaii.

For the 2020 year, all the officers and most of the representatives remained the same on the Topside Council which included **Ho'olehua UCC**: Pualani Akaka, Vice Moderator – Chair, Moderator-Rep Norman Levi, Rep Missy Kanoa Levi, **Kalaiaikamanu Hou UCC**: Uluwehi Kakaio Sai, Moderator-Treasurer, Reps Claire Iveson, Hi'ilei Kakaio Bernabe, **Kalua'aha UCC**: Earline Iaea, Moderator-Secretary, and **Waialua UCC**: Maasi He, Moderator, Reps Tina Lindsey-He, Louise Laumauna Miguel and new rep, Jim Stone. The Council started the first quarter off meeting face-to-face and eventually ended up meeting via ZOOM during the pandemic.

Events for the first quarter included a visitation from the Kamehameha Schools Deputation team. In January, a group of boys from the Warrior Team for Christ made their debut. They were at the Makahiki games to dispense Cool Pops to the students and pass out cards with schedule of Topside Church Services to adults present at Makahiki. A chance to fellowship with the team and chaperone was by sharing a meal with them. Each church hosted a meal while they were on island; Friday night's dinner at Pizza Café was hosted by Kalaiaikamanu Hou. Breakfast was served before Sunday morning service at Ho'olehua and Waialua /Kalua'aha provided lunch after Sunday service. Mahalo to Kahu Hope Barrett Awai for accompanying the youths to Moloka'i.

Kalaiaikamanu Hou was the only church that was able to have a Combined Service in February 2020 for all topside churches. The Tri-Isle Association also held their Aha Mokupuni in early February and Pualani Akaka and Judy Potter Davidson from Ho'olehua UCC were in attendance.

The Search committee also completed the Profile for a settled minister to the Hawaii UCC Conference in October 2019. In the meantime, the Moloka'i Topside Council waited for candidates to apply. Four candidate profiles were received in the months of January and February. Many discussion meetings were held from January to March by the Search committee to discuss candidate profiles.

We were able to have two candidates visit our churches to give their sermons and two candidates because of travel constraints provided virtual sermons that would be shared with the congregations. In the meantime, supply pastors from O'ahu and a layperson from Ontario Canada provided worship sermons until March 15, 2020. State of Hawaii mandates were in effect for COVID 19 so churches suspended services during the latter part of March.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic that started at the end of March, it limited activities and events for the rest of the year for the topside churches. Few activities transpired during the second and third quarters.

The Search committee conducted interviews for the four candidates via ZOOM. A final decision was made! The call went out to Kahu Janice Ogoshi from the Hawaii Kai UCC on O'ahu. She accepted the call in early June and would be able to start on September 1, 2020. Hallelujah and Praise to Akua that the Topside churches now had a settled minister. Until Kahu's arrival, congregants had other worship options via Internet, TV, use of suggested reading materials, and written sermons that were provided by na Kahu Barrett Awai and Kahu Kordell Kekoa which were shared by deacons during Sunday services at Kalaiakamanu Hou.

Kalaiakamanu Hou reopened their church at the end of May and into the summer months using their deacons as speakers. Ho'olehua and Waialua followed suit. All churches followed CDC/DOH/UCC guidelines. The parsonage was cleaned and repairs were done in preparation of Kahu Janice's arrival. Kalua'aha held its reopening service on the fourth Sunday of September with communion using individual prepackaged communion elements.

Several events happened during the Fourth quarter. The Aha Pae'aina was supposed to be held in June 2020 but was postponed until October 2020. It was held virtually and Kahu Janice Ogoshi, Pualani Akaka from Ho'olehua and Uluwehi Sai from Kalaiakamanu Hou registered to be a part of the 198th Aha Pae'aina held on O'ahu.

The month of November had no Bazaar; however, Kalaiakamanu Hou did hold Thanksgiving Eve service. The following day, MTC did the Thanksgiving Luncheon but under different guidelines. Instead of a sit down sitting in the social hall, it became a drive through with recipients driving through the Kalaiakamanu Hou parking lot to get their food plates. This is the fourth year that this luncheon has been chaired by Uluwehi Sai. Donations were received for food and non food items, many volunteers adhered to strict DOH guidelines for preparing and serving the food for approximately 350 + plates. Another group of volunteers delivered plates to those homebound and Meal on Wheel clients from east to west Moloka'i.

Waialua Church was able to install WI-FI at their church premises for church Kupuna to learn basic skills and for kindergarteners to college students to use during the pandemic. Waivers needed to be signed to get the password.

Kahu Janice started an Advent Bible Study group via ZOOM during the month of December. At least 7 – 10 participants were able to join her on Tuesday evening for an hour.

It is always a joy to attend one of the Christmas Eve Candle light services at either Ho'olehua or Waialua. Church. Ho'olehua had the congregants use their musical talents to sing and use the colored bells to accompany the guitar played by Norman Levi to sing Christmas carols. All in attendance enjoyed Waialua's candle light service. A special treat at the end of each service included a special Christmas package of goodies.

Other news to relate; since 2018, the Topside Council has selected different initiatives from the HCUCC Strategic Plan to implement in their churches. This year a change was made to focus on only one initiative for all churches. All were in favor of selecting SPI #3 (Expansive concept of church: Actively support new or different ways of “being church.”)

During the pandemic months, families on the east side of Moloka’I utilized the Food Bank at Waialua Church. The families were very appreciative of the food distribution chaired by Mary Kalilikane and helper, Jim Stone.

The MTCouncil is also grateful to Uluwehi Sai for volunteering to be the Rep at the State Council Meetings on O’ahu and now virtually on ZOOM. We do appreciate her taking the time to attend the meetings.

2020 was a year like no other, yet even with all of its challenges, we have managed to move on with the almighty help from Akua. We are happy that Kahu Janice has been with us since September. She has been adjusting to a rural lifestyle, meeting new people, making home visits, starting Bible Study and serving 3 – 4 different churches on one Sunday to preach at Ho’olehua, Kalaiaakamanu Hou, Waialua and Kalua’aha on the fourth Sunday of each month.

The Topside Council of Moloka’i are doing their best to continue representing their congregants and working together to do God’s ministry on island.

Blessings,
Earline Iaea
Secretary
Moloka’i Topside Council
Dec. 2020

Report of the Maui Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

June 15, 2021

Ka`ahumanu Congregational Church Wayne Higa is Kahu Pono.

Ka'ahumanu Church continues virtual services. Easter was a virtual service at regular service time. No sunrise. I did do a daily reading/sharing virtually Monday to Friday of Holy Week.

Good News. Architects Hawaii should be completing blueprints for church soon. Mayor Victorino has submitted a budget request for Ka'ahumanu Church restoration under historic landmark for \$150,000.00. Oral and written testimony is being received by the County Council. Upon approval, the church will submit grant application for the project.

Kahakuloa Hawaiian Congregational Church

With the leadership of Kendall (Chico) Ka`onohi, the church renovation continues. Worship service is done once a month in the open-air section near the church.

Kaulanapueo Church

The good news from Kaulanapueo Church is that the church tent fumigation last week went very well. It cost \$7,083.56. Unfortunately when the staff looked in the social hall they decided it was beyond spot treatment and needs to be tent fumigated. Upon learning the need for tent fumigation of the social hall, the Repairs and Maintenance committee is working to disburse the \$5000 unused funds to Kaulanapueo Church. What a blessing! As for church activities in the church, there hasn't been any for about a year. Jimmie Aarona gives a Zoom church service every Sunday for Kaulanapueo, Kalanikahua Hou and Nahiku churches. We hope to resume in-church services soon.

Keawala'i Congregational Church Reverend Scott Landis is the Interim Pastor.

Our doors are still closed to in-person worship service as we continue to monitor the number of Covid 19 cases that are on Maui. We have been doing VIRTUAL services every Sunday since last year. We are blessed with a wonderful production team who does the live taping on VIMEO. Our services are accessible through our Keawala'i Church website.

Our "holy week" started with Palm Sunday, then Maundy Thursday service, and on Good Friday we put up our traditional cross on the front lawn of the church. (it is a large wooden cross that is wrapped with chicken wire and stuffed with mock orange branches and leaves) then on Saturday people were invited to bring flowers and leis to decorate the cross , the result was beautiful. Easter Sunday service (which was all pre-taped a week earlier) was opened with hula to Hawaiian Lullaby,(where I live there are

rainbows) sung by Taka Harada. The hula was performed on the front lawn with the ocean as a backdrop.

The sermon, given by our Interim Pastor, Scott Landis was the story of Easter and the resurrection from Mark 16 1-8. It was most impressive, the Pastor gave the sermon from the church graveyard. There was beautiful music and at the end of the service there was the “letting go” of three baskets of doves in front of the cross on the front lawn. It was “chicken skin” stuff...

We continue to stay connected by VIMEO, ZOOM, TELEPHONE ,EMAIL AND THE USPS until we can come together again face to face at our sanctuary we call Keawala'i.

Keolahou Congregational Hawaiian Church

On Mother's Day, Keolahou will open for in-person worship. The Search and Call Committee was unable to find a new pastor. Hollis Lee, the music director, is also the Moderator. On-going ministry is the Fridays Food Bank.

Lahuioakalani Ka'anapali Congregational Church

The foundation for the church has always been **lay leadership**, and that tradition continues today. Aileen Trout give the weekly message. Since July 5, we have had in-person worship numbering 10-15 people. We practice social distancing and we sing 2 songs plus the doxologies in Hawaiian and English.

A new parsonage was built and is occupied by Aileen and her husband. It is a blessing to be on the church premises. Praise and glory to God that our small congregation continues to be a beacon to worshippers.

Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church

There have been no church activities at OLHC since March 2020 due to Covid 19 restrictions. The church may reopen mid-May 2021, depending on approval of the use of a modular building from the Maui County Planning Department.

Since early 2019, the church has faced problems getting a new church building construction permit. When OLHC reestablished holding Christians services on the property, we inherited some non-legal, on-conforming structures issue, property line encroachments, and a lack of permits for some buildings. It was determined that it going to cost us thousands of dollars for removal and demolition of several structures on the property.

One can't speak of 2020/2021 activities at OLHC, without mention of the Olowalu brush fire on December 26, 2020. It destroyed our worship and social hall plus two other structures. Fortunately, praise God, no was hurt in the fire.

Fortunately, the property and building were insured. Ironically, due to the fire, many of building permit obstacles that stood in our way for building our new church were resolved.

It will likely take about a year to rebuild our Social Hall-Cafeteria and our new church. We look forward to seeing everyone in Olowalu on the date of it's reopening. Auntie Adeline Rodrigues, Moderator.

Pa'ia Hawaiian Protestant Church Kahu Roy Newton is the pastor

In preparation for and leading into commemorating Jesus' Resurrection, Kahu Roy led Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church through a scriptural series covering the Seven Words from the Cross: The Word of Forgiveness, The Word of Salvation, The Word of Affection, The Word of Desolation, The Word of Anguish, The Word of Victory & The Word of Committal. Leading into the next series of "Proclaiming the Gospel" with the theme of "Come & See" on Resurrection Sunday. Unlike our pre-Covid tradition of hosting a Sunrise Service, PHPC held our Resurrection Worship during our regular 11am hour. In keeping with the tradition of decorating the cross, we scurried around Covid safe measures and took a quick picture of those close enough to take a quick pose.

We are thankful for Christ's bountiful blessings and His anointing of Kahu Roy's scripturally sound and inspiring messages that continues to draw our members to a deeper love and hunger for Christ. PHPC is engaged in a range of ministries, with Auntie Maile leading the stewardship of outreaching food to kupuna, graveyard ministry, supporting women of domestic violence, and compassion pule & support. We are thankful to Lloyd Nebres and praise God for his faithfully service as PHPC's pianist. We keep in touch with Lloyd who is now living on the continent. We praise God for bringing Kalei Aarona-Lorenzo, (Auntie Mopsy & Uncle Henry's daughter) for accepting the call to lean on Christ to sharpen her melodic piano fingers as our pianist. Church members are also sharpening their God appointed talents playing along with their musical instruments.

PHPC moved from printing to posting our weekly worship bulletins on large visual screens, saving the trees and inconvenience of printing too much or not enough bulletins. We are adapting and getting ma'a to the use of this technology.

At the hint of potential Covid exposure to our congregation, we cancelled worship services on April 11 and with the coast now clear, will resume services on April 18th. We praise God and His ever presence of love, mercy grace upon our church, members and community.

Our memory pause for the 2021- Psalms 27:4

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to enquire in His temple.

Ho'okahi no mea a'u I noi aku ai a 'ia lehova, 'oia ka'u e 'imi aku ai. E noho au ma loko o ka hale o lehova I na la a pau o ko'u ola 'ana, E nana aku i ka nani o lehova, a e ninaninau i loko o kona luakini. Halelu 27:4

Waiola Church Anela Rosa is Kahu Pono.

The Easter season found Waiola greatly blessed. Our presence continues to be largely virtual, with on-line Sunday services and Zoom membership and social/talk story times but we hope to resume in-person fellowship in the coming seasons.

With Covid 19 health concerns and restrictions Waiola services were on-line, crafted together by our talented secretary, Jen Mather, with uplifting messages, sermons, and prayer from Kahu Anela Rosa, music from Kent Stewart, and readings by Judy Kinser, Jen, and Kalani. Kent sings for us from Tennessee, where he and Barb moved to be closer to grandchildren. Jen works for us from California, where they reside with family. The virtual format has allowed us to be present in new ways with those who live elsewhere, but love Waiola.

Waiola has also reached out to the community, in a successful fund-raising effort which has allowed us to pay off the mortgage on our meeting Hall. The campaign demonstrated the deep roots of our church's ties, and we are humbled by the generosity that was shown, with funds raised potentially allowing for new air conditioning units and repairs for the Hall. Mahalo nui loa for those who have donated. Any remaining funds from this campaign will go towards further Hall improvements such as painting.

With this monthly mortgage payment removed, we are now able to take on delayed, but much needed, maintenance projects - such as tree pruning, electrical upgrades, and tenting for termites. We hope to pay off remaining debts, fund projects for NKOW, and focus on Church mission outreach.

The transfer of Waiola's care for Campbell Park and the attached hale kahu to the UCC Foundation was completed with agreement from the Campbell heirs. The hale is now rented out and Park usage oversight is assisted by the Lahaina Restoration Foundation.

The Punana Leo O Lahaina preschool is finishing their year using our Hall rooms but will transfer into our annex building soon, as permitting upgrades are completed. Grounds security remains problematic, with homeless trespasser issues such as a teacher having found syringes and drug paraphernalia in the school yard. We look for ways to supplement the nightly security guard rounds.

The faithful and hard work of our volunteers has kept the Church buildings and grounds looking good and even improved, with clearing of old debris by members, Gordon Bradley, Corey Ancheta, Kent, and others. Tama and Rita with Nā Kia'i o Waine'e maintain the royal tomb and assist with graveyard upkeep. Our Church office, now in the south mauka corner room of the Hall, is frequently open, attended by Judy, with assistance from Susan Yap.

We have no firm plan at present for return to in-person Church services, given the recent Covid19 reports for Maui.

- Submitted by Linda Norrington, moderator

West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
(WHCHCC)

Report for State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches
ANNUAL MEETING - via Zoom
June 15, 2021

Member Churches (6):

Hauoli Kamana'o Church
Helani Cong'l Church
Kahikolo Cong'l Church
Kauaha'ao Cong'l Church

Kona Lanakila Cong'l Church
Puka'ana Cong'l Church

WHCHCC Officers 2020-2022:

President: Sharon Matsuyama (Puka'ana)
Vice-President: Keoki Kiwaha (Puka'ana)
Secretary: Pualani Muraki (Kona Lanakila)
Treasurer: Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen
(Kauaha'ao)
Advisor: Boyd Matsuyama (Puka'ana)

CHURCH REPORTS/HIGHLIGHTS:

Hauoli Kamana'o Church: Kahu Pono Charles Mahina Kaupiko, Melveen Kaupiko

Sunday Services: Online every Sunday, except once-a-month church service , held in-person.

(Praying for Better Online Network to Stream in Service live)

Bible Studies: available on line through Zoom (Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for youth and adult)

Renovations to Church: Roof is complete. Painting is in progress.

Special Request: Hauoli Kamanao's Sunday School humbly asks and requests help with supplies, Bibles, activity ideas, workbooks, and apps. Also, anything that will be a blessing for the youth to cultivate a Jesus foundation within their hearts and minds. The Church is also praying for an area for Child Care Room and Sunday School.

Helani Cong'l Church:

Sunday Services: in person -10 am.

Keiki Sunday School -10:30 am.

Bible Study postponed until Kahu Paul Childers returns in August 2021.

Pulpit Supply: Virginia Medeiros, Roxanne Miller, Rollin Rabara, Alicia Kam, Naomi Aiu, Guest Kahu Charlene Taketa.

Events: Membership Service & Baptismal for Abbie Hanohano..

Sanctuary Repairs: southside wall – as of 4-14-21 permit process not completed. Interior electrical work (tied into southside wall project) also pending status of permit process.

Upcoming Project: Scheduling appointment to meet with Kamehameha Schools Land Division regarding Kaililinehe Property in Keauhou Mauka.

Special Request: Please continue to keep Harry Aiu in prayer, as well as the Helani Congregational Church Ohana.

Kahikolu Cong’l Church: Kahu Pono Naleen Andrade

Activities & Events - November 01, 2020 through January 03, 2021 and January 03, 2021 through April 05, 2021

Quarterly Membership Business Meetings: back on schedule beginning January 2021. All meetings will be via Zoom.

Worship Services: continues via Zoom each Sunday 10 am–11:30 am. and will continue via Zoom, for the remainder of the year. When all adult and adolescents (who are eligible) are vaccinated, a once-a-month outdoor worship service will be held.

Advent Season was celebrated each Sunday with the lighting of candles of the Advent Wreath and culminated with lighting of the Christ Candle on Christmas Eve worship service and included Holy Communion.

Ash Wednesday services were held on February 17, 2021, with a Service of Remembrance and Thanks for Deacon Sheila Navas Frasco, who passed on Ash Wednesday 2020.

Easter Worship Services were held via Zoom on Sunday, April 04, 2021.

Church Litigation Status: As vaccinations increase and the Federal Court begins to increase hearings, litigation that had been stayed will resume soon. The Congregation reaffirmed its decision to continue till they find a resolution.

Pastoral Report: Deacons and lay leaders and members of the congregation are working with Kahu Naleen to deliver the worship service.

Community & Outreach - Kahikolu continues its commitment to maintain their HCUC and OCWM 5-fo-5 giving along with the Women’s Transition House mission.

Passings - Uncle Howard Ackerman, beloved kupuna of Kahikolu Church, died on January 26, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Aunt Harriet.

Kauaha’ao Cong’l Church: Kahu Pono Debbie Wong Yuen

Sunday Services: Drive-in/outdoor service – 10:10 am and live on Facebook. Also recorded by Zoom and emailed to members and anyone requesting.

Praise Jam: 9:15 am live on Facebook.

Communion Service: every 1st Sunday.

Pulpit Supply: Dave Williams covers Kahu as needed.

Events: Received and blessed shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Kahu blessed special painting of old Sanctuary; performed graveside

Committal service; blessed a house for new owners.

Church Meetings: Church Council meet to review proposed By-Law amendments, and examine 3 yr pastoral evaluation done on Kahu Debbie, will be recommending another 3 yr call at January Annual meeting.

Discuss fundraising options since 2 bazaars were cancelled.

Meetings attended by Zoom: 198th Aha Iki and Pae'aina, AHEC BOD mtg HIA, WHC.

Community Outreach: provides space for used bookstore/literacy program and N/A & A/A support group meetings.

Facility Repairs Update: There is still a lot of repair work to be done, including electrical work and multiple leaks found on the grounds and around the building. More help is needed to do the repairs.

Special Request: Please keep the Ohana at Kauaha'ao Church, in prayer, as they continue to make every effort to complete the repair work needed for the church.

Kona Lanakila Cong'l Church: Kahu Pono Charlene Taketa; Kahu Sam Masilamoney

Sunday Services: in person and by Zoom.

Kahu Charlene Taketa-1st & 3rd Sundays.

Kahu Sam Masilamoney-2nd & 4th Sundays.

5th Sundays na Kahu alternate.

Communion Service: every 1st Sunday.

Pulpit Supply: Worship leaders include Mae Eningowuk-Nelson, Jim Wiley, Barbie Muraki-Valdez, Kilinoe Muraki-Burns (Youth), Dusty and Jan Bell. A section in the Church Bulletin is reserved for Divine Healing Prayers for Ohana, friends and other events globally.

Other Church Activities: every 5th Sunday has been declared Hua Mua Sunday, makana offering in support of AHEC to self-sustainability. Congregational meeting held on January 24, 2021; Officers and Trustees were elected, appointments were made to different committees.

Puka'ana Cong'l Church:

Sunday Services: in person continues, for those feeling comfortable to attend.

Worship Bulletins w/ Messages continue to be mailed every week.

Pulpit Supply: Rogers Naihe, Keoki Kiwaha.

Communion Service: Sharon Matsuyama.

Meetings: all scheduled church-related meetings are via Zoom and are attended by delegates / representatives from the Church.

Church / Hall / Cemetery Schedule: No activity

Upcoming Project: Pukaana Church has informally begun a “Capital Campaign Drive” to renovate our Sanctuary. For now, our efforts to raise the funds is by “word of mouth”, until we are able to learn more on how to proceed.

West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (WHCHCC):

Mahalo and Aloha to our member churches of the West Hawaii Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. It has been my privilege being allowed the opportunity to serve as President of this Council, for the past year. I would like to extend my personal mahalo to all of you for your participation at our Council meetings and for your input.

An important note to share with you, and mahalo nui loa to Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen for making this happen the WHCHCC is now officially a Non-Profit Corporation with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA).

Just a reminder, the 199th Aha Pae’aina, which will be virtual again this year, begins with a delegates orientation on June 12, Opening Worship begins on June 13 and the Annual Meeting of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (the Organization this Council is an affiliate of) is scheduled for June 15.

The Registration Information Packets should have been mailed out or will be mailed out within the next week. Be on the lookout for that information, so you are aware of what the schedule will be during the week of the Aha Pae’aina, June 13 thru 19, 2021. Please encourage your church members to attend the Aha Pae’aina so that they are aware of what goes on during these meetings.

In the meantime, please take good care of “you” and your Ohana. Keep healthy and be safe in all things that you choose to do.

God's blessings on all of us,

Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon Matsuyama
President - WHCHCC

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
REPORT OF THE EAST HAWAI'I COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

Annual Meeting
June 15, 2021

Aloha na hoahānau,

The East Hawai'i Council Member Churches include:

Haili Congregational Church / Kūhiō Chapel	'Opihikao Congregational Church
Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church	Pōhakupuka Congregational Church
Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church	Pu'ula United Church of Christ
Ola'a First Hawaiian Church	

The East Hawai'i Council usually meets quarterly on Saturday mornings at 9AM but due to the COVID-19 and our County of Hawai'i emergency rule #14 requirements, all meetings has been cancelled so far. Per our bylaws, no on-line meetings were scheduled. Due to no nominations received from our member churches, no election of officers were held. Our present officers will remain in their repective positions till June 30, 2022. Our present bylaws is in need to be updated and amended pending the approval of the SCHCC 501c3 application.

Our next scheduled meeting will be on Saturday, July 10, 2021.

The present officers of this Council are: President Frank Mulec, 'Opihikao Cong. Church
Vice President Clement Malani Jr., Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church
Secretary Margaret Loke Kamanu, Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church
Treasurer Elizabeth Liz Salfen, Pu'ula UCC
Auditor Judith Bailey, Ola'a First Hawaiian Church

Haili Cong. Church/ Kuhio Chapel, report on file

Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church, on-line services.

Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church, report on file

Ola'a First Hawaiian Church, report on file

'Opihikao Cong. Church, has no service.

Pōhakupuka Congregational Church, service at home, inactive at present.

Pu'ula UCC, report on file

Mahalo Ke Akua,

Frank J Mulec

Frank J. Mulec, President



MEMO:

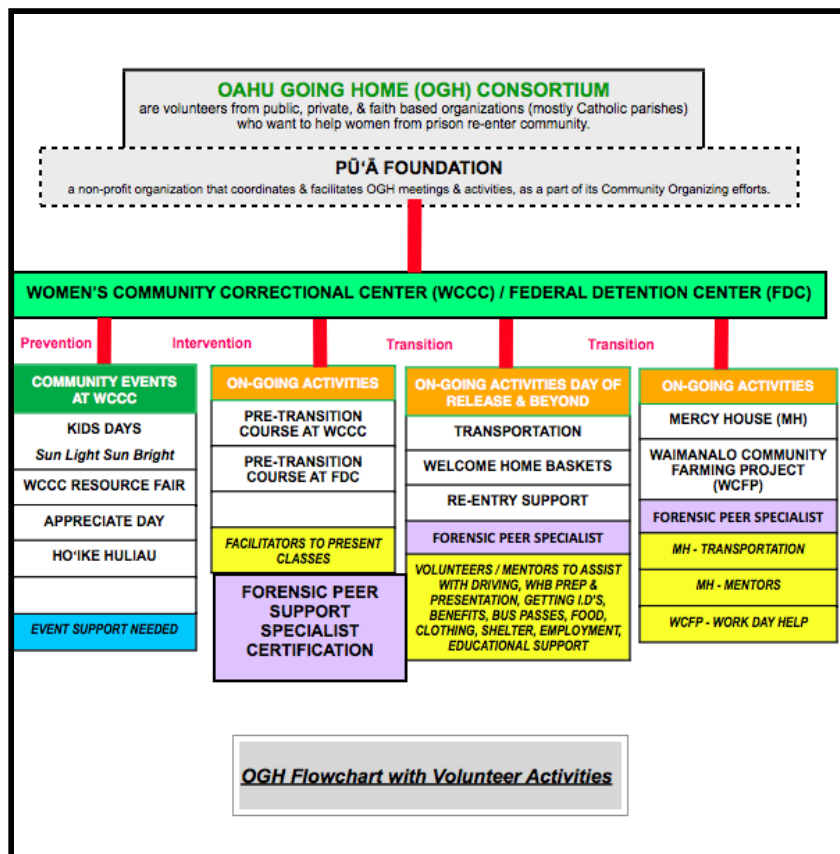
TO: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors
 FROM: Toni Bissen, Pū'ā Foundation
 DATE: May 12, 2021
 RE: Annual Report to SCHCC

Aloha Kākou –

Lots going on at the Pū'ā Foundation, mahalo for the opportunity to share, last time I submitted a report was for the SCHCC board meeting – 4/24/21. **We are truly grateful for the partnership with SCHCC.** This is the annual report submitted to SCHCC.

Included herein: 1) Oahu Going Home Consortium (OGH) diagram, 2) new initiative - tutoring for children of incarcerated mothers, 3) welcome home baskets from volunteers, 4) updates Oahu Going Home, Mercy House, Peer Support and Waimanalo Community Farming project, 5) Pre-Transition and Cultural Healing classes at WCCC (*Note - there may be a chance Kid's Days will also resume at WCCC, which SCHCC has been a big supporter of*), and 6) Ua Mau Ke Ea - Community educational resources.

1) **Partnership Schematic:**



2) Children of Incarcerated Mothers Receive Tutoring Support

Number of Children Served:	5
Type of Assistance:	Homework help
Number of Volunteers:	11

Children of incarcerated mothers receive tutoring support from a partner parish that Pū'ā Foundation executive director outreached to for support. Members of the youth and young adult ministry from Mary, Star of the Sea Church on Oahu are providing peers to help peers. The student tutors come from Maryknoll, Iolani, Roosevelt, Punahou, and UH Manoa, and are teaming up to help five student tutees ages 5, 9, 12, 14 and 16 that attend King Kaumualii Elementary School on Kauai, King Intermediate School and Castle High School on Oahu. This new initiative started during the lenten season and will continue to the end of the school year. The next session is anticipated for the Fall.



3) Welcome Home Baskets for Women Leaving Prison - from Pū'ā Foundation volunteer community partners.

Outreach with volunteers, and parishioners are teaming up to collect donations to make welcome home baskets for women exiting prisons. Donations and recruitment to assist with baskets and other resources were made in the Spring.



4) **OAHU GOING HOME CONSORTIUM:**

Number of Women Served:	12
Type of Assistance:	Exiting planning working with WCCC social workers, donated masks, clothing, transportation, gift cards, welcome home baskets, back packs, food, & social service benefits – welfare, food stamps, medical insurance
Number of Volunteers:	15
Number of Pū‘ā Staff & Consultants	5

MERCY HOUSE TRANSITION HOUSING AND PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

Number of Women Served:	3
Type of Assistance:	Transitional housing, peer support, health & well-being, vocational & leadership development.
Number of volunteers:	3
Number of Pū‘ā Staff & Consultants:	5
Mercy House 2:	Utilizing for MH resident meetings, peer support training, and volunteer meetings

MERCY HOUSE-PEER SUPPORT TRAINING / INTERN HOURS:

Trainings:	Held advanced forensic peer specialist training & supervisor training
Status of Peer Supports Trained:	DOH certified 6 peer supports



WAIMANALO COMMUNITY FARMING PROJECT WITH WOMEN IN WCCC:

Number of Participants from WCCC:	24
Work Days (1/28, 2/11, 3/4,4/21, 4/27)	5
Number of Volunteers:	1
Number of Pū'ā Staff:	2
Mercy House residents:	3
	See Maka a current MH resident at the WCFP pictured below; Other photo - hosted City & County Office of Resiliency, and staff from MHAHO

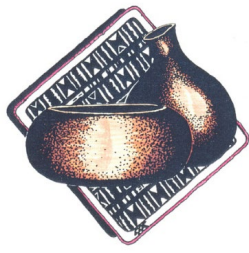
**5) PRE TRANSITION & CULTURAL HEALING & WELL-BEING COURSE AT WCCC RESUME**

Number of participants	20
Number of Volunteers	1
Number of Pū'ā staff	2

As part of the Cultural Healing and Well-being course, a new activity book is being developed. It is also planned that the activity book will be used with mothers and their children for the Kids day events. Preliminary indications have been that there may be a chance that Kids days at WCCC may also resume. SCHCC has been a big supporter of these activities. Part of the activity book will include Hauoli Au, He Hawaii Au. If the Kids day events resume in the summer and winter, recruitment for homework help will also be conducted at those times for the Fall and Spring school semesters. Of note, the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility has outreached to Pū'ā and Oahu Going Home to engage in support for youth reaching majority and transition back to community. Plans are developing to implement similar programs such as Pre-Transition, Cultural Healing and Well-being classes and Peer Support assistance and training.

6) Ua Mau Ke Ea - Community Educational Resources - distribution

Textbooks	48
Combos	72
DVDs - academic & theatrical	2



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To the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors:

Aloha e, in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) has been actively moving forward during this time of a pandemic and it had not slowed down our forward momentum.

Our Virtual Spring Halawai, "E Ho'omau Kakou I ka Mana'o'i'o ikaika" was a great success. Again our Halawai was pleasant and joyful as we had twenty five membership churches participate with nearly sixty delegates and five partnerships participating from across the Hawaiian Islands.

Here are some of the highlights as we flow into the upcoming Aha Iki in June.

1. AHEC gave a generous donation to Olowalu Lanakila Church for the rebuilding of their facility.
2. AHEC stand with the Hui to protect Pololu Valley. A letter drafted by AHEC was sent to announce our solidarity with those who oppose development around the valley.
3. AHEC COM to announce the Ordination of Sam Masilamoney and the academic achievement of AHEC's own MID Luna Hoomalu Kauanoe Hoomanawanui in completing her Masters of Divinity and being on her way to ordination.
4. AHEC Hua Mua starting its "Sharing God's Aloha" Two million dollar campaign with the UCC Pension Board.
5. AHEC Resolution to General Synod. Endorsed by five renowned speakers. Mr. Donovan Preza, Teaches at the University of Hawaii on the "The Great Mahele"; Dr. Ron Williams Jr, History of the Church at the time of the overthrow; Mr. Williamson Chang, Professor of Law, "Under US laws the overthrow was illegal"; Dr. Keanu Sai, International law as related to the status of the HAWAIIAN Kingdom; Dr. Federico Lenzerini, PHD in law and professor of international law. A workshop is scheduled by the Resolution Committee featuring Kalaniakea Wilson at the June Aha Iki.

It is the time for AHEC to keep up the pace as the Waa is in motion.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kerisa Carmelo

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Representative to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

IV. SCHCC DIRECTORIES

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<u>Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church</u>	P.O. Box 4026 Wai‘anae, Hawai‘i 96792	O‘ahu
<u>Kahikuonalani Church UCC</u>	757 Ho‘omalua St. Pearl City, Hawai‘i 96782	O‘ahu
<u>Kalihi and Moanalua Church</u>	1313 Kam IV Road Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96819	O‘ahu
<u>Kaunakakai Church</u>	766 N. King St. Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96817	O‘ahu
<u>Kawaiaha‘o Church</u>	957 Punchbowl St. Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813	O‘ahu
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STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCEDURES

New churches will be formed from time to time, desiring to be *considered for and accepted as* a member of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

The responsibility of recognizing new churches, into the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, is that of the Island Council.

Pre-requisite for Membership:

- 1) The New Church must be a member of an Association of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ (*i.e. Kauai, Oahu, Tri-Isle (Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i), Hawai'i or AHEC*) *who/which embraces Hawaiian cultural practices, including its language, its values and its traditions.*
- 2) The New Church shall present a letter seeking membership and its church bylaws to the Island Council within whose bounds it is located.
- 3) An Island Council, having received such a letter and bylaws, from the New Church, shall inquire as to its understanding of the United Church of Christ Polity.
Membership requires commitment to attend and be an active participant at all Island Council Meetings and events, as well as be up-to-date with the payment of membership dues as required.
- 4) Upon reviewing the required documents and insuring that the New Church candidate understands and is in agreement with the United Church of Christ Polity, the Island Council shall present its recommendation to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors.
- 5) The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches having received the recommendation of the Island Council shall, at its discretion, vote on membership.
- 6) Upon acceptance, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches shall conduct a Service of Covenant at its Annual Meeting (the Aha Iki) during the Aha Pae'aina.

Note: *If a New Church candidate is not a member of an Association of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ (i.e. Kauai, Oahu, Tri-Isle (Maui, Moloka'i, Lana'i), Hawai'i or AHEC) but embraces Hawaiian cultural practices, including its language, its values and its traditions, the Island Council may consider Associate Membership status (as outlined in 2, 3, 4 and 5).*

(Accepted / approved 8/2015)

- To assist churches in obtaining information on resources to improve and broaden their missions.
- To foster & encourage attendance at General Synod.

On Sustaining The Richness Of Hawaiian Traditions & Cultural Values:

- To foster and encourage participation in the *Aha Pae`aina* by helping to develop agenda that incorporate cultural values & tradition & opportunities for fellowship.
- To foster greater understanding of Hawaiian values, traditions, customs & their relevance in our Christian faith.

On Leadership & Ministries in Hawaiian Churches:

- To foster, encourage, and promote leadership training in Hawaiian churches.
- To administer funds entrusted to the SCHCC under the Reverend Richard W. Wong & William Keli`ihoomalu Trusts.

- To assist churches in establishing and maintaining Church Profiles.

- To collect & circulate information regarding ministries of Hawaiian churches, their results & impact.

On Behalf Of Lokahi:

- To promote interaction and exchange among all churches.
- To serve as a channel of communication to the Conference on concerns, questions, and needs of Hawaiian churches.
- To serve as a catalyst for beneficial change that could affect all Hawaiian churches.

On Keeping Safe & Well Our Hawaiian Places Of Worship:

- To administer funds entrusted to SCHCC for maintenance and repair of small Hawaiian churches.
- To provide input to the Conference Foundation on the level of funding needed to maintain and repair small Hawaiian churches.

On Healing The Hawaiian Soul:

- To actively participate with other organizations in promoting understanding in a process of reconciliation w/in the Hawaiian community & HCUCC churches.

OUR MISSION/VISION

Our Mission is to advocate, at all levels, on behalf of all Hawaiian churches holding membership in the Hawai`i Conference United Church of Christ.

We envision a community which celebrates its biblical roots while sustaining the richness of Hawaiian traditions and cultural values; which strives to create opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership, and commitment for a common vision; and which nurtures all people to become instruments for building a better world and community.

We embrace and cherish our Christian faith as we respect our cultural heritage and ultimately seek the peace that comes with living comfortably in both.

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Founded 1948

An affiliate organization
 of the Hawai`i Conference UCC

We advocate on behalf
 of member
 Hawaiian Churches

WHO WE ARE

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (the "SCHCC" or the State Council") is an affiliate organization of the Hawai'i Conference UCC (the "HCUCC" or the "Conference"). It is part of the Conference Council with both voice and vote but receives no operating funds from the HCUCC.

The State Council was initially formed in 1948 as a loosely knit federation of Hawaiian churches that traced their historical roots to the American missionary work that began in 1820. Hawaiian was the host culture; their churches the forerunner of Christian faiths in the islands. On their cornerstones all subsequent congregations were built. But over the course of time and history, membership in the *Kalawina* (Hawaiian for Calvinist) churches began falling. Hawaiians felt their interests waning as the Congregational faith in Hawai'i grew in size and complexion while the congregations of *Kalawina* churches fell ever smaller in number and impact. A revival effort halted the decline in the early 1900's, only to resurface in the 1930's.

In 1948, a coalition of Hawaiian churches successfully sought a venue for *Kalawina* churches at the *Aha Pae 'aina* to voice their *mana'o*. This coalition was formally organized in 1952 as the Council of Hawaiian Churches to provide leadership for *Kalawina* churches, promote their work, and maintain their great interest in fellowship. The Council was eventually re-named the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

OUR ROLE REAFFIRMED

By 1965, however, membership in *Kalawina* churches was down to 2,536 and in danger of falling even further. The firm of Kramer, Miller & Associates was hired to review the entire conference of UCC churches, including the unique concerns of *Kalawina* churches. It found that Hawaiian churches were on the verge of disappearing if not given consideration and assistance. Impelled by that finding, a Hawaiian Ministry Program, in coordination with the State Council, was established to assist Hawaiian churches toward self awareness and active participation in the total ministry of the HCUCC.

The Hawaiian Ministry Program ended in 1992 as the Conference re-shaped itself. In that process Hawaiian culture was acknowledged and confirmed as the host culture for the Congregational Church in Hawai'i and the State Council was recognized as advocate for Hawaiian churches. SCHCC serves as a constant reminder of the Hawaiian presence that first embraced and nurtured the Christian faith in these islands.



60th Anniversary Commemorative Publication of
the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational
Churches 1948 to 2008

OUR KULEANA

The overarching role of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches is to promote the viability of Hawaiian churches in ways and matters that will enable them to live, develop, thrive, and grow.

We go about this role ever mindful of Queen Lili'uokalani's parting words when she spoke of the loss of the Kingdom: That earthly kingdoms can be lost by inflexibility, intolerance and prejudice, as well as by being too flexible, tolerant of too many wrongs, and without judgment at all. State Council looks constantly to the path that lies between these extremes.

The State Council believes, as did the Queen, that the preservation of our heritage is essential to our sense of well being. It was that heritage that allowed Christianity to flourish in Hawai'i. It is that heritage which State Council honors.

Thus, respecting the devotion and commitment of *na kupuna* to the Christian faith and their churches, and keeping the Queen's words foremost in mind, specific aspects of our overarching role are:

On Nourishing Our Christian Faith & Our Spiritual Growth:

- To convey, at every opportunity, an abiding sense of covenantal relationships in ministries and interacting with other churches, the Conference, and the National Church. These relationships form the basis for our faith journey with God. They are the backbone of our faith, our *mana'o* 'i'o. They are the promises we make as God-loving people to Creator, Church, community, and ourselves.
- To encourage and promote participation in Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) ministry.
- To foster and encourage active participation on mission teams and governing bodies of the HCUCC.

THE CONSTITUTION

of the

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

(Affiliate Organization of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ)

PREAMBLE

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches celebrates and nourishes its biblical roots in the Christian faith, while sustaining the richness of Hawaiian traditions and cultural values. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches draws together Churches which strive to create opportunities for spiritual growth, leadership and commitment in order to attain a common vision. This vision embraces the nurturing of all people to become instruments for building a better world and community.

ARTICLE I: NAME

This Council shall be known as the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (hereinafter referred to as the SCHCC), an affiliate organization of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ (hereinafter referred to as the HCUCC).

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE

To advocate at all levels of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ in the best interest of the Hawaiian churches.

ARTICLE III: POLITY

The SCHCC is a voting member of the HCUCC, as described in the Charter and Bylaws of that organization.

The governance of the SCHCC is vested in its member churches, who shall exercise the right of control in all its affairs subject to the laws of the State of Hawai'i.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members

1. Member churches of the SCHCC; Island Councils, within the HCUCC.
2. Member churches embracing Hawaiian cultural practices, including its language, its values and its traditions.
3. Member churches shall have a voice in the affairs of the SCHCC and the right to vote as provided in its Bylaws.

Section 2. Delegates

1. An active member church shall be entitled to one lay delegate. Churches having more than 200 members shall be entitled to elect one additional lay delegate for each additional 100 members, up to a total of five delegates.
2. Each active member church shall also be entitled to elect one youth / young adult delegate, thirty years of age or younger.
3. One authorized minister (ordained, licensed or commissioned) from each active member church.

Section 3. Annual Dues

An active member church is one which is current in payment of their assessed dues. Each member church shall be assessed annual dues. Dues shall be paid and recorded by the Treasurer by December 31.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management of the business and affairs of the SCHCC shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors, which shall consist of the Officers of the SCHCC, one (1) representative from each of the Island Councils and one (1) representative from each Partnership Ministry; such number of directors as outlined in the Bylaws of the SCHCC but under no circumstances less than five (5). Subject to such limit, the member churches may increase or decrease the number of Directors at an Annual Meeting. In the event the Board membership falls below the minimum of five (5), the SCHCC Board of Directors shall make interim appointments for the unexpired term(s).

The Directors shall be qualified, nominated, elected, and appointed as provided in the Bylaws. Each Director of the SCHCC shall serve until his or her successor is duly elected.

Section 1. Officers

The Officers of the SCHCC shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Advisor, all of whom shall be members in good standing in an active member church of the SCHCC and with such qualifications, duties and powers as may be provided for in its Bylaws. Except for the Advisor, Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting during the 'Aha Iki, or as otherwise provided in Article V above, and preferably with no more than two of the four officers from the same island. The Advisor shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. Island Councils

There shall be one representative from each of the following Island Councils: Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, East Hawai'i, West Hawai'i and Maui.

Section 3. Partnership

One representative from the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches shall have the privilege of voice and vote.
Any other partnership shall have the privilege of voice only without vote.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of member churches present at the Annual Meeting, provided notices of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been given to each member church at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting where voting will take place.

Amended at Annual Meeting June 5, 2019

BYLAWS

of the

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

(Affiliate Organization of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ)

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members

1. Member churches of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (hereinafter referred to as the SCHCC), Island Councils, within the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ (hereinafter referred to as the HCUCC).
2. Member churches embracing Hawaiian cultural practices, including its language, its values and its traditions.
3. Member churches shall have a voice in the affairs of the SCHCC and the right to vote as provided in Article I; Section 5. Voting Privileges of these Bylaws.

Section 2. Partnerships

1. One representative from the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches shall have the privilege of voice and vote.
2. One representative from Pū'ā Foundation shall have the privilege of voice only without vote.

Section 3. Delegates

1. An active member church shall be entitled to one lay delegate. ~~Churches~~ having more than 200 members shall be entitled to elect one additional lay delegate for each additional 100 members, up to a total of five delegates.
2. Each active member church shall also be entitled to elect one youth / young adult delegate, thirty years of age or younger.
3. One authorized minister (ordained, licensed or commissioned) from each active member church.

Section 4. Annual Dues

An active member church is one which is current in payment of their assessed dues. Each member church shall be assessed annual dues as recommended by the Board of Directors and approved at the Annual Meeting. Dues shall be paid and recorded by the Treasurer by December 31. In addition, each member church is required to be in good standing with their respective Island Councils.

Section 5. Voting Privileges

Each member church, lay delegate, youth/young adult delegate and minister as outlined in Article 1, Sections 1 & 2 of these Bylaws shall have voice only in the affairs at the Quarterly Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, and voice with vote at the Annual Meeting. Ex-officio shall have voice only without vote.

1. An active member church shall be entitled to one voting delegate. Churches having more than 200 members shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each additional 100 members, up to a total of five voting delegates.
2. Each active member church shall be entitled to a youth/young adult voting delegate.
3. One authorized minister from each active member church shall be entitled to a vote.
4. SCHCC Officers (Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Advisor) and BOD members shall have voting privileges at the quarterly Board of Directors meetings, Special meetings and Annual Meeting.
5. SCHCC President shall have voting privileges at the quarterly Board of Directors meetings, Special meetings and Annual Meeting, only in the event of a tie.

ARTICLE II: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Composition of the Board of Directors -

There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the following:

1. The Officers of SCHCC (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Advisor);
2. One (1) representative from each of the Island Councils (Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, East Hawai'i, West Hawai'i and Maui);
3. One (1) representative from the Partnership Ministries (AHEC and Pū'ā Foundation).

Section 2. The purpose of the Board of Directors is to advocate, in the best interest of the Hawaiian churches, at all levels of the HCUCC.

Section 3. Tenure - Each SCHCC Officer shall serve for a term of two (2) years. Each Island Council representative and Partnership Ministry representative shall serve their terms as allowed by their respective bylaws.

ARTICLE III : OFFICERS

The Officers shall be members in good standing within an active member church of the SCHCC. There shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Advisor. The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

Section 1. President:

1. Shall preside at all meetings of the SCHCC Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
2. Shall be responsible for the administration of business affairs.
3. Shall prepare an Annual Report
4. May create and appoint Task Forces and Special Committees as needed, with the Board of Directors approval.
5. Shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees, except the Nominations Committee, with voice only and no vote.
6. Shall represent the SCHCC on the HCUC Council and AHEC Board of Directors.

Section 2. Vice President:

1. Shall be the presiding officer in the absence of the President.
2. Shall assume the presidency in the event the President resigns or is not able to serve.
3. Shall chair the Committee for Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches.
4. Shall prepare an Annual Report of the Committee for Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches.

Section 3. Secretary:

1. Shall record accurate minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, including Special meetings pertaining to the business of SCHCC, as well as the Annual meeting.
2. Shall be responsible for compiling and preparing reports submitted by all Officers, the Advisor, Island Council Presidents, Committee Chairs and Partnership Ministries for the Annual Meeting handbook.
3. Shall provide a sign-in sheet for all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee as well as for all delegates attending the Annual Meeting.
4. Shall include a copy of the previous year's Annual Meeting minutes in the current year Annual Meeting handbook.

5. Shall send Board of Directors and Special Meeting minutes to the members of the Board of Directors, 2 weeks prior to each scheduled Board meeting, with the agenda for the scheduled meeting.
6. Shall send Executive Committee meeting minutes to the Executive Committee, 2 weeks after the meeting.
7. Shall record any corrections and additions to all meeting minutes, after approval by the Board.
8. Shall issue notices of meetings one (1) month prior to each meeting by written notice, via email. (If no email access, then by U.S. Mail)

Section 4. Treasurer:

1. Shall receive and deposit all funds in an accredited financial institution approved by the Board of Directors of this Council.
2. Shall keep an accurate accounting of all funds received and disbursed and shall give a detailed report of all accounts-at each Board of Directors meeting.
3. Shall prepare a financial report for the Annual Meeting.
4. Shall keep an accurate record of all member churches current with payment of their dues and notify the Secretary of those member churches in arrears by March 01 of each year prior to the Annual Meeting.
5. Shall make all payments by check. There shall be two signatures on the checks, those of the Treasurer and the President or Secretary.

Section 5. Advisor:

1. Shall have thorough understanding and experience of the SCHCC.
2. Shall advise the Board of Directors in matters of function, policy, church polity, past practices and historical background.
3. Shall prepare a report for the Annual Meeting.
4. Shall be appointed by the President and shall serve a term coincident with the President's.

ARTICLE IV: TERM OF OFFICE

The officers of the SCHCC shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. They may not serve in the same office for more than two (2) consecutive terms unless no candidates are available.

The President shall have the authority, with approval by the Board of Directors, to fill any vacancy in the officer positions for an interim period until the next scheduled election.

ARTICLE V: REMOVAL OF OFFICER

Any officer may be removed by a majority vote of the membership whenever the best interest of the Hawaiian Churches and this Council is not served.

ARTICLE VI: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1.

The Executive Committee shall be comprised of the Officers of the SCHCC. The Executive Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Prepare the agenda for all meetings
2. Establish the date and time of all meetings
3. Be an advocate for all member churches
4. Prepare the Annual Budget

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS

All meetings shall be opened and closed with pule 'ohana.

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held during the 'Aha Iki at the 'Aha Pae'aina in June. During the Annual Meeting of the SCHCC, time shall be provided for business, spiritual and cultural awareness concerns.

The majority vote shall be the preferred method for deciding matters that are before the member churches at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2. Board of Directors Meetings Schedule

The SCHCC Board of Directors shall meet in July, October, January and April. All Board of Directors meetings are open to member churches, with the privilege of voice only, without vote.

Section 3. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Board of Directors, by written notice sent out electronically or by U.S. Mail fourteen (14) days in advance to active member churches, stating time, place and purpose of the special meeting.

ARTICLE VIII: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

The Standing Committees shall be: (1) Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches. (2) Endowment / Scholarship.

The Committee chairpersons shall be members of the Board of Directors and will be appointed by the Board of Directors. The Chairperson of the Committee for Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches, shall be the Vice President. The Chairperson of the Endowment / Scholarship Standing Committee will maintain the autonomy of the independently funded programs reporting through the SCHCC. (Endowment / Scholarship Standing Committees may include Kahu Richard Wong Endowment Fund, William Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship, Katherine and Clay Wery Fund and others).

Section 2. Task Forces and Special Committees:

The President may establish Task Forces and Special Committees to address special issues and needs with majority approval votes from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX: INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Section 1.

The SCHCC shall indemnify each person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the SCHCC) if that person is or was a director, officer or agent (hereinafter to include volunteers) of the SCHCC, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the SCHCC, and, with respect to any criminal proceedings, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct of the person was unlawful. The termination of any proceedings by judgment, order, settlement, conviction or upon plea of *nolo contendere* or its equivalent, shall not, of itself, create a presumption that the person did not act in good faith and in a manner

which the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the SCHCC and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had reasonable cause to believe that other person's conduct was unlawful.

Section 2.

The SCHCC shall indemnify each person who was or is party or is to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit in the right of the SCHCC to procure a judgment in its favor because that person is or was a director, officer, or agent of the SCHCC against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense of settlement of the action if the person acted in good faith and in a matter the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the SCHCC, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue, or matter as to which the person shall have been adjudged to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of the person's duty to the SCHCC unless and only to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses as the court deems proper.

Section 3.

To the extent that a director, officer, or agent of the SCHCC has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defending any proceeding referred to in Sections 1 or 2 of this Article, or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified by the SCHCC against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith.

Section 4.

Any indemnification under Sections 1 and 2 of this Article (unless ordered by a Court) shall be made by the SCHCC only if authorized in the specific case upon determination that indemnification of the director, officer or agent is proper in the circumstances because the director, officer, or agent has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Sections 1 or 2.. The determination shall be made (a) by the Board of Directors by a majority vote of 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 the independent legal counsel in a written opinion to the SCHCC or (c) by the court in which the proceeding is or was pending upon application made by the SCHCC or the director, officer, or agent or the attorney or other person rendering services in connection with the defense, whether or not the application by the director, officer, agent, attorney or other person opposed by the SCHCC.

Section 5.

Expenses incurred in defending any proceeding may be paid by the SCHCC 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, officer, or agent to repay such amount unless it shall ultimately be determined that the director, officer or agent entitled to be indemnified by the SCHCC as authorized in this article.

Section 6.

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, officer, or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs and personal representatives of such a person.

Section 7.

The SCHCC shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any director, officer, or agent of the SCHCC against any liability asserted against or incurred by the director, officer, or agent in any such capacity or arising out of the director's, officer's or agent's status as such, whether or not the SCHCC would have the power to indemnify the director, officer, or agent against liability under this Article.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Upon the dissolution of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XI: FISCAL YEAR

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

ARTICLE XII: QUORUM

Section 1. Annual Meeting

The Quorum for the Annual Meeting shall consist of a majority of active member churches present.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The presence of two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XIII: PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

When questions of Parliamentary Procedures are raised, particularly on issues that are contested, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be consulted to resolve any impasse.

ARTICLE XIV: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of member churches at the Annual Meeting, provided notices of the proposed amendment(s) shall have been given to each member church at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting where voting will take place.

Amended at Annual Meeting June 5, 2019