

Section III:

Annual Reports

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

2016 Annual Report of the Luna Ho'omalū

"The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:7-10

Greetings to you in the wonderful name of our Savior Jesus Christ! I have been doing an Adult Bible Study in the book of First Peter for many weeks and the verses quoted above truly stood out to me. They are a reminder that God has planned a finish line for his family to step into his presence at some time in the future. The author felt a sense of urgency and declared it near. He used the word "therefore" to show what God's family should be doing while waiting for that final event. Prayer, Love, Hospitality and Service were his focus and priority. No matter which part of the Hawaiian Churches our ministries serve, these priorities should be at the forefront of our lives. Loving one another better and serving one another better in an attitude of prayer will always be rewarded by our loving God!

I am completing my term as Luna Ho'omalū this June and wanted to express my appreciation of all the help I have received the last two years. I would love to name everybody that has been a blessing to me, but that would be a very long list! I might say that it has been an honor serving with the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee is made up of real servants who want to move our Association forward. I will name Kahu Ken Makuakane and Christine Nu'uhiwa as dedicated help in the Conference office who work super hard and have done a ton of work for me the last two years. Let's never forget to say "Thank You!" to one another for the service we receive.

Let me highlight a few of the important experiences of the last year:

- Woman's Board of Missions: The Kauai Halawai passed a motion to receive the Woman's Board of Missions as a new Partnership with our association. There is still some work to be done with our Bylaws as the WBM is the first new Partnership that AHEC has received. Nevertheless, everyone was excited at linking with this vibrant ministry!
- Conference Foundation: A position has opened up on the Foundation Trustee Board that AHEC would like to fill. Joyclynn Costa was chosen by our Board of Directors to be nominated and it will be up to our churches to "STAY FOR THE AHA MAKUA!" so that they can vote and make their desires known to the Conference in being represented in the many land decisions made by this important organization.
- Papa Makua Search: Our Association decided to move forward with a search committee for the settled Papa Makua position. Bill Haole was chosen as the Chair and we very much appreciate all his hard work in the various roles he fills!

I look forward to our annual meeting this June at Central Union Church on Oahu. May God bless our Association and may we each love each other deeply as the scripture encourages us!

Blessings,

Brian Welsh

Kahu Brian Welsh

AHEC Luna Ho'omalū

2016 Acting Papa Makua Annual Report

Aloha mai kākou,

I will be sharing some of the work I have been doing at the Association, the Conference and the National settings.

1. I was one of the counselors at the annual Fall Youth Camp October 4-7 held at Camp Erdman in Mokulē'ia, O'ahu. There were over forty youth from Hawai'i, Maui, Lāna'i, Moloka'i, O'ahu and Kaua'i. The youth had a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth and have expressed that they can't wait till next year's camp.
2. I attended the State Council Retreat on the island Moloka'i October 16-17, 2015 and fellowshiped with members from the different Hawaiian churches on the island.
3. I am part of the Regional Theological Education Consortium at the national offices. The Regional Theological Education Consortium in the United Church of Christ serves as a hub for sharing resources and best practices in exploring excellence in multiple models of theological education to meet the needs of the church for adult faith formation and preparation of authorized ministerial leaders. This is an important step in recognizing and equipping those interested in authorized ministry through an alternate pathway.
4. I am also a national planning committee member for the upcoming Authorized Ministry conference in Houston November 30 to December 3, 2016. AM 21 brings the United Church of Christ's conference staff and national staff together to raise questions and seek common solutions to best support Authorized Ministers and Committees on Ministry in the UCC. This year's discussion will center on the Manual On Ministry revisions and the Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers.
5. The AHEC Fall Hālāwai was held at Haili Church in Hilo October 2-3, 2016 and the AHEC Spring Hālāwai at Ko'olau Hui'ia Church on Kaua'i February 19-20, 2016.
6. On November 21, 2015 I flew to Hawai'i Island to be a part of two events;
 - 1) the annual community Thanksgiving luncheon at the Pāhoa Community Center sponsored by Kalapana Maunakea Church. It was very well planned with over fifty (50) turkeys cooked in the imu to feed all those people.
 - 2) the annual Ola'a Church Thanksgiving dinner for their community held in the church hall. The dinner was 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and was also well attended. There were lots of raffle gift bags that were donated by Walmart. McDonalds gift cards were also given away.
7. In 2015, I preached a total of thirty two (32) sermons at our churches which means I have been in their midst for sixty percent (60%) of the Sundays this past year. These do not include installations or recognition services for new Kahu or messages and workshops done at the 'Aha Hālāwai or other settings within the Association or the conference.
8. As a staff member of the Justice and Witness Missional Team, I assist in coordinating meetings, online workshop webinars, and the various justice issues presented.

Kenneth Makuakāne
Acting Papa Makua
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

Report of the Conference Minister 194th ‘Aha Pae‘aina

The mission of the Hawai‘i Conference is to connect churches, associations, and others in covenant relationship, and to equip, support and facilitate our formation as sign, foretaste and instrument of the reign of God. Together and in partnership we carry out this mission in numerous ways, many of which are described and recounted in the reports of this ‘Aha Handbook.

Much of my ministry is about making it possible for the equipping, supporting and facilitating to take place. To that end, I share here the major areas that I have focused on this last year.

Church Growth and Capacity Building

Starting in November 2014, the Conference Council discussed issues that could impact the missional work of the Conference, including the reality that current work may not be financially sustainable. Over the next two meetings, the Council identified missional priorities and refined them into two broad areas: 1) challenging churches to grow, and 2) building capacity of leadership.

By church growth is not meant numerical growth, although that can occur. Instead, it is a challenge for a community to grow into the mission God has for it. This could mean starting a new church, selling church property, hosting an emerging congregation, partnering with community or business, or letting a church die gracefully to enable resurrection.

Capacity building is equipping individuals and communities to live into the new mission. This can happen in many ways, including trainings, workshops, seminars, youth leadership events, mission partnerships, etc.

The Formation Missional Team and Conference staff now work together to align Conference programs and ministries around these two priorities. This includes staff interactions with churches (search and call, talk story sessions, consulting), youth camps and events, clergy retreats and continuing education sessions, church leaders event and ‘Aha Pae‘aina workshops, scholarships (for seminarians and clergy) and grants (for new ministry initiatives), clergy communities of practice (see below), partnership opportunities, and more.

Growth is challenging and capacity building takes time, but we do this with persistent patience and love because God calls us to proclaim the gospel and serve a world where there are people in need.

Mission Partnership: South Seoul Presbytery of the PROK

At this ‘Aha Pae‘aina, we welcome guests from, and look forward to establishing formally a mission partnership with, the South Seoul Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK). Conversations about this partnership began in late 2014, followed by exchange visits by Presbytery and Conference representatives in February and September 2015. The partnership agreement envisions local church partnerships, exchange visits, common mission work and witness, and more.

Partnership is much more than making new friends. It is the prayerful and intentional act of walking with another, seeing the Christ within them, being renewed in faith, and engaging together in mission.

Clergy Communities of Practice

Communities of practice are facilitated clergy groups that focus intentionally on learning to do better what they do through mutual interaction and wisdom sharing. These are neither support groups nor casual gatherings for coffee and gossip! Emphasis is placed on ministry, community and practice.

While we hope that every minister will benefit from a community of practice, we are beginning with a more modest goal of getting a pilot group started on each island. Potential participants and facilitators have been identified, and we expect one or more groups to be meeting regularly before the end of 2016. Ministers that are interested in either being a part of a community of practice or facilitating one should be in touch with any of the associate conference ministers.

Wider Church Service

The covenantal connections we make include and extend to the wider United Church of Christ. A number of persons from Hawai'i help us make those connections, and I mention them here as a way of thanking them for their service and recognizing their roles in accomplishing our mission:

- *Caroline Belsom* (Waiola), UCC Board, Cornerstone Fund Board
- *Frances Wong* (Church of the Crossroads), UCC Board
- *Eleanore Chong* (Central Union), Habakkuk Group (revising the Manual on Ministry)
- *Frank Jahrling* (Kaumakapili), Retirement Housing Foundation Board of Directors
- *Norma DeSaegher* (Waialua UCC), Retirement Housing Foundation Board of Directors
- *Kekapa Lee* (First Chinese), Habakkuk Group Reader
- *Kenneth Makuakane*, Authorizing Ministry Planning Group,
- *Sherman Hee*, Church Building and Loan Fund Loan Committee
- *Charles Buck*, Council on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, United Church Funds Board of Directors, Christian Board of Publication (Chalice Press) Board of Directors, Council of Conference Ministers

Conference Staff

The staff of the Hawai'i Conference is a dynamic group of individuals who share a common dedication to the mission. They are my key partners in helping to equip, support and facilitate. While they will all be introduced at and present throughout the 'Aha Makua, I want to highlight farewells and welcomes this last year.

- At the end of 2015, after two years of service, associate conference minister *Donald Schmidt* departed Hawai'i to be nearer his children on the North American continent.
- At the end of March 2016 and after 17 years of service, controller *Ann Hiyane* resigned to take on a new opportunity with the State of Hawai'i.
- At the start of the new year, we welcomed *Sarah Jones* as a part-time associate conference minister. Sarah, who is based on Lana'i, continues as the pastor of Lana'i Union Church, where she has served for the last two years.
- In April, we also welcomed *Ngu Castro* as controller of the Conference and Foundation. She is a CPA and worked most recently for Network Enterprises, a non-profit organization placing persons with disabilities.

Communications

Lying at the heart of our ministry is the gospel, and our call is to proclaim that gospel—and to do it every way we can! No single medium reaches everyone, and so we look constantly for effective ways of communicating the message.

This last year, we placed renewed emphasis on social media. This included migrating to a new Facebook page (Hawaii Conference UCC) and creating a new justice and witness Twitter handle (@UCCJustice808). The freshest, most news-breaking items now occur through these channels, and if you haven't already "liked" one and "followed" the other, I encourage you to talk to any of the staff to find out how.

Of course, if you aren't already receiving the *Coconut Wireless* e-mail newsletter as well as the bi-monthly print edition of *The Friend*, both of which are free, I invite you to sign up by filling out the yellow cards found in your packet.

Closing Note

I have always been, and continue to be, honored to serve among outstanding clergy and faithful members of our local churches who live out God's good news in so many good ways. I look forward to the ways God will connect us for the sake of the mission in this coming year.

Charles Buck
Conference Minister
Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Church and Ministry Committee
Report to the `Aha Na Kai Ewalu
June 8-9, 2016

Members of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches are Chairperson Michael Warren (Hawai'i), Vice-Chairperson Joyclynn Costa (Maui); Dean Fujii (O'ahu); William Haole (O'ahu); Anela Rosa (Maui); Rennie Mau (Kaua'i); Kerisa Carmelo (Hawai'i); and ex-officio members Brian Welsh (Luna Ho'omalu), Kenneth Makuakane (Acting Papa Makua) and Charles Buck (Conference Minister).

The primary responsibility of the Church and Ministry Committee is to grant, maintain, and, when necessary, terminate the standing of authorized ministers and local churches of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches. It is also responsible for working with persons who are discerning calls to ministry.

The committee met four times this last year and took the following actions:

- Recommended to Board of Directors the regular scheduling of Aha O Na Kahu. Time for clergy to gather is now included in `Aha Halawai and `Aha Na Kai Ewalu.
- Received notice that two ministers have transferred their standing from AHEC to O'ahu Association because of new calls: Jonathan Pak to Waikeola Church, and Richard Kamanu to Hawai'i Conference UCC.
- Approved a Continuing Education Policy for all ministers. This policy requires boundary training once every three years and at least 20 hours of continuing education annually. The policy is attached to this report.
- Received requests from two churches to authorize persons for ministry, one for licensing and one for ordination. The committee is working with the churches and the candidates on the process.
- Renewed the licenses for the following ministers:
 1. Clara Daog to Opihikao Church
 2. Charlene Taketa to Lanakila Church
 3. Debbie Wong Yuen to Kauaha`ao Church
 4. Michael Warren to Kalapana Maunakea Church
 5. Ronald Fujiyoshi to Ola`a Church
 6. Wayne Higa to Ka`ahumanu Church
 7. Rick Hirakawa to Kahikuonalani Church
 8. `Anela Rosa to Waiola Church
 9. Kenneth Makuakane to AHEC churches

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Warren

Michael Warren, Chair

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
United Church of Christ**

**Continuing Education Policy
Approved March 19, 2016**

All authorized ministers—licensed, commissioned and ordained—of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, in order to maintain good standing, must:

- 1) complete a boundary training course at least once every three years; and,
- 2) complete at least 20 hours per year of continuing education or equivalent using the UCC Marks of Ministry as a guide.

Boundary Training Policy

Boundary training helps authorized ministers maintain healthy relationships with congregants, peers and the public.

Boundary training is a requirement for all authorized ministers of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches to complete at least once every three years.

If an authorized minister has not completed the boundary training requirement, the authorized minister must meet with the Church and Ministry Committee to discuss the implications for standing or to plan a prescribed growth program.

If standing is suspended or terminated, standing can be reinstated by the Committee if the minister meets the requirements or the growth program prescribed.

Continuing Education

Continuing education is necessary to keep engaged with the issues and insights that affect ministry, to increase and deepen leadership skills, and to promote intellectual, emotional and spiritual growth.

All authorized ministers of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches are required to complete an equivalent of twenty hours of continuing education per year using the UCC's Marks for Ministry as a guide.

If an authorized minister has not met the continuing education requirement, the Church and Ministry Committee will meet with the authorized minister to discuss the implications for standing or to plan a prescribed growth program.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR
Churches Authorized with Standing in the Hawai'i Conference
United Church of Christ
May 15, 2016

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

<u>Hawai'i Island</u>	<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Kainaliu:	LANAKILA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	TAKETA, Charlene	Lic
Kealia:	PUKA'ANA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Kurtistown:	'OLA'A FIRST HAWAIIAN CHURCH	FUJIYOSHI, Ronald	Lic
Nanawale:	KALAPANA MAUNAKEA FIRST HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UCC	WARREN, Michael	Lic
'Opihikao:	'OPIHIKAO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	DAOG, Harriet	Lic
Punalu'u:	HOKULOA/HENRY 'OPUKAHA'IA CHAPEL		
Waiohinu:	KAUAHA'AO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	WONG YUEN, Debbie	Lic

Kaua'i

Anahola:	KO'OLAU HUI'IA PROTESTANT CHURCH	MAU, Rennie	P
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Maui

Ha'iku:	KALANIKAHUA HOU CHURCH		
Honokowai:	LAHUIOKALANI (KA'ANAPALI) CONG'L CHURCH		
Huelo:	KAULANAPUEO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Kihei:	KEOLAHOU CONGREGATIONAL HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Lahaina:	WAIOLA CHURCH	ROSA, 'Anela	Lic
Olowalu:	OLOWALU LANAKILA HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Pa'ia:	PA'IA HAWAIIAN PROTESTANT CHURCH	ROSA, 'Anela	Lic
Waihe'e:	WAIHE'E PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Wailuku:	KA'AHUMANU CONGREGATIONAL	HIGA, Wayne	Lic

Moloka'i

Puko'o:	KALUA'AHA CONG'L CHURCH	McSHANE-BURKE, Judith	P
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O'ahu

Hale'iwa:	LILI'UOKALANI PROTESTANT CHURCH		
Hauula:	HAU'ULA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC		
Honolulu:	BISHOP MEMORIAL CHURCH	KEKOA, Kordell	Ch
	KALIHI AND MOANALUA CHURCH		
	KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH	HIRANO, David	IN
	KAWAIAHA'O CHURCH	KEKUNA, Curtis	P
Pearl City:	KAHIKUONALANI UCC	HIRAKAWA, Rick	Lic
Wai'anae:	KA HANA O KE AKUA CHURCH	GORDON, Wendi	P

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES

Hilo:	HAILI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	WELSH, Brian	P
Holualoa:	HELANI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Laupahoehoe:	LAUPAHOEHOE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING

ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES

Alger, Richard	RT	Kekuna, Curtis	P
Crews, Jeff	LA	Makuakane, Violet	RT
Davis, Wendell	CH	Malani, Clement	RT
Fujii, Dean	RT	Mau, Rennie	P
Ha'alilio, Nancietta K.L.	RT	Merseberg, James	RT
Kaina, William H.	RT	Twigg, David	RT
Kaupu, David K.	RT	Welsh, Brian	P

MINISTERS WITH DUAL STANDING

<u>AHEC</u>	Gordon, Wendi	Kekoa, Kordell
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COMMISSIONED MINISTERS

<u>AHEC</u>	Makuakane, Kenneth
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LICENSED MINISTERS

<u>AHEC</u>	Daog, Harriet	Rosa, 'Anela
	Fujiyoshi, Ronald	Taketa, Charlene
	Higa, Wayne	Warren, Michael
	Hirakawa, Rick	Wong Yuen, Debbie
	Makuakane, Kenneth	

MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT

<u>AHEC</u>	Davey, Lane (Lili'uokalani Protestant)
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NECROLOGY

November 9, 2015	Rhineland, Harvey (AHEC)
November 14, 2015	Paris, William (AHEC)

LEGEND:

AP	Associate Pastor
CH	Chaplain
CM	Commissioned Minister
CME	Conference Minister Emeritus
CP	Co-Pastor
CW	Conference Work
D	Dual Standing
DW	Denominational Work (UCC covenanted, affiliated or associated ministries)
EW	Ecumenical Work
ED	Educational Work
HW	Health and Welfare work in UCC institutions
IN	Interim Minister
IS	Intentional Interim Ministry Specialist
LA	Leave of Absence
Lic	Licensed Minister
MD	Member in Discernment
MY	Missionary (Global Ministries or other)
OD	Ordained Minister of another denomination serving a UCC church
OL	Other Local Church Position
OMP	Ordained Ministerial Partner
OP	Other Profession
OR	Other religious work (Bible Society, YM/YWCA, etc.)
P	Pastor
PC	Pastoral Counseling
PD	UCC Ordained Minister serving another denomination
PE	Pastor Emeritus
RPM	Recognized Partner Minister
RT	Retired
SU	Supply Pastor
UC	Unclassified
Y	Youth Ministry

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
AHEC – Program Committee
Na Lima Hoike "E" Report**

During FY 2015-2016, the Program Committee received applications, submitted by churches, requesting funds for programs / events.as recapped below:

<u>Name of Church</u>	<u>Program / Event</u>	<u>Amount approved</u>
Kahikuonalani	2015 Fall Aha Halawai	265.00
Pukaana	Church Administrators Gathering	300.00
Ka Hana O Ke Akua	2015 Fall Aha Halawai	765.00
Kalapana Maunakea	HC Fall Youth Camp	1,500.00
Kalapana Maunakea	Bus Rental / HIA Hoike Oct 2015	550.00
Pukaana	2015 Fall Aha Halawai	535.00
Koolauhuiia	Aha O Na Kahu/AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	737.00
Haili / Kuhio	HC Fall Youth Camp	466.00
Opihikao	2015 Fall Aha Halawai	300.00
Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Meetng Oct 2015	Denied
Kalanikahua Hou	2015 Fall Aha Halawai	237.00
Waialua	2015 HCUCC Fall Youth Camp	350.00
Waialua	Outdoor Movie System	1,250.00
Kawaiahao	Graham's "My Hope" Event	2,500.00
Haili	Urbana Student Conference	1,500.00
Kawaiahao	Jesus to Hawaii	2,000.00
Ka Hana O Ke Akua	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	486.00
Pukaana	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	1,580.00
Pukaana	2016 Church Leader's Event	560.00
Lanakila	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	1,101.00
Helani	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	553.00
Kalapana Maunakea	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	920.00
Liliuokalani	2016 Church Leader's Event	60.00
Olaa	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	925.33
Waialua	2016 UCC National Youth Event	4,050.00
Paia	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	600.00
Paia	2016 Church Leader's Event	400.00
Kaahumanu	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	692.00
Kaahumanu	2016 Church Leader's Event	200.00
TOTAL		\$ 25,382.33
*Waiola	Dr. Ronald Williams	Reviewing
*Kalapana Maunakea	2016 UCC National Youth Event	Reviewing
*Pukaana	Kaahumanu Spring Sing	Reviewing

*As of April 15, 2016, these applications are still under review.

As of April 6, 2016 I've received the following "Final Reports" from the following churches:

1. Ola'a First Hawaiian Church	2016 Kaua'i Aha Halawai	\$925.33
2. Kahikuonalani Church	2015 Fall Aha Halawai	\$265.00
3. Opihikao Church	2015 Fall Aha Halawai	\$300.00
4. Puka'ana	2015 Fall Aha Halawai	\$535.00
5. Kawaiahao Church	2015 Graham's My Hope Event	\$2500.00
6. Kalapana Maunakea Church	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	\$920.00
7. Puka'ana Church	2016 Church Leaders Event	\$560.00
8. Puka'ana Church	2016 Spring Aha Halawai	\$1580.00

Talk Story Points for the AHEC Board members, kind consideration

- A) The "un-documented" 1/3 church contribution rule?
- B) 5E Program Island Committee member representation
- C) Out of the Box thinking to funding approval
- D) Is it time to clean house for the 5E Program Committee (Members?)

This report humbly submitted with kind assistance from Boyd Matsuyama.

By:

Kaniu Kinimaka - Stocksedale

Kaniu Kinimaka-Stocksdale

Program Committee Chair

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

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AHA IKI- June 2016
Hua Mua Endowment Fund Report

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops, then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)

THE HUA MUA FUND

"The Hua Mua Fund is an endowment fund established for the benefit of AHEC. Donations come from churches and church members. All donations are placed in the Hua Mua investment account at the Hawaii Conference Foundation. Investment income and earnings are reinvested in the Fund.

The purpose of the endowment is to create a vehicle which will allow AHEC to become self-sufficient. That is, earnings from the endowment would eventually replace monies received from the HCUC for programs and staff."

1. Why Give? In Fall 1997, the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches began a 5 year campaign to build a permanent fund to help pay for the future Association's ongoing ministries. The goal of the fund was to reach \$1,000,000.00 by the end of 2002. Not successful! Our goal was to achieve gift participation from 100% of the individual church members if possible. We cannot reach our Endowment goal any other way!
2. The Hua Mua Endowment Fund balance as of February 2016 is \$268,633.83. A donation of \$500.00 was given to the Fund bringing the total to \$269, 233.83.
3. Mission Statement: The mission of the AHEC Endowment Fund is to build a firm financial foundation for our Association so that we may become self-reliant in all activities and be a partner in mission with our sisters & brothers in the Hawaiian Conference-United Church of Christ.
4. The Endowment Committee would like to thank the Churches who have put us on their churches budget.

Churches and church members, dig deep into your pocket so we can move forward toward our goal in becoming self-reliant. Amen! The time has come for the Endeavor of Hua Mua to grow toward reaching our goal. This commitment takes all of us. Imua! We must open our pepeiao (ears) and hearts to heed God's will, leading us as one hui working together to enable the Hua Mua Endowment Fund to carry out the commitment to the AHEC Association of becoming self-reliant. Not soon, not later, but NOW!

I will leave it to the members of the Council of Hawaiian Churches, Christian Endeavor, Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches, State Sunday School Association and the individuals who Aloha Akua, to continue in building our associations.
AMEN/IMUA!

A silent auction will not be held at Central Union Church for the 2016 Aha Iki. Donations in lieu of funds raised at the silent auction will be accepted to further bless the Hua Mua Endowment Fund. Please send in your monetary donation to the AHEC office (address listed above), Attention: Hua Mua Endowment Fund.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact any of the members of the AHEC Endowment Committee:

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Violet Makuakane (Hawaii) (808)959-2231

Ronald Fujiyoshi (Hilo) (808)959-9775
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Maile Baird (Kauai) (808)822-9296

Mahalo,

Haleaka Martin

Hua Mua Endowment Fund Chairperson

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

Kahu Leilani M. Keanu Scholarship Fund for Theological Education Clergy and Laity Opportunities

Committee 2016 Report

June, 2016

Aloha kākou,

We have good news and we have bad news. Which do you want first! OK, first the good news. As of this Aha Iki, we have a balance of \$16,010.02 in our 'umeke of AHEC Scholarships.

The bad news. We had no Kahu or Laity request for further training and so this blessing sat untouched this year.

Let's learn a few things together:

History and Goal:

The Kahu Leilani M. Keanu Scholarship for Theological Education was established in May 1999 at the time of Kahu Leilani's ordination and installation as minister to Kalihi and Moanalua Church. Kahu Leilani used the offerings received to establish the scholarship out of concern for the future of the Hawaiian churches due to the lack of clergy to fill the pulpits. She established the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches Scholarship Fund to provide financial assistance to those called to ministry in the Hawaiian churches. The scholarship fund was renamed in November 2012 to honor her commitment to Christian ministry in the Hawaiian churches.

The goal of the scholarship fund is to develop and support clergy and laity for Christian ministry through offering grants for leadership development of clergy and laity.

Who Can Apply:

Members of an Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches congregation who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply:

1. **Members in Discernment and Seminarians:**
A member in good standing with an AHEC congregation, a recognized 'member in discernment' or seminarian with the AHEC Church and Ministry Committee. Upon completion of program would be available to serve in an AHEC church.
2. **Clergy:**
A licensed or ordained minister in good standing with AHEC who has completed one year of ministry and who is actively serving a congregation.
3. **Church Staff and Lay Leaders:**
A member in good standing with an AHEC congregation who has demonstrated leadership potential through participation in member's church, Association or Conference committee or in such roles as Christian Education Director, Minister of Music, Moderator/President, and others in leadership development in for Christian ministry.

Application Guidelines:

Active participation and membership in a local AHEC church and/or the Association
Leadership development study related to Christian Ministry
Time lapse since previous significant study
Financial Need
Other Funding Sources
Recommendation from Church
Intention to do ministry in AHEC

Application Deadline:

The committee will review applications as received. Please submit applications one month prior to course or workshop registration deadline.

Application Forms:

Please use the appropriate application form. Members in Discernment please complete the Member in Discernment application form. Clergy and Laity please complete the Clergy and Laity form.

Please send completed application form to:
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
1848 Nu'uau Ave
Honolulu, HI 96817
Attn: Scholarship Committee

Report to Committee:

Scholarship recipients are asked to send a written report to the committee within three months after completion of course of study.

That is the process to get access to further training in ministry. Please contact all of the AHEC Scholarship committee members for more information or questions.

Mahalo,
AHEC Scholarship Committee
Kahu Kordell C.L. Kekoa, Chair
Kahu Debbie Wong-Yuen
Kahu Kimo Merseberg

NECROLOGY REPORT

Annual Meeting -- June 8-9, 2016

Central Union Church

Island	Deceased	DATE	CHURCH
EAST HAWAII:			
	Richard "Dickie" Kela, Sr.	September 20, 2015	Haili Congregational Church
	Virginia Jeremiah	November 26, 2015	" " "
WEST HAWAII:			
	Charldyn Haulani Aina	March 5, 2016	Lanakila Congregational Church
	William Paris	March 14, 2016	" " "
MAUI/MOLOKA'I:			
	Lana Salvador	May 2015	Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church
	Justine Kamaka Moloa Wallace	September 24, 2015	" " "
	Wallace Eldon "Morgie" Kuloloio, Jr.	December 15, 2015	" " "
	Antone "Sonny" Fernandez	April 16, 2016	" " "
	Keahi Keoni Kalani Kealoha	April 4, 2016	" " "
	Velma Kuulei Brown	January 17, 2016	" " "
	Harrason Ricardo Newton	April 11, 2016	" " "
	Edwin Lelepali	February 7, 2016	Kanaana Hou-Siloama - Moloka'i
KAUAI:			
	James D. Napohaku	January 22, 2016	Hanapēpē Hawaiian Congregational Church
	Mercedes K. Ching	February 22, 2016	" " "
	Hazel Kawada	July 5, 2015	Kapa'a First Hawaiian Church
	John Ka'auwai	July 8, 2015	" " "
	Elizabeth N. Ako	November 2015	Koolauhui'ia Protestant Church
	Keith "Fota" Keala Maka	February 15, 2016	Wai'oli Hui'ia Church
O'AHU:			
	Augusta Pi'ilani Almeida	December 1, 2015	Kawaiaha'o Church
	Raymond Ahana	June 5, 2015	Kaumakapili Church
	Lucille Akau	June 7, 2015	" " "
	Paul Hirakawa	July 6, 2015	Kahikuonalani UCC
	Pastor Harvey Rhineland	November 9, 2015	" " "
	Kuualoha Callanan	January 10, 2016	Lili'uokalani Protestant Church
	Leinelle H. Ewe	March 3, 2016	" " "
	Roselle K.C. Murray	March 22, 2016	" " "

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Nominating Committee Report**

The Nominating Committee of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches is submitting the following slate of officers for consideration at the 'Aha Na kai Ewalu next month.

Luna Ho`omalu

Kerisa M. Carmelo
William P. Ha`ole III
Lesly Alaka`i Paleka

Luna Ho`omalu Hope

Michael Warren
Violet M. Makuakane

Kakau `Olelo

Maile Baird
Michele Pimental

Pu`uku

Maybelle (Toni) K. Ka`a`a

East Hawaii Island Representative

Loke Kamanu

West Hawaii Island Representative

Annie Emmalia Ka Leong
Glenn Kahea Kaiawe

Oahu Island Representative

Della Kua`ana

Kauai Island Representative

Luella Lemn

East Maui Island Representative

Joyclynn Costa

West Maui Island Representative

Anela Rosa

General Synod Delegate

Gloria-Ann Pualani Muraki

Committee on Church and Ministry

Maui Representative
Anela Rosa

Brief Biographies of Nominees

Luna Ho`omalu

Kerisa M. Carmelo is a member of Lanakila Congregational Church. She served on several positions within the church, currently on AHEC Church and Ministry. Employed at A`a Kokua since 2009.

William P. Ha`ole III is a member Kawaiaha`o Church. He serves as moderator for Kawaiaha`o Church and was Trustee 2006-2014. William is also serves on the committee of Church and Ministry for AHEC and Pu`uku for the Board of AHEC.

Leslyn Alaka`i Paleka is a member of Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church. Alaka`i serves her church generational. She is in bible study, Program Director and choir. She is employed for a popular radio station and does lots of promotions for public and private venues.

Luna Ho`omalua Hope

Michael J. Warren is a member of Kalapana Maunakea Church. Michael serves as a Kahu for his Church. He focuses on youth and community programs to further his Ministry. He currently serves as the Chair for Church and Ministry AHEC and on the Board.

Violet M. Makuakane was the pastor and Associate pastor at Opihikao Congregational Church. She has served both her community and her church very well. She was a secretary for 26 years for UH Hilo Chancellor. Also served the mayor's office and others responsibilities. As for our churches, the entire Makuakane family has strived to bring a venue to assist up and inspired Kahu to become Kahu's to serve our Hawaiian Churches by grants in honor of John Makuakane.

Kakau `Olelo

Maile Baird is a member of Koolahui`ia Church. She served as moderator, secretary, vice moderator and treasurer for her church. She has also served as committee member for AHEC Church and Ministry and secretary for both State Council and AHEC Board.

Michele Pimental is a member of Keolahou Church. She has served as treasurer for her church. She is also active in the youth programs for her church and community. She serves AHEC as the Luna Ho`omalua Hope.

Pu`uku

Maybelle (Toni) K. Ka`a`a is a member of Ka`ahumanu Church, She served as church secretary at Kapa`a First Hawaiian Church. She assist other sister churches such as Koolahui`ia in the weekly Sunday bulletins. She is skilled in shorthand as well as typing and 10 key.

East Hawaii Representative

Loke Kamanu is a member of Kalapana Mauna Kea Church. She served on the Board of AHEC as Secretary under guidance with Kahu Ron Fujiyoshi. She is also State Sunday School President and serve as a deacon for her church.

West Hawaii Representative

Annie Emmalia Ka Leong is a member of Lanakila Congregational Church. She served as Board of Trustee and several Board positions for her church. She has served as deacon, Sunday school and secretary. 30 years background in flora industry design at Safeway.

Glenn Kahea Kaiawe is a member of Pukaana Congregational Church. He serves a trustee for his church.

Oahu Island Representative

Della Kua`ana is a member of Kahikuonalani Church UCC. She currently serves as moderator for her church. She has also served as nomination chair in the past and search committee for our Papa Makua. Della has chaired many position such as OCHCC President and CBE Chair to name a few. She is well known for her feather talent and has donated many of fine works at our auctions in the past.

Kauai Island Representative

Luella Lemn is a member of Koolahui'ia Church. She has served as secretary, treasurer, deaconess and is currently the moderator for her church. She has also served as Kauai State Council President and shows great dedication and responsibility for her walk with God. Orchid farming, shell lei making and weaving are a few of her talents.

East Maui Island Representative

Joyclynn Costa is a member of Kalanikahua Hou Church. She serves as moderator for her church. She is active within her community and various associations and committees. She currently sits on the AHEC Board as West Island Maui Representative and is also serving her last year on Church and Ministry.

West Maui Island Representative

Anela Rosa is a member of Waiola Church. She serves a Kahu for her church. Besides her service in her role as Kahu she has done outreach within and beyond her community. She has taken her ministry to other sister churches where the need calls her. She has served for 1 term in Church and Ministry. She is also West Maui Representative for AHEC Board.

General Synod Delegate

Gloria-Ann Pualani Muraki is a member of Lanakila Congregational Church. Pualani has served as AHEC treasury for 10 years and also an AHEC Board Member for 12 years. She is currently retired and continues to serve both her church and community. She is fluent in the Hawaiian language and is a master weaver. She gives back to her community in many ways including volunteering at the Community College.

Maui Representative Church and Ministry

Anela Rosa is a member of Waiola Church. She serves as the Kahu for her church. Besides her service in her role as Kahu she has done outreach within and beyond her community. She has taken her ministry to other sister churches where the need calls her. She has served for 1 term in Church and Ministry. She is also West Maui Representative for AHEC Board.

Yours in Christ,

Joyclynn Costa

Joyclynn Costa

AHEC Nominating Committee, Chairperson

Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ
ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES
‘Aha Na Kai ‘Ewalu
Central Union Church
O‘ahu Island Annual Report
June 8-9, 2016

Aloha mai kakou and blessings in the name of Jesus Christ! It is hard to believe that the year 2015 is at a close and already the churches are half way into the year 2016 and another ‘Aha Pae‘aina is upon us!! The year 2016, thus far, has been filled with activities in our churches and the theme for this year’s ‘Aha Iki, “Nana I Ke Kumu” is fitting as the churches continue to meet the challenges of “looking to the Source”, Jesus, the True Vine, for all His assistance as we endeavor to meet the needs of our congregations and the wider church community as well. The following are some of the activities that the O‘ahu churches have been involved in.

Ka Hana O Ke Akua, Kahu Wendi Gordon. Church service is every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. In October, 2015 KHOKA was able to send two delegates, along with their Kahu to the ‘Aha Halawai at Haili church in Hilo. The church hosted OSSA’s Fall Ho‘ike in October and participated in the Youth Camp sponsored by UCC and the ‘Ohana Camp sponsored by Kawaiaha‘o. KHOKA continues to meet the needs of the families at the Waianae Boat Harbor through their outreach ministry. The church continues to participate in the “5 for 5” program. Loyalty Sunday, held in November was a way for the church to remember the veterans with an early Thanksgiving luncheon. In December the church members participated in the Waianae Coast Rotary Christmas Parade. The Rotary Club parade was in place of the Martin Luther King Day parade. KHOKA had participated in that parade for many years. In February, 2016, Kahu Wendi and Winogene (Nana) Aiu attended the Spring ‘Aha Halawai on Kauai.

Kalihi-Moanalua, Na Kahu David Kaupu, William Kaina and Deacons (who preach every 5th Sunday of a month). Church service begins at 11:00 each Sunday. KMC continues to minister through music and fellowship to Na Kupuna every second Sunday of every month at Lunailo Home. Pūnana Leo continues their Hawaiian immersion Pre-school at KMC. KMC continues to share the sanctuary with a Chuukese congregation every Sunday. A delegate attended the ‘Aha Halawai in October at Haili Church in Hilo. In preparation of KMC’s 150th birthday celebration, evangelism classes are being taught. In November, Randy and Gay Hongo Christian Vision led KMC in worship service with a potluck lunch after. KMC hosted OSSA’s Spring Ho‘ike on April 17, 2016.

Kaumakapili, Interim Ministry Team led by Kahu David Hirano and assisted by Barrett Awai, Helen Kaowili, Kona Mann and Kahu Sherman Thompson. Church service begins at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. On June 4-12, 2015, Kaumakapili Church served as the on-site location for the Historical Cemetery Preservation Workshops at Maemae and Pauoa Cemeteries, followed with a panel discussion of the participants. On July 18 Kaumakapili held its 44th Annual Luau. On August 23, 2015 a Pastoral Search Committee was commissioned and blessed. The church participated in the “5 for 5” program, “Strengthen the Church”. Kaumakapili continues through their Outreach Ministry with a Food Bank every Wednesday and Free Store every Thursday. Kaumakapili participated in the Fall, 2015 and Spring, 2016 Ho‘ike sponsored by OSSA. A delegate representing the church attended the Fall Halawai at Haili Church in October, 2015. Kaumakapili sent delegates to HCUCC’s annual leaders’ event held at Nu‘uanu Congregational Church in February, 2016 and attended AHEC’s Spring Halawai on Kauai Island in February 2016.

Lili'uokalani: No Kahu, being serviced by guest ministers each week. Church service begins at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday. Even though Lili'uokalani Protestant Church has been without a Kahu since March, 2015 the church still feels the joy of being able to fellowship and being spiritually fed by various guest ministers. On August 1, 2015, LPC held their annual luau. A wonderful time to enjoy the comradery and community coming together to make it a success! On September 13, 2015, LPC celebrated Queen Lili'uokalani birthday as well as Grandparents Day. The celebration service was officiated by Kahu Richard Kamanu. On September 27, 2015 we had a Founders' Day Service in honor of John and Ursula Emerson. Lili'uokalani sent two delegates to HCUCC's leaders' event in February. LPC participated in UCC's Missions program, "One Great Hour of Sharing" in March, 2016. On March 12, 2016 LPC held their Spring Kalua Pig Fundraiser. LPC participated in OSSA's Spring Ho'ike hosted by Kalihi and Moanalua on April 17, 2016.

Kahikuonalani: Kahu Rick Hirakawa with church service at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday. On July 15, 2015 a prayer and blessing service was held for the safety of the workmen who would begin work on the demolition of KCUCC's old sanctuary. In attendance were church members along with KCUCC's partners, Cheryl Cudiamat, CEO of Keiki Care Center of Hawaii and Geoffrey Cudiamat, CEO of Structural Builders of Hawaii, the company who will be in charge of demolishing the old and rebuilding the new sanctuary. Work began the following week. Presently, as of this report, the framing has been put up and the roof beams are on. The commercial kitchen is being worked on and prayerfully the church should be completed by August 2016. KCUCC continues its Outreach Ministry at Blaisdell Park in the Pearl City area. Every Thursday the "Happy Ohana" ministry visits nursing care facilities and retirement home facilities. KCUCC still continues to sponsor Boy Scout Troop 75 and held a "Scout Sunday" service on January 31, 2016. KCUCC participates in UCC's "5 for 5" mission giving program. KCUCC sent delegates to HCUCC's leaders' event in February. Delegates participated in AHEC's Fall Halawai at Haili Church in October, 2015 and AHEC's Spring Halawai at Ko'olau Hui'ia Church on Kauai in February.

Kawaiaha'o: Kahu Curt Kekuna with church service at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday. On July 11, 2015 a workshop entitled: "Alaka'i Collaboration Envisioning for the Future of Kawaiaha'o Church" was held. Small and large group discussions, facilitated by Papa Makua Ken Makuakane, Gregg Lee and Rachel Kaiama, discussed the evolution of Kawaiaha'o, its past, present and future. Other envisioning collaboration workshops will be held after this initial one with the focus being on three priority points to the vision statement, "Honor God, love one another and make disciples" that Kawaiaha'o has adopted. Kawaiaha'o 'Ohana Camp, "Fun with the Son" was held on Aug. 14-16, 2015. Another 'Ohana Camp is already in the making for next year. Kawaiaha'o hosted 'Aha Iki, 2015 in June. Kawaiaha'o supported HCUCC's "Neighbors in Need" mission giving program. Delegates were sent to AHEC's Fall Halawai in October, 2015 and Spring Halawai in February. Delegates attended HCUCC's leaders' event. Kawaiaha'o participated in OSSA's Spring Ho'ike on April 17, 2016 at Kalihi and Moanalua Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Della Kua'ana

Della Kua'ana, Oahu Island Representative

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Nana I Ke Kumu ~ Look to the Source

Ka'ahumanu Church: Led by Kahu Wayne Higa ~ Service each Sunday at 9am. The sacrament of Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month. They continue to work diligently on their restoration project. Repairs to the Pre School. The steeple has been patched and continued efforts for the Hale Pule and the rest of the campus with various fundraisers. Members and community volunteers along with various local groups work together on a continued effort. Joint Lenten services with Iao UCC and Wailuku Union alternating with Ka'ahumanu Church with Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services. Also honoring the birthday in March of Ali'i Mo'i Ka'ahumanu with the various Hawaiian Royal Societies.

Kahakuloa Church: No current information is available

Keolahou Hawaiian Congregational Church: Sunday Service begins with Praise/Singspiration at 9:30am and Service begins at 10am. The sacrament of Communion is served on the first Sunday of each month by Dennis Berger. Pulpit supply for other Sunday's is filled by various Licensed Ministers and Lay Leaders. A Search Committee has been formed in search of a Kahu as they are under the guidance of the Hawaii Conference office.

Lahuioakalani Ka'anapali Congregational Church: Service each Sunday is at 10am. Lahuioakalani continues to move along smoothly. Attendance has been a steady core of people with the faithful annual returning visitors. The high attendance of the January to March visitors have and generated the opportunity for generous offers and has given Lahuioakalani the opportunity to share these gifts with the needs of the local community.

Olowalu Lanakila Hawaiian Church: Service each Sunday is at 9am. The Sunday service is comprised of family members leading, serving and providing the weekly message. Adeline Rodrigues is the matriarch of the family and has provided great support to continue their weekly worship. The project of the new Hale Pule is still in the works and continued support as plans are continuously being carefully sorted.

Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church: Service each Sunday is at 11am. The congregation has been blessed with Kahu Roy Newton of Maluhia Church with the continuity of messages week after week. PHPC. The sacrament of Communion is shared on the 2nd Sunday of each month. With the kokua of key people at PHPC continued Bible Classes and Youth Activities are on going. Christian Endeavor is a new and working venture they are engaging in.

Aha Na Kai 'Ewalu / Aha Iki

Central Union Church - Honolulu

West Maui Representative

Attendance at various Halawai and conference workshops by the key leaders have helped PHPC in their growth. PHPC is a member of AHEC, SCHCC and the Tri-Isle Mokupuni Associations.

Waihe'e Congregational Church: A devoted few continue to meet every Sunday for their worship by gathering and reading scriptures together offering their thoughts. WCC has also opened their doors and facilities to the Phonpei's to have their weekly Sunday service at 1130am. It's a working relationship and serving the community as a whole.

Waiola Church: Service is led by Kahu Anela Rosa each Sunday at 9am. The continued efforts of the congregation along with the support of the local community keeps the spirit of Ke Akua abundantly in our presence. Every day is a new venture and so many things go on from community help, the historical tours, working relationships with the county as well as the Friends of Moku'ula as our neighbors and the finds at this historical site. We are currently in search for an Interim Kahu and then will continue our search for a full time Kahu. The members are thriving and anticipation of planning in two years the 195th anniversary of our beloved church.

Respectively Submitted,
Anela Rosa
West Maui Representative



**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES
EAST HAWAII CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES**

Annual Report
Central Union Church, Honolulu HI
June 8 & 9, 2016

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

Greetings to all our churches across the state and may we all have the joy of the Lord in all we do. We always turn our hearts and prayers to our Lord to direct our paths. He will be the one that will in truth teach us for he is our salvation and on him we pray and wait for him to direct us and we remain waiting upon him in prayer. He alone can bring us peace and understanding.

Our East Hawaii Churches of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical churches have regular quarterly meetings usually held at Haili Church which is a central location for most of us. It is always a time of sharing and learning how we are all doing and especially how we can help and support each other in God's work across our East Hawaii which extends to upper and lower Puna. Our churches continue to participate actively in Ho'ike and other events with our sister churches. We know we are truly blessed and we pray blessings on each of our churches across the state of Hawaii.

The East Hawaii Churches of the Hawaiian Evangelical Association are:

- **Haili Congregational Church & Kuhio Chapel**- Kahu Brian Welsh. Haili Church & Kuhio Chapel hosted their 2016 Ho'ike March 12. It was a blessed time together in the spirit. Their moderator is Lindsey Lindsey, President LeeAnn Lindsey, Vice President is Milton Hughes-Okada, Secretary is Lisann Kekuwa and Treasurer is Sweetie Osorio. Sunday Ohana Services at Haili Church at 9:00 with Kahu Gamon Apapa. 9:30 Kuhio Chapel services begin with Kahu Brian Welsh and Sunday Worship service begins at 11:00 with Kahu Welsh at Haili Church. Mondays at 1:00 Kuhio Chapel participates in the Early Release Education program with Keaukaha & Waiakea Elementary School. Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday all have bible studies beginning at between 4:30 and 6:30. Kalei Holt-Mizuguchi has Hawaiian bible study on Thursday. A special Unity service will be held for all who may want to attend on May 29 10:00am at Haili.
- **Kalapana Maunakea Congregational Church** Kahu Michael Warren. The moderator is Loke Kamanu, Vice-Moderator is Kimo Peleholani-Blankenfeld, Secretary is Marilyn Egner, and Treasurer is Angie Warren. Our head deacon is Ilona Makaanani. We meet each Sunday at 10:30 for worship and Sunday School. Every 2nd Friday is Feed the Hungry and each Wednesday is praise and worship practice and bible study is on Tuesdays at 7:00pm. 2 Fridays a month is our hula ministry. They will be preparing for their Hoike on July 9, 2016 Saturday and all churches are invited to attend.
- **Laupahoehoe Congregational Church** Kahu Clement Malani, Sr. Moderator Catherine Kaide, President – Clem Malani, Secretary – Carol Malani, Treasurer-Russell Paio.

Laupahoehoe church faithfully attends all Hoike and are strong participants. Sunday Services and Bible study is held there. Kahu Ron Fujiyoshi serve 'aipelena

- **Olaa First Hawaiian Church** – Kahu Ron Fujiyoshi serves Communion. Kahu Lani Kapuniai has been filling in as supply pastor. Their moderator is Mabel DeSilva, Vice-Moderator Kainoa Brandmeir who also serves as acting secretary. The Treasurer is Judy Bailey. Their Sunday services begin at 10:15am. They Feed the community on the 4th Saturday of each month. In addition, they support and assist Hilo Home of Recovery in various ways. Their Sunday School has grown and now many more children attending.
- **Opihikao Congregational Church** – Kahu Harriet Clara Daog. President – Frank J. Mulec, Vice President – Lenneth Da Pavao, Secretary – Karen Pupukahi, and Treasurer – Susan Hauanio. Their Sunday School Superintendent is Norman Polacat. Their delegate is Nancy Bowles. They have at 10:00am they have Sunday School lessons right before Sunday worship service at 11:00am. On the 1st Sunday of each month they have a community feeding following Ka `Ai Pelena. They often have visitors to church as their location draws many to their door step to hear Christ's word.

We enjoy our times that we can meet and especially times when we can praise and worship together as one family in Christ. We pray for each one of your churches and as you to pray for us, for through for through pray the Lord cares for us all. We give thanks to our Lord God for the Love and Grace he affords us as a gift that blesses us and we then try to share that same love with all. We lift all our Hawaiian Churches in Prayer and know that in faith the Lord will care for us all. Mahalo nui iā 'oukou a pau loa no ko 'oukou aloha nui mai iā mākou.

I ke aloha o Iesu Cristo, Loke Kamanu, East Hawaii Representative Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches

Margaret Kamanu



Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Annual Report for June 2016
West Hawaii Representative Report

Aloha Kakou!

Another year has gone by so fast. This is my last report as the West Hawaii AHEC representative, mahalo to all AHEC Board of Directors for your support, to the West Hawaii churches mahalo nui for giving me the opportunity to serve you, may God's love continue to shine your ministering till HIS second coming.

HELANI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Sunday Service: 10:00 am

Children Sunday School: 10:30 am

Communion Service is on the first Sunday of each quarter (January, April, July and October)

Helani Church has no Kahu, so pulpit coverage is done by the Worship Leaders, guest Kahu or speaker one Sunday each month.

Activity scheduled for this quarter in the West Hawaii Spring Hoike on May 1, 2016 that our church is hosting.

Repair projects are on hold pending financing.

Aloha with God's Blessings,
Harry Aiu, Moderator

Kauaha'ao Congregational Church

January – March 2016

Activities for the quarter, besides Sunday Worship Service at 10 am,
and Holy Communion on the first Sunday each month ~

January:

10: Remembrance Sunday

24: Kalaupapa Sunday; KCC Annual Membership meeting

February:

7: Installation of New Officers

14: Henry Opukaha'ia Sunday @ Hoku'loa/Henry Opukaha'ia Memorial Chapel, Punaluu

27: Moderator attended Church Leaders event

March:

6: Quarterly Church Council meeting

27: Easter Sunday/Communion Service

Together in Christ,
Walter Wong Yuen, Moderator/Church Delegate

Lanakila Congregational Church

MONTH OF APRIL

- 1ST Sunday of the month: Sunday Service and Sunday School 9:00am
Communion and Board of Trustee Meeting

Sunday Service and Sunday School throughout the month

- Hui Malama
Nutrition Class April 14, 21 and 28 10: am-12:00 noon
Nutrition Class April 19& 21 5:00pm -7:00pm
- Filipino Christian Fellowship
Sunday Services and Sunday School every Sunday 7:00pm-9:00pm
Tuesday Bible Study 7:00-9:00pm
Saturday Song Practice 7:00pm
- Special Services, Meetings, ETC.ETC. ETC.
April 9th Funeral Service for Charldyn Aina 8:00am-1:00pm
April 10th Special Congregational Meeting for AHEC Representative to serve
April 17th Congregational Meeting 11:30am-12:30pm

MONTH OF MAY

- May 1st Hoi'ke at Healani Church 8:00am
- May 8th thru 29th Regular Sunday Church Service & Sunday School. 9:00am
- May 15th Board of Trustees Meeting 11:00am
- Filipino Christian Fellowship
Sunday Services and Sunday School every Sunday - 7:00pm-9:00pm
Tuesday Bible Study 7:00-9:00pm
Saturday Song Practice 7:00pm
- Special Services, Meetings, ETC. ETC. ETC.
May 6 AHEC Church and Ministry Meeting From Lanakila Kerisa Carmelo
May 7th
Representing West Hawaii Council our Kahu Pono Charlene Taketa
May 28th Lanakila Church Clean Up Day: Sanctuary, Hall, Kitchen
Storage areas, ETC., ETC.

MONTH OF JUNE

- June 5th Regular Sunday Church Service, Communion and Sunday School. 9:00am; Board of Trustees Meeting 11:30am
- Every Sunday thereafter Sunday Church Services and Sunday School 9:00am
- Filipino Christian Fellowship
Sunday Services and Sunday School every Sunday 7:00pm-9:00pm
Tuesday Bible Study 7:00-9:00pm
Saturday Song Practice 7:00pm
- Special Services, Meetings, ETC., ETC., ETC.
June 8th-12th Aha Pae'aina Representing our Church Kahu Pono Charlene Taketa and Moderator Gwen Vidal and Delegate Kerisa Carmelo.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mel Hoomanawanui, Vice Moderator

Puka`ana Congregational Church

Church Service- 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School- 9:30 a.m.

Our pulpit is filled by guest speakers from the Conference or church members every week while we continue to seek a pastor.

Puka'ana Congregational Church has been active in attending church functions at our sister churches on island and off island as well. We have also been successful in creating missions and fulfilling them within our church, membership, and surrounding communities. Our youth have also attended workshops off island at Camp Erdman and look forward to attending more in the future. We continue to have select Sundays where our youth facilitate our worship services.

Recent events:

Ho'ike, Rummage Sale, Pumpkin Carving Night, Brown Bag Blessing, Christmas Parade, Christmas Community Dinner, Membership Classes, etc...

Upcoming Events:

Spring Sing at Ka'ahumanu Congregational Church (Maui), Mini Bazaar at Kauaha'ao Congregational Church (Ka'u), 'Aha Pae 'Aina (Central Union Church, Oahu)

Although we are small in number, we are filled with Faith and strive to continue to do Gods work. With every opportunity that arises, we continue work with one another to create and fulfill missions, especially when it comes to helping others near or far. Gods Church at Puka'ana is thriving & we are truly blessed!

Respectfully Yours in Christ,

Patricia Alayna K.E.C. Mejia (secretary/delegate)

Mahalo ke Akua!

Submitted

Charlene Taketa,

AHEC West Hawaii Representative

Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Aha Na Kai Ewalu
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Kauai Island Representative Report
"Build to Serve"

The highlights for Koolauhuiia Protestant Church this past year:

1. Hosted the Spring Aha Halawai this past February 2016.
2. Celebrated the 150th anniversary of our church in October 2015.
3. Celebrated Kahu Mau's 45 years of ministry work and 35 years of ordination in October 2015.
4. Repaired and painted our sanctuary with the help from a SCHCC grant. The work was completed in October 2015.
5. We welcomed three adult members and one teenager into our church membership on Easter Sunday.
6. We enjoyed the Bishop Memorial Chapel's Deputation Team in March 2016 and it was a second "serve" this year.
7. We also focused this past year in honoring our kupuna who made it possible for us to have such a pristine setting where we can gather and serve the Lord.
8. In honoring our kupuna we have discovered so much rich history so it has been an exciting and enriching time for our church people.
9. Mahalo to all of you for sharing your aloha and mana'o with us and may we continue to grow as Christians.

Blessings,
Luella Lemn



**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches
Annual Meeting – June 08, 2016
Central Union Church**

Aloha Kakou,

As FY 2015 - 2016 draws to an end, it is my privilege to share the learning experience I have been blessed with as representative of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC), on the Council of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ (HCUCC), and the Board of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC).

This past year was challenging and exciting as we continued our work, as advocates, for all Hawaiian Churches. The challenges we continue to struggle with; “economically, politically, sociologically and even spiritually” have been around for many years; and the excitement that helps us survive through those challenges are the constant reminders of “generosity, patience, humility and love” that we continue to share with each other in our work as leaders of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.

In October 2015, Moloka'i Topside Council hosted a two (2) days meeting for the SCHCC Board of Directors. We had the opportunity to visit with and “talk story” with members of our Church Ohana (from Hoolehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Kaluaaha and Waialua) as well as members within the Community. AWESOME!!!

The SCHCC has the fiduciary responsibility to manage funds for the Repairs and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches, the Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment, and the William Kahuakai Keli'ioomalulu Scholarship.

The covenantal relationship that we share with the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ extends to our partnership with Pu'a Foundation and the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches.

At the upcoming Annual Meeting of SCHCC, on June 09, 2016, an election of Officers will be held. I would like to take this time to say “mahalo nui loa” to Vice President, Kahu Kealahou Alika; Secretary, Aletha Kaohi; Treasurer, Frank Mulec and Advisor, Sharon Matsuyama. “Mahalo nui loa” also to Island Council Presidents / Representatives, Della Kuaana, Aileen Trout, Nan Cabatbat, Isaiah Kaauwai, Harry Aiu, Aletha Kaohi and Frank Mulec; Resource Coordinator, Stanley Lum; Toni Bissen, Pu'a Foundation and “Bill” Haole, AHEC; Kahu Richard Kamanu, William Kahuakai Keli'ioomalulu Scholarship; Conference Minister, Kahu Charles Buck and Kahu Pono Kenneth Makuakane, Acting Papa Makua, for your constant support.

To GOD be the Glory,

Boyd Matsuyama
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SCHCC President



STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
Aha Pae'āina Aha `Iki Report
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For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. Psalms 33:4-5

Aloha is so prevalent as we continue honoring our Savior Jesus Christ through instruction and sharing. We give thanks to the Lord as he continues to bless our State Sunday School Association and its member churches across the state. The Lord is right and full of love and our earth full of his goodness. Mahalo I ke Akua.

At each Halawai we have the honor to host a Ho`ike, and we especially give thanks that we are able to do so at the Aha `Iki as well. Thanks to our Vice Presidents Ipo Gora (Oahu Association) and Cynthia Akimseu for their help. Our other officers are: Secretary - Mahina Blankenfeld, Diane Hultman – Treasurer, and Frank Mulec – Auditor, and Nalani Ubando – Advisor. Thanks to all of you who give of your time to help keep our Sunday School Associations educational, joyful, and full of the spirit of the Lord.

The Oahu Sunday School Association has the following churches as members they are: Kahikuonalani church, Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church, Kalihi Moanalua Church, Kaumakapili Church, Kawaiaha`o Church, Liliuokalani Protestant Church, and Waianae Protestant Church. Ipo Gora has been their faithful president and they have very good turnouts at their Hoike, but what is apparent is that our congregations are benefiting from Sunday School and make the time to participate on Oahu sharing what they learn.

For Hawaii Island the following are belong to our East Hawaii Sunday School Association and they are: Opihikao congregational church, Pohakupuka Congregational Church, Pu`ula Congregational Church, Haili Congregational Church & Kuhio Chapel, Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Congregational Church, UCC, Laupahoehoe Congregational Church, and Ola`a Congregational Church. Cynthia Akimseu is the president of East Hawaii Sunday School and she is in her first year leading our East Hawaii churches. Each church hosts a Ho`ike in the month of their choice and it's always a joy to participate.

In March, Hawaii Island's Haili Church & Kuhio Chapel hosted their Ho`ike and they shared in music, skits, and in hula what they have learned about the Lord Jesus Christ. All East Hawaii churches attended that Ho`ike and praised together. On April 17, 2016 Oahu Sunday School Association Spring Ho`ike was hosted at Kalihi Moanalua Church and what a blessed event that was. Kalihi Moanalua was packed to over flowing that Sunday afternoon churches from across their island. Kalapana Maunakea also participated and Kahu William Kaina had shared his joy at hearing a mele from his childhood as he was raised in Kalapana. God truly has blessed our Sunday Schools.

Our board met April 2 in Hilo to discuss upcoming Annual meeting. However, a lot was accomplished. As we can see by the Aha Iki Schedule Sunday School will have the Kuleana of the Wednesday Ho`ike at 5:30 and the Friday Aha Mele at 5:00 where we will be inviting choirs to come and sing Thursday afternoon at Central Union Church as well as including all our Island churches who will be in attendance. We look forward to a joyful time in the Lord.

In addition, we reviewed the progress made by the Early Release Program which is a Christian education program in coordination with Keaukaha & Waiakea School and Kuhio Chapel. The group of children which began as just a few has now grown to 13 attending. They are released at 1:00pm on Mondays to attend Christian instruction which we do under Sunday School. Many of the children have actually improved in school in their behaviors and habits. We give thanks to the volunteers who are shaping young hearts teaching them of Christ's love. For most of these children, it is the only time the receive God's word.

Finally, another issue that was brought to light was for a Sunday School Teacher Training. Jesus is calling. Let's work together because I know we have great Sunday School teachers. State Sunday School will plan a training to include lessons & planning, resources, music and motion, and prayer. More information will be forthcoming and those who complete it will receive a certificate. This can be one of our goals for the beginning of our new fiscal year. In the grace of the Lord we give thanks for our many blessings and send our prayers to all our sisters and brothers in Christ to continue teaching and praying because you are a part of Christ's plan.

Me ka Mahalo o Ke Akua,


Loke Kamanu, President of State Sunday School Association



THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

Annual Report

July 2015 – June 2016

Psalms 100:4-5 tell us to, Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

With enthusiasm and gratitude, we entered into a partnership with the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches this year. We extend our sincerest mahalo to the AHEC Board of Directors for the opportunity to introduce the ministry of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands on Saturday, December 12, 2015 and for officially welcoming us.

Founded in 1871, the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands is an affiliated organization of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ. We are comprised of compassionate Christian women who come from a variety of churches and diverse backgrounds to reach out in countless practical ways to those in need, particularly women and children, by providing financial support both in Hawai'i and the greater Pacific Rim. Governed by our faith and core values of compassion, character, competence and community, our purpose is to inspire and empower women to become active Christians, nurturing the Spirit in their individual lives, homes, community and the entire world, to educate and encourage children in their highest potential, and to be in partnership with sister organizations sharing similar values.

From beginning to end, this was once again, a year of God's sufficient grace toward us and spectacularly answered prayers. Our membership continued to grow as we joyfully welcomed nine new WBM members representing Anchor Church, Calvary Chapel, First Assembly of God (Red Hill), Haili Church, Kawaiaha'o Church, Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church, and Waikane Church. Beginning in September 2015, more than 13 members of the Honolulu Marshallese UUC Church began attending our monthly meetings. Similarly, we gained new partnerships including Life Lifters International, The Salvation Army (Addiction Treatment Services), Women In Need (WIN), and Women of Excellence (The City of Refuge International Christian Church).

Representation of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands at events and gatherings included the Women's League of Central Union's semi-annual meeting; a women's tea at Ewa Community Church; the Hawaii Forgiveness Project, a gathering at Kawaiaha'o Church to reflect on intercultural relations today; the NAACP Prayer Breakfast with representatives from numerous churches and faith-based organizations; the Hawaii Friends of Restorative Justice gathering at the Supreme Court with Chief Justice Mark Rectenwald supporting healing for individuals and communities harmed by wrongdoing and social injustice; the Honolulu Marshallese UCC Women's Fellowship and General Meeting attended by approximately 60 members; the Honolulu Marshallese UCC Palm Sunday Service; the University of Hawaii Campus Crusade for Christ (CRU) Vision Dinner; and the Department of Health sex trafficking training attended by more than 150 community advocates.

Our Island VP Representatives on Hawai'i Island, Kaua'i, Moloka'i, and O'ahu, have been diligently working in their respective islands to share the ministry with women, churches, and the community at large, and encourage women to get involved.

We are always in search of willing workers to serve God's people and invite you to contact us if you or someone you know is looking for a place to utilize their gifts and talents. You can learn more about us by calling our office at (808) 791-5647, visiting us at www.hcucc.org, or sending an e-mail to wbmhawaii@gmail.com.

We believe that this next year will usher in a host of opportunities for the ministry of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands and an even greater demonstration of God's power through us collectively. We honor and thank God for His faithfulness.



*"Never underestimate the power of a
CHRISTIAN woman!"*