



***STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES***  
***ANNUAL MEETING***  
***October 05, 2020***  
***(Virtual)***

**198<sup>th</sup>. ‘Aha Pae`aina (*Virtual*)**

**October 04-10, 2020**

**(SCHCC)**

**State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches**

**‘Aha Iki - *Annual Meeting***

**October 05, 2020**

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## Aha Pae'āina Tentative Schedule

Time	Event	Description	Kuleana
<b>Saturday, September 26</b>			
3:00 pm	Delegate Orientation	How will we work in this Virtual Aha Pae'āina	Administration Missional Team
<b>Sunday, October 4</b>			
3:00 pm	Call to Order	Aha Pae'āina Convenes	Caroline Belsom
3:15 pm	Opening Worship	Virtual worship for all	Worship Planning Committee
7:00 pm	Hawaii Conference Foundation	Report and Update	Andy Bunn
<b>Monday, October 5</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
9:00–11:00 am	SCHCC	Membership Meeting	Boyd Matsuyama
<b>Tuesday, October 6</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
9:00–11:00 am	CE & SSA	CE- President Mike Warren SSSA- President Loke Kamanu	
12:30–1:30 pm	Music Reimagined	Doing music during the pandemic	Lea Morris
<b>Wednesday, October 7</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
TBA	Aha O Nā Kahu	For all Kahu of Hawaiian Churches	Papa Makua Wendell Davis
<b>Thursday, October 8</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
8:30 am	Ohana		AHEC
9:00 am–12:00 pm	Membership Meeting of all AHEC Churches	AHEC Luna Ho'omalū—Kauanoē Ho'omanawanui	
<b>Friday, October 9</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
<b>Saturday, October 10</b>			
7:00–7:10 am	Morning Devotional	Brief Worship	Formation
8:00 am	Business Session		Administration Missional Team
10:30 am	Closing Worship		Worship Planning Committee

October 2020

Aloha and welcome to all the delegates, participants, guests, and friends of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. The 198th 'Aha Pae'āina is finally here, and what a journey it has been to get here!

In February, the Council anticipated receiving at its April meeting, plans for the June 'Aha at Kawaiaha'o Church. Who would have known then that whatever plans were in the works would undergo serious scrutiny and revision to allow for an 'Aha under Covid-19 conditions? In April the Council met by zoom and approved the Formation Missional Team's proposed theme, *E Ho'oku'ikahi Kakou* – Let us Covenant Together. The FMT had chosen the theme in March, prior to Covid-1 and saw that it continues to be applicable to the churches and associations within the Hawai'i Conference. The theme raises issues of a) relationships and working together, b) ways to rally around commonalities and to resolve challenges, and c) promises and commitments to work together, building on our strengths and shoring up our less ideal qualities.

In the face of ongoing threats from Covid-19 and government regulations of our health, safety, security, and economic survival, the 'Aha Planning Team recommended a virtual 'Aha and looked for opportunities to make this 'Aha as good as possible. Using the technology and technical help available to the Conference, attendees will be able to hear daily devotions related to the theme and presented by a wide range of resource persons, both local and from the mainland. There will be workshops, also presented by a variety of persons, covering topics that provide other perspectives on the theme. Seeing the Covid-19 situation as an opportunity rather than a negative, the 'Aha Planning Team reached out and took some risks to put together the week's programs.

The 'Aha Makua Business Meeting will be conducted virtually. It will be kept simple and straightforward and will be a learning experience for all who attend. I am grateful to all of those who gave of their time and energy ensure the success of this 'Aha Pae'āina: the 'Aha Planning Team; the 'Aha Iki Planning Committee; the Formation Missional Team, the staff at the Conference and Foundation offices, and the various churches and church leaders who agreed to participate in devotions, workshops, and worship. Without that help, the Conference would surely have considered foregoing the 2020 'Aha Pae'āina.

It is with great pride and extreme pleasure that I welcome you all to the 198th 'Aha Pae'āina of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ. Enjoy your week; learn and contribute where possible; and support one another during this time of opportunities. It has been my privilege to serve as your Conference Council Chair for this past year and four months. New leadership will be on-boarding at the end of this week, and I look forward to the transition.

Caroline Belsom  
Chairperson, Conference Council

Annual Meeting (*Virtual*)

AGENDA  
October 05, 2020

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|---|--------------|
| 1. CALL TO ORDER  | B. Matsuyama |
| 2. OPENING PULE / OHANA / LULU *  | A. Trout     |
| * Please make checks payable to SCHCC<br>(Mail to: Frank Mulec PO Box 1065 Paho, HI 96778-1065) |              |
| 3. ROLL CALL / QUORUM: Yes___/ No___<br>Member Churches: _____ Partnerships: _____              | K. Alika     |
| 4. GREETINGS  | B. Matsuyama |
| 5. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA  | B. Matsuyama |
| 5.1.  |              |
| 5.2.  |              |
| 5.3.  |              |
| 6. ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES<br>June 05, 2019  | K. Alika     |
| 7. FINANCIAL REPORT   | F. Mulec     |
| 7.1. Annual Treasurer's Report FY 2019-2020   |              |
| 7.2. Proposed Budget FY 2020 – 2021   |              |
| 7.2.1. Action Item  |              |
| 7.3. Other  |              |
| 7.3.1. Kokua Mau  |              |
| 7.3.2. Makeke   |              |
| 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS  |              |
| 8.1. Repair & Maintenance   | A. Kaohi     |
| 8.2. Kahu Richard Wong Endowment  | A. Trout     |
| 8.3. William Kahuakai Keliihoomalu Scholarship  | S. Matsuyama |
| 8.4. Katherine and Clay Wery Fund   | S. Lum       |
| 8.5. AHEC – 5E's Program  | B. Matsuyama |
| 8.6. Nominations  | S. Matsuyama |
| 9. ISLAND COUNCIL REPORTS   |              |
| 9.1. Kauai Council  | H. Pacheco   |
| 9.2. Oahu Council   | K. Hess      |
| 9.3. Topside Council  | U. Sai       |

- 9.4. Maui Council
- 9.5. East Hawaii Council
- 9.6. West Hawaii Council

A. Trout  
C. Malani, Jr.  
S. Matsuyama

#### 10. PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

- 10.1. PU'A Foundation
- 10.2. AHEC

T. Bissen  
K. Carmelo

#### 11. CONFERENCE STAFF / SCHCC OFFICER'S REPORTS

- 11.1. Conference Minister
- 11.2. Advisor
- 11.3. President

D. Popham  
S. Matsuyama  
B. Matsuyama

#### 12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 12.1. 501c3 - Update
- 12.2. Addendum to Celebrating Advocacy Book - Update

#### 13. NEW BUSINESS

- 13.1.
- 13.2.
- 13.3.

#### 14. REFLECTIONS / CONCERNS

- 14.1.
- 14.2.

#### 15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 15.1 Proposed SCHCC Meeting Dates, 1/30/21, 4/24/21
- 15.2.
- 15.3.

#### 16. INSTALLATION OF SCHCC OFFICERS

D. Popham

#### 17. CLOSING SONG – “HAUOLI AU, HE HAWAII AU “ (by Toni Bissen)

#### 18. ADJOURNMENT @\_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

#### 19. CLOSING PULE

B. Mick

## **Hauoli Au He Hawaii Au**

By: Toni Bissen – 10/6/19

Me ka hā ola o e pū'ā Noho me ka nani a me ikaika Hauoli au, he Hawaii au Hauoli au, he Hawaii au	To feed with the breath of life To be beautiful and strong I am Happy, I am Hawaii I am Happy, I am Hawaii
No nā pua o ka 'aina Ua ola loko i ke aloha Hauoli au, he Hawaii au Hauoli au, he Hawaii au	For the people of the land Love gives life within I am Happy, I am Hawaii I am Happy, I am Hawaii
Mahalo ke Akua, Mahalo e nā kupuna  Hauoli au, he Hawaii au Hauoli au, he Hawaii au	Gratitude to God Gratitude to Our Ancestors I am Happy, I am Hawaii I am Happy, I am Hawaii
Me ke aloha kou mau 'Ohana E hānau i ho'omaka kākou! Hauoli au, he Hawaii au Hauoli au, he Hawaii au	With love, your 'Ohana Let's get started, a new birth for all! I am Happy, I am Hawaii I am Happy, I am Hawaii



G7 C G7 C  
Me ka hā ola o e pū'ā

C G7 C  
Noho me ka nani a me ikaika

G7 C G7 C  
Hauoli au, he Hawaii au

G7 C G7 C  
Hauoli au, he Hawaii au

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G7 C G7 C  
No nā pua o ka aina

C G7 C  
Ua ola loko i ke aloha

G7 C G7 C  
Hauoli au, he Hawaii au

G7 C G7 C  
Hauoli au, he Hawaii au

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G7 C G7 C  
Mahalo ka akua

C G7 C  
Mahalo e nā kupuna

G7 C G7 C  
Hauoli au, he Hawaii au

G7 C G7 C  
Hauoli au, he Hawaii au

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G7 C G7 C  
Me ke aloha kou mau 'Ohana

C G7 C  
E hānau ho'omaka kākou

G7 C G7 C  
Hauoli au, he Hawaii au

G7 C G7 C  
Hauoli au, he Hawaii au

STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (SCHCC)

*'Aha Iki*  
SCHCC Annual Meeting  
Wednesday, June 5, 2019  
Kaumakapili Church  
Kalihi-Pālana, O'ahu

CALL  
TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Boyd Matsuyama, President.

OPENING  
*PULE/'OHANA*

Sharon Matsuyama led the opening *'ohana* by noting that “teamwork makes the dream work.” She pointed out that Philippians 2:1-5 calls all of us “to be like-minded and to be one in the Spirit and in humility value others above ourselves. Having the same mind in Christ looking not to our own interests but the interest of others.

In order for a “team” to work, it requires believing in each other. If the work of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Church is to prosper then:

- We must care for one another.
- We must communicate effectively.
- Our own interest takes second place.

Team work will help us to grow (Ephesians 4:16).

ROLL CALL/  
QUORUM

Kealahou Alike reported that delegates from 25 of the 45 member churches of the SCHCC and 1 partnership were registered. A quorum was declared by Kealahou Alike. (See Appendix A)

GREETING

Auntie Aletha Kaohi read a proclamation about the significance of the *o'o* or turning stick or carrying stick. Today the *o'o* is used as a ceremonial piece. It is made from the *koa* tree and used for ceremonial purposes. The *o'o* was then presented to Gabrielle Chavez.

*LŪLŪ*

The offering was collected by Pualani Muraki, Auntie Aletha Kaohi and Uncle Stanley Lum. Keoki and Sharon sang, “Let Them Come to the Water” while the offering was being received.

AGENDA

The Proposed Agenda was adopted by consensus.

Boyd expressed his words of appreciation to all of the delegates for their presence.

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### 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting that was held on June 7, 2018 were approved by consensus.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Uncle Frank Mulec presented the Financial Report as of July 1, 2018. The ending balance as of May 31, 2018 is \$12,843.09.

#### Proposed Budget FY 2019-2020

Attention was called to the SCHCC Proposed Budget for 2019-2020. It was noted a part of the increase is due to the increase in air travel. It also noted a *makana* or gift for the host churches was increased from \$100 to \$150. Action to approve the Proposed Budget will come up under New Business. (See Appendix B)

#### Other

##### 1. *Kōkua Mau*

Funds available from the *Kōkua Mau* Fund for 2019-2020 are around \$54,000.

##### 2. *Makēkē*

In 2018, a total of \$2,200 was received as cash donations. Uncle Frank emphasized the option of members and member churches to give throughout the year and not just at the annual meeting of the board.

It was agreed by consensus to receive the Financial Report of the Treasurer.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Repair and Maintenance – Aletha Kaohi

Auntie Aletha, Chairperson of the Fund for the Repair and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches, presented her report. It was pointed out that the April 27, 2019 meeting of the Board of Directors approved the following additions to the “Application Information”:

- The applicant must contribute 1/3 of the project cost in cash or in-kind.
- The applicant is limited to only one (1) application for one (1) project per year.

- There will be no deferred applications. If an application is denied, the church can re-apply with updated information for the next year's funding.
- Provide 'before' pictures, of the proposed project and "after" pictures when the project is completed.

B. *Kahu* Richard Wong Endowment Fund – Aileen Trout

No applications were received. Aileen noted that the money set aside for the fund will continue to accrue interest.

Aileen pointed out that *Kahu* prepared a financial portfolio and developed an endowment fund for various ministries of the church including mission, outreach, Sunday School, and music.

C. William Kahuakai Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship – Sharon Matsuyama

Sharon shared some background information on the Keli'iho'omalua scholarship. *Kahu* Richard Kamanu turned over the administration of the scholarship fund to the SCHCC Executive Committee.

It was reported that one application was received and denied because it did not meet the guidelines of the fund. Attention was called to the Scholarship Policy and Application.

D. The Katherine & Clay Wery Fund – Stanley Lum

Uncle Stanley noted that the report is on file.

Pilot  
Program

Action was taken at the April 27, 2019 SCHCC Board of Directors meeting approving the development and implementation of a program on teen suicides on Moloka'i. Uluwehi pointed out that Moloka'i has the highest rate of teen suicides in the state. Uluwehi will work on the proposal.

The background information on the fund includes a listing of possible program areas that would be appropriate for the use the Wery Fund. The fund is to serve the needs of the churches.

Currently, \$2,500 is available for possible programs.

E. AHEC – 5E’S Program – Boyd Matsuyama

The report is on file.

F. Kaua’i Council – Isaiah Ka’auwai

The report is on file.

G. O’ahu Council – Ka’iulani Hess

The report is on file.

H. Moloka’i Topside Council – Uluwehi Sai

The report is on file.

I. Maui Council - Aileen Trout

The report is on file.

J. East Hawai’i Council – Frank Mulec

The report is on file.

K. West Hawai’i Council - Shirley Baldado

The report is on file.

#### PARTNERSHIP REPORTS

A. PŪ’Ā Foundation – Toni Bissen

The report is on file.

B. AHEC – Bill Ha’ole

The report is on file.

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OTHER  
REPORTS

A. Intentional Interim Conference Minister –  
Gabrielle Chavez

Gabrielle noted that the Hawai‘i Conference does not have a conference-wide plan commemorating the 2020 bicentennial mission to Hawai‘i. She expressed her appreciation to the SCHCC for its effort to mark the occasion.

SCHCC

Lorna Matos reported that it was in July 2018 that the SCHCC began discussions about a possible program in commemoration of the 2020 bicentennial. It was agreed that someone be commissioned to compose a song marking the occasion and that it be sung in the churches in April 2020.

She noted that one measure of the song could be personalized for each church. Lyrics for the song will be made available in a Word document and digital copy will be made available.

It was suggested that the churches be invited to toll their bells on an agreed upon day. In addition to the song and bell-tolling, it was reported that an effort is underway to update the “Advocacy” book.

Reconciliation  
Working Group

A Reconciliation Working Group has been established with members representing the Conference Council, AHEC and SCHCC. The group includes Isaiah Ka‘auwai, Mike Warren, Wayne Higa, Joyclynn Costa, David Turner and Kealahou Alika.

The next meeting of the group is June 11, 2019.

B. Advisor – Sharon Matsuyama

The report is on file.

C. President – Boyd Matsuyama

The report is on file.

UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS

A. SCHCC Bylaws – Proposed Revisions & Amendments  
Frank Mulec

501 (c) 3

Attention was called to the proposed amendments to the SCHCC *Bylaws*. The proposed amendments are meant to bring the Council in compliance with legal guidelines for the application for a 501 (c) 3 status.

Dues

The deadline for SCHCC dues has been changed to December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

B. 501 (c) 3 Status

Boyd re-stated the case that in order to for SCHCC to apply for a 501 (c) 3 status, the *Bylaws* must be amended.

C. Celebrating Advocacy – Aletha Kaohi

Auntie Aletha called attention to the plans for updating the “Celebrating Advocacy” book. A timeline was discussed.

She emphasized the significance of when the churches were established – from the ‘*āpana* groups that were first met followed by the establishment of a church. She cited Ko‘olau Hui‘ia Church and Waioli Hui‘ia Church of examples of churches that first met as ‘*āpana* groups.

Nancietta Ha‘alilio asked about the publication date and the number of copies that would be printed. Neither has yet been decided.

Auntie Aletha emphasized that the publication is not a revision of the original edition but an addendum with new information.

NEW  
BUSINESS

A. Proposed Budget – FY 2019-2020 – Frank Mulec

The Proposed Budget for FY 2019-2020 was presented once again.

It was moved by Debbie Wong Yuen and seconded by Laurie Kauleināmoku to approve the Proposed Budget for 2019-2020 for \$12,050.00. Motion carried.

B. SCHCC *Bylaws*- Frank Mulec

Attention was called to the proposed amendments for the SCHCC *Bylaws*. It was moved by Bill Ha'ole and seconded by Keoki Kiwaha to approve the proposed amendments to the SCHCC *Bylaws*. Motion carried.

OTHER

A. Announcements

The next meeting dates for the upcoming fiscal year for the SCHCC Board of Directors will be as follows:

- Saturday, July 27, 2019
- Saturday, October 26, 2019
- Saturday, January 25, 2020
- Saturday, April 25, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, it was moved by Debbie Wong Yuen and seconded by Keoki Kiwaha that the meeting be adjourned. Richard Stevens offered the closing prayer at 4:00 p.m.

Kealahou Alika, Secretary

*Appendices A & B*



STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (SCHCC)

*'Aha Iki*  
Wednesday, June 5, 2019  
Kaumakapili Church  
Kalihi-Pālana, O'ahu

Attendance

'A'arona, James	Kaulanapueo
Akimse, Cynthia	Haili
Akimseu, Meli	Haili
Alika, Kealahou	Keawala'i
Andrade, Naleen	Kahikolu
Baird, Maile	Ko'olauhui'ia
Barger, Dennis	Keolahou
Belsom, Caroline	Waiola
Brandmeir, Cecilia	Hau'ol Kamana'o
Brickwood, Rhonda	Kalapana-Maunakea
Bufile, Lorna	Haili
Bufile, kelcey	Haili
Cacabelos, Alivira	Laupahoehoe
Cacabelos, Laurence	Laupahoehoe
Carmelo, Kerisa	Lanakila
Chavez, Gabrielle	Hawai'i Conference
Chee, Sage	Hau'ula
Costa, Joycynn	Kalanikahua Hou
Davis, Wendell	Kalihi & Moanalua
De Silva, Mabel	Ola'a
Ferrell, Susan	Wai'oli Hui'ia
Fujiyoshi, Ron	Ola'a
Finamore, Pamela	Lahuiokalani Ka'anāpali
Goss, Joanne	Kaumakapili
Ha'alilio, Nancietta	Lanakila
Ha'ole, Bill	Kawaiaha'o
Hee, Sherman	Hawai'i Conference Foundation
Hess, Ka'iulani	Kawaiaha'o
Higa, Wayne	Ka'ahumanu
Hirakawa, Ricky	Kahikuonālani
Ho'omanawanui, Kauanoe	Ko'olauhui'ia
Ishikawa, Ann	Kawaiaha'o
Izuka, Char	Kawaiaha'o
Johnson, Kermit	'Ōpihikao

Ka‘awai, Isaiah	Kapa‘a First
Ka‘auwai, Kalei	Kapa‘a First
Kamanu, Loke	Kalapana-Maunakea
Kaohi, Aletha	Hanapēpē
Kapiko, Edie	Keawala‘i
Kauleināmoku, Laurie	Lili‘uokalani
Kaupiko, Charles	Hau‘oli Kamana‘o
Kaupiko, Ka‘imi	Hau‘oli Kamana‘o
Kaupū, David	Kaumakapili
Kaupū, Leivalynn	Hau‘oli Kamana‘o
Kishimori, Joanne	Kahikuonālani
Kiwaha, Keoki	Puka‘ana
Kong, Danette	Keawala‘i
Kua‘ana, Della May	Kahikuonālani
Leong, David	Wai‘oli Hui‘ia
Lum, Stanley	Hanapēpē
Makuakane, Kenneth	Kawaiaha‘o
Makuakane, Violet	-----
Matos, Lorna	Kaumakapili
Matsuyama, Boyd	Puka‘ana
Matsuyama, Sharon	Puka‘ana
Mau, Rennie	PAAM
Mercado, Wahineaukai	Kalapana-Maunakea
Mick, Barry	Kapa‘a First
Mulec, Frank	‘Ōpihikao
Muraki, Pualani	Lanakila
Norrington, Linda	Waiola
Pacheco, Haunai	Wai‘oli Hui‘ia
Paio, Russell	Laupahoehoe
Popham, David	Conference Minister
Powers, Mokihana	Kapa‘a First
Rosa, ‘Ānela	Waiola
Sterker, Sandi	Hanapēpē
Stevens, Richard	Ka Hana o Ke Akua
Trout, Aileen	Lahuioakalani Ka‘anāpali
Waite-Crawford, Mellisa Ann	Hau‘oli Kamana‘o
Waie-Crawford, Theodore	Hau‘oli Kamana‘o
Warren, Angie	Kalapna Maunakea
Warren, Mik	Kalapana Maunakea
Welsh, Brian	Haili
Wong, Kalani	Kamehameha Maui
Wong Yuen, Debbie	Kauaha‘ao
Wong Yuen, Walter	Kauaha‘ao
Wooten, Douglas	Kaumakapili
Worthington, Wailani	Kalihi & Moanalua

State Council of Hawaiian  
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Proposed Budget  
FY 2019 - 2020

INCOME:

Church Dues (FY 19-20), 44 @ \$50	\$2,200.00	
Mākeke	2,100.00	
Interest Income/Wm Crisp Fund	1,825.00	
Donations-churches, individuals, Lulu at mtgs.	2,925.00	
Other Income, reimbursements	3,000.00	
TOTAL INCOME:		<u>\$12,050.00</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	600.00	
Office Expenses	300.00	
Host Church Makana, 5 mtgs @ \$150	750.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses: unbudgeted, underbudgeted	400.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		<u>\$12,050.00</u>

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

Note: Pū'ā Foundation Makana will be drawn from the Custodial Trust Fund held by the SCHCC.

## Financial Report FY 2019 - 2020

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State Council of Hawaiian  
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Proposed Budget  
FY 2020 - 2021

INCOME:

Church Dues (FY 20-21), 45 @ \$50	\$2,250.00
Mākeke	2,300.00
Interest Income/Wm Crisp Fund	1,825.00
Donations-churches, individuals, Lulu at mtgs.	3,675.00
Other Income, reimbursements	3,000.00

TOTAL INCOME:

**\$13,050.00**

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, 5 mtgs @ \$150	1,350.00
Miscellaneous Expenses: unbudgeted, under-budgeted	400.00

TOTAL EXPENSES:

**\$13,050.00**

(\*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  
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Kōkua Mau

FY 2020-2021

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 Endowment 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 (pilot program)
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<u>TOTAL FUNDS:</u>	<u>\$54,000.00</u>
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## State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

2020 ‘Aha Iki Mākeke Report  
September 17, 2020

On July 27, 2019, the 2019 -2020 SCHCC Mākeke Flyer has been sent to all member churches. As a result of the announcement, the monetary donations received has been a total of **\$350.00** from 3 churches.

We recognize with thanksgiving the following churches for their generous monetary donations and continued support for the SCHCC:

Helani Congregational Church  
Haili Congregational Church, Kūhiō Chapel  
Kahikolu Congregational Church

Mahalo Ke Akua,

*Frank J Mulec*  
SCHCC Mākeke Chair



## State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

2020 - 2021 Mākeke Flyer

August 16, 2020

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



## State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

### REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF SMALL MEMBERSHIP HAWAIIAN CHURCHES

Annual Report - 2020

**CHURCH'S FINAL REPORT:** Congratulations to the churches who have completed the work and submitted a final report: Kauaha'ao Congregational Church, Kalaikamanu Hou Congregational Church, and Laupahoehoe Congregational Church.

#### UPDATE OF CHURCHES AWARDED FUNDS WITH CHANGES:

##### **KALAIKAMANU HOU CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH:**

Total Project cost \$35,464.31 – repair Social Hall to move Worship Services. Church declared unsafe for large groups.

2017 Awarded - \$8,000. Phase I – repair Social Hall. Completed.

2018 Awarded –\$9,670. Phase 2 – repair Social Hall. Fix windows and flooring.

Emergency request to use \$9,670 (Phase 2) to repair the Social Hall leaking roof.

Board of Directors approved using \$9,670 to repair the Social Hall roof - 10/26/19.

Project – 15,257. Repair roof - \$10,937. Gutters & Drainage = \$4,320.

Work completed – 12/05/2019.

##### **KALAPANA MAUNAKEA HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**

Project - \$4,800. 2019 Requests - \$3,800. Church - \$1,000.

2019 Awarded - \$3,000. Fumigation Church and Social Hall.

Rec'd check dated 09/11/2019 – not accepting award.

Board of Directors acknowledged the action taken by Kalapana Maunakea Hawaiian Congregational Church UCC and the \$3,000 be awarded to Lanakila Congregational Church – 10/26/19.

##### **KAUHAHA'AO CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**

2013 Awarded - \$66,000. Reroof Social Hall - \$50,242.12. Took 3 1/2 years to complete the roof. Problem getting permit and finally HTS Company was able to get the permit.

Re-roofing completed – 07/28/2016.

Balance - \$15,757.28. From 2017 – 2019 completed work caused by leaking roof; electrical, replace ceiling, rusty metal walls, doors and window as needed, and framing windows.

Final Report: \$15,757.28 (\$4.03). Submitted 01/07/2020 - receipts, balance sheet and photos.

##### **LANAKILA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**

Submitted 2 applications for 2018 funds. One grant was funded to repair exterior church walls. Grant #2 deferred from 2018. Church submitted revised budget.

Project - \$33,275. Request - \$22,180. Church - \$11,095. Repair Steeple.

Awarded 2019 - \$3,000. Board of Directors approved \$3,000 from Kalapana Maunakea Hawaiian Congregational Church - 10/26/19.

Awarded 2020 - \$16,180. Board of Directors approved \$16,180 from unspent balance – 01/18/20.

Total Award - \$22,180.

**LAUPAHOEHOE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**

Submitted application December 2017. (missed deadline)

Project - \$7,000. Request - \$4,300. Church - \$2,700. 2018 - deferred to 2019.

2019 Awarded - \$4,000. Board of Directors approved \$4,000 to paint Social Hall roof & replace Church and Social Hall rain gutters.

Final Report: Submitted 09/25/2019 with photos of finished work.

**2020 GRANT AWARDS:**

Funds available - \$40,000. Three churches submitted. grant proposals. Total approved - \$22,781.

Balance of fund - \$17,219. Committee chose to award the unspent balance to Lanakila Congregational Church - \$16,180 and Ola'a First Hawaiian Church - \$1,039.

**Kalaikamanu Hou Congregational Church.**

2020 Applicant – Phase 3: Complete repairs to the Social Hall, replace floor, windows and paint.

Project - \$11,200. Request - \$7,500. Church - \$3,700.

Awarded - \$7,500. Board of Directors approved \$7,500 for Phase 3 – 01/18/20.

**Lanakila Congregational Church**

2018 applicant. Repair Steeple.

Project - \$33,275. Requests - \$22,180. Church - \$11,095.

Awarded 2019 - \$6,000.

Awarded - \$16,180. Board of Directors approved \$16,180 to repair steeple - 01/18/20.

Total Award - \$22,180.

**Ola'a First Hawaiian Church -**

2020 Applicant. Replace metal roof and repair/replace damaged wood as needed, caused by leaking roof.

Project - \$19,000. Request - \$12,000. Church - \$7,000.

Awarded - \$13,039. Board of Directors approved \$13,039 (incl unspent balance) – 01/18/20.

**Waiola Church.**

2020 Applicant – Repair Sunday School and Office roof. Install new 30-year shingles, and new ridge cap on Eastside.

Project - \$4,687.50. Requests - \$3,281. Church - \$1,407.

Awarded - \$3,281. Board of Directors approved \$3,281 – 01/18/20.

**2021 GRANT PROPOSALS/APPLICATIONS DUE – December 31, 2020.**

**APPLICATION INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM:** Mail to: Aletha G. Kaohi  
P.O. Box 109  
Waimea, HI 96796

**Committee Members:** Aletha Kaohi, Buddy Maunakea, Kalei Tong.

Submitted by: Aletha G. Kaohi, chair

Contact:

Home Email: [aletha.kaohi@gmail.com](mailto:aletha.kaohi@gmail.com)

Phone: 808-338-1447-

Office Email: [akaohi@kedb.com](mailto:akaohi@kedb.com) ()

Phone: 808-338-1332

**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 Hawai'i 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).

- **Other Considerations:**

The applicant must contribute 1/3 of the project cost (in cash and/or in-kind).

The applicant is limited to only one (1) application for one (1) project, per year.

There will be no deferred applications. If the application is denied the church can re-apply with updated information for the next year's funding.

Provide "before" pictures, of the proposed project and "after" pictures when the project is completed.

- **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 SCHCC 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 31<sup>st</sup>.**

3. At the first scheduled meeting of the SCHCC Board of Directors following the December 31<sup>st</sup> 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, with "before and after" photographs. At that time, if all requirements are met, the account will be closed.
6. Any unused funds shall be returned to the SCHCC. The funds may not be applied to other projects.

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

**Revised: April 27, 2019**

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

**FUND FOR REPAIR & MAINTENANCE  
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 Hawai'i 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: (Cash) \_\_\_\_\_

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: April 27, 2019**



## Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund Report of Awards for 2020

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.***”

For calendar year 2020, no applications were submitted.

- Chairperson Aileen Trout, Lahuiokalani Ka’anapali Congregational Church
- Claire Paishon, Waiola Church
- Boyd Matsuyama, Puka’ana Congregational Church

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)*

# Kahu Richard W. Wong Endowment Fund Application Form

**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 Nuʻuanu Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii 96817  
(808)- 936-1385

## ANNUAL REPORT

**October 05, 2020**

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, with the intention of using the earned interest income towards the granting of scholarships, for the purpose stated.

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](http://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 K. Keliihoomalu Scholarship

# William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund

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

## *Scholarship Policy*

**Background:** The William Kahuaka'i Keli'iho'omalua Scholarship Fund was launched following the passing of Licentiate Kahu, William K. Keli'iho'omalua. Kahu Keli'iho'omalua 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'omalua 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'omalua 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'omalua 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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)

### CONDITIONS:

1. This application must be signed and submitted to your Local Church President or Moderator for approval and signature. Application must be sent to the President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches at the following address:  
  
President - SCHCC  
Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ  
1848 Nuuanu Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
2. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Executive Committee awards funds to applicants to assist with furthering their education. If the applicant does not complete his/her education, it is understood that he/she will repay the amount used. Upon approval of application by the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors, the applicant will sign a promissory note.
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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### CONDITIONS:

1. This application must be signed and submitted to your Local Church President or Moderator for approval and signature. Application must be sent to the President of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches at the following address:  
  
President - SCHCC  
Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ  
1848 Nuuanu Avenue  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96817
2. The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Executive Committee awards funds to assist applicants with furthering their education. If the applicant does not complete his/her education, it is understood that he/she will repay the amount used. Upon approval of application by the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors, the applicant will sign a promissory note.
3. 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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)

September 5, 2020

The Katherine & Clay Wery Fund  
A Status Report

It has been a little over 4 years since the Executive Committee of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC), was introduced to the Katherine Wery Fund by Dr. Naleen Andrade, Mrs. Wery's hanai daughter. It took many discussions since to forge Mrs. Wery's generous bequest into a practical, living asset for Hawaiian churches. It was a first-time experience for SCHCC and an exercise in faith, hope, and patience.

As explained by Dr. Andrade, Mrs. Wery wanted to provide funds to the Hawaii Conference (HCUCC) that would be used to improve the well-being of its' small, preferably rural, Hawaiian Congregational Churches. Dr. Andrade looked to SCHCC to oversee that purpose. SCHCC began plans to transform Mrs. Wery's intent into practice. In time, further clarification was forthcoming which revised the work that was initially put in process: Since Mrs. Wery's bequest was a gift to the HCUCC, the Conference was responsible for designating an agent to administer the fund, subject to oversight by the Conference Minister. SCHCC was so designated and was assigned responsibility for identifying areas for which the fund could be used and the process for accessing it. The Hawaii Conference Foundation is custodian of the fund.

In January 2020, SCHCC adopted Form K&C – 1/17/2020, Katherine & Clay Wery Fund Request for Assistance, with a checklist of Projects/Activities to which the fund may be put. Any church whose "need" does not fall within the checklist may submit a request, through its Island Council, based on its circumstances.

The Island Councils play a pivotal role in Requests for Assistance. As the shepherds in the field, they are positioned to communicate the needs of their churches. The process recognizes that and asks that all requests be routed through them; or, proactively, initiated by them.

A briefing of all Island Council Presidents was intended as the rollout of the fund. The briefings had to be postponed in the wake of the restrictions imposed by COVID 19.

One request for assistance has been approved. Molokai churches have joined in a community effort to address the problem of Teen Suicides. Theirs is an excellent example of organizing and working collectively on an issue of community concern; certainly, one that affects the well-being of a church.

# State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

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 (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 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 uses to which the Fund may be put. A Church whose “need” does not fall within any of those 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 9672

### **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 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 Fund will focus on improving the state of wellness of small Hawaiian churches by assisting them in obtaining and arranging sources of assistance 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 Fund would help appreciably in preparing a Request for Assistance.

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches  
Report for AHEC's – Na Lima Hoike "E"  
Annual Virtual Meeting  
October 5, 2020

Following grants approved/denied May 01, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

<u>Received</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
05/01/19	Koolau .....	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	290.00
05/01/19	Pukaana	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'aina	1,209.00
05/06/19	Kauaha'ao	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	1,053.00
05/09/19	Kalanikahua Hou	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	695.00
05/09/19	Laupahoehoe	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	764.00
05/09/19	Kalapana Maunakea	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	1,875.00
05/10/19	Kaahumanu	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	428.00
05/13/19	Ka Hana O Ke Akua	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	519.00
05/14/19	Ola'a	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	1,065.00
05/15/19	Kalaiaakamanu Hou	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	Cancelled
05/16/19	Opihikao	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	1,020.00
05/22/19	Hauoli Kamanao	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	2,516.00
05/24/19	Keolahou	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	611.00
05/28/19	Helani	Upgrade Electrical System	Denied
06/05/19	Kalaiaakamanu Hou	Family Movie Nite	330.00
06/06/19	Lanakila	197 <sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'āina	Denied
06/12/19	Laupahoehoe	EHC/SSSA Qrtly Mtg	89.00
07/02/19	Kawaiaha'o	Bicentennial Celeb-Boston	15,760.00
07/12/19	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Mtg-7/27	93.00
08/08/19	Haili/Kūhiō	CE-H Leadership Training	Cancelled
08/28/19	Opihikao	SCHCC BOD Mtg-10/26	78.00
09/11/19	Kaahumanu	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	310.00
09/13/19	Liliuokalani	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	266.00
09/19/19	Haili/Kūhiō	CE-H Aha Opio 2019	233.00
09/27/19	Kalapana Maunakea	CE-H Aha Opio 2019	467.00
09/30/19	Laupahoehoe	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	408.00
10/03/19	Lanakila	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	365.00
10/17/19	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Mtg-10/26	75.00
10/18/19	Laupahoehoe	Opihikao Annual Hoike	Cancelled
10/18/19	Paia	AHEC Fall Aha Halawai	807.00
10/22/19	Hauoli Kamanao	Relax/Refresh/Recharge	333.00
11/15/19	Keawala'i	Na Mele O Ka Ekalesia	1,000.00
01/03/20	Pukaana	SCHCC BOD Mtg-1/18	117.00
01/03/20	Kauaha'ao	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	493.00
01/03/20	Liliuokalani	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	258.00
01/03/20	Opihikao	SCHCC BOD Mtg-1/18	133.00
01/14/20	Lanakila	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	1,327.00
01/15/20	Koolau Hui'ia	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	635.00
01/31/20	Laupahoehoe	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	1,157.00
01/31/20	Hauoli Kamanao	AHEC Spring Aha Halawai	Pending
04/18/20	Kalapana Maunakea	Kupuna Technologies Prog	Denied
04/20/20	Haili	Haili Christian Sch Payroll	Denied
06/18/20	Kalanikahua Hou	Na Wai Kuleana	3,000.00



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.hcuucc.org/na-lima-ho-ike-grant](http://www.hcuucc.org/na-lima-ho-ike-grant)

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

### **Program Committee Members**

Hawaii ??????

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*Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ  
198<sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'aina*

*State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches  
(SCHCC)*

*Aha Iki - October 05, 2020  
Nominations Report*

Aloha mai kakou,

Mahalo a nui loa to the members of the SCHCC Nominations Committee:

Lorna Motas – Kaumakapili Church / Oahu

Isaiah Kaauwai – Kapaa First Hawaiian Church / Kauai

James Aaronson – Keawala'i Church / Maui and Molokai

for your willingness to serve as a team member on the 2020 Nominations Committee and the work we were able to complete, in preparation for the Election of Officers for the SCHCC Board, scheduled in June 2020 during the 197<sup>th</sup> Aha Iki.

Unfortunately, with the unexpected challenge of COVID 19, causing inactivity / restrictions to many people and businesses (including churches) and after much thought of what was happening since March 2020, as Chair of the Nominations Committee, discussion was held with the SCHCC Executive Committee for their mana'o on how to best deal with the scheduled elections. By consensus, the Executive Board recommended that it would be in the best interest of and more importantly, for the safety of all, to ask the current Officers to remain in their respective positions (for an interim period) until a Special Election can be scheduled, at the 2021 Aha Iki. The Nominations Committee shared their consent- sus with the recommendation made and agreed that the same recommendation be presented to the SCHCC Board of Directors, for approval, referencing *Article IV of the SCHCC Bylaws*, the "SCHCC President shall have the authority to appoint the officers for an interim period, with the approval of the Board of Directors until the next scheduled election."

**Motion** by Nominations Committee Chair, Sharon Matsuyama (no second required): "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." **Motion carried.**

God's Blessings,

***Sharon Matsuyama***

Sharon Matsuyama

Nominations Committee Chair / Hawaii

January 2020 – June 30, 2020

To: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches  
From: Kaua'i Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

Officers as of 6/20/20

Haunani Pacheco	President, Wai'oli Hui'ia
Sandi Sterker	Vice President, Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational
Bonnie Shimatsu	Secretary, Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational
Naomi Yokotake	Treasurer, Wai'oli Hui'ia
Barry Mick	Advisor, Kapa'a First Hawaiian

Member Churches in 2019

Wai'oli Hui'ia , Ko'olau Hui'ia, Kapa'a First Hawaiian, Hanapepe Hawaiian, Ka 'Ohana Ni'ihau, Waimea UCC

Meetings are scheduled quarterly

January 12, 2020 Cancelled

April 26, 2020, Zoom Meeting

Churches represented, Kapa' First Hawaiian, Wai'oli Hui'ia, Hanapepe First Hawaiian, Ko'olau Hui'ia, Waimea UCC

The Covid-19 crisis has presented our churches with new challenges and has made us become more creative in how we worship, how we keep our membership engaged, and how we keep our finances stable in the midst of a collapsing economy. Here is what is happening in some of our churches.

Wai'oli Hui'ia – The Office, Parsonage, and the Mission Hall have been restored after the damages caused by the flooding of April 15, 2017. Church services were entirely on Zoom from the end of March until June 1, 2020 when the church was opened for in person church services. The Zoom services has continued for those who are on the mainland and those on island who feel they have health concerns and are compromised. Attendance is down about 70% due to the lack of visitors to the island. Communion is being served in preprepared cups from Logos and social distancing and masks are being worn. Bible studies are done by Zoom on Tuesday afternoons. Executive Board meetings are also done by Zoom. We started a gift card ministry where gift cards were given to our members and friends that could be used by them or passed on to others.

Ko'olau Hui'ia – Services are being held after 2 months of being closed. Their attendance is approximately 20. They are looking into Zooming services as an alternative to in person worship.

Kapa'a First Hawaiian – The church is maintaining a presence in the community and have in person services (modified) as well as live streaming. They had taped music by their choir but now there is no singing and only piano music. Communion is only taken by their Kahu in church and those at home prepare their own elements. The church is closed during the week and Bible Studies is done by Zoom and in person on Tuesday. Rules regarding wearing masks, social distancing, and disinfecting are practiced.

Hanapepe Hawaiian – Pulpit supply ministers are conducting worship services on Sundays by Zoom. The church is open on Sundays for the pianist and a couple of members who operate the camera and the person who does the lay readings. By having Zoom services, not only members but family, friends and visitors are able to watch the service from Honolulu, and the mainland or from anywhere on the island. A "Malama" fund was created to help families with needs. They were able to help families with young children of school ages pay for expenses. The church members are soliciting those who have the "gift of music" to share their gift during their Zoom service. Communion is done on the first Sunday via Zoom. Participants provide their own elements.

Ka 'Ohana Ni'ihau – No report at this time.

Waimea UCC – Masks and social distancing is practiced for all in person activities. Church service on Sundays is held on the church lanai and on Facebook Live. Attendance is approximately 25 people in person and much more on Facebook. Music is by piano and a mike is set up for the song leader who is masked. Bible study is in person and online using skype. The Book Club and their Council meetings are on Zoom. Communion is ingenious. A grape and bread is put in a covered condiment cup and participants are asked to take it and consume it after leaving church.

Such changing times for all of us. We are all striving to maintain a new normal and we all continue to keep the faith. God is showing us a new way to reach more people outside of our 4 walls. Our minds are being challenged to think out of the box and win more over to Christ. Mahalo Ke Akua!

Respectfully,

Haunani Pacheco  
President KCHCC

January 2020 to June 30, 2020

TO: State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

FROM: Oahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (OCHCC)

Ka'iulani Hess, Vice President  
Laurie Kauleinamoku, Secretary  
Joanne Kishimori, Treasurer  
Lorna Motta, Advisor

Member churches in 2019:

Bishop Memorial Chapel, Hauula Congregational Church, Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church, Kahikuonalani Church, Kalihi and Moanalua Church, Kaumakapili Church, Kawaiaha'o Church, Liliuokalani Protestant Church, Pearl City Community Church, Waianae Protestant Church.

Quarterly OCHCC meetings:

Sunday, January 12, 2020 at Kawaiaha'o Church;  
Saturday, June 13, 2020, Zoom meeting.

Present for the zoom meeting: Kaumakapili Church (Lorna), Kahikuonalani Church (Joanne), Pearl City Community Church (Millie), Liliuokalani Church (Laurie), Kalihi and Moanalua Church (Johnnie), Kawaiaha'o Church (Andrew, Abralette and Ka'iulani).

Not present: Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church, Waianae Protestant Church and Bishop Memorial Chapel.

As our churches are adjusting to these times of church closures, quarantine, social distancing and wearing masks, we are also doing a new thing in keeping connected with our congregation and each other through phone calls, emails, texts, Zoom meetings, YouTube/Zoom church services, fellowship small groups and bible study groups. We were so inspired by what each church community was doing to keep connected to their congregation that we shared each other's websites, addresses, links, newsletters, videos and invites.

Please pray for all our churches as we rely on the Lord and Trust in Him to work in us through this period of respite and trial as we work out our salvation. May we look upward to Him so we may find God the source of peace.

Here are some of the things that OCHCC are doing:

Kahikuonalani Church, Joanne - The church has three congregations who share the facility, and each must work on their plan to reopen the church with the main objective to keep everyone safe, kupuna to keiki.

Liliuokalani Protestant Church, Laurie - The church has not yet worked on a plan to reopen the church. Laurie shared that she and others have been attending online church services, not only on Oahu Island, but also churches on the outer islands as well.

Pearl City Community Church, Millie - A committee will be meeting soon to begin planning for the reopening of the church. Millie shared their Sunday Bulletin from Pastor Gordon Marchant's YouTube services.

Kalihi and Moanalua Church - Johnnie - Here is link to the KMC videos.  
<https://sites.google.com/view/kalihi-and-moanalua-church/home>  
Mama Kahu Darlene Kaupu has passed. No word on memorial services at this time.

#### Kawaiaha'o Church, Ka'iulani

- Kawaiaha'o Church TV - YouTube, Sunday Worship Services, 8:30am, Life Under Construction Youth Sunday Services, 10:30am, Kahu Korner newsletter / Pau Hana Pauku.
- Blessed to have Kahu Hailama Farden, Waianae Protestant Church who has joined Kahu Kenneth Makuakane in delivering the YouTube Sunday Services until the reopening of his church. Mahalo to Deacons, Kahaku Oda, Keoni Bunag, Uncle Buddy Nalua'i and Malia Ka'ai-Barrett for their contributions in the service.
- Almost Daily Member care Service e-blasts in sharing news about and from the Kahu, church leaders, congregation and the community. Care calls to one another, texts, emails and zoom meetings and fellowship keep us all connected.
- Instagram Youth Bible Study and Activity, Wednesday evening.
- Zoom meetings (Council, Ministries, Board of Trustees, Committee, Task Force, Bible Study and Fellowship small groups)
- Missions on Hold due to church closure: HiE HiE (mobile showers, food and clothing distribution and spiritual support and invite to church), Friday Night Youth Worship Service, Life 360 Friday Night in the gymnasium and Light and Salvation Church Worship Services.
- Church Leader's Task Force working on organization concepts.
- Church leaders working on self assessment.
- Senior Kahu and Administrator working on a plan to safely reopen the church / no date set.

#### Kaumakapili Church, Lorna

Kahu Doug, our Deacons, Hau'oli and Trevor, Tracy, Akiko and Yulanda have been working hard to create inspiring and uplifting Zoom Sunday worship services. Kahu has also started up Zoom Wednesday Bible study classes. Both have been very well attended.

Since the end of March, the Executive, Finance and Foundation Ministries have met via Zoom and email to communicate and maintain the basic operations of the church.

- Hebedoma services beginning on January 1, 2020
- Lenten services initially in the sanctuary and later moved to Zoom
- The Executives and Finance Ministries to apply and secure a SBA loan through First Hawaiian Bank. The loan program was initiated through the Federal Govt COVID 19 stimulus package. The church was notified on April 7th that the loan was approved.
- A Small Business Relief and Recovery Fund was secured through the City and County and approved by HOCU last week.
- Approved by Executive, Finance Ministries and Board of Directors to cancel the 2020 Luau.
- A City and County sewer problem in the neighborhood affected the church the week after Easter. Work and repairs are currently being done in the downstairs rooms of Hale Kamika.
- The Foundation Ministry stain glass repair initiative spearheaded by Uncle Andy Poepoe is finally complete. The window and wood framing look great. More window repairs in the sanctuary schedule for the future.
- Plans to reopen the church are scheduled for July 5, permitting there is no second wave that the government closes down the churches and public venues. Working on the plan to safely reopen the church.

Prepared by: Ka'iulani Hess

## Moloka'i Topside Report for 2019

Greetings from Topside Moloka'i. Another year has passed with activities and events done by the churches on Moloka'i. For the 2019 year, the Topside Council included **Ho'olehua UCC**: Cecilia Kahue Ellertsen, Moderator, Rep Pualani Akaka Co-chair, **Kalaiaikamanu Hou UCC**: Uluwehi Kakaio Sai, Moderator-Treasurer, Reps Claire Iveson, Hi'ilei Kakaio Bernabe, **Kalua'aha UCC**: Earline Iaea, Moderator-Co-Chair and **Waialua UCC**: Maasi He, Moderator, Tina Lindsey-He, Secretary and Rep Louise Laumauna Miguel. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

Ho'olehua celebrated the first Quarterly Combined Service for the year 2019 and had an Aloha Celebration for departing Kahu Charles and Mama Kahu, Elaine Poole. All in attendance wished them a fond aloha and mahalo for their ministry to all of the Kalawina congregations on Moloka'i.

Since Kahu Charles Poole finished his contract in January of 2019, we have had a number of kahu from various churches from O'ahu, Maui and Moloka'i who have served as supply pastors. Deacons from Ho'olehua, (Pualani Akaka) and Kalaiaikamanu Hou (Claire Iveson, Dara Lukonen, Penny Martin, Uluwehi Sai) also volunteered to fill in on several Sundays when a kahu was unavailable to serve. Special aloha and mahalo to Claire Iveson who took on the responsibility of finding the supply ministers and communicating with them for monthly scheduling and confirmations.

It has also been a great learning experience for Co-chairs, Pualani Akaka and Earline Iaea in filling out the Local Church Profile to find a Settled Minister, but with the assistance of other Topside Council members and the HCUCC staff, they were able to complete the profile. It is now posted on the HCUCC and national websites. We await inquiries from interested candidates.

An event that all 4 church congregations looked forward to was the visitation of the Kamehameha Schools Deputation Team and their chaperones. This February visit included a service workday at Ho'olehua Church which involved cleaning out an old parsonage garage. Pualani Akaka provided an ono-licious lunch, and then the group went sightseeing to Kalaupapa Lookout. Kalaiaikamanu Hou and Kalua'aha hosted evening dinner at Pizza Café. Later in the evening, a visit to Kanemitsu Bakery for hot bread was enjoyed by all. Early morning breakfast before service was provided by Ho'olehua Church, then to Kalaiaikamanu Hou and the last stop was at Waialua Church who served a delicious lunch. The students gave inspirational speeches related to the theme, "Grounded by God."

March 2018, the Strategic Plan Initiatives from HCUCC evolved and were shared statewide. Since then, each Topside church has continued to identify at least one initiative out of seven to work on for their own congregational growth and development for the year. Quarterly, progress was assessed by filling in a progress report and conveying results to the MT Council. This year, a “Shared Service” between Waialua and Kalua’aha evolved where the congregation of Waialua joined Kalua’aha on the fourth Sunday once a quarter. This allowed two small congregations to get together and fellowship. Another exciting activity that occurred was the appearance of the Na ‘Ohana Hoaloha Kupuna Group who used Ho’olehua’s pavilion on Sunday afternoons from 3 – 5 p.m. for singing, instrumental playing and for fellowshiping with people from the community.

Other community outreach activities that are continuing are quarterly Ohana Day at Waialua, where service is in a non-church setting and different activities are done in lieu of a regular church service. The Food Bank and Thrift Shop are also open after church at Waialua to people in need of food and clothing. Again, Kalaiakamanu Hou sponsored the Paul Mitchell Salon Hairstylists who were on island to offer their services to female Prom go-ers and give free haircuts for other people on island. Movies were shown during the summer months at Kalaiakamanu Hou Church Grounds where young families, millennials, and kupuna enjoyed this family oriented and drug free activity.

We’ve also had visitors who made a special trip from off island to visit us on Moloka’i. Congregants from Ho’olehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Kalua’aha and Waialua were able to “greet and meet” Warren Orikasa from Maui representing the Tri-Isle and Rev. DK Popham, a candidate for Hawaii Conference Minister. (See photos in HCUCC Coconut Wireless, June 5, 2019 issue).

One of the fall activities held on the first Saturday in November was our annual Bazaar day held at Kalaiakamanu Hou Church grounds. Church members from all four churches volunteered to participate as a chairperson or helper in various booths: Plate Lunch, Produce, Baked Goods, Plants, Dis n Dat food items, Silent Auction, Lucky Number Prizes, Poke Bowl, White Elephant and Christmas Crafts. A lot of people in the community stopped by to look, purchase items, “talk story”, eat ono food, listen to musical groups and just have fun.

Wow! This years Thanksgiving Luncheon for the community was an event that has grown in the number of participants and helpers. Many food donations were received, cooks appeared in the kitchen to prepare the various elements of the meal, servers stood in line to serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal into food containers and volunteers delivered meals to the kupuna at Home Pumehana, Women’s Shelter, Meals on Wheels and to people who were homebound. Couples, families, senior citizens arrived at Kalaiakamanu Hou Hall to fellowship with each other, enjoy the delicious meal and sing church hymns with the accompaniment of a talented ukulele player. Chairperson Uluwehi Sai summed it up, “We were not just serving a meal, we were also serving love, hope, peace, friendship, and fellowship. Mahalo Ke Akua for bringing us together to play such an awesome part in our community and each other's lives!”



Each church takes a turn quarterly to hold a Combined Service at their respective churches. As mentioned earlier, Ho'olehua hosted the first one with an Aloha celebration for all churches and for Kahu Charles and Elaine Poole. Next, Kalaiakamanu Hou hosted Ho'ike with their Combined Service in May, followed by Kalua'aha in September and last of all, Waialua selected December to host Kupuna Sunday in conjunction with their Combined Service.

Holiday celebrations on island included a visit from HCUCC Conference Minister, Gabrielle Chavez. She had a busy day starting at the east end of the island at Waialua Church conducting Sunrise service at 5 a.m., ate breakfast, then traveled west to Ho'olehua Church for their 8 a.m. service and ended in central Kaunakakai at Kalaiakamanu Hou at 9:30 a.m. A hearty delicious breakfast was served at the Social Hall after the morning service. Wonderful Christmas Eve Candlelight celebrations in December were celebrated at Ho'olehua with attendees playing hand bells to accompany Christmas songs that were sung. Waialua also had a great Candlelight service with an after-service dinner meal served in the pavilion.

Anytime a suicide on island happens, families, spouses, friends, people in the community, ask why? Concerned church ministers, interested community members, and leaders from off island have been meeting to discuss the issue of suicide and suicide prevention.

Several Topside representatives have attended a number of meetings with various groups on island. One community initiative that is supported by Kamehameha Schools and led by Earl Kawa'a, a former resident of Moloka'i is the Make'ole (*Choose Life*) Initiative. This Initiative is comprised of 6 community groups or hui which are Kahu, Clinical Professionals/Emergency Response, Educators, Ho'oponopono, Economic Development and Kua'aina Support that must work collectively in order to be successful. There are organizations and individuals that have already signed on for each hui listed. Uluwehi Sai was asked by Earl Kawa'a to be involved with the hui of (Kahu). As of Dec. 2019, this project is still a work in progress and is still being developed.

All MTC churches are members of the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. Representing Moloka'i at the SCHCC quarterly meetings is Uluwehi Sai. Pualani Akaka substitutes if Uluwehi is unable to attend. We are elated that SCHCC continues to have grant monies to award to small Hawaiian Churches in need to repair and maintain their church buildings. Kalaiakamanu Hou has utilized the grant application process to apply for monies to repair and maintain the Social Hall in eventuality that the church Sanctuary will not be functional due to structural issues.

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.

Sincerely,  
Earline Iaea  
Co-chair  
Moloka'i Topside Council  
Dec. 2019

**State Council Meeting  
Year End Report  
Report of the Maui Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches  
August 22, 2020**

**Ka`ahumanu Church:**

We are not doing physical worship in the church. We began doing an online worship service in March. We were considering reopening the building for worship again, but COVID-19 numbers started rising again. We are not in a hurry to reopen the building during this time. Punana Leo o Maui, like most schools, is looking at opening in August.

**Kahakuloa Church:**

Under the leadership of Kendall Kao`ano`hi (Chico), the church continues to work toward renovation after the roof collapse in June 2017. The COVID-19 pandemic has affected their progress.

**Kaulanapueo Church:**

Under the guidance of Kahu Jimmy Aarona, services are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Kupuna Auntie Janet Akau continues to be a driving force in the church. Ku`ulei (Nan Cabatbat), Auntie Janet's daughter provides support.

**Keawala'i Church:**

Keawala'i bid a tearful farewell to our dear Kahu, Kealahou Alike, who retired after serving Keawala'i Church for 29 years. It was a bittersweet moment as we all celebrated with him during a wonderful and fun filled luncheon on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, after his last service with us. There was music, dancing, singing, laughter and tears as we bid him aloha and a HAPPY RETIREMENT.

On March 1<sup>st</sup> our interim kahu, Scott Landis, began his ministry with us. Scott comes from Mission Hills UCC Church in San Diego where he was the pastor for 15 years. He is here with his partner, Randy, and their two adorable little dogs Will and Grace. Scott was able to do 2 or 3 services in the sanctuary before the Covid-19 virus hit us, and the doors of the church was closed by the end of March. However, Sunday services did not stop as Keawala'i retained its presence via Facebook. Kahu Scott and the church leadership have worked hard on making improvements along the way and the streaming live on Facebook every Sunday morning has been a great success.

On July 12 Keawala'i opened "the church" to those wishing to attend church in person, however because of the restrictions of COVID-19, services were held on the front lawn of the church where there is plenty of room for social distancing and fresh air. Masks are required and we ask those attending to bring their own chairs and umbrellas for shade. The service is also streaming live on Facebook. This enables our members and friends, who prefer not to attend the church in person, the opportunity to be a part of Sunday service. This also enables our members and friends who are on the mainland to attend the service. As an "aloha hour" concept after the service (no one can stay to talk story) Kahu Scott does an hour ZOOM meeting for anyone who wants to talk story. It is a wonderful way to keep the community together.

As good as all this is, there is still the longing to return to our sanctuary, to see and hug each other.

**Keolahou Church:**

Keolahou has been actively searching for a Settled Minister.

**Lāhuiokalani Church:**

With few technological resources, we “attended” services at other churches’ online services, tuning into Waiola, Ka`ahumanu, and Kawaiaha`o services. On July 5, we opened for public worship with 12 attendees. There is a closeness in this small community of worship. Attendance remains low as tourists have not traveled to Maui. The new parsonage is on the property. Progress is slow. It’s possible that early October will be move-in day. Mahalo ke Akua for Your blessings.

**Olowalu Church:**

The congregation, under the leadership of Aunty Addie Rodrigues, is in the process of contracting for the construction of a new church structure after several years of planning, setbacks, and inactivity.

**Pā’ia Church:**

Praise God, Paia Hawaiian Protestant Church continues to welcome members and visitors to our 11 A.M. weekly Worship Services under the guidance of Kahu Roy Newton. Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month. We held our annual Ho’ike to commemorate PHPC’s 181st Anniversary. Many in our community look forward to and attend our Candlelight Christmas Eve Services followed by dinner.

In the interest of safety and protection of our faith community PHPC ceased face-to-face worship services in our sanctuary to adhere to county and state COVID-19 recommendations in March. Kahu Roy provided weekly email worship transcripts that kept us connected. In May we moved our weekly worship services to a Zoom platform. Kupuna, Makua & Kamali’i were delighted to fellowship with one another via Zoom, after being in isolation.

Praise God, the pandemic provided us the opportunity to kokua with the distribution of food to Kupuna and ‘ohana in need. We made minor campus improvements that included painting the exterior of our church and hale ‘āina. As permitted by County guidelines, PHPC resumed face to face worship services in June with implementation of social distancing procedures.

We mahalo Ke Akua for His continued blessings of abundant grace and mercy and pray for safety, health and wellness to all. Aloha Ke Akua!

**Waiola Church:**

Over the last 6 months of 2020, Waiola Church had successes yet, faced many challenges. We were the grateful recipients of a State Council grant to repair our office building roof, one of several damaged by hurricane Lane. The roof is now in good repair!

In late January, we hosted the AHEC Spring Halawai including a special talk by Dr. Ron Williams on the missionaries' 200 years in Hawaii and here on Maui.

On February 29th we celebrated Mo'i Wahine Keōpūolani with the assistance of a grant from Maui County. The day long program included talks on the mapping of our church graveyard and the Royal family members now buried there. The day was well attended and ended with a Tahitian feast.

We have lost several long time and cherished members: Barbara Michiko Kukahiko, Larry Meneheghan, and Grale Lorenzo-Chong. They all are deeply missed.

With the coming of Covid19 to Hawaii, Waiola ceased in-person services on March 15th. With the help of Dean Watson and Jen Mathers we were able to offer virtual services on our Facebook page. Board meetings were conducted on Zoom and members assisted in shutting down the church campus, with Punana Leo preschool already closed for Spring Break.

Kahu Meg Watson conferred with the Church Board and determined that the additional loss of income brought on by the pandemic made her salary package unaffordable for the already strained Church finances. After exploring all possible options, in mutual agreement, she and Dean departed in April. They safely traveled to Florida and she recently reported accepting a new calling.

Kahu Anela agreed to continue on as our licensed pastor and has done an excellent job as an instant "televangelist" ... preaching messages of God's love and caring in new ways. Our music director, Kent Stewart provides familiar and new songs to enhance the service. Church secretary, the accomplished Jen Mather, continues to manage church office affairs and produce the Sunday programs remotely from California, where she joined her family in late June.

On June 14, a church membership meeting was held via Zoom. A phone tree and newsletters help members remain connected and informed. We are pleased to see new names on our views lists on our Facebook page. Our church mission project, of providing essential hygiene items and food for those in need, concluded. The Lahaina Salvation Army relief program accepted the items that we collected; they will distribute the items to the community.

We are pursuing necessary adjustments to our church finances. Presently, we are exploring the feasibility of releasing the management of the James Campbell Memorial Park to the UCC Foundation. Prior to the pandemic, we had viable plans to increase church income through our Hall rentals, which would have financed the care of the James Campbell Memorial Park, but those plans are no longer realistic. Nevertheless, we continue to look for ways for Waiola to thrive and to serve God in Lahaina.

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

Board of Directors Meeting  
Annual Meeting, 'Aha Iki  
August 22, 2020

Aloha na hoahānau,

The East Hawai'i Council Member Churches include:

Haili Congregational Church / Kūhiō Chapel  
Kalapana Maunakea First Hawaiian Cong. Church  
Laupāhoehoe Congregational Church  
Ola'a First Hawaiian Church

'Opihikao Congregational Church  
Pōhakupuka Congregational Church  
Pu'ula United Church of Christ

The East Hawai'i Council meets quarterly on Saturday mornings at 9AM and was held on July 6th at Ola'a First Hawaiian Church, Oct. 5th at Haili Church (no quorum, no meeting), Special Meeting on Nov. 9, 2019 at 'Opihikao Church and Jan. 4, 2020 at Haili Church. The Annual Meeting scheduled for April 4th, 2020 has been postponed/cancelled due to COVID-19. So no election of officers were held and our meetings are still on hold in these trying times. At our meetings, distribution of materials are made available with discussions about the items of concerns from the last SCHCC BOD meeting held along with advocating to the East Hawai'i Council Churches needs. The new EHCHCC Articles of Incorporation is ready to be filed with DCCA.

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

Welcome Back! Haili Church/Kuhio Chapel & Ohana Hour will resume an in-person unity service at 10 AM on Sundays, Haili Campus Only. Live Streaming continues on the Haili Congregational Church Facebook Page at 09:45 a.m. each Sunday for those who want or need to stay home. <https://www.facebook.com/HailiCongregationalChurch/> Kahu Brain Welsh - Pastor

Kalapana Maunakea Cong. Church

We continue to meet at 10:45 for Sunday Services. Each 2nd Friday our member meet to feed the hungry in our community and pass out food for them. We have seen our Lord's blessings throughout this time in so many different ways.

#### Laupāhoehoe Cong. Church

President Clement Malani Jr., Vice Pres. Dawn Asato, Secretary Carol Malani, Treasurer Russell Paio, Moderator Catherine Kaide, Director at Large Elaine Nahakuelua. Working through the process of MID Alvira Cacabelos' call to ministry. A good showing of about 20-30 attendees every week. We mahalo the State Council and HCUCC for the consideration as we malama our buildings and properties in order to continue worshipping Akua in our communities.

#### Ola'a First Hawaiian Church

Though small, but faithful, the congregation continues its service to God and community with Kahu Lani Kapuniai as pastor of Ola'a. Each Sunday, service begins with Praise and Worship at 10:00 a.m. Adult bible study is held each Wednesday. The evening starts with music selection and practice at 4:30, potluck dinner at 5:30 bible study at 6:30, and ends with a prayer session at 7:30 p.m. A community lunch is served on the fourth Saturday of each month at the church hall. Church members gather to cook and serve the meal with the Praise and Worship team providing music for the occasion. Also, bags of food are given to those in need at the function. Regularly, Ola'a's Praise and Worship group, led by Kahu Lani Kapuniai, evangelizes with music at various organizations of East Hawaii. This year, with the financial aid of the Hawaii State Council, Ola'a will replace its sanctuary roof and some of the siding. Next project will include repairs to the inside ceiling and floor of the sanctuary.

#### 'Opihikao Cong. Church

This has been another challenging year for our 'Opihikao 'ohana. New officers are: Pres. Frank Mulec, Vice Pres. Kevin Sulgit, Sec. Norman Palacat, Treas. Susanne Hauanio and Auditor Eunice Mulec. Another challenge beside the hurricane, evacuation from the vog and lava flows is COVID-19. On March 15th, the worshippers initiated and agreed by the members to suspend physical worship service at 'Opihikao Church. But with God's help, we carry on to do His will on line..

#### Pōhakupuka Congregational Church

4 Active members meeting at home.

#### Pu'ula UCC

Young Life is in operation with a large numbers about 31 coming each Thursday nights from 5:00 till 8:30PM. They play games, sing, have a Bible lesson and a full course meal, and can take home any leftovers. Shell Hale Place is doing well and we are thankful to the counselors who faithful guide these young men to a better life and know they can change with God's help and love. The Pu'ula Recovery Center is going strong with large attendance. Meeting so many peoples need. They meet 6 days a week.. The congregation is busy keep up with all the things happening. We have also welcomed some new members in with much joy.

Mahalo Ke Akua,

*Frank J. Mulec*

Frank J. Mulec, President

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**Report for: SCHCC Zoom Meeting**  
August 22, 2020

The WHCHCC met on July 19, 2020, at Pukaana Church and by Zoom.

Elections were suspended and Officers were approved to serve another term (2 yr).  
The WHCHCC approved contributing annually to the SCHCC Makeke.

**Current Officers:**

President: Sharon Matsuyama – Pukaana Church  
Vice President: Keoki Kiwaha – Pukaana Church  
Secretary: Pualani Muraki \_ Lanakila Church  
Treasurer: Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen – Kauaha’ao Church  
Advisor: Boyd Matsuyama – Pukaana Church  
Auditor: - - - -

**Helani Church:**

Bible Study - 9:00am  
Sunday Service – 10:00am  
Children Sunday School – 10:30am

**Pulpit Supply:**

- Members: Alicia Kam, Rollin Rabara, Naomi Aiu, Harry Aiu.
- Guest: Pastor Paul Childers, Levi Childers, Susi Childers.
- Communion service: Pastor Paul Childers.

Church quarterly meeting held on February 23, 2020.

Church began online service from March 22, 2020 to June 7, 2020.

Service held on May 17, 2020, in church parking lot and farewell luncheon for Sophie, who returned to Germany.

Church resumed physical service on June 14, 2020.

**Repair Projects:**

1. Pending Building Permit - Church south wall.
2. Pending Electrical Permit - Church interior electrical up grade.

**Lanakila Church:**

Kahu Pono, Charlene Taketa.

**Pulpit Supply:**

- Members: Lani Hoomanawanui, Stephen Spinola, Mae Eningowuk-Nelson
- Guest: Sam Masilamoney, Kahu Nancietta Haalilio

Election of Officers: 1yr term, January 2020 - 2021.

Moderator – Sam Masilamoney

Vice Moderator – Barbie Muraki-Valdez

Secretary – Gloria Muraki

Treasurer – Terry Muraki

Physical and Zoom Worship Service, April – June.

Filipino Christian Fellowship worship service, Sunday evenings.

Members Participated/Attended:

Congregational meetings in February/March.

Lanakila Ohana Choir practice, Tuesday evenings.

Lanakila Bible study, Wednesday evenings.

Filipino Christian Fellowship Bible study, Thursday evening.

Hui Malama Ola Na Oiwī holds classes on Diabetes and Hypertension at Church Hall.

Special Lulu on last Sunday of each month for Lima Kokua-Makana, to support members/friends in their time of need.

### **Kahikolu Church:**

Kahu Pono, Naleen Andrade.

Last church service held at the Keei-Mauka Meisner farm on March 15, 2020.

Using the Ohana Pule format, worship service programs emailed, and hard copies made available for pick up at designated locations.

Church plan on resuming face to face worship service with Zoom capacity on the first Sunday of Advent, 11/29/2020.

Quarterly business meeting held on January 4, 2020, at Kepulu Church sanctuary, and October meeting to be held by Zoom.

Church leadership, Bible Study and Membership Class will begin via Zoom in September 2020.

Kahikolu Newsletter NU 'OLI, resumed publication in March and plan on doing 6 editions this year.

Church litigation, still in federal court.

### **Pukaana Church:**

Pulpit Supply:

- Members: Rogers Naihe, Keoki Kiwaha, Sharon & Boyd Matsuyama.
- Guests: Kahu Richard Kamanu, Sam Masilamoney, Kahu Joseph Medlin.
- Communion Service: Kahu Richard Kamanu, Sharon Matsuyama.

Church closed on 3/29/2020, and worship service programs with speakers message US mailed. Church resumed face to face worship service on 7/12/2020 and continue to US mail worship programs.

Members are involved in various organizations of the Hawaii Conference UCC.

Church hall designated headquarters for the South Kona Community Neighborhood Watch program. K.U.P.A., (Kamaaina United to Protect the Aina) meets in the hall regularly.

### **Hauoli Kamanao Church:**

Kahu Pono Charles & Melveen Kaupiko.

Church closed March to present and services by Zoom. Plan on opening church in August.

First Lawaia Milolii virtual camp for youths held on July 13-15, 2020, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Fumigation by Terminix completed in January. Roof replacement of Hale Pule scheduled.



**Kauaha'ao Church:**

Kahu Pono, Debbie Wong Yuen.

Pulpit Supply:

- Member: Dave Williams

Church closed March 22, 2020 to July 12, 2020, and virtual service on Zoom. Church reopened with drive in service on July 19, 2020 and continued live Zoom.

Attended AHEC Spring Aha Halawai on Maui.

Conducted Celebration of Life service for Mabel Kaipo.

Cancelled annual spring fundraising Bazaar due to COVID-19.

Henry Opukahaia Memorial Service/Bicentennial Celebration of Christianity in Hawaii celebrated at Hokuloa Church/Henry Opukahaia Chapel.

Sunday Happenings:

Every Sunday, Praise Jam at 9:15am, and on church Facebook page.

Outreach to Kau Community:

- Non-profit group to promote literacy.
- NA support group – 2x weekly.
- Tutu & Me Preschool – Mondays & Wednesdays..

Church Hall/Chapel walls being painted and need to finish electrical work inside hall.

In His Service,

*Sharon*

Sharon Matsuyama/btm



**MEMO:**

**TO:** State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Toni Bissen, Executive Director  
**DATE:** 8/10/20  
**RE:** Pū'ā Foundation Report

There have been many challenges due to the coronavirus pandemic resulting in operational changes. However we are managing as best as possible. The last time I submitted a report was at the executive committee meeting dated 1/17/20. This report provides an update and overview of some of Pū'ā projects in 2020.

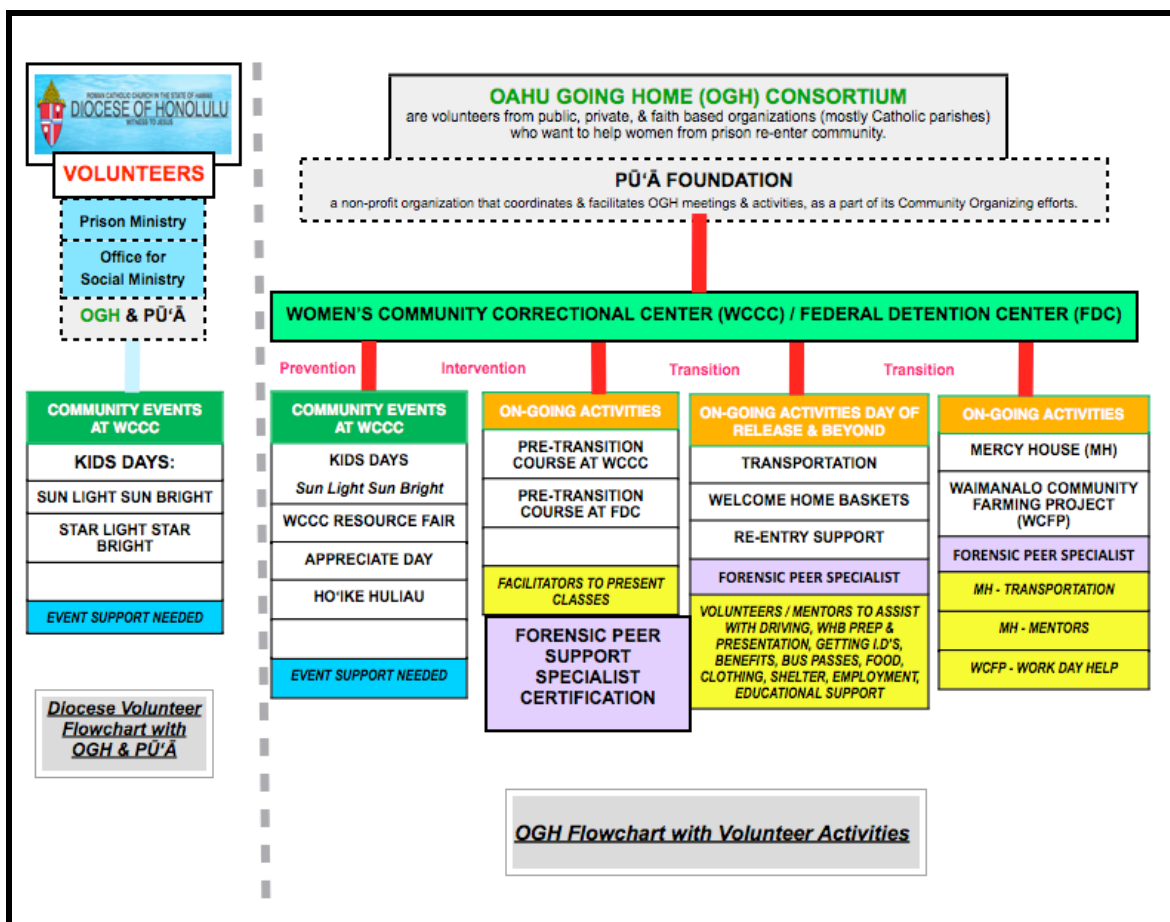
**Oahu Going Home Consortium (OGH)/ Pū'ā Foundation:**

We continue to coordinate support for women leaving the Women's Prison. To date we assisted 55 women. The chart below details the number of women released by month, their status and type of assistance that was provided.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
From WCCC	5	7	9	4	18
Status	4 - Maxed out (MO) 1 Parole (P)	2 – MO 5 – P	2 – MO 7 – P	1 – MO 3 – P	3 – MO 15 – P
# Helped	5	7	9	4	17
Type of Help	- Exit Planning; WHB, Food, Benefits, Transportation	- Exit Planning; WHB, Food, Back Packs, Transportation	- Exit Planning; WHB, Food, Transportation	- Exit Planning; WHB, Food, Masks, Gift Cards, Transportation	- Exit Planning; Food, Masks, Gift Cards, Clothing, Transportation

	June	July	OGH's Mission
From WCCC	12	5	<b>Oahu Going Home Consortium (OGH)</b> "Our mission is to assist women released from prison transition into community life through employment, training, housing and appropriate supportive services"  <i>"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me"</i> <b>Matt 25:35-36</b>
Status	12 - P	2 – MO 3 – P	
# Helped	8	5	
Type of Help	- Exit Planning; masks, clothing	- Exit Planning; masks, Gift cards, Backpack	

OGH meetings were held in January, February, in-person, with the May, June and July meetings held via zoom. The March and April meetings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. See OGH diagram below.



**Mercy House:** Is expanding to include another house – Mercy House 2.

### **Peer Support - Videos/Housing Partnerships**

Completed training for Peer Support Specialist – Dec. 2019, [see Mid-week article next page.](#)  
See videos links too with more about this work. Created the Reentry Partnership Collaboration - Incarceration to Independence Continuum. We developed partnerships connecting our transitional housing project – Mercy House with others to offer more opportunities, including peer support. [see diagram immediately below.](#)

#### **REENTRY PARTNERSHIP COLLABORATION: Housing, Peer Support, Case Mgt. & Therapy INCARCERATION TO INDEPENDENCE - CONTINUUM**

INCARCERATION	SHORT-TERM (6 to 12 Months)	MID-TERM (Up to 24 Months)	INDEPENDENCE (Long-term)
• WCCC	Betty's Place, Others	Mercy House; Others	Felon Friendly Landlords; Public Housing, Kupuna, Housing, Other
<b><u>PEER SUPPORT - CASE MANAGEMENT - THERAPY</u></b>			

**HI PEER SUPPORT IMUA - VIDEO #1** - <https://youtu.be/ykwRcFqxRuo>

**HAWAII PEER SUPPORT 2020 – VIDEO #2** - <https://youtu.be/aLxbo-ePnfk>



## PROOF POSITIVE

# OLA: Pū'ā Foundation's Push For Peer Support

By Toni Bissen, executive director of Pū'ā Foundation

**W**e're stronger together. Women in prison aren't just inmates; they are mothers, daughters, sisters and wives. When they serve time, their families serve it, too. If we work together as a community to help these women, we strengthen their families and our community.

This mentality is at the heart of what Pū'ā Foundation does through its capacity-building and training programs. In 2019, we were able to serve 285 justice-involved women, 33 caregivers and 69 youth.

Created out of an apology, redress and reconciliation initiative of United Church of Christ for its complicity in the 1893 overthrow of the Hawaiian government, Pū'ā Foundation was formed as a nonprofit in 1996.

In service of its mission to reconcile the negative consequences of the 1893 overthrow, the foundation has developed a focus on addressing the overrepresentation of Native Hawaiians, particularly women, in prison. Native Hawaiian women are disproportionately incarcerated within Hawai'i's prison system, and trauma is a major contributing factor that underlies justice system involvement, be it historical, community and/or individual.

The foundation's newest initiative is called OLA, which in Hawaiian means "life." O-L-A is also an acronym that stands for organize, learn and act.

"O" represents the organization of community and resources; "L" allows participants to learn about trauma and how to help; and "A" acts in alignment to provide con-

nected support and resources.

To assist in moving OLA forward, in December 2019, 10 justice-involved individuals completed peer support specialist training. Peer support specialists can provide effective and timely assistance for those newly released from prison. Assistance can come in the form of sharing advice and encouragement, mentoring, and serving to link community services and resources.

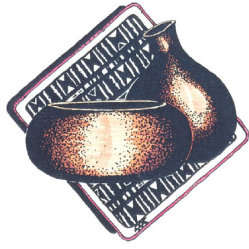
Two advanced trainings for the 10 graduates are planned for March and June, and by the end of this year, the first class of peer support specialist graduates will be qualified to train others as part of a sustainability strategy.

*To volunteer or donate basic necessities to women exiting prison, visit [puafoundation.org](http://puafoundation.org).*



Pū'ā Foundation peer support specialist graduates and their supporters pose for a photo during a Dec. 19, 2019, ceremony. PHOTOS COURTESY PŪ'Ā FOUNDATION

**Waimanalo Community Farming Project (WCFP):** For the months of Jan., Feb., and Mar. we had 4 work days with the WCCC workline women. Farm days were on: 1/23/20, 2/13/20, 3/4/20 and 3/12/20. At each session there were 6 women that engaged in various cultural, healing and vocational farming activities. As of March 17, 2020 all activities have been placed on hold due to the coronavirus. As of July 1, 2020, Pū'ā Foundation has executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) covering the partnership with the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC) related to the WCFP. It is projected that the workline will begin again in September.



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***'O keia no ka la lehova I hana ai,  
E hau 'oli kakou, a e le'ale'a i laila.***

***Haleu 118:24***

**This is the day which the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**Psalm 118:24**

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

Aloha Kākou in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the Word of God, it is written that today and forevermore are the days that He has made. Even through uncertain times, turbulent weather and a worldwide pandemic, we shall rejoice and be glad. A promise of His certainties, His protection and His Love surrounds His people whose faith, hope and trust is fully persuaded like Father Abraham, the Father of Faith.

The Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches(AHEC) has been steadily moving forward since the shutdown of the State of Hawaii. With its mandates and social distancing proclamations, the Executive Team, Board of Directors, Bylaw's Committee and others have been meeting via zoom, emails, phone calls and texts messaging. We are doing whatever it takes to move this *wa'a forward*.

Hosting an additional Aha Halawai is in the planning state and will be announced shortly. We are looking into a virtual component to this meeting so that our membership will be able to attend with an option practicing the Stay at Home Order. For those delegates attending, the Department of Health (DOH) and Center on Disease Control (CDC) guidelines are being implemented in accordance with County of Hawaii's Rule 9 (please see attachment) providing safe options for the host church and our attending membership.

Our Committee on Ministry has great kuleana and is working diligently to kokua our Kahu and Churches. Although we lost a couple of membership churches we are working with new churches that are in the process of becoming part of AHEC. We also have several members in discernment and a few of them are close to an ordination standing. With the announcement in the UCC Friends newsletter about Kahu Michael Warren termination of standing, it has sparked a lot of controversy throughout the Associations. With scrutiny of our AHEC Bylaws, our right to self- governance and self-determination are crucial topics of discussion.

Our Papa Makua (PM) Wendell Davis has been actively bridging communications with the Hawaii Conference Minister (CM), our Kahu, the devoted leaders, and Directors of our membership Churches.

He has been hosting weekly bible studies, devotionals, and one-to-one reach outs. The CM David Popham has informed the Directors that the request for recognition and compensation of the PM position will be readdressed when the new Hawaii Conference Council Board is elected in October. Until then, our PM Wendell Davis has the support of AHEC.

In addition, AHEC has retained an attorney. The attorney's first objective was to kokua Hauula Kahuku Church as this church holds membership with us. AHEC is not a participating party in the litigation between Hawaii Conference Foundation and our AHEC member Church. We aim to stand by and provide support for the church. Recent research has uncovered multiple land titles that were sold and attempts of sale of church lands and deeds held by Hawaiian Evangelical Association (HEA) which is now the Hawaii Conference. The *Ho'ola I Ka 'Aina Komike* (AHEC Research Committee) is a beneficial committee in bringing awareness and kōkua for our precious Churches who are interested in their deeds held by the Conference.

As our *wa'a* moves into deep and open waters, the AHEC is on a journey to encounter the blessing of our Lord, God. He is faithful and just as the Just shall live by Faith rejoicing in His gladness forevermore! We at AHEC are looking forward to the Aha Iki in October and seeing all your wonderful faces.

Mahalo nui loa,

**Kerisa Carmelo**

AHEC Representative to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches.



## **State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches**

Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ, Conference Minister Report

Aha Iki, October 2020

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham

I give thanks to God for the work of the SCHCC and its advocacy for and working to keep alive the legacy and traditions of the native Hawaiian Congregational Churches. This bicentennial year of the arrival of the first company of Christian missionaries has thrown light on theirs and the countless Hawaiians partnership in God's mission and the congregations founded by in those times. Legacy is the gift of those who have gone before us and the work of this Council honors those gifts.

### **Historical Lands Held in Trust by the Hawai'i Conference Foundation**

Of all the conversations and actions taking place in the Conference office, I think the most pertinent to the SCHCC is an emerging dialogue with Andy Bunn, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Conference Foundation. Andy and our comptroller Corinne Murashige are reviewing all land holdings that the HCF is entrusted with. From this review we are beginning to get an understanding of what lands are historical lands (usually with an historical building and/or grave yard), legacy lands (lands given for the purpose of monetizing to support the mission of the Conference), and trust lands held (some held in trust for the Conference and some held in trust for other entities).

From conversations about this review, Andy and I began to realize that the historical lands have not been kept to a standard that indicates the value of the land as historical heritage for the state residents in general nor for the native Hawaiian population particularly. Of concern is the upkeep of historical buildings and the maintenance of graveyards. A financial analysis for the upkeep of these properties indicate the HCF needs an additional endowment of ten million dollars in order to create a revenue stream to cover the cost of maintenance. Conversations around a capital campaign to include this concern plus other financial needs of the Conference are underway with both the HCF Board of Trustees and the HCUCC Council.

### **Hau'ula Church United Church of Christ**

Hau'ula Church United Church of Christ (HCUCC) was a dwindling church that asked the Conference office for help in transitioning the church property into a ministry hub for the Hauula community. Rev. Sage Chee was recruited by the Hawaii Conference Foundation and approved by the surviving members of the congregation to lead this effort. Another church entity – Hauula Kahuku Church (HKC) – was invited to start services on the sight without permission of the surviving members but with permission of the AHEC Committee on Ministry. A lawsuit is now engaged to determine who has primary rights to the property.

Andy Bunn sums up the legal actions as to date:

“A formal mediation process with HCF, AHEC, and Ms. Kamai-Kaaihue before a mutually appointed mediator took place on June 29, 2020, at Kaumakapili Church. The process took place over the course of the entire day and involved extensive written briefing for the mediator in advance. Though we believed we were close to a settlement, the mediation ultimately failed. HCF reduced the negotiated settlement terms from the mediation to a written settlement offer, a copy of which was shared with the Board members, so that Ms. Kamai-Kaaihue and AHEC could take time to consider the proposal. The proposed settlement (1) called for an acknowledgment of HCF ownership; (2) permitting the use of the property by Hau’ula Kahuka Church on a non-exclusive basis to be shared with Hau’ula Congregational Church; (3) provided a venue and path for the development of the Hau’ula Kahuku Church as a new church recognized in the UCC (including training and licensing for Ms. Kamai-Kaaihue as a pastor); (4) called for AHEC to assume the roll of fostering and managing the relationship between both its member churches (Hau’ula Kahuku Church and Hau’ula Congregational Church); (5) provided funds to address the housing concerns of Ms. Kamai-Kaaihue (to be administered by AHEC); and (6) required the property to be vacated in order to limit potentially significant liability to all involved arising from the current unpermitted use of the property as a homeless encampment. This offer was, again, rejected. A further attempt to settle was made through the direct intervention of the First Circuit Court’s settlement judge on July 28<sup>th</sup> in a conference call with legal counsel and principals, but no settlement was reached.”

At the end of August, the judge presiding over the property ownership case, ruled on a series of summary judgements in favor the HCF as the title holder to the property. At the time of the writing of this report the HCF and the HCUCC still understand this issue to be in active litigation due to some residual issues yet to be definitively ruled on by the judge.





*Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ  
198<sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'aina*

*State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches  
(SCHCC)  
Aha Iki - October 05, 2020*

Advisor's Report

Aloha mai kakou e na SCHCC Ohana,

What a challenging and interesting year 2020 is turning out to be! At the close of the 197<sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'aina, June 2019, we shared the excitement of preparing for the 2020 Bicentennial Celebration / Commemoration, originally scheduled for June 2020. Unfortunately, the "tide began to turn" in March 2020 when COVID 19 introduced itself to the World.

As we continue to deal with the COVID pandemic, we have had to make many changes and in the process, have had to learn to do and see things "differently" including working on "new" normal and looking at "bigger pictures" and more importantly, continuing to keep our hope, faith and trust in Ke Akua. With that said, I believe our theme, "Let Us Covenant Together – E Ho'oku'ikahi Kakou" will help us get through the COVID pandemic, while we continue preparing for the Bicentennial Celebration / Commemoration, now looking at scheduling it for 2021.

As Advisor to the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches, it still warms my heart to see and feel the love and support that continues to be shared throughout this organization and I extend my mahalo for the privilege of being allowed to be a part of the SCHCC Board.

To our Island Council Presidents / Representatives and Partners (past and present); **Kauai, Oahu, Molokai Topside, Maui, East Hawaii, West Hawaii, Pu'a Foundation**, and **AHEC**.....MAHALO for your leadership and continued support. YOU ARE ALL AWESOME!!!!

Mahalo Nui Loa, Officers of the SCHCC Board of Directors: Boyd Matsuyama – **President**, Aletha Kaohi - **Vice President**, Retired Kahu Kealahou Alika - **Secretary**, Frank Mulec – **Treasurer**, Stanley Lum - **Resource Coordinator**, for your outstanding leadership representing the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. It has, indeed, been my privilege serving as Advisor to this Council.

God's Blessings,

***Sharon Matsuyama***

Sharon Matsuyama - Advisor, SCHCC

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2020 Aha Iki of the 198<sup>th</sup> Aha Pae'aina

SCHCC Annual Virtual Meeting  
October 5, 2020

Aloha Kakou,

Mahalo to Uncle Stanley Lum for hosting our Executive Committee meetings and Kahikuonalani Church (Joanne Kishimori & the late Della Kua'ana) for hosting our Board meetings.

Represented the SCHCC at Conference Council and AHEC Board meetings.

The SCHCC encourages its Island Councils/members to support the Strategic Initiatives and consider implementing the initiative(s) that best fits their churches.

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

Since revising its By Laws in June 2019, 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, focusing on completion in 2020.

The Repair & Maintenance Fund, a line item in the Hawaii Conference Foundation FY 2019-2020 budget, remained at \$40,000.00. Four (4) churches applied and were approved to receive funding.

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

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

This is an election year for all Officer positions. Mahalo to the Exec-Committee, the Board of Director's and Member Churches for your faithful support and confidence in the SCHCC leadership.

As FY 2019 – 2020 comes to a close, the State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches continues advocating on behalf of our Hawaiian Churches of the Hawaii Conference UCC.

Boyd Matsuyama – President

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<a href="#"><u>Kahikolu Congregational Church</u></a>	P.O. Box 244 Kealahou, Hawai‘i 96750	<b>West Hawai‘i</b>

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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.

## STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

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An affiliate organization  
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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