

# Section III:

## Annual Reports

## **Report of the Conference Minister**

### **193rd ‘Aha Pae‘aina**

Reports in this Handbook, from the Conference Council, missional teams, committees, associations and Hawai‘i Conference Foundation, summarize the past year’s events and actions of the Hawai‘i Conference of the United Church of Christ. Here, I will share about our work and involvement in denominational and ecumenical settings that are both part of my responsibility and have a bearing on our ministry and life together. I will also note changes that have taken place in Conference staffing.

#### **Denominational**

*General Synod:* Later this month, General Synod of the United Church of Christ will convene in Cleveland. Hawai‘i Conference will be represented by eleven delegates, two associate delegates, four staff and a number of visitors. Delegates have been introduced and profiled in the last few issues of *The Friend*, and they will be commissioned for their service at the conclusion of this ‘Aha. A report from Synod will appear in the next *Friend*. You can follow Synod in real time at: <http://synod.uccpages.org/>

*National Boards and Committees:* Several people in the Hawai‘i Conference serve on various boards and committees that help guide the United Church of Christ in its mission and program. Please offer to these persons our thanks for their service:

- *Caroline Belsom* (Waiola), UCC Board, Cornerstone Fund Board
- *Eleanore Chong* (Central Union), Habakkuk Group (revising the Manual on Ministry)
- *Frank Jahrling* (Kaumakapili), Retirement Housing Foundation Board of Directors
- *Norma DeSaegher* (Waipahu), Retirement Housing Foundation Board of Directors
- *Kekapa Lee*, Habakkuk Group Reader
- *Donald Schmidt*, Search and Call Working Group
- *Sherman Hee*, Church Building and Loan Fund Loan Committee
- *Charles Buck*, Council on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, United Church Funds Board of Directors, Christian Board of Publication (Chalice Press) Board of Directors

#### **Ecumenical**

*Hawaii Council of Churches Fund:* I continue to represent the UCC as an officer of this ecumenical group, and I host meetings of its board. The Council contributes to the ecumenical life of Hawai‘i by supporting the Interfaith Alliance of Hawai‘i, and by planning and sponsoring two major ecumenical services: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (during the dates of January 18-25) and the Easter Sunrise Service at Punchbowl.

*Mission Partnerships:* Two prospective mission partnerships with the Hawai‘i Conference UCC were proposed this last year.

- The first, proposed by the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), a mission partner of the United Church of Christ since 1983, is with the South Seoul Presbytery. Members of the Presbytery visited Hawai‘i in February, and conversation took place around possible exchanges of youth, women, and clergy. Hawai‘i Conference

representatives are tentatively scheduled to return the visit and continue the dialogue this coming September.

- The second, proposed by UCC and Disciples Global Ministries, is with the Classis East of the Protestant Churches in East Timor. Only preliminary dialogue through Global Ministries has taken place at the time of this writing. Global Ministries is also asking Hawaii Conference to consider direct support of two of their missionaries to East Timor.

In light of these proposals, the Conference Council recently created a Mission Partnership Committee that will be charged with overseeing and guiding these and future relationships with overseas mission partners.

*Multiple Religious Belonging Consultation:* The World Council of Churches and the UCC co-sponsored a consultation in Cleveland this last April to examine how people live out two or more faiths in their lives because of interfaith marriage, indigenous practices, and multi-cultural communities; and how we offer pastoral care in such settings. I attended this consultation and contributed a paper on how multiple religious belonging is played out in Hawai'i. One of the outcomes of the consultation is the intention to hold further conversation and dialogue, including among Pacific and Asian peoples, which could take place in Hawai'i sometime this next year.

### **Conference Staffing**

In April, Associate Conference Minister Diane Weible was elected to be the Conference Minister of the Northern California Nevada Conference (NCNC). We offer our congratulations both to her and the NCNC, and pray that God will bless their collaborative ministry together. Diane concluded her ministry in the Hawai'i Conference on May 20 and began her duties at NCNC on June 8.

On June 1, Richard Kamanu began as Interim Associate Conference Minister. His responsibilities were not fully defined as of the time of this writing, but will certainly include assisting me in working with associations, missional teams, and search and call (churches seeking pastors and pastors seeking churches).

With the Personnel Committee, I am assessing our staffing needs balanced against our budgetary resources. We expect to carry out a search for an associate conference minister sometime in the summer or early fall.

As I always say in these reports, there is so much more that I could say here if space allowed. But the reports that follow tell a lot of that, and our time together both in and out of the 'Aha can be moments for further sharing.

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

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

## CONFERENCE COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Talofa, Aloha!

In this Season of Pentecost, we remind ourselves of the gathering of believers in one place, their awesome experience of being Holy Spirit- filled, and in a sense of being one in the language of the Spirit of God. *“They were all excited, because each one of them heard the believers talking in his own language....speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done” (Acts 2: 6b, 11).*

Our ‘Aha Pae’aina, our gathering as God’s people, our unity in the midst of our diversity would not be possible without the power of the Spirit. As we worship and celebrate the wonders of God in our own tongues and lives, we are being reminded of our place in God’s mission; that we are the bearers of the good news and fellow workers with God to help bring about God’s transformative power of love, peace, compassion, and forgiveness into the world.

Orientation to the roles and responsibilities of new Council members was the highlight of the first meeting back in August. In the morning, we devoted more time on who we are, the tasks ahead of us and what is expected of us. We were blessed with the “Top 10 Board Behaviors” written by Rod Chamberlain that would help guide us on behaviors that we should refrain from that would not serve the purpose of the Hawaii Conference. We were fortunate to have the presence of our General Minister and President, Geoffrey Black, and Karen Georgia Thompson, Minister for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations. They both oriented us to the UCC national setting and ecumenical and interfaith relationships.

The previous Council spent some time reviewing the work of the four Missional Teams. As you know, the mission of the Hawaii Conference is coordinated through these teams and accountable to the Conference Council. This Council entered into a Long Range Planning discussion, coordinated by the Administration Missional Team, to address the following questions: How can the Hawaii Conference and the Hawaii Conference Foundation work together? How do we address the disconnect between the Missional Teams and Association? How do we empower the Associations?

At the February meeting of the Council, we identified seven areas that were felt to be important to the mission of the Conference and Foundation. However, we narrowed these down to two categories: 1) Encouraging churches in growth; 2) Equipping churches for mission. The Administration Missional Team will discuss and propose the next steps and how the new Council will continue the discussion and move toward action.

We were visited in February by a delegation from the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK). Their visit resulted in great interest by the PROK in moving forward with conversations on a partnership. The next step is for a delegation from the Hawai’i Conference to visit the PROK in September 13-22, 2015. At the April meeting, the Council approved the recommendation from our Conference Minister that a committee be created to be accountable to the Administration Missional Team to oversee and guide the Conference’s ecumenical partnerships.

Items approved by the Conference Council in 2014-2015:

- Voted to affirm Kenneth Makuakane as Acting Papa Makua as recommended by the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches.
- Approved the Minutes of the 192nd ‘Aha Pae’aina.
- Approved to establish the dates of June 5-6, 2015, for the ‘Aha Makua of the 193rd ‘Aha Pae’aina to be held at Central Union Church. (This was later changed due to the conflict with the end of school and graduation dates, which could affect participation by youth in the ‘Aha Pae’aina Event and by delegates or visitors attending graduations. See action below.)
- Approved the appointment of the following persons to Missional Teams and Committees:  
*Administration Mission Team:* Rod Chamberlain, Linn Garcia, Iese Tuuao, Joanne Nakashima, Charles Buck, Sherman Hee, Lori Yamashiro;  
*Formation Missional Team:* Aletha Kaohi, Della Kua’ana, Robert Smith, Kimberlee Tong, Kalani Wong;  
*Justice and Witness Missional Team:* Sue Smith, Ellen Carson, Dennis Barger, Taka Harada, Linda Rich, Bonnie Shimatsu;  
*Stewardship Missional Team:* Elwood Kita, Wesley Elmore, Kristen Kawachi, Diane Meyer, Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa, Richard Young;  
*Personnel Committee:* Joanne Nakashima, Dominic Inocelda, Carol Lee, Anne Sadayasu, Debra Wong-Yuen
- To send out Request for Proposals for the FYE2014 audit of Hawai’i Conference United Church of Christ, and to authorize the Audit Committee to review proposals and select an audit firm.
- To elect Joshua Weible, member of Kailua Christian Church, as General Synod delegate (two Synods, four-year term), and Erica Mae Bonilla, member of Pearl City Community Church as alternate delegate (two-Synods, four-year term).
- To establish the dates of June 12-13, 2015, for the ‘Aha Makua of the 193rd ‘Aha Pae’aina to be held at the Pagoda Hotel.
- To appoint Aletha Kaohi to serve a three-year term, beginning January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2017, on the Mabel Wilcox Foundation Distribution Committee.
- To approve the audited Financial Statements and Supplemental Schedules for the Hawai’i Conference of the United Church of Christ and Hawai’i Conference Foundation for June 30, 2014.
- To host the Western Regional Youth Event in Hawai’i in 2018.

The Council also made the following recommendations to the 193rd ‘Aha Pae’aina:

- adoption of the Business Agenda
- adoption of the Rules of Procedure
- approval of the Hawai’i Conference United Church of Christ Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2016
- election of the nominating slate.

Thank you for the honor of serving. Have a Spirit-filled ‘Aha Pae’aina.

Ma le Faaaloalo e tatau ai – Respectfully submitted,

Iese M. Tuuao  
Conference Council Chair

**Report of Associate Conference Minister, Donald Schmidt  
To the 'Aha Pae'aina, 2015**

It feels very different to write this year's report compared to last year; what a difference a year makes!

Since the last 'Aha I have had the privilege of wearing several hats at different times, and I have enjoyed them all.

My first hat is serving as Associate Conference Minister for the Kaua'i Association. I have had the opportunity to visit almost all the churches in one capacity or another, and to participate in installations, retreats, Sunday morning worship, celebrations of ministry, and times of talking story. I am proud that this "little" association is, per capita, the largest giver to Our Church's Wider Mission, and encourage all our Conference churches to participate in that. It makes a difference. Thank you.

My second hat is my work with the Stewardship Missional Team. In addition to attending monthly meetings, I have led several workshops, worked on some of our promotional materials, and helped tell the story of what we can all do in our churches when we dedicate ourselves to Christian stewardship.

My third hat is the creation and maintaining of the new "Learning Opportunities" page on our website. This is a place where we are trying to list any and all learning opportunities either here in Hawai'i or online. We might be geographically isolated from the rest of the world, but we can still participate in some world class learning opportunities. Check it out at [www.hcucc.org](http://www.hcucc.org), go to "Resources" and then click "Learning Opportunities."

Lastly is the partial hat I wore in 2014 of "shadowing" Rev. Diane Weible in her work with the O'ahu Association. This gave me a chance to observe numerous different situations in the life of the local church, as well as to learn perhaps just a few of the many things Diane has learned in her years here. I'll miss her, and I wish her well!

I love my work. I love the opportunity you have given me to be in ministry in this way, and I look forward to continuing this work on your behalf.



Donald Schmidt  
Associate Conference Minister

## **Report from Associate Conference Minister Diane Weible**

This year has been another full one filled with transitions...with more to come! As you are reading this, I have begun my work as Conference Minister of the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ and have said my good-byes to many of you after eleven and a half years in Hawai'i and after nine years on the staff of the Hawai'i Conference. It is a bittersweet time for me, and I offer you words of mahalo and aloha for all the ways you have supported me in my work as Communications Minister and then as Associate Conference Minister. I would not be where I am today without your support and without all the experiences that have shaped me. I thank God for those experiences and for each one of you!

Following last year's 'Aha Pae'aina I continued my work with the 'Aha O Nā Moku'āina 'O Maui, Moloka'i Ame Lāna'i (Tri-Isle Association) and with the O'ahu Association. I was also staff for the Justice and Witness Missional Team.

I am very thankful to the Board Presidents and Church and Ministry Committee Chairs I have worked with this year: Diane Meyer and Aileen Trout of Maui, and JP Sabbithi and Anne Findlay-Chamberlain of O'ahu. And, of course, I continue to thank God for the ministry of each of the members of the boards and committees who have so faithfully carried out the work of the Associations.

Justice and Witness Missional Team, under the leadership of Chair Sue Smith, has worked hard this past year to identify the justice issues that our Hawai'i Conference churches would like to see addressed. We recognize that there is no shortage of ministries and mission that needs our attention but identifying those initial areas was important to make sure that we keep moving forward in the work of justice ministries. Resource material for worship and study has been posted on the website to coordinate with the special Sundays identified in the UCC Desk Calendar. Resources materials for the Hawai'i Conference Kalaupapa Sunday in January are also posted there.

The Team has started a webinar series to address important justice issues in our communities. The series was launched in February with the first webinar on the subject of the Affordable Care Act. A webinar on how faith communities can help with the issue of homelessness was held in March. Future webinars will be publicized in the *Coconut Wireless* and posted on the Hawai'i Conference website. Recordings of the webinars are posted on the Justice and Witness resource page of the Conference website.

Communication is a key to being in relationship with one another and I continue to value the chance to share the stories of our churches, the ministry we do individually, and the ministry we do together through our communication vehicles: *The Friend*, *Coconut Wireless*, website, and even through Facebook and Twitter. The staff worked hard this past year to redesign our

website, and we hope that the new format will make finding resources and information more intuitive. Feedback on how to improve is always welcomed so we can all feel connected as Christ's disciples doing ministry and mission together.

I have been so thankful for opportunities to visit churches, especially for Sunday worship. Not only did I get to meet the members, but I found a special joy in offering praise and thanks to God as we worshipped together and listened for God's stillspeaking voice among us.

As I bid you all farewell I again give God thanks and praise for our time together. I look forward to seeing some of you at wider church gatherings and will continue to pray for all of you, our churches, our Associations and the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ.

Blessings and aloha,

Diane Weible, Associate Conference Minister



**Kenneth Makuakāne, Acting Papa Makua  
Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches  
2015 Annual Report**

Aloha mai kākou,

Since last year's 'Aha Pae'āina, June 3-7, 2014, there has been much happening in our churches around the state.

Charlene Taketa was called to lay leadership as Kahu Pono for Lanakila Church. Her recognition service was held on June 28th. David Kieffer was granted dual standing and installed at Lili'uokalani Church on November 22nd. Jeff Crews was called to Waiola Church and installed during the AHEC Spring Hālāwai on February 21st. Wendi Gordon was granted dual standing and installed at Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church on May 2nd.

Kahu Nancietta Ha'alilio ended her ministry work at Pukaana Church in October 2014. Kahu Richard Kamanu completed his tenure at Kaumakapili Church on April 5, 2015. David Kieffer's call agreement with Lili'uokalani Church ended on April 1, 2015.

My church visitations included Kawaiaha'o, Olowalu, Pā'ia, Kaulanapueo, Pukaana, 'Imiola, Keawala'i, Ho'olehua, Kalaiakamanu Hou, Waiālua, Kaluaaha, Keolahou, Kaumakapili, Ola'a, Kauahā'ao, Hau'ula, Waiola, Kalapana Maunakea, Ka'ahumanu, and 'Opihikao churches. I also visited our sister UCC churches: Waiokeola, Community Church of Honolulu, and Waiālua churches on O'ahu.

Kahu Donald Schmidt and I held several workshops on how to create a more "Expressive Worship Service." I also did a "Vision Workshop" to help churches refocus their purpose and mission. I assisted in coordinating the Church Leader's Event, the Clergy Retreat, and the Fall Youth Camp.

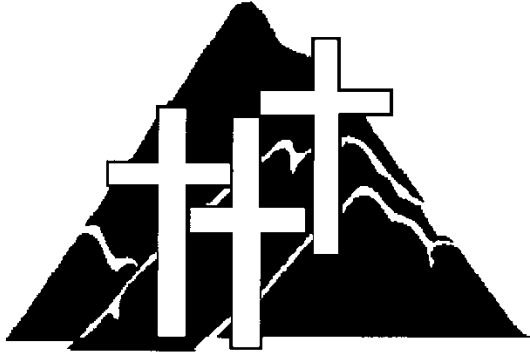
I conducted three funeral services for church members or their family.

I attended the AM21 Convention in Savannah, Georgia. It was an authorized ministry conference for conference and associate conference ministers that deals with the Search and Call process for ministry.

In April, I attended a Regional Theological Education Program incubation meeting in Cleveland to discuss an action plan to develop and enhance alternate paths to authorized ministry.

It is a constant blessing to be able to serve the Lord,

Kenneth Makuakāne



**‘Aha O Nā Mokupuni ‘O Maui,  
Moloka‘i Ame Lāna‘i  
2015 Annual Report  
Diane Meyer, President**

As we continue the journey at the Tri-Isle Association, we need to pause and recognize the many blessing our God has showered upon us. We

have had very lively and interesting Aha Makua gatherings this year starting with the September meeting at Po‘okela Church where we were blessed with opening worship by the youth who attended the Western Regional Youth Event in Seattle, followed by an inspiring message from missionary Martha Mensendieck, who serves in Japan. She challenged us to find the mission field where we are and share the Good News.

Our business included the endorsement of our continuing education program that we call Equipping Tomorrow’s Church Leaders (ETCL). Schedules were made available to all of the Mokupuni folks.

The Winter Mokupuni held on January 17, 2015, on the island of Lana‘i saw 45 of us on the ferry from Maui to Lana‘i to witness and celebrate the installation of Rev. Sarah Jones as Pastor for Lana‘i Union Church. The day included a visit to the Lana‘i Culture and Heritage Center to give us a better appreciation for the small but ever-changing island so close to us. Many whales were out to greet us as we sailed. and we were reminded again of God’s creation and grace to us.

Our ETCL workshops have been educational and effective in bringing us together to learn more about God’s work. The first workshop in November was on Worship and as we prepared for Advent it gave us deep reflection on the upcoming season. Boundary Training was held for Clergy in January, and in March we were led by Dr. Randi Walker from Pacific School of Religion in the topics of History of Christianity and also of the UCC. Great insights emerged into the struggles and barriers that the Church overcame throughout the ages since Jesus left us to carry on his work. In spite of wars and persecution the gospel message survived and spread because of faithful and courageous followers of Jesus Christ.

Our focus on Youth Ministry supported twelve youth (four from Moloka‘i) in attending the Western Regional Youth Event in Seattle. The group led a worship event in Seattle and again at our fall Makua meeting at Po‘okela Church. A retreat for youth was held in May through the support of a grant to the Pacific Island Youth Empowerment Network.

We have celebrated installations and recognitions of our pastors and licensed ministers. Recognition services for licensed ministers Miguel Morales of Maui Evangelical Church and Richard Miller of Kana‘ana Hou-Siloama Church in Kalaupapa were held. Installation of Rev. Sarah Jones as Pastor of Lana‘i Union Church and ecclesiastical council for Rev. Danette Kong took place. We have passed some policies to streamline our scholarship application process and leave of absence guidelines. We have had faithful guidance from our ACM Diane Weible, who

will be leaving us for new pastures as Conference Minister of the Northern California Nevada Conference. We wish her well in her new role and know that she will be a blessing to all with whom she works.

I want to thank the faithful officers of the Association: Kealahou Alike who writes beautiful minutes and makes sense of our sometimes disjointed discussions, and Dave Schlicher, as vice-president who was always available to lend a hand when we needed him. As our elected treasurer resigned early on, I assumed that role as well as that of president. This dual job will end very soon, but it's been an enlightening experience to be a part of the inner workings of the Association as well as attending the Conference Council meetings on O'ahu. I want to urge you that if you are asked to assume a role in your church or in the association, do it!! Say "Here I am Lord," and you will be greatly blessed.

Finally, I want to thank all you Tri-Isle Association members who have responded to our calls to participate in the Makua meetings and other events and serve as needed. The verse in I Peter 2:9 that describes us as "a chosen people" is not to give us a superiority complex, but to emphasize that through God's love and grace we can do more than we could ever imagine. May God continue to richly bless us all.

**Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches  
2015 Annual Report of the Luna Ho‘omalū**

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!" (Ephesians 3:20-21)*

Greetings to you from the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches (AHEC) in the beautiful name of our Savior Jesus Christ! This Bible verse reminds us to have faith in a loving God who can do more for us than we can even imagine. I don't know about you, but I can imagine a lot of blessings. It amazes me that God is even bigger than my wildest dreams!

The past year has been filled with blessings and challenges for AHEC. A new group of officers took over last summer, and we promptly had two hurricanes blow away our first Board of Directors meeting and the Fall Halawai. This did not slow us down much as our Spring Halawai at Waiola Church on Maui exceeded our wildest expectations! Lots of singing, testimonies, laughter and true fellowship filled the weekend. The spontaneous tour of the Royal Tomb and cemetery was incredible. This Halawai has truly been a highlight so far!

Speaking of highlights, let me summarize the things going on in AHEC this past year:

- \* We had three installations of Kahu in our AHEC churches. Rev. David Kiefer became a part of Liliu‘okalani Church on O‘ahu. Rev. Jeffrey Crews was installed at Waiola Church during our Spring Halawai. Rev. Wendi Gordon was installed at Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church on O‘ahu.
- \* We are having an ongoing discussion of Vision within AHEC. A workshop was held at the Spring Halawai to discern a ministry direction for our Association. There were three areas that rose as priorities. The number one thing on our collective hearts was reviving a Music focus. Possible Song Contests, Youth Choirs, and resurrecting old music from closets were some ideas we are pursuing. In our Hawaiian hymnal on page 46, there is a quote from *The Friend*: "The choirs are bringing the youth back into our association. Nothing else has done it....It is worth all that the choirs expend if they help us hold the Hawaiian youth to the church." This quote from 1926 gives us encouragement that there are solutions that have worked in the past to issues we are still facing. The secondary focus had to do with inter-generational activities. A possible Kupuna date night with keiki/opio was a popular idea. The third highest priority was promoting our Kalawina values such as the family ‘Ohana experience.
- \* The Bylaws have been a frequent topic of conversation. In 2011, there was a great team that did good work, but in the years since we are discovering that refinement is necessary in certain areas. Gaining clarity with Pastoral standing in its various forms, struggling with the process of calling a settled Papa Makua, defining our relationship with the State Council of Hawaiian Churches, and sharpening the process of choosing Committee Chairs are some of the important things that consume our energy.

These are some of the things that our association is involved in. God has blessed us financially to be stable and be able to give some assistance to our churches through grant programs. We are grateful for the good work the Foundation does on our behalf. I also want to give a personal thanks to Christine Nu‘uhiwa and our Acting Papa Makua, Ken Makuakane. Their dedication and efficiency make many good things happen for our churches!

Blessings, Luna Ho‘omalū Kahu Brian Welsh

**Hawai‘i Island Association  
United Church of Christ  
President's Report to the 193<sup>rd</sup> ‘Aha Pae‘aina**

Aloha one and all,

*Mokta jen bar men otemjej, jen lelok Nebar im Kamolol ñôn Ar Iroj ilo Loñ kin juôn in Iien emmôn im jej maroñ ibendron ilo kein ka 193 alin an walok ‘Aha Pae‘aina eo an Hawai‘i Conference UCC.*

Before anything else we want to extend our gratitude to God in Heaven for this good time that we can come together in fellowship at the 193<sup>rd</sup> ‘Aha Pae‘aina of the Hawai‘i Conference UCC.

There have been several new changes in the makeup of our Hawai‘i Island Association (HIA-UCC) congregations:

- Rev. Jeff Glass has returned to the Big Island after serving as Interim Minister to Church of the Pacific on Kaua‘i and now serves as our West Hawai‘i Representative.
- Lanakila Congregational Church held a Service of Recognition for Kahu Charlene Taketa as the licensed minister for their congregation on June 28, 2014.
- HIA-UCC installed the Rev. David De Carvalho as the Pastor of Mokuaikaua Church in Kailua-Kona on August 16, 2014.
- Rev. Ruth Farrell, Chaplain of Kamehameha Schools Hawai‘i and Chair of our Church and Ministry Committee, went to the mainland to serve as Interim Minister in Pennsylvania.
- Rev. John Hoover was named as the new Church and Ministry Committee Chair.
- Pu‘ula United Church of Christ held a Service of Recognition for Kahu Diane Hultman as the licensed minister for their congregation on March 14, 2015.
- Mary Olney-Loyd ended her work as Interim Pastor of Church of the Holy Cross in Hilo on April 15, 2015.

Sue Smith, Moderator of Church of the Holy Cross and Secretary of the HIA-UCC Executive Board, has helped to introduce the new Justice & Witness Missional Team newsletter. We are all grateful for her dedicated work to bring this important effort to fruition, and we all look forward to keeping up with their important function.

By the time you read this message, our Spring ‘Aha Mokupuni will have been held this year at Imiola Congregational Church in Waimea on the Big Island of Hawai‘i on April 25<sup>th</sup>. How good it is to see Imiola becoming more active with our Hawai‘i Island Association. We will also have had our elections and the ratification of our new officers and returning members of our Executive Board as well as a regular business meeting, and special workshop on what happens at our UCC General Synod.

We look forward to sharing fellowship with all of you and learning what has been going on all over the State since we last came together for the Annual ‘Aha Pae‘aina of the Hawai‘i Conference United Church of Christ.

Mahalo and God Bless us all,

Dr. Keola G.A. Downing, Ph. D.,

President of the Hawai‘i Island Association UCC

## **KAUA'I ASSOCIATION OF UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (KAUCC)**

### **President's Annual Report**

Aloha!

It has been such a rewarding year for me to serve as President of the Kaua'i Association of United Church of Christ. I have gained a lifetime of good memories by participating in all of the events during this past year. Some of the highlights of this year are as follows:

It was our first year of funding the Kaua'i Island-Wide Youth & Young Adult Coordinator's position. The program has really flourished and is in full swing with the wonderful programs and participation from our youth. Thanks to Kahu Rennie Mau on a job well done. At our Spring 'Aha Mokupuni, held at Lihue United Church on April 24 & 25, 2015, the KAUCC voted to extend the position for another year. Our youth will become the life of our churches. Let us all support them with the help of our Lord.

We held our Fall 'Aha Mokupuni at Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church on November 2, 2014. It was well attended and the program, fellowship and dinner received nothing but good comments from all who attended. A great mahalo to Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church and their committees on a job well done.

We held a special meeting on November 25, 2014, with guest speaker, Beverly Tobias, Chairperson of Kauai County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster. She shared an overview of the work of the local VOAD organization and how it fits into the larger VOAD of the state and national work, how it would work here on Kauai in case of disaster. She challenged the KAUCC to explore what area they would feel was their gift and be ready in time of a disaster to share that gift with the larger community.

In February 2015, the By-Laws Committee met to revise the KAUCC By-Laws. The changes were mailed to each church and at our Spring 'Aha Mokupuni, the KAUCC voted to ratify the By-Laws revisions.

Our Spring 'Aha Mokupuni held at Lihue United Church with the theme, "Ho'omau to Renew, Continue and Persevere," was well attended. We had fourteen churches participate in the 'Aha Mele on Friday night. We have such a talented group of churches in our association as they all performed well. Also our meeting had 13 churches in attendance. I'm happy to report that all the positions for next year's 2015-2016 officers and committees are filled and the KAUCC is in good hands and ready to start the year (2015-16) renewed with new energy to continue the work of our Lord and to persevere in the mission of our association.

The KAUCC would like to give thanks to Kahu Nani Hill of Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church, Kahu James Fung of Lihue Christian Church, and Reverend Phyllis Meighen of Hanapepe United Church of Christ for their many years of service to their respective churches. We wish them well in their retirement. We also wish to thank Reverend Wesley Elmore for his 14 years of service at Lihue United Church as he will be moving on to a new church in California in June 2015. Aloha `Oe Reverend Wesley, until we meet again.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors, as well as all the different committees and all the churches in our association for your loving support during this year. Also a big mahalo to Reverend Donald Schmidt, our Associate Conference Minister, for always being there in helping to make my job a lot easier during this past year. The Association appreciates all the support we get from the HCUCC during this year. God bless you all.

With Service to Our Lord,

Russell Maeda, President  
Kaua'i Association of United Church of Christ

## **Report of the O‘ahu Association**

*The vision of the O‘ahu Association is called to be a community of churches and authorized ministers covenanted in Jesus Christ to celebrate and proclaim the reign of God in word and deed.*

**Congregations:** There are approximately fifty congregations in covenant with the United Church of Christ through the O‘ahu Association.

**Ministers and Members in Discernment:** As of today, we have 89 ministers in good standing including ministers in dual standing and licensed, recognized partner minister and ordained ministerial partners. We have 11 members in discernment (MID).

**Gatherings:** Our clergy continue to meet every second Tuesday for fellowship and continuing education. We thank Rev. Diane Weible for arranging those meetings. The clergy gatherings have been a time of worship, fellowship and learning. Associate conference ministers thoughtfully arrange continuing education for clergy during these gatherings.

The Fall ‘Aha Mokupuni was held on November 15 at Nu‘uanu Congregational Church. Rev. Aldean Miles, Chaplain of Pacific Health Ministry serving at Queen’s Medical Center, led us in a seminar on “Domestic and Spiritual Abuse.” The seminar included how scripture can be used to abuse the vulnerable and highlighted how some religious people could abuse the scripture. The presentation was well received by the participants.

## **Report from the Church and Ministry Committee**

In addition to the important business of maintaining the standing of our authorized ministers, the following is a summary of significant events this past year:

### **Ecclesiastical Councils:**

1. Cindy Au
2. Joshua Hayashi
3. Frances Wong

### **Ordination and Installation:**

The Rev. Cindy Au was ordained on September 27, 2015. By the time this report comes to your hands, we anticipate two more of our Members in Discernment will be approved for ordination and will have been ordained.

### **Installations:**

1. The Rev. Phil Reller at Pearl City Community Church on September 7
2. The Rev. Jun Lagon at Filipino UCC on January 25
3. The Rev. David Rivers at Central Union Church on January 31

### **Polity Classes for UCC Polity and History:**

1. Three classes offered prior to the 2014 ‘Aha



2. Four classes offered at other times throughout the year

**Churches Exploring Covenant Development:**

1. Chuukese Community Church of Christ
2. Tuvalu Fou Church of Hawaii
3. Door of Faith
4. Shechem Church

**Boundary Training and Continuing Education Policy:**

The Board of Directors reviewed and approved (with some changes) policies submitted by the Church and Ministry Committee. A subcommittee to help educate the churches and authorized ministers has been created. The Spring 'Aha Mokupuni included conversation around these new policies. The sub-committee will also be looking into the logistics for implementing these policies and how to publicize continuing education opportunities for clergy.

**Support to Clergy:**

1. Retired Ministers' Luncheon in September
2. MID Luncheon in December
3. Periodic Support Consultations
4. Fitness Review

The O'ahu Association is grateful for the dedicated work of the Church and Ministry Committee for their efforts to support the clergy and the members in the discernment in their personal and professional development.

**Report from the Scholarship Committee**

During the year, the O'ahu Association granted three scholarships to members in discernment to help offset the costs of their seminary education. On behalf of the members in discernment, the board expresses gratefulness for the generous support of all congregations and individuals.

To God be the glory!

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dr. JP Sabbithi, President  
O'ahu Association United Church of Christ

# Administration Missional Team Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ

## 2014-2015 Report



**Including: Charles Buck, Rod Chamberlain (chair), Linn Garcia, Sherman Hee, Iese Tuuao, Joanne Nakashima, and Lori Yamashiro.**

The Administration Missional Team (AMT) met four times this year - August 6, 2014, October 1, 2014, January 7, 2015 and March 4, 2015 around its four key functions (listed below). The key functions of each of the missional teams can be found at:

[http://www.hcucc.org/?page\\_id=25#!after-quick-links---missional-teams/c1659](http://www.hcucc.org/?page_id=25#!after-quick-links---missional-teams/c1659)

These functions framed the work of the Administration Missional Team through-out the year - with the following outcomes.

- Checking on how well our **By-laws are working**:
  - There were no pressing changes for the by-laws (it was decided to not resubmit last June's recommend change, however, a lesson learned from the 2014 'Aha Pae'aina was that the workshop should have been done as a plenary or recapped on Saturday).
  - The issue of the strategic direction of the Conference did emerge - and through three sessions with the HCUCC Council, a number of next steps have emerged which will be presented at the June 2015 'Aha Pae'aina.
- Reviewing our **projected Budget** for HCUCC Council action:
  - The draft '15-'16 budget was developed then aligned with the budget created separately by the Hawai'i Conference Foundation. A balanced budget was recommended to Council on April 11, 2015 - and unanimously approved for 'Aha Pae'aina action.
  - A key issue remains addressing the need for the Endowment to last in perpetuity. A next step is creating a HCUCC-HCF joint task force to project a three to five year budget rather than continuing with only a one year approach.
- Reviewing **Personnel** issues:
  - After reviewing nominees from churches, the AMT recommended Joshua Weible as the 11th delegate to the General Synod and Erica Mae Bonilla as the alternate - which was approved by the HCUCC Council at its November meeting.
  - The revised '15-'16 budget was developed which will support the expected transition of new staff with the HCUCC.
- Reviewing **pending resolutions or legal/audit issues**, including:
  - Kahikolu Church received \$30,000 as a contribution from the Conference and

Foundation for their legal fees. The judge agreed with the facts of the finding but could not do a summary ruling therefore it will go to a hearing.

- With the recent visit by the PROK, and the invitation to visit South Korea this fall, it was determined that an ecumenical partnership sub-committee housed in the AMT needs to be created. This option was discuss at the April HCUCC Council.

Members of the AMT welcome the opportunity to provide clarification or details as needed.

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The key function and mission of the Formation Missional Team (FMT) is to be an action agency to develop programs for the Conference, Youth, Congregations, and Clergy. Our mission is to cultivate new spiritual leaders, develop resources to attract and mentor candidates and those who are in discernment, inspire youth through conference camps and events, and plan educational and training opportunities for pastors and lay leaders.

Team Members:

Bill Haole	Kawaiaha‘o Church, O‘ahu
Aletha Kaohi, Chair	Hanapepe Hawaiian Congregational Church, Kaua‘i
Della Kua‘ana	Kahikuonalani UCC, O‘ahu
Bob Smith	Church of the Pacific, Kaua‘i
Kalei Tong	Ola‘a First Hawaiian, Hawai‘i
Kalani Wong	Kamehameha Schools–Maui

Support Staff: Charles Buck, Ken Makuakane, Donald Schmidt, Diane Weible, and Lori Yamashiro.

The members identified four (4) areas which are their primary kuleana (responsibility). Members were assigned to one of the four areas or a specific task within an area. The Alaka‘i (leader) will oversee their formation, work with staff, and report to the team. Support staff is resource to the team. Following are the four Formations:

Formation of the Conference: *Alaka‘i–Aletha Kaohi & Lori Yamashiro*  
2015 ‘Aha Pae‘aina: ‘Aha Iki–Hawaiian Organizations Annual Meetings, and ‘Aha Makua–Hawai‘i Conference UCC Annual Meeting.

‘Aha Iki will meet at Kawaiaha‘o Church, June 10 & 11. Planning Committee chair is Bill Haole, member of the FMT. *Alaka‘i: Bill Haole & Della Kua‘ana*

‘Aha Makua will meet at the Pagoda Hotel, June 12 & 13. Theme: Ho‘āla Hou I Huliau (To reawaken within so that a meaningful transformation can take place).

Key note speaker: Toni Bissen, Pū‘ā Foundation’s Executive Director. Pū‘ā will conduct a workshop, “From Trauma to Transformation.”

Formation of the Youth: *Alaka‘i– Kalani Wong, Charles Buck, Diane Weible, Ken Makuakane*  
Coordinate ‘Aha Pae‘aina Youth Event and Fall Camp on O‘ahu.  
Invitation extended to hold the Western Regional Youth Conference in Hawai‘i in 2018.

Formation of the Congregations: *Alaka‘i–Lori Yamashiro & Della Kua‘ana*  
Church Leaders Event: Mahalo to Nu‘uanu Congregational Church members for hosting this event for many years.

Formation of Clergy: *Alaka‘i–Bob Smith & Charles Buck*  
Clergy Retreat, an annual event held in March in Kona.

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Mahalo nui loa to all the team members, present and past, who have served for the past four (4) years under my leadership.

Submitted by: Aletha G. Kaohi, Chair

## Justice and Witness Missional Team

Members of the team are: Bonnie Shimatsu, Hanapepe Hawaiian Church (Kauai); Taka Harada, Keawalai Congregational Church (Maui); Dennis Barger, Keolahou Congregational Church (Maui); Ellen Carson, Church of the Crossroads (Oahu); Linda Rich, Church of the Crossroads (Oahu); Team Chair Suzanne Smith, Church of the Holy Cross (Hawaii). We encourage others to join our team. We meet via phone conference once a month. Please contact Suzanne Smith at [sesmith@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:sesmith@hawaii.rr.com) for information or should you have any questions.

The team conducted an on-line survey to gather information on justice and witness activities currently being done in congregations and those areas of justice and witness where churches would like more information.

- The top justice and witness activities where our congregations are involved include:
  1. Food pantry, feeding programs;
  2. Support for families in need;
  3. Domestic violence and bullying;
  4. Outreach to those who are homeless or in transitional housing;
  5. Care of God's earth—malama the earth.
- From the congregations surveyed, more information was requested on:
  1. Support for those in need;
  2. Domestic violence and bullying;
  3. Care of God's earth;
  4. Environmental justice, including A-bomb pollution and climate change effects on island nations;
  - and 5. Inclusiveness, cultural sensitivity, equity and redress.

Communications available from the Justice and Witness team:

- Justice and Witness page on the Conference website at <http://www.hcucc.org/#!/after-jw-worship-resources/c1mod>
- Articles in *The Friend* highlighting Justice and Witness programs in the islands
- Newsletter that can be used as a bulletin insert on upcoming events, etc.
- *Coconut Wireless* announcements of Justice and Witness activities
- Facebook Justice and Witness page with activities, links and upcoming events
- Materials for special Sundays to be used in worship or for study are located on the Conference website at <http://www.hcucc.org/#!/justice-and-witness-resources/c1669>

Justice and Witness provides webinar sessions from experts in the field on justice and witness issues. They are online and provide visuals (slides) and audio. Questions can be asked via messaging that is part of the application. Webinars are announced in the *Coconut Wireless* with a link to the webinar.

- Seminars held to date
  - Affordable Care Act ("Obamacare"): What It Means for You
  - Homelessness in Hawai'i and the Sit/Lie Law
  - Churches response to sexual abuse and violence on our campuses
- Upcoming topics: Sustainability and our carbon footprint

Recordings are available to be played for study and committee meetings via the Justice and Witness resources on the HCUCS web site: <http://www.hcucc.org/#!/after-jw-worship-resources/c1mod>

The Justice and Witness Team's mission includes equipping congregations with resources. In our troubled times, prayers and meditations for justice are often needed. Some resources for use in worship, committee meetings, small groups, newsletters, etc., are available at: <http://www.globalministries.org/resources/worship-resources/>. Open the More Info tab under the current week's prayer to see prayers and materials to use for worship and prayer support for those in other countries under stress in troubled times.

May Christ's peace be with you,

Sue Smith

Chair, Justice and Witness Missional Team

## **Stewardship Missional Team Report for the 193<sup>rd</sup> ‘Aha Pae‘āina**

Members of the Stewardship Missional Team:

Woody Kita (Hawai‘i), Chair, Rev. Wesley Elmore (Kaua‘i), Kristen Kawachi (O‘ahu),  
Richard Young (O‘ahu), Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa (O‘ahu), Diane Meyer (Tri-Isle)  
HCUCC staff: Rev. Charles Buck, Rev. Donald Schmidt, Lori Yamashiro  
Hawai‘i Conference Foundation: Sherman Hee

Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM) participation is one of the major focuses of the team, encouraging all churches to be a part of the United Church of Christ’s mission in Hawai‘i and the world. Sharing information on how OCWM provides the support for conference activities is provided in short acknowledgements by conference staff at planned activities (e.g. Leaders’ Event, training, meetings, services). The Christian Investment Grant and Henry Opukaha‘ia Scholarship applications have been amended to acknowledge OCWM support. Recognition of Five for Five churches continues to lift up fully participating churches.

Support for the Hawai‘i Conference through the Friends of the Conference annual appeal has grown using a larger base of members. Richard Young has been instrumental in developing resources for this project.

The team administers the Christian Investment Grants, which primarily provides seed funds to help churches provide outreach projects in their community, and the Henry Opukaha‘ia Scholarship, which provides clergy support for seminary, postgraduate and continuing education.

Christian Investment Grants approved:

- Waimea UCC—Hou Kumulipo Bible Study community outreach
- Windward UCC—New Beginnings Assessment/Creating Transformational Leadership in Hawai‘i (potentially a model for other churches)
- Lana‘i Union Church—Youth Camp

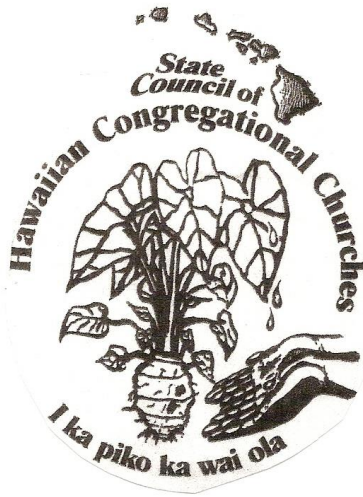
Henry Opukaha‘ia Scholarships approved:

- Rev. Diane Weible—Chicago Theological Seminary course
- Clergy Retreat—Rev. Wayne Higa, Rev. Nofotolu Alo, Rev. Sarah Jones and Rev. Sugalu Timoteo

There are two new areas that the team will pursue. 1) reflecting on General Synod resolutions on alternative energy and collaborative work started with the Hawai‘i Conference Foundation Alternative Energy Ad Hoc Committee. A developing role is as an information conduit on alternatives and resources. 2) Exploring Planned Giving initiatives chaired by Rev. Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa will take the team into the new year. Planned giving will create additional support for the conference and provide education for churches on growing their own support base.

“The Stewardship Missional Team invites all members of the Hawai‘i Conference to live as stewards of God’s abundance, not managers of scarcity. To this end the work of the team centers on nurturing the fruits of the Spirit and the gifts of grace of people in every local church and encouraging the sharing of human, financial and property resources in order to enable the mission of the Hawai‘i Conference” (Key Functions of the Stewardship Missional Team).





**Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ  
193<sup>rd</sup> 'Aha Pae'aina**

**'Aha Makua  
(Annual Meeting)  
June 13, 2015**

**President's Annual Report**

Greetings in the name of our Lord!

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches (SCHCC) is ALIVE and marching onward. Mahalo ke Akua!

**Our Officers** - Kahu Kealahou Alike, Vice President; Aletha Kaohi, Secretary; Frank Mulec, Treasurer; Sharon Matsuyama, Advisor.

**Our Board of Directors** – Harry Aiu, West Hawai'i; Frank Mulec, East Hawai'i; Aileen Trout, Maui; Kelson Namahoe, East Maui Hawaiian Ministry; Pat Kikukawa, Molokai-Topside; Della Kua'ana, O'ahu; Isaiah Kaauwai, Kaua'i; Kahu Richard Kamanu, William Keliioomalu Scholarship Fund Chair; Kahu Brian Welsh, AHEC; Toni Bissen, Executive Director – Pū'ā Foundation; Reverend Dr. Charles Buck, Conference Minister; Kahu Pono Kenneth Makuakane, Acting Papa Makua; Stanley Lum, Resource Person.

The State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches continues to advocate for all churches of the United Church of Christ in Hawai'i that are Hawaiian in character and spirit.

There have been many issues discussed at the Board of Director's meetings, some old, some new.....a few ongoing. Many have been resolved, but there are some still being discussed.

We continue to be aware of our kuleana as assigned custodians of funding, currently available, through the Repairs and Maintenance of Small Membership Hawaiian Churches, The Kahu Richard Wong Endowment and the William Keliioomalu Scholarship.

The Island Council Representatives, as shown above, may be contacted for more detailed information on all issues discussed at the State Council Board of Directors Meetings. We look forward to more active participation from our member churches.

Blessings,

*Boyd Matsuyama*

Boyd Matsuyama  
President

**Personnel Committee  
2014-2015 Annual Report**

The Personnel Committee considered the following areas in this 2014-2015 year:

1. Review of the first six months of the work of Associate Conference Minister Donald Schmidt. He adapted quickly to serving the areas of assignment by providing leadership and enthusiasm for the Hawai'i Conference's opportunities through various roles for service.
2. With mixed feelings we say Aloha and Mahalo to Associate Conference Minister Diane Weible as she leaves to be the Conference Minister in the Northern California Nevada Conference. She will be missed in the Hawai'i Conference, and we recognize each area that she covered with hours of continuous energy finding ways to encourage all of us. Our congratulations to her selection as Conference Minister. They are a fortunate Conference.
3. Staffing:  
As a search process is being planned, staffing changes in the interim includes:
  - a. The Rev. Richard Kamanu joined the Hawai'i Conference Staff on June 1, 2015, as Interim Associate Conference Minister.
  - b. Assignments of current staff have been revised.
4. The annual evaluations for Rev. Charles Buck and Sherman Hee are in process.

The support received from the Conference staff was most valuable. Mahalo to Rev. Charles Buck, Sherman Hee, Lori Yamashiro, Council Chair Iese Tuuao, and Vice-Chair David Iha.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Nakashima, Chair  
Dominic Inocelda  
Carol Lee  
Anne Sadayasu  
Debbie Wong Yuen

## Conference Committee on Ministry

### Report to the 193rd ‘Aha Pae‘aina

The Conference Committee on Ministry, an advisory body to the Conference Council and the Church and Ministry Committees of the five Associations, is charged in the Conference’s Bylaws with recommending policy, program and resources related to the issues of standing for churches and ministers. The Committee, convened by the Conference Minister, is composed of the five chairs of each Association Church and Ministry Committee and the Associate Conference Ministers.

Members of the Committee this last year were: Michael Warren (AHEC), Naomi Hamamura (Kaua‘i), Anne Findlay-Chamberlain (O‘ahu), Ruth Farrell (Hawai‘i Island), Aileen Trout (Tri-Isle), Diane Weible, Donald Schmidt, Kenneth Makuakane, and Charles Buck.

The Committee met once this last year in December 2014, and the following were discussed with outcomes as noted.

- Two associations have passed policies that require or will soon require ministers to do continuing education and professional development. It was suggested that all clergy would benefit from a catalog of courses that are offered by associations, conference, seminaries, training institutes, etc. that would help ministers and churches identify courses that meet needs and goals. As a result, a “Learning Opportunities” page has been created on the Conference website, and this is updated on a regular basis.
- Members in Discernment (candidates for ministry) use the “Marks of Faithful and Effective Authorized Ministers” in their preparation for authorized ministry. How to use the Marks effectively was discussed, including the use of journals and portfolios to document progress or attainment.
- Ecclesiastical councils are carried out in various ways around the UCC to deal with a common problem: attaining quorum. Thought was given to the idea of having church and ministry committees act as an ecclesiastical council on behalf of the association, as is practiced in a number of associations. One advantage of this is that the committee is in a better position to track a candidate’s progress toward and attainment of the marks for ministry. The chairs agreed to ask their respective committees this question and report back results at the next meeting: *Should the church and ministry committee and association board together convene as an ecclesiastical council on behalf of the Association? And could all-association gatherings, such as ‘Aha Mokupuni, be used, instead and afterwards, for the “showcase” of successful candidates, that is, a setting for those approved for ordination to share their ministerial gifts through a sermon, workshop, worship planning, etc.?*
- Conference ministers in the Western Region (eight conferences) have discussed the possibility of regionalizing fitness reviews as a way of addressing issues of cost, training and time required for these specialized processes. In Hawai‘i, these same issues exist for associations, and there might be benefit to having a single conference-wide committee for fitness reviews. The chairs will discuss this proposal and bring back comments and reactions to the next meeting.

Charles C. Buck, Convenor

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Balance Sheet

As of 3/31/2015

(In Whole Numbers)

	6/30/2014	3/31/2015	YTD Change
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash	119,332	78,449	(40,884)
Investments (Restricted Funds)	1,508,575	1,465,328	(43,247)
Receivables - Foundation	23,618	22,144	(1,474)
Receivables - Church Health Premiums	16,682	33,307	16,625
Receivables - Associations	2,534	1,485	(1,049)
Receivables - Other	5,628	4,947	(681)
Prepays	18,507	19,025	518
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>1,694,875</b>	<b>1,624,683</b>	<b>(70,192)</b>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Land	1,100	1,100	0
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,695,975</b>	<b>1,625,783</b>	<b>(70,192)</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	32,818	96,123	63,305
Accrued Liabilities	85,536	75,118	(10,418)
Church Health Premiums Payable	14,321	33,759	19,438
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>132,675</b>	<b>205,000</b>	<b>72,325</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>1,563,300</b>	<b>1,420,783</b>	<b>(142,517)</b>
	<b>1,695,975</b>	<b>1,625,783</b>	<b>(70,192)</b>

HAWAII CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures  
From 3/1/2015 Through 3/31/2015  
(In Whole Numbers)

	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budget	Variance (M)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (Y)	FY 15 Budget	Budget Remaining
<b>Revenue</b>								
<b>New Section</b>								
0								
Revenue	89,879	118,699	(28,820)	897,000	1,068,291	(171,291)	1,464,388	(567,388)
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Total New Section	89,879	118,699	(28,820)	897,000	1,068,291	(171,291)	1,464,388	(567,388)
Total Revenue	89,879	118,699	(28,820)	897,000	1,068,291	(171,291)	1,464,388	(567,388)
<b>Expense</b>								
<b>A</b>								
Administration								
100	19,999	7,642	(12,357)	78,369	98,775	20,406	121,700	43,331
Administration - General And Administrative								
105	70,617	71,087	470	618,353	639,786	21,434	853,049	234,696
Administration - Staff Salary, Taxes & Benefits								
115	(6,259)	3,008	9,267	3,451	19,811	16,360	57,460	54,009
Administration - Mission Coordination								
120	25	292	267	109	2,625	2,516	3,500	3,391
Administration - Conference Minister Discretionary								
123	4,097	792	(3,305)	11,441	7,125	(4,316)	9,500	(1,941)
Administration - Partnerships								
125	3,579	3,269	(310)	32,064	29,423	(2,641)	39,230	7,166
Administration - Staff Travel								
130	0	288	288	488	2,595	2,107	3,460	2,972
Administration - Church And Ministry								
140	0	208	208	57	1,875	1,818	2,500	2,443
Administration - Emergency Response Teams								
199	0	73	73	51	660	609	880	829
Administration - Missional Team Setup								
Total Administration	92,058	86,660	(5,398)	744,383	802,675	58,291	1,091,279	346,896
<b>B</b>								
Stewardship								
300	0	42	42	0	375	375	500	500
Stewardship - OCWM Recognition								
320	0	417	417	3,100	3,750	650	5,000	1,900
Stewardship - Christian Investment Grants								
325	1,543	417	(1,126)	1,543	3,750	2,207	5,000	3,457
Stewardship - Investment In Ministers								
340	482	2,062	1,579	16,340	18,554	2,214	24,739	8,399
Stewardship - Communications								
399	67	132	65	795	1,185	390	1,580	785
Stewardship - Missional Team Setup								
Total Stewardship	2,092	3,068	976	21,778	27,614	5,836	36,819	15,041
<b>C</b>								
Formation								
500	1,458	1,875	417	13,233	16,875	3,642	22,500	9,267
Formation - Pastoral Leadership (Ministerial Supplem...								
520	4,026	25	(4,001)	17,483	10,225	(7,258)	10,300	(7,183)
Formation - Church Life And Leadership								
540	10,467	754	(9,713)	12,198	6,788	(5,410)	9,050	(3,148)
Formation - Henry Opukahaia Center								
550	2,645	417	(2,229)	(5,327)	11,250	16,577	15,000	20,327
Formation - Youth Ministry								
599	0	227	227	1,625	2,040	415	2,720	1,095
Formation - Missional Team Setup								
Total Formation	18,596	3,298	(15,299)	39,211	47,178	7,966	59,570	20,359
<b>D</b>								
Justice & Witness								
715	0	167	167	0	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000
Witness - Hansen's Disease Relief								
735	0	167	167	0	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000
Witness - Reconciliation								
799	30	227	197	536	2,040	1,504	2,720	2,184
Witness - Missional Team Setup								
Total Justice & Witness	30	560	531	536	5,040	4,504	6,720	6,184
<b>Z</b>								
Contribution Pass Throughs								
990	0	0	0	2,695	0	(2,695)	0	(2,695)
Contribution Pass Throughs								
991	10,486	12,500	2,014	99,630	112,500	12,870	150,000	50,370
OCWM Basic Support								

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	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budget	Variance (M)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (Y)	FY 15 Budget	Budget Remaining
992								
OCWM Special Support	5,145	14,417	9,272	92,825	90,750	(2,075)	120,000	27,175
Total Contribution Pass Throughs	15,631	26,917	11,285	195,150	203,250	8,100	270,000	74,850
Total Expense	128,407	120,502	(7,905)	1,001,058	1,085,757	84,699	1,464,388	463,330
Excess (Deficit)	(38,528)	(1,803)	(36,725)	(104,058)	(17,466)	(86,592)	0	(104,058)

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**Revenue Analysis**

From 3/1/2015 Through 3/31/2015

(In Whole Numbers)

	Monthly Actual	Monthly Budget	Variance (M)	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Variance (Y)	FY 15 Budget	Budget Remaining
Revenue:								
Income from Funds	4,167	6,750	(2,583)	38,798	60,750	(21,952)	81,000	(42,202)
Events	2,167	3,417	(1,250)	23,822	30,750	(6,928)	81,000	(57,178)
Friends of the Conference	550	2,083	(1,533)	20,051	18,750	1,301	25,000	(4,950)
HCF Distribution	52,357	52,357	(0)	471,213	471,217	(4)	628,289	(157,076)
Medical Premium & Service Fees	297	250	47	2,340	2,250	90	3,000	(660)
Our Churches Wider Mission	20,973	37,500	(16,527)	199,260	337,500	(138,240)	450,000	(250,740)
Special Offerings	4,637	11,833	(7,197)	101,762	106,500	(4,738)	142,000	(40,238)
Mission Memorial Fund	3,800	3,800	0	34,200	34,199	1	45,599	(11,399)
Miscellaneous	932	708	224	5,554	6,375	(821)	8,500	(2,946)
Total Revenue:	89,879	118,699	(28,820)	897,000	1,068,291	(171,291)	1,464,388	(567,388)



HAWAI'I  
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The Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ and Hawai'i Conference Foundation were audited by independent Certified Public Accountants, KMH LLP, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. The auditors issued an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ and Hawai'i Conference Foundation.

Copies of the financial statements and auditor's report are available upon written request.





# HAWAI'I CONFERENCE FOUNDATION

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## ANNUAL REPORT

193<sup>rd</sup> 'Aha Pae'aina

June 2015

### *Introduction*

The Hawai'i Conference Foundation ("HCF") stewards property assets for the Hawai'i Conference. The Members (owners) of the HCF are the 11 members of the Board of Trustees and the members of the Conference Council of the Hawai'i Conference United Church of Christ (some of whom are also members of the Board of Trustees).

At the end of the last full fiscal year, the HCF managed financial assets of \$53,295,644. These assets consist of cash, receivables, investments, property, and equipment.

### *Asset Management*

As of June 30, 2014, the investment portfolio totaled \$41,227,810, and is comprised of cash, money market funds, government and corporate bonds, structured notes, and common and preferred stocks. About \$12.2 million of the investment portfolio represent funds belonging to and managed in custodial accounts for churches and associations and is not the property of the HCF.

### *Partnerships*

The Palapala Ho'omau Preservation Society and Huialoha Preservation Ahahui partnerships are going well. The Palapala Ho'omau Preservation Society is advancing its restoration plans and made some improvements to the site. The Huialoha Preservation Ahahui has completed the church repairs which include a new roof and flooring. Both these partnerships are not taking from HCF resources.

The Kahikuonalani UCC partnership with a preschool operator is moving forward with financing efforts for a new sanctuary as well as meeting and kitchen facilities. The hope is to build a structure that can be used by the church for the benefit of the entire community.

The Kauhikoa Road property in Haiku, Maui, is in the hands of a daycare provider on the makai half and UCC Pohnpei Maui on the mauka half. The daycare provider has completed its improvements and is slogging through the process of government agencies to sign off on the work. UCC Pohnpei Maui is exploring the possibility of building a parsonage, several living units for rent, meeting hall, and kitchen to the church site. The project seems feasible if the church's projected income stream is reliable.

The Coan Trust partnered with The Nature Conservancy for the preservation and protection of a unique kipuka on Hawai'i Island. This was a first time partnership for both organizations. So far things are working well.

### ***Audit***

The HCF received an unmodified (the new term for what was a “clean” or “unqualified”) audit opinion from KMH LLP for its financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Note that the HCF utilized a new audit firm this past year.

### ***Hawai‘i Conference Foundation’s Endowment***

A majority of the funds managed by the HCF are *endowed* funds. Endowments are either *restricted* or *unrestricted* depending on how the income from the funds may be used. Restricted funds can only be used for the purposes stated in the fund directives.

The HCF Endowment Fund comes from gifts and bequests to the Hawai‘i Conference. Such endowment gifts have been made to the Hawai‘i Conference since 1883.

The Hawai‘i Conference uses money from the annual earnings from the unrestricted endowment to fund that portion of its budget that is unmet from the giving of local churches and other revenue sources. Demands have outrun HCF resources so funding has been met in part by the sale of property.

Income from most of the invested money cannot be used for operating expenses. Of the \$41,227,810 market value of the HCF’s total investment portfolio as of June 30, 2014, only about 31%, or \$12.6 million, of this money is unrestricted and available to use for general Hawai‘i Conference and HCF purposes. Another 30%, or \$12.2 million, belongs to local churches and associations in the Hawai‘i Conference. The remainder of approximately 39% of the investment portfolio is restricted.

### ***The Richards Friend Peace Scholarship Endowment***

The Richards Friend Peace Scholarship Fund, established in 1911 by Theodore and Mary Atherton Richards, has over \$1.8 million in its permanent corpus.

Scholarship applicants are drawn from Pacific nations coming to study in America and its possessions or from America and its possessions to the Pacific. Students from the following countries are eligible to apply for scholarships: American Samoa, China, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Japan, Korea, Marshall Islands, Palau, Philippines, Taiwan, Western Samoa, and the U.S.

Awards are made on the basis of ability, need, and character. Persons with Christian connections and experience with the United Church of Christ or its affiliated churches have priority. Applications are available online at the Hawai‘i Conference website ([www.hcucc.org](http://www.hcucc.org)).

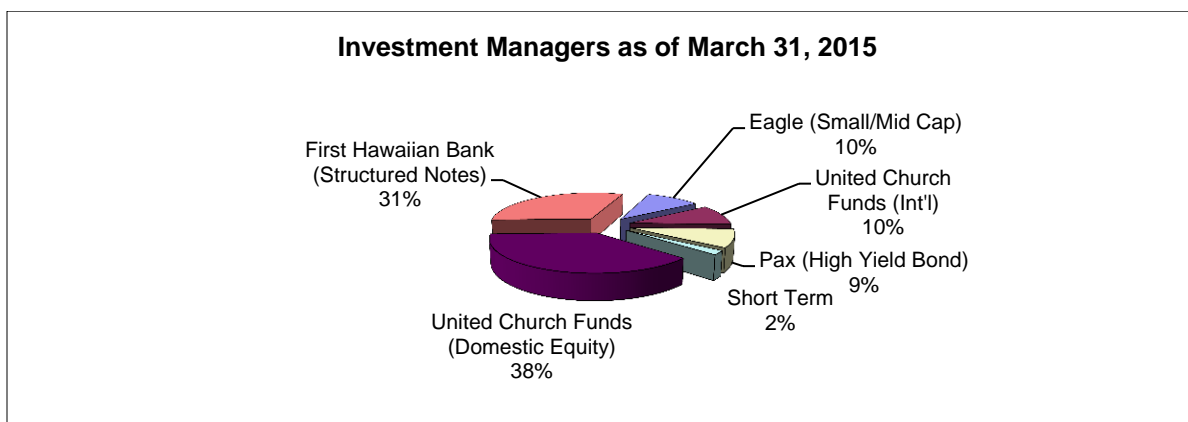
### ***Investment Management***

UBS Financial Services Inc. serves as a third-party investment management monitor, assisting with the selection and supervision of the investment management firms that manage the HCF securities. It monitors the performance of the investment managers and provides the Trustees of the HCF quarterly evaluation reviews of the performance of the managers in relation to published indexes of comparable investment portfolios.

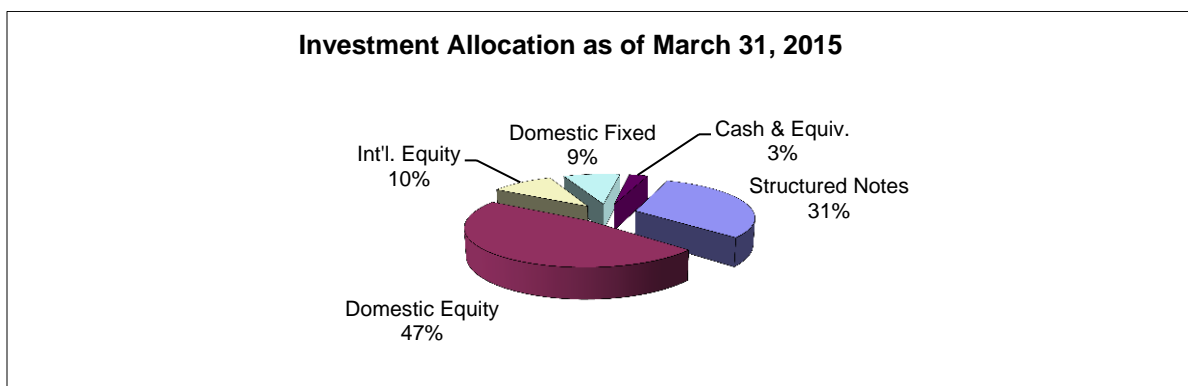
The investment managers are given full discretion to make all investment decisions for the assets placed under their control while observing and operating within the constraints and philosophies outlined in the Statement of Investment Policy.

About 48% of the HCF's funds are invested with the United Church Funds, the national equivalent of the HCF.

The managers' portfolio allocations as of March 31, 2015, were as follows:



The asset allocation of the investments as of March 31, 2015, was as follows:



### ***Operating Revenues***

In fiscal year 2014, total revenue was \$4,598,997. This included market gains of \$3,170,193 on investments.

Operating expenses for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, were \$1,851,196. These consist of salaries and benefits, travel for meetings, professional and consulting fees, materials and supplies, and equipment leases to support the mission of the HCF. Also included in the administrative budget of the HCF are the property expenses that support the Conference, the associations and its churches. The property related expenses include insurance, repairs and maintenance, and real property tax.

### ***Service to Local Churches and Associations***

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, \$338,748 was spent on financial support services for member churches and other missions.

The HCF provides in-kind direct services to churches and associations of the Hawai'i Conference UCC. These include facilitating insurance coverage for church properties, advising on matters related to non-profit issues, providing investment assistance through custodial accounts and administration for local church and association endowment funds, correcting outstanding legal issues to make a property fully conforming to existing rules and regulations, and presenting education seminars related to church operations.

The HCF manages the investment funds for over fifty churches and associations. A minimal administrative charge (0.10% or 10 basis points) will be assessed to these funds for the current fiscal year. This charge covers only a fraction of the total costs of the service. The HCF provides safekeeping for securities, collects all dividend and interest payments, keeps all the records, and makes and accounts for church withdrawals and deposits. The HCF also sends custodial account holders quarterly statements.

### ***Management of 21 Craigside Apartments***

The HCF owns a 48-unit apartment complex, 17% of which is leased to United Church of Christ related tenants at a discounted price depending on the tenant's ability to pay. These Craigside "Kokua" grants, computed by totaling the difference between the rent paid and the market rent, totaled about \$66,000 this year. The building is currently fully leased.

### ***Administration and Management***

The Charter of Incorporation reads that the direction and management of the affairs of the HCF and the control and distribution of its property are vested in the 11 members of the Board of Trustees.

There are four categories of Trustees:

- (a) Three are Conference Council members elected to the Board of Trustees for a two-year term by the Conference Council.
- (b) Two members are the Conference Minister and the Conference Council Chairperson.
- (c) Four are nominated by the Board of Trustees and elected to up to two four-year terms by the Conference Council. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson must come from this class of Trustees.
- (d) Two are nominated by the Conference Council and elected by the members of the Conference at the Conference's annual meeting for a four-year term.

Those serving as your Trustees this past year and their categories are:

- Rev. Kealahou Alika (d)
- Rev. Dr. Charles Buck (b)
- Dr. D. Rodney Chamberlain (a)
- Mr. Carlton Gushiken (d)
- Mr. David Iha (a)
- Ms. Roberta Jahrling (c)

- Ms. Aletha Kaohi (a)
- Mr. Russell Kaupu (c)
- Ms. Gloria Kobayashi (appointed in January 2015 to replace Mr. William Paris) (c)
- Mr. William Paris (resigned in July 2014) (c)
- Mr. Herbert M. Richards, Jr. (c)
- Rev. Dr. Iese Tuuao (b)

Sherman S. Hee is Executive Director. Lorene Arata assists him. For more information or questions on specific situations, contact Sherman by mail at HCF, 1848 Nu‘uanu Avenue, Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96817; by phone at 808-791-5638, from neighbor islands, 800-734-7610, extension 638; or by e-mail at [shee@hcucc.org](mailto:shee@hcucc.org).

Thanks for our continued support and confidence. God bless this mission. Good health to all.

**HAWAII CONFERENCE FOUNDATION**  
ANNUAL BUDGET FY 2016

3/5/2015

Line #		COL. (A)		COL. (B)		COL. (C)		COL. (D) (C) - (A)	
		FY 15 BUDGET	%	FY 15 PROJECTION	%	FY 16 BUDGET	%	CHANGE	%
	<b>REVENUE:</b>								
1	Revenue Draw From Investment (5.5%, 10 year scenario)	350,862	53.3%	350,862	51.6%	327,863	46.7%	(22,999)	-6.6%
2	Draw from Real Estate Sale Proceeds		0.0%		0.0%	51,711	7.4%	51,711	#DIV/0!
3	Rentals-								
4	General	117,806	17.9%	111,320	16.4%	112,320	16.0%	(5,486)	-4.7%
5	Craigside III - Net	89,337	13.6%	98,229	14.5%	46,136	6.6%	(43,201)	-48.4%
6	Craigside I & II Lease Rents - Net	45,599	6.9%	43,800	6.4%	45,600	6.5%	0	0.0%
7	Other Revenues	54,489	8.3%	75,500	11.1%	117,900	16.8%	63,411	116.4%
8									
9	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>658,093</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>679,711</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>701,529</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>43,436</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
10	<b>EXPENSES:</b>								
11	Service Fees	1,133	0.1%	1,400	0.2%	1,400	0.1%	267	23.6%
12	Professional & Consulting Fees	116,030	12.1%	97,000	10.6%	99,900	10.6%	(16,130)	-13.9%
13	Salaries	220,977	23.1%	216,600	23.6%	220,940	23.5%	(37)	0.0%
14	Benefits	90,720	9.5%	85,300	9.3%	91,800	9.8%	1,079	1.2%
15	Payroll Taxes	20,068	2.1%	17,800	1.9%	18,100	1.9%	(1,968)	-9.8%
16	Travel and Trustees' Meetings	30,000	3.1%	30,800	3.4%	30,800	3.3%	800	2.7%
17	Material and Supplies	14,420	1.5%	12,000	1.3%	12,400	1.3%	(2,020)	-14.0%
18	Utilities	16,047	1.7%	14,400	1.6%	14,100	1.5%	(1,947)	-12.1%
19	Insurance	72,203	7.5%	67,400	7.3%	69,500	7.4%	(2,703)	-3.7%
20	Repairs and Maintenance	4,635	0.5%	4,500	0.5%	4,600	0.5%	(35)	-0.8%
21	General Excise Tax	4,712	0.5%	4,500	0.5%	4,500	0.5%	(212)	-4.5%
22	Real Property Tax	54,312	5.7%	48,238	5.3%	42,546	4.5%	(11,766)	-21.7%
23	Equipment Lease Expense	4,300	0.4%	900	0.1%	700	0.1%	(3,600)	-83.7%
24	Miscellaneous	1,803	0.2%	4,020	0.4%	2,000	0.2%	197	10.9%
25	Mission Expenses	258,629	27.0%	264,200	28.8%	278,400	29.6%	19,771	7.6%
26	1848 Nuuanu	46,611	4.9%	48,900	5.3%	49,800	5.3%	3,189	6.8%
27									
28	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>956,601</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>917,958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>941,486</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(15,115)</b>	<b>-1.6%</b>
29									
30	<b>Operating Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>(298,507)</b>		<b>(238,246)</b>		<b>(239,957)</b>		<b>58,551</b>	
31	<b>Add Back Non-Cash Items:</b>								
32	Craigside III Depreciation	284,107	95.2%	285,000	93.7%	222,556	92.7%	(61,551)	-21.7%
33	Mission Memorial Transfer	(45,599)	-15.3%	(43,800)	-14.4%	(45,600)	-19.0%	(0)	0.0%
34	1848 Nuuanu	60,000	20.1%	63,000	20.7%	63,000	26.3%	3,000	5.0%
35									
36	<b>Total Non-Cash Expenses</b>	<b>298,508</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>304,200</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>239,956</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>(58,551)</b>	<b>-19.6%</b>
37	<b>HCF Excess (Deficit) - Cash Basis</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>65,954</b>		<b>(0)</b>		<b>(0)</b>	

**REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR**  
**Churches Authorized with Standing in the Hawai'i Conference**  
**United Church of Christ**  
**May 15, 2015**

**ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCHES**

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

**Kaua'i**

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

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

**Moloka'i**

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

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

**CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES**

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

**HAWAI'I ISLAND ASSOCIATION**

	<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>
Hilo:	CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	DALEY, Robert	OD
	CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS	YEOW, Choo Lak	IN
	FIRST UNITED PROTESTANT CHURCH	KENT, Ron	IN
	HILO MARSHALLESE MINISTRY	JOEL, Roney	OD
	UNITED COMMUNITY CHURCH		
Holualoa:	LIVING STONES	BARLEY, William	P
Honoka'a:	KALEMELA-EAST HAMAKUA PROTESTANT		
Honolulu:	HILO COAST UCC	PETRUCELLI, Linda	P
Kahuku:	KAHUKU CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Kailua-Kona:	HO'OLOKAHI CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
	MOKUAUKAUA CHURCH	DECARVALHO, David	P
		BOSHARD, Jo-Anna P.	CM
Kamuela:	IMIOLA CONGREGATIONAL UCC		
Kohala:	KALAHIKIOLA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	FERNANDEZ, Tom	Lic
Laupahoehoe:	POHAKUPUKA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Napo'opo'o:	KAHIKOLU CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Pahoa:	PU'ULA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	HULTMAN, Diane	Lic
Puako:	HOKULOA CONGREGATIONAL UCC	HOOVER, John P.	P
	<b><u>CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES</u></b>		
Miloli'i:	HAU'OLI KAMANA'O CHURCH	KAUPIKO, Charles Mahina	Lic
		KAUPIKO, Melveen	Lic

**KAUAI ASSOCIATION**

	<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>
Hanalei:	WAI'OLI HUI'IA CHURCH	GOTO, Alpha	P
Hanapepe:	HANAPEPE HAWAIIAN CONG'L CHURCH		
	HANAPEPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	CHRISTENSEN, Michael	P
Kapa'a:	KAPA'A FIRST HAWAIIAN CHURCH	MICK, Barry	P
		CHUN, Richard	PE
	KAPA'A UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	THOMPSON, Jeannie	P
Koloa:	KAUAI MARSHALLESE MINISTRY	KORN, Shem	RPM
	KOLOA UNION CHURCH	AKANA, Alan	P
Lihu'e:	LIHU'E CHRISTIAN CHURCH	FUJITA, Tom	IN
	LIHU'E UNITED CHURCH	ELMORE, Wesley	P
Princeville:	CHURCH OF THE PACIFIC UCC		
Waimea:	FIRST MARSHALLESE UCC		
	'OHANA NI'HAU 'O WAIMEA	KA'OHELAULI'I, Dana	Lic
	WAIMEA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	HOECKMANN-PERCIVAL, Olaf	P



## **O'AHU ASSOCIATION**

	<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>
Aiea:	AMATAGA FOU	VAIFALE, Samalaeulu	P
'Ewa:	'EWA COMMUNITY CHURCH	REYNOSO, Randy	Lic
	SAVALI OLE FILEMU (MESSAGE OF PEACE) CHURCH	AMOS, Tuli	OD
Honolulu:	ANAPOUWOU CHURCH OF HONOLULU	MAILO, Steve	OD
	BETHEL of AMAZING GRACE	TIMOTEO, Sugalu	P
	BREAD OF LIFE, CCCAS/UCC	FAGALEA, Tua	OD
	CENTRAL UNION CHURCH	RIVERS, David	P
		IMAMURA, Gloria	AP
		ROBINSON, Edward	PE
	CHURCH OF THE CROSSROADS		
	CHURCH OF THE NEW TESTAMENT		
	COMMUNITY CHURCH OF HONOLULU	WILLIAMS, Ronald	P
	CUP OF FREEDOM UCC	FALE, Iopu	P
	FIRST CHINESE CHURCH OF CHRIST	LEE, Kekapa	P
		BRENNAN, Paul	PE
		TERPSTRA, Margery W.	PE
	HAWAI'I KAI UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	OGOSHI, Janice M.	P
	HONOLULU COSMOPOLITAN CHURCH, UCC	PATADLAS, Alan	OD
	HONOLULU MARSHALLESE MINISTRY	SAWEJ, Sawej	RPM
	KANANA FOU	LAFITAGA, Falelua	P
	KOKOKAHI UCC		
	KOSRAE HONOLULU CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
	MAKIKI CHRISTIAN CHURCH	IBARA, Wayne	P
		GUSHIKEN, Kiyoshi	P
		SMITH, Bradstreet	AP
		YOSHIDA, Howard	AP
	MALAMALAMA OLE ALOFA TUNOA	AFUOLA, Kalasa	P
	MANOA VALLEY CHURCH	FINDLAY-CHAMBERLAIN, Anne	P
	MOANALUA COMMUNITY CHURCH	WAYMAN, Lawrence	P
	NU'U LOTU	PAOGOFIE, To'o'olefua	P
	NU'UANU CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	PAIK, Mary	P
	SAMOAN CCC OF HONOLULU	FUIAVA, Tafale	OD
	TRINITY SAMOAN CC		
	UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	GALINDO, Darren	P
		JOW, Harold	PE
	VAIPUNA O LE OLA	TUI, Iosefa	OD
	WAOKEOLA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	ENG, Christopher K.	P
Kailua:	CHUUKESSE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	SALLE, Jonathan	Lic
	KAILUA CHRISTIAN CHURCH	WEIBLE, Timothy	P
	VAI OLE OLA O KAILUA	MOEONE, Fasia	P
	WINDWARD SAMOAN CCC	SOA, Jr., Fuamaila	P
	WINDWARD UCC	RYAN KUROIWA, Jayne	P
Nanakuli:	SAMOAN CHURCH OF HAWAII, LMS	TUUAO, Iese	P
Pearl City:	PEARL CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH	RELLER, Phillip	P
Wahiawa:	WAHIAWA UCC	SHON, David	OD
Waialua:	WAIALUA UCC	LEE, Grant	P
Waianae:	FIRST SAMOAN CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF HAKIMO	SAPOLU, Mila	P
	WAIANAE SAMOAN CHURCH OF HAWAII	PAPU, Falani	OD
Waipahu:	CRYSTAL OF SALVATION	VAILU'U, Lu'uga	P
	FILIPINO UCC	LAGON, Filemon	P
	WAIPAHU UCC	ROLLER, Lawrence	IN

## **'AHA O NA MOKUPUNI 'O MAUI, MOLOKA'I, A ME LANA'I (TRI-ISLE)**

	<b><u>CHURCH</u></b>	<b><u>PASTORS SERVING CHURCHES</u></b>	<b><u>POSITION</u></b>
Hana, Maui:	WANANALUA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	KLIEWER, Mark	IN
Ho'olehua, Moloka'i:	HO'OLEHUA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	McSHANE-BURKE, Judith	P
Kahakuloa, Maui:	KAHAKULOA HAWAIIAN CONG'L CHURCH		
Kahului, Maui:	KAHULUI UNION CHURCH	SAITO, Jayson	OD
		TANAKA, Kenneth	AP
		STEPHEN, Enoch	AP
	MAUI EVANGELICAL CHURCH	MORALES, Miguel	Lic
	MAUI MARSHALLESE MINISTRY, UCC	LOKBOJ, Jori	RPM
Kalama'ula, Moloka'i:	KALAIKAMANU-HOU CONG'L CHURCH	McSHANE-BURKE, Judith	P
Kalaupapa:	KANA'ANA HOU-SILOAMA UCC	MILLER, Richard	Lic
Kaupo, Maui:	HUIALOA CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Keanae, Maui:	KEANAE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH		
Kipahulu, Maui:	PALAPALA HO'OMAU CONGREGATIONAL		
Lana'i City, Lana'i:	LANA'I UNION CHURCH	JONES, Sarah	P
Makawao, Maui:	PO'OKELA CHURCH	FONG, Kimberly	P
Makena, Maui:	KEAWALA'I CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	ALIKA, Kealahou C.	P
Nahiku, Maui:	NAHIKU HAWAIIAN CHURCH		
Waialua, Moloka'i:	WAIALUA CONG'L CHURCH	McSHANE-BURKE, Judith	P
Wailuku, Maui:	IAO UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	BELSOM, Jack	P
	WAILUKU UNION CHURCH	KOJIMA, Robb	P
		MAO, Faanu	AP
	<b><u>CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES</u></b>		
Pa'ia, Maui:	MAKAWAO UNION CHURCH	SCHLICHER, David	P

## **CHURCHES IN COVENANT EXPLORATION**

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O'ahu:	CHUUKES COMMUNITY CHURCH OF CHRIST	MARTHIN, Robinhood
	DOOR OF FAITH	SISRA, Peter
	SHECHEM CHURCH	KOMET, Robert
	TUVALU FOU CHURCH OF HAWAII	KILISOME, Iosefa
Maui:	CHUUKES CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF MAUI	OSONIS, Elvis
	UCC POHNPEI MAUI	RAMON, Oarson

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING

### 'AHA O NA MOKUPUNI 'O MAUI, MOLOKA'I, A ME LANA'I (TRI-ISLE)

Alika, Kealahou C.	P	McShane-Burke, Napua	P
Ayap, Fe`	RT	Schlicher, David	P
Belsom, Jack E.	P	Tanaka, Kenneth	AP
Jones, Sarah	P	Teruya, Dexter	LA
Kojima, Robb Y.	P	Troy, Anne	RT
Ma'o, Fa'anua	AP	Wong, Henry Kalani	CH

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

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Baybrook, George W.	RT	McComber, Meilani	RT
Boshard, Brian L.	LA	Olcott, Thomas	RT
Boshard, Henry K.	RT	Petrucelli, Linda	P
De Carvalho, David	P	Walter, Lawrence	RT
Farrell, Ruth	LA	Yamane, Susumu	PE
Hoover, John P.	P		

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Akana, Alan	P	Hoeckmann-Percival, Olaf	P
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Buck, Elden	RT	Paogofie, To'o'olefua	P
Ching, Ronald F.K.	RT	Reller, Phillip	P
Corbett, Lawrence	LA	Rivers, David	P
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Fujita, Tom	RT	Scott, George W.	CH
Fukunaga, Wallace	RT	Sevilleja, Bienvenida	RT
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Garcia, Dominador	RT	Shimizu, Akira	RT
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Hirano, Scott	LA	Tsutsui, Hidemi	RT
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Imamura, Gloria	AP	Tuuao, Iese	P
Inake, Sharon	RT	Vaifale, Samalaeulu	P
Jackson, Faith F.	RT	Vailu'u, Lu'uga	P
Jackson, Norman W.	RT	Vestal, Dean	LA
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Lee, Kekapa P.K.	P	Williams, Ronald	P
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## **ORDAINED MINISTERIAL PARTNER STANDING**

**O'ahu**  
Buck-Medeiros, Lauren  
Galindo, Darren  
Ryan Kuroiwa, Jayne

## **MINISTERS WITH DUAL STANDING**

<b><u>AHEC</u></b>	Kekoa, Kordell	Gordon, Wendi
<b><u>Kaua'i</u></b>	Elmore, Wesley	Goto, Alpha
<b><u>O'ahu</u></b>	Afuola, Kalasa Augustin, Gary Gushiken, Kiyoshi Lafitaga, Falelua	Lagon, Filemon, Jr. Paik, Mary Soa, Fuamaila Jr. Timoteo, Sugalu
<b><u>Tri-Isle</u></b>	Fong, Kimberly	Stephen Enoch

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**O'ahu**  
Kalili, John L.

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**O'ahu**  
Sawej, Sawej

**Tri-Isle**  
Lokboj, Jori

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**Hawai'i**  
Boshard, Jo-Anna P.

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Daog, Harriet	Rosa, 'Anela
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Higa, Wayne	Warren, Michael
Hirakawa, Rick	Wong Yuen, Debbie
Makuakane, Kenneth	

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Fernandez, Tom	Kaupiko, Charles Mahina
Hultman, Diane	Kaupiko, Melveen
Jack, Nixon	

### **Kaua'i**

Kaohelauli'i, Dana

### **O'ahu**

Reynoso, Randy	Salle, Jonathan
Marthin, Robinhood	

### **Tri-Isle**

Miller, Richard	Morales, Miguel
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## **MEMBERS IN DISCERNMENT**

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### **Hawai'i**

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Rekis, Jayson (Church of the Holy Cross)

### **Kaua'i**

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### **O'ahu**

Furukawa, Scott (Central Union)  
Gomez-Lorraine, Sarah Jo (Windward UCC)  
Mann, Kona (Central Union)  
Milotta, Makana (Waialua UCC)  
Naeole, Manu (Community Church of Honolulu)  
Ogawa, Terry (Church of the Crossroads)  
Silander, Kachusy (Shechem Church)  
Wong, Frances (Church of the Crossroads)

### **Tri-Isle**

Hamaku, Roxanne (Iao UCC)

## MINISTERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS SERVING OUR CHURCHES

### (Without standing in the Hawai'i Conference)

<u>Hawai'i</u>	Daley, Robert	Joel, Roney
<u>O'ahu</u>	Amosa, Tuli	Papu, Falani
	Fagalea, Tua	Patadlas, Alan
	Fuiava, Tafale	Roller, Larry
	Kliewer, Mark	Shon, David
	Mailo, Steve	Tui, Iosefa
<u>Tri-Isle</u>	Ramon, Oarson	Saito, Jayson

### NECROLOGY

June 24, 2014	Schuetz, Charles O. (OA)
July 4, 2014	Asai, Sadaichi (TIA)
October 19, 2014	White, Herbert (OA)
March 27, 2015	Neill, D. Richard (OA)
April 7, 2015	Cheng, Jia He (OA)

**LEGEND:**

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



## **United Church of Christ Transition House Annual Report 2014**

The United Church of Christ Transition House (UCCTH) reflects a multi-faceted ministry in its organizational framework. The major components include: organizational/board responsibilities, housing/program services, and fiscal/fundraising concerns. The following report reflects an activity summary of each essential component.

### **Organizational/Board Responsibilities**

The UCCTH Board of Directors manages the business of the organization, which includes providing support to staff, overseeing facility maintenance and fiscal management, fundraising and being a liaison with UCC churches. The Board meets monthly and consists of 11 members, of which 8 are representatives of UCC churches. The Board's newest member is Annette McClendon, who is a member of Church of the Crossroads and brings experience and expertise as a retired property manager. Staff consists of UCCTH Director, Ms. Geraldine Kundis, and Resident Night Manager, Ms. Diana Kimbro.

While UCCTH is incorporated, we do not have IRS 501(c)3 status. The UCCTH is a member of the UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM), which provides umbrella IRS status for its members. The 73 corporate members, all affiliated with the UCC, operate 363 communities and programs for children, youth, families and more. The Council exists as a community of leaders and organizations committed to advancing the healing and service ministry of Jesus Christ. Each year, we are represented at the annual meeting, which is beneficial for building connections and relationships, as well as sharing the need for this ministry. In 2014, the meeting was held in Scottsdale, Arizona, with an emphasis on missions, and CHHSM members had an opportunity to dialogue with the Nollau Institute Class of 2012 members.

Due to policy changes of the United Church of Christ CHHSM Board, we were notified to seek our own 501(c)3 status, allowing a 3-year grace period to do so. Our Treasurer, Meg Miguel, has accepted this challenging task and the application is nearly ready to submit.

### **Housing/Program Services**

***Housing:*** The House was subject to ongoing repairs that included plumbing, leaking pipes, fixing the roof and painting the house. Church of the Crossroads generously provided volunteers for repair support. The Adams Foundation donated \$10,000 to provide new carpeting. We also need to replace the outdoor play equipment after the yard is restored. The Transition House becomes a home for those who have real needs to feel safe and to find healing in their lives. As it becomes a home which contributes significantly to the emotional, mental, spiritual and relational health and welfare needs of participating women and children, it is vital for the physical setting to serve at its optimum for healing and hope to be realized.

***Program Services:*** This year, the UCCTH served seven women and ten children. Four families successfully completed the program. Successful participation involves counseling, holding a job, practicing fiscal and financial responsibility (i.e., establishing a savings account for future living arrangement needs) and transitioning to long term housing arrangements.

It was a joy learning from our in-residence participants who have affirmed the House as a place where they feel safe and where healing is facilitated. The Women's League of Central Union Church has volunteered to gift each resident with a Bible and Scripture references to

help, comfort and encourage them and to provide spiritual support and an opportunity to hear and read the Word of God.

Presentations to thank and update three UCC churches and to share stories from the residents were made, which also helped to increase the awareness of the UCCTH ministry.

In general, the benefits for the families besides those listed above include:

- a. *Children benefit* from learning new life skills and finding alternative ways of responding to challenging circumstances. Research shows children witnessing domestic violence are prone to become perpetrators. The House provides age appropriate counseling to facilitate the breaking of the cycle. The result is a gradual movement towards less aggressive behavior and greater empathy, delightfully finding significant healing and hope for the future.
- b. *Having a place called "home."* Some of the "graduates" from the House program return to "give back" to the place they call home. They are often found joyfully assisting in various tasks and sharing helpful stories to current residents.

### **Fiscal/Fundraising Concerns**

This year, our Third Annual Fundraiser, "*Beside Still Waters*," was held on November 6, 2014, at the Makiki Christian Church. The Board of Directors planned the benefit dinner, the country store and the silent auction.

With about 150 people in attendance, a majority from the membership of our supporting churches, the gift of music was provided by Edwin Ramones, founder of The Krush, and Francis Nacapuy, both from Waialua United Church of Christ. David Whitaker from Nuʻuanu Congregational Church made for an enjoyable evening with his song and musical composition on the Japanese koto. The Pearl City Community Church Music Visitation Ministry Hula Group also performed and treated us with the beauty of two dances.

Three important fundraising opportunities are to be lifted up:

1. The *Give Aloha* Campaign sponsored by the Foodland Stores during the month of September yielded a total of approximately \$2,000.
2. The Hawaii Pacific Area *Combined Federal Campaign* (CFC) contributions were renewed for 2014.
3. The acceptance of the UCCTH as a charity of the *Aloha United Way* (#80250) was effective in 2014.

The ongoing fundraising challenge is to raise approximately \$10,000 more than is jointly contributed annually by the sixteen supporting UCC congregations, individuals and other ministries and organizations which yielded a total of \$45,107 in 2014. Fundraising amounted to \$9,300, which provided additional income for operational expenses during the past year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Staff, and the UCCTH Committees, we offer you our sincere gratitude! For your authentic interest, your commitment to the common good and generous contributions to a ministry of compassion, we say "mahalo nui loa!"

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Grant S. C. Lee & Gail Breakey, Co-chairs