

Hawai'i Conference UCC 2015 Clergy Retreat

“Christian Theology of World Religions”

Monday, March 9–Wednesday, March 11

Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel

75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona

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** 16 hours of continuing education credit to participants **

For information and to register visit www.HCUCC.org



Date: January 7, 2015
To: Hawai'i Conference Clergy
From: Charles Buck, Conference Minister
Re: Clergy Retreat

You are invited to join colleagues and friends at the Annual Hawai'i Conference Clergy Retreat, sponsored by the Hawai'i Island Association.

Dates and Times

The Clergy Retreat begins on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., and ends on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 12 noon. Tuesday morning is free time to sightsee, recreate, and read, or sleep in!

Location

The venue for lodging, program and meals is the Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel located at 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona. (This is the same site as the past few years.)

Program and Guest Speakers

This year's clergy retreat will focus on "Christian Theology of World Religions" and will explore central issues of Christian theology and its relations with the religious "other." At a time when relations between world religions have become a significant issue, and in a place like Hawai'i where many religions are practiced and observed, it is important not just to respect other religions, but even more so to understand our own religion's approach to adherents of other religions. The goal will be to deepen how we understand and practice our own engagement with other religions of the world.

The program for the retreat will launch the Armin and Shirley Limper Program in World Religion of Eden Theological Seminary. The Limpers, members of Waipahu UCC and former UCC missionaries, have generously provided resources for Eden Seminary to create a series of events that will engage the wider church community in theological thinking about religions and religious people of the world.

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- *Paul F. Knitter*, Professor Emeritus of Theology, World Religions and Culture at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, is recognized as a leading figure in the field of world religions and is the author of numerous books and articles.
- *Dale Bishop*, former Executive Minister of UCC Wider Church Ministries, is a Middle East scholar and has written extensively on Iran, Lebanon and the Israeli-Palestinian issue. He most recently served as Pastor of First Congregational UCC in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.
- *Damayanthi Niles*, Professor of Constructive Theology at Eden Theological Seminary, teaches in the areas of interfaith studies, comparative theology, contextual theology with particular interest in Asia, and language of theology in a landscape of conflict and violence.
- *David Greenhaw*, President of Eden Theological Seminary and Professor of Preaching and Worship, is a frequent speaker and preacher at gatherings around the world. Most recently, he lectured and preached in Ghana, taught at the Near East School of Theology in Beirut, Lebanon, and participated in a World Council of Churches conference on Christians in the Middle East.

The program will provide continuing education credit of 16 hours to participants who attend in full.

Schedule (Tentative)

Monday, March 9	1-1:45 p.m. 2-5 p.m. 5-6 p.m. 6-9 p.m.	Gathering and Worship Program Dinner Program
Tuesday, March 10	Free morning 1-5 p.m. 5-6 p.m. 6-9 p.m.	 Program Dinner Program
Wednesday, March 11	9 a.m.-12 noon 12 noon	Program Closing Worship

Registration and Cost

Registration form and fee must be received at the Hawai'i Conference office before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, to guarantee your registration. A late registration fee of \$25 will be assessed for registrations received after this date. You can register and pay online at <http://ezregister.com/events/12373/>. Cost is \$65 per person, which includes materials and dinners on Monday and Tuesday. Transportation, hotel and meals not listed are on your own.

Hotel Accommodations

Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel has reserved a limited number of rooms for those attending the Clergy Retreat at a special rate of \$139 per night, plus taxes, for a standard room. This rate is good for three nights before or after for those who wish to spend extra time on the island.

*To take advantage of this special rate, book your reservation by calling the hotel's toll-free number at 800-367-2111. When making your reservation, identify yourself as a member of the **Hawai'i Conference Clergy Retreat**. A major credit card will be required to guarantee your reservation. **Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11, to receive the special rate.** Reservations after this date will be accepted at the prevailing room rates and are subject to availability. Self-parking is available at the hotel for \$10 per day. Please note that the room and parking rates listed do not include applicable taxes.*

Although the retreat begins at 1:00 p.m. on March 9, check-in time for the hotel is not until 3:00 p.m. If your room is not ready when you arrive to the hotel, the Front Office Services department can hold your luggage for you. There will be a break in the afternoon to allow time to check in.

Air Transportation

Please make your own airline reservations, ensuring that you will be able to stay until 12 noon on March 11.

Ground Transportation

Ground transportation to the hotel is on your own; however, carpooling can be arranged. Please indicate on the registration form if you will need a ride from the airport or if you can offer one to another participant. This is limited to those arriving the morning of March 9 and leaving after 12 noon on March 11.

Scholarships

You are encouraged to use any continuing education funds first before applying for a Henry Opukaha'ia Scholarship. Scholarship applications may be found at www.hcucc.org (click on Resources, then choose Grants and Scholarships. Click on the Henry Opukaha'ia Scholarship link).

Hawai'i Island clergy needing assistance with the \$65 registration fee may request a scholarship from the Hawai'i Island Association. Check the appropriate box on the registration form.

REGISTRATION FORM
for
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There are two ways to register for this event:

1. Register and pay online at <http://ezregister.com/events/12373/>
2. Mail this form along with a check payable to Hawai'i Conference UCC to: Hawai'i Conference, 1848 Nu'uuanu Avenue, Honolulu, HI, 96817. **Registrations must be received before 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10.** (Late registrations are subject to a \$25 late fee and accepted on a space-available basis only.)

The registration fee includes materials, dinner on Monday and Tuesday. Other expenses (e.g., airline, car, hotel, additional meals) are not included. See registration information letter for scholarship information.

Name: _____

Church (or Association where standing is held): _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number where you can be reached during the day: _____

Email address: _____

Ground Transportation

Are you able to provide a ride from the airport to the hotel? _____ Yes _____ No

Do you need a ride from the airport to the hotel? _____ Yes _____ No

Hotel

Please follow the instructions on the registration information letter to make your hotel reservation with the Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel. Deadline to receive the special rate is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 11.

Hawai'i Island Clergy

I am requesting a scholarship from the Hawai'i Island Association _____ Yes
(Registration payment is required at the time of registration. The Hawai'i Island Association will reimburse your registration fee after the event.)