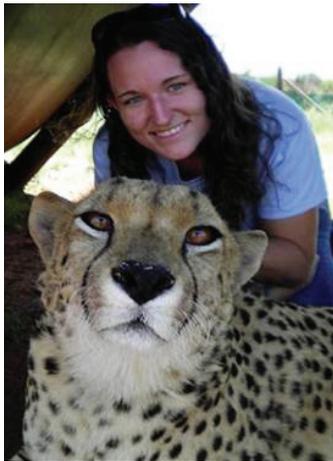


OCWM Changes Lives

Our Church's Wider Mission, the primary way that we support the ministries of the United Church of Christ, makes an impact globally, nationally and locally. This article highlights a few of the many ways that OCWM changes lives.

Global Ministries

Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) advocates daily for justice, peace and reconciliation by working with missionaries and mission partners on every continent. With more than 270 partner churches and 126 missionaries in over 70 countries around the world, Global Ministries provides a critical presence to thousands of people at the point of deepest need.



Kristine Tisinger is one of those missionaries. On a recent visit to the Hawaii Conference she talked about her work in South Africa.

In her recently completed three-year term as a missionary intern at Theological Education by Extension (TEE) College in Johannesburg, Kristine was one of 17 staff ministering to more than 4,000 students from five African countries. She served in the school's

library and academic dispatch departments helping to build the institution into the largest theological college in Africa.

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Homecoming of Hawai'i's First Christian Celebrated in Kona

When Henry 'Opukaha'ia returned to Hawai'i in August 1993, it was a homecoming 175 years in the making. Ominous clouds from a predicted hurricane loomed over a small fleet of canoes headed for shore at Kealakekua Bay.

"All of a sudden rays from heaven above shone on his casket and canoe," remembers William Paris, Jr., licensed pastor of Lanakila Church. "It was chicken skin. It was something I'll never forget."

Henry left the islands in 1808 aboard a merchant ship bound for the U.S. East Coast in order to flee from a difficult life. He arrived at Cornwall, Connecticut, and

was taken in by the family of the president of Yale College. He attended school and became fluent in English, Latin, Greek and Hebrew. He also discovered Christianity and later became baptized. Before dying of typhoid fever on February 17, 1818, Henry uttered two deathbed wishes: for the good news of Jesus to be shared with his Hawaiian people and for his return to his home in Hawai'i.

"O how I want to see Hawai'i, but I think I never shall," Henry wrote in his *Memoirs*. "God will do right. [God] knows what is best."

After Henry's death, his friends decided to make the first part of his wish come true: they boarded the ship Thaddeus and in 1820 became the first missionaries to arrive in Hawai'i.

Henry's final wish was not fulfilled until August 1993. And nearly two centuries after his passing, the twentieth anniversary of his homecoming was celebrated on August 17, 2013, at Kahikolu Congregational Church in Napo'opo'o, Kona.

Deborah Li'ikapeka Lee, who is Henry's first cousin seven generations removed, was instrumental in bringing his iwi (bones) home. When she realized in 1992 that she was a descendant of Henry, she embarked on a mission to fulfill his deathbed wish. She received help from people in Connecticut, including David Hirano, Interim Minister of Central Union Church, who was then Connecticut Conference Minister.

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Why We're UCC

by Charles C. Buck, Conference Minister

A common question I hear is why we—my church, or our Hawai'i Conference—are United Church of Christ. Why affiliate with a denomination? Or why support a denomination most of whose members are European in origin and whose national offices are based in Cleveland?



Usually, people pose these questions to their ministers, or ministers from outside the UCC direct them to lay people. Less often, though not rarely, will I get these questions, and I welcome the opportunity to respond—both because it's a teachable moment and, perhaps selfishly, I get to reaffirm for myself why I am UCC and how it helps me fulfill God's call.

I usually preface my answer with history, a brief one at least. We trace our faith ancestry to New England Congregational missionaries who brought Christianity to these islands in 1820 and established the first churches. These churches formed the Hawaiian Evangelical Association (now Hawai'i Conference), which kept ties to the Congregationalists and continued as they became Congregational-Christian in 1931 and then UCC in 1957. That is who we are today.

Then I go into the Bible and point out that a consistent biblical theme, from the creation story in Genesis to the accounts of early Christians in the epistles, is how God's people are constantly moved outward, beyond themselves and their own needs.

Take the gospels, for example. Every time the disciples display selfish concern, Jesus re-orientes their thoughts and motivations. In the Feeding of the Five Thousand, the disciples want to send people home, but Jesus says, "You feed them" (Luke 9:13). When James and John ask to sit on Jesus' right and left in his glory, Jesus tells them glory is reserved for those who serve others and suffer for all (Mark 10:42-45). Jesus sums up the practice of an outward and out-worldly faith in the Greatest Commandment (Matthew 22:37-40) and Great Commission (Matthew 28:19).

An outward orientation of faith counters the natural impulse to isolate and serve ourselves and to hold more concern for our own salvation than for saving lives throughout the world. The antidote to a self-serving faith is intentional fellowship with a larger community, including denominational and ecumenical affiliations. For us in the Hawai'i Conference, our wider community is the UCC, and an important way the UCC helps us fulfill God's call to outward faith is through Our Church's Wider Mission. OCWM reminds us that we live in a world much larger than ourselves, our church or our own community. OCWM also offers us a concrete way to fulfill Christ's call through gifts that serve God's people throughout the world.

Like all denominations, the UCC cannot address all the world's needs. Fortunately, God does not expect us to transform a whole world, but, rather, to touch one person's life at a time. That's the lesson we learn when the disciples criticize a woman for wasting expensive ointment to anoint Jesus when it could be sold for money and given to the poor. Surprisingly, Jesus defends her action as an example of how nothing is wasted when even one person's life is touched (Mark 14:6-9).

In the same way, our gifts to OCWM won't save the entire world. But they will touch many individual lives. That's all God expects of us, and that's why we're UCC.

Learning Good Stewardship

by Diane L. Weible, Associate Conference Minister

I received my first lessons in stewardship when I was in the second grade. My family moved to a church closer to where we lived and I became the "new kid" in Sunday School. Maybe my being brand new to that classroom is the reason I still remember those lessons so well.

My first lesson came one Sunday when the teacher brought out an old, beat up plastic cake that had some kind of electric candle built inside. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to the children who were celebrating birthdays that month. I remember staring at it and thinking how many other children had been sung to around that cake throughout the years. I couldn't wait for my own birthday because I had never seen anything like it before. To me that cake seemed to sparkle like new.

In that same classroom, just a month or so later, I received my second lesson in stewardship. I was handed a flat, odd-shaped piece of cardboard and was shown how to make it pop up into a box. The box with all kinds of colorful pictures printed on it was completely closed except for a small slit in the top. I took it home

with me and every day for the next several weeks dropped in as many coins as I could find. I had just received my very first "One Great Hour of Sharing" collection box. Every year after I looked forward to receiving a new box that would sit on my desk at home as I slowly filled it up with coins that I "borrowed" from my mom and dad, found on the ground or took from my own allowance.

To some, those two lessons in stewardship may seem completely unrelated but to me they were one and the same. God has entrusted us with a lot—spiritual gifts, talents and abilities, money, and even "things"—and how we use what God has given us is

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God is still speaking

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NIN Offering Advocates for Justice and Compassion

Neighbors In Need (NIN), one of the special mission offerings of the UCC, supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Received by most churches on World Communion Sunday each year, this offering funds, in part, a program awarding grants of up to \$3000 to qualifying UCC churches and organizations engaged in community justice work. Examples include direct services to those in need, community organizing, advocacy, and projects that address systemic injustice.



Recent grant recipients include Kaumakapili, Opihikao, Ola'a, and Koloa Union Churches and the West Kaua'i Inter-Church Food Pantry. These all benefitted hunger-related ministries in their communities.

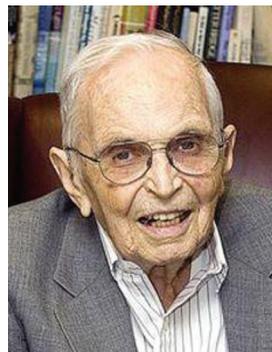
This year World Communion Sunday is October 6, but churches are welcome to choose a different Sunday to receive the NIN offering. Resources for promoting this important offering and information about applying for NIN grants can be found on the UCC website at www.ucc.org/nin.

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important. We care for an old cake so that every year it can be presented to a new child who thinks it sparkles like new. We search for spare change and even give of our own change to fill a box so that what God has entrusted to us can be used to help people in need throughout the world. In both cases, we use what has been given to us to give back to God—to show God thanks and praise.

As a wider church community, we are practicing that same concept through our contributions to Our Church's Wider Mission. Maybe it would be helpful to bring out a special birthday cake at each of our Conference and Association gatherings to take time to celebrate one another. Then again, maybe we should have a big box that sits in each of our church sanctuaries to remind us each week that together we can change lives and transform the world.

Statement of Faith Author Remembered



The United Church of Christ lost one of its preeminent scholars in Roger L. Shinn. Roger, who died on May 13, 2013, at the age of 96, is perhaps best known for being the principal author of the UCC Statement of Faith.

The Statement of Faith was a guiding document for the 1957 merger of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the

Congregational Christian Churches to form the United Church of Christ. To consider what the UCC is today is to recognize Roger's contributions.

"We celebrate the life and ministry of the Rev. Roger Shinn," said UCC General Minister and President Geoffrey Black. "The wisdom, creativity and theological reflection that went into his creation of the UCC's Statement of Faith continues to be a foundation of the denomination that still resonates with us today.

The Statement of Faith was adopted even before the UCC Constitution—symbolizing for some the priority of having a faith statement before a legal structure. Prepared by a 28-member commission, the Statement was approved at the 1959 General Synod in Oberlin, Ohio. It is widely regarded as one of the most significant Christian faith testimonies of the twentieth century.

Roger stressed that the Statement of Faith is not a "test" of orthodoxy, but a "joyful testimony" to how God touches lives. Revisions to the Statement in 1979 updated the language to gender-neutral, inclusive references to God. In 1981 another major revision transformed the language into a doxology.

Roger, a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York, later became the school's Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics for 26 years after earning his Ph.D. from Columbia University. He also taught at a number of colleges and universities and served terms as President of both the American Theological Society and Society of Christian Ethics.

During World War II, Roger was an infantryman in the Battle of the Bulge, winning a Silver Star for valor. Out of this experience, he helped shape post-war theological debate, calling for a deeper sense of ethical and social responsibility for moderate Protestant churches. The Statement of Faith reflects these values by calling on UCC members to "resist the powers of evil" and "accept the cost and joy of discipleship."

Roger said that it was not accidental that six of the seven declarations in the Statement of Faith were written in present tense. They are reminders that what has happened is still happening and that God is still speaking.

UCC Celebrates Its Covenantal Partners

What do the Pension Boards (PBUCC), Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM), and Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) share in common? In addition to the covenantal bonds shared with the United Church of Christ, each of these organizations is celebrating a special anniversary.

Pension Boards Celebrates Centennial

Incorporated as the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers in 1914, the Pension Boards will officially turn 100 years old on April 23, 2014. This affiliated ministry of the UCC offers pension, disability, health, dental, death and survivor benefits to clergy and lay employees and their families throughout their active years of service and retirement.

A video presentation at General Synod highlighted PBUCC's strong history and its place as the seventh largest denominational pension plan in the country. Through the Great Depression and two world wars, the organization has not missed a payment.

"As we lean into the next century, we covenant to continue our partnership in ministry, strengthening the church by providing tomorrow's leaders with the highest standards of service, access and options," said CEO Michael Downs.

Arcadia Earns Accreditation, Award

Arcadia Retirement Residence recently received recognition for its commitment to service and excellence. The first recognition was a Hospice Hawai'i award that named Arcadia and its family of companies as the 2012 Healthcare Organization of the Year.

Arcadia was also granted a five-year accreditation as a Continuing Care Retirement Community by CARF International, an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services. The accreditation is based

on Arcadia's commitment to remaining the best retirement community in Hawai'i and its visionary approach to services and programs.

The third recognition, a 2013 Kukulu Hale Award, was given to 15 Craigsides in the New Project category for commercial projects. This award, presented by the Commercial Real Estate Development Association, recognizes the achievements of those who have made significant contributions to Hawai'i's commercial real estate industry through their projects, professionalism and civic service.



15 Craigsides residents and their families appreciate the support and care they receive.

CHHSM: 75 Years of Service

Council for Health and Human Service Ministries (CHHSM), a nonprofit association of more than 350 UCC-related ministries advocating for affordable retirement housing and health care for older adults, also celebrated its anniversary at General Synod this summer. Two resolutions relating to CHHSM were brought before General Synod delegates and approved. The first was a formal commendation for the organization's diamond jubilee and the second, co-sponsored by RHF, was a call for the UCC to advocate for quality affordable housing for seniors.

According to CHHSM, "The [second] resolution makes a bold statement of support for the seniors in our country and reminds the whole of the UCC to make sure no one must choose between food, medicine and home."

RHF Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF) turns 50 this year. Founded by two UCC clergy and a layman, RHF is one of the nation's largest nonprofit providers of affordable housing and health services for older adults, people with disabilities and low-income families.



Residents and friends of Philip Street Elderly Housing enjoy lunch during the fiftieth anniversary celebration on September 9.

Comprised of 170 retirement communities across the U.S., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, RHF improves residents' quality of life in the areas of physical, mental and spiritual well-being. It operates two communities in Hawai'i: Philip Street Elderly Housing and Pauahi Kupuna Hale, both in Honolulu.

"We have a lot to celebrate," said Chris Ragon, RHF Director of Public Relations. "There are 18,000 people living in our communities that would not have a home if it wasn't for us."

As part of its fiftieth anniversary celebration, special luncheons hosted by the residents of Philip Street Elderly Housing and Pauahi Kupuna Hale were held on September 9 and 10.

The United Church of Christ takes pride in the recognition these covenantal partners have received because it is a continuing testament to how Our Church's Wider Mission reaches out to people and communities wherever there is need.

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Kristine, who will soon begin serving as a missionary to Ghana, speaks highly of the work of Global Ministries.

“Participating in the Intern program was a great experience,” she said. “My life has changed in a lot of ways that I never could have predicted. Social justice and activism are important parts of my life and faith, and being able to do that kind of work through the church is an amazing and uplifting opportunity.”

Seminary Scholarships

Every year the United Church of Christ awards seminary scholarships to students who would otherwise be unable to afford the cost of seminary. With tuition and living costs rising annually, scholarships are increasingly important for seminarians. But these gifts not only change the lives of students, they also benefit the denomination and the local churches they will serve by preparing trained and gifted leaders.



Members in Discernment (MID) of the O'ahu Association take time for a picture at a recent MID gathering. Pictured left to right: Terry Ogawa, Makana Milotta, Randy Reynoso, Paul Ching, Manu Naeole, Sarah Jo Lorraine.

“When I first said yes to God to finally answer the call to ministry by attending seminary I did so with a heavy heart as I still carried student debt from my first graduate education, and I believed it would be financially irresponsible to fund another degree with more debt,” said Terry Ogawa, a recent graduate of Pacific School of Religion. “From the bottom of my heart, I cannot thank enough these [scholarship programs] for their financial support of my seminary education.”

Information on scholarship opportunities offered by the UCC can be found on the Seminarians page of the UCC website at www.ucc.org/seminarians. For Hawai'i Conference scholarships, visit the website at www.hcucc.org. Each of the Associations of the Hawai'i Conference also offers scholarship opportunities. Contact your Association for more information.

Search and Call

When a pastor resigns or retires, a church is faced with the challenge of finding new pastoral leadership. Contributions to OCWM provide the necessary resources to assist a church in the Search and Call process.



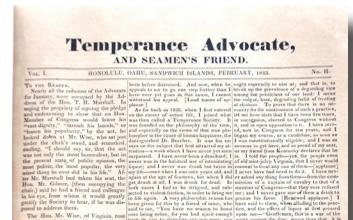
Conference staff are present at important times of transition for churches such as the retirement of Glenn Frazier as minister of Church of the Pacific.

“Every time we were in need of a pastor we were able to turn to the [Hawai'i] Conference for guidance,” said Richard Young, a member of UCC—Judd Street. “We were also able to turn to the Conference for issues that we had to deal with that could have split the church apart.”

It is estimated that the average pastoral search in the Hawai'i Conference costs about \$10,000 when materials, personnel and travel costs are considered. This invaluable ministry allows local churches to find the leadership they need to continue doing God's mission.

The Friend

Our Church's Wider Mission supports the oldest newspaper west of the Rocky Mountains. Subscriptions to *The Friend*, founded in 1843, are available free of charge to members and friends of Hawai'i Conference churches. This newspaper keeps people informed about what is happening in local churches, associations, Hawai'i Conference and the wider United Church of Christ.



The weekly electronic newsletter, *Coconut Wireless*, provides up-to-date information about opportunities for learning, finding resources, building community and meeting needs. Both *The Friend* and *Coconut Wireless* share stories about and ideas from churches and individuals that are changing lives and transforming the world.

National Staff Leads Workshops in Hawai'i

Stephen Boyd, a UCC national staff person who specializes in government and professional chaplaincies, facilitated a workshop for members of all Church and Ministry committees of the Hawai'i Conference on August 24. Pictured below is a second workshop Stephen facilitated for those interested in learning more about authorized ministry. This workshop was held on August 25 at Wailuku Union Church (Maui).



News briefs are adapted from *UCC News*, the online news portal for the United Church of Christ. For details on these and other stories, visit www.ucc.org/news.

UCC Leaders Call for Political Process to Prevail in Syria

by Anthony Moujaes

The United Church of Christ leadership is asking members to raise their collective voice and implore the government not to use a military strike against Syria, and instead use all diplomatic and humanitarian means to resolve the crisis.

“While a diplomatic solution to the crisis is elusive, there is no alternative to a political settlement. U.S. military intervention will only escalate and prolong the violence,” said the Rev. Jim Moos, Executive Minister for the UCC’s Wider Church Ministries and one of the UCC’s national officers.

To that end, the UCC is calling on government leaders to pursue a diplomatic resolution and avoid any military intervention.

Global Ministries of the UCC and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) recently joined a coalition of 25 organizations in a letter sent to President Obama urging the U.S. to avoid a military strike against Syria. The letter, sent to the White House last week and posted on the UCC website, states, “While we unequivocally condemn any use of chemical weapons along with continued indiscriminate killing of civilians and other violations of international humanitarian law, military strikes are not the answer.”

Montana Conference Minister Supports Immigrant Families

by Emily Schappacher

While much of the immigration reform debate focuses on the southern border, advocates as far north as Montana are urging Congress to take action. Vigils took place in Billings (pictured below), Bozeman and Helena on Women’s Equality Day, August 26, to highlight the importance of a woman’s role in the family and the need to keep immigrant families together. Marc Stewart, Conference Minister of Partnership Ministries, a collaboration of the Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference of the United



Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Montana, was front and center at the Billings event, speaking out for immigrant rights and offering prayers of justice and support.

“This was an opportunity to remember women’s roles in their families and what the U.S. immigration policy does when it separates families from each other,” Marc said. “I urged the crowd to be vigilant and call on the government to be responsible for keeping families together and to not subordinate those values to whatever else is driving the move against immigrants and undocumented workers.”

The vigils were organized by We Belong Together, a campaign to mobilize and empower women in support of common-sense immigration reform that will keep families together. About 30 people were present at the Billings event, which included singing, prayer and statements by local clergy and activists.

UCC’s ‘Partners In Vision’ Program Helps Churches

by Anthony Moujaes

A new initiative from the United Church of Christ’s Church Building & Loan Fund is designed to help churches establish themselves in a community. The program, Partners In Vision, will assist local congregations to make the most of their undeveloped resources—in many cases, land or property—and to help them generate a new revenue stream and save a little money in the process through CB&LF’s below-market loan rates.

The bottom line: Partners In Vision helps bring to life projects that are sustainable, innovative and mission-driven.



“Partners in Vision is a way for us to devote high-level planning and technical assistance to the large or complex building projects that more churches are approaching the Church Building & Loan Fund to help them with,” said the Rev. Patrick Duggan, Executive Director of CB&LF. “With AIM Development Group and other church real estate development experts, CB&LF is providing premium quality services at minimal cost to churches.”

Connecticut UCC Partners with NAACP

by Emily Schappacher

With issues regarding race relations dominating national headlines, Julia Burkey wants to help address the problem starting in her own community. By partnering with the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the pastor of First Church of Christ Congregational UCC in Middletown, Connecticut, hopes a series of sacred conversations on race will lead to actions that celebrate our differences while promoting acceptance, tolerance and understanding.

“Among the faith community, this struck an important chord as a conversation we needed to have,” Julia said. “But more than a conversation, we need to do something. Let’s have a series of conversations that lead to actions.”

The next meeting of the two groups will be a forum open to the community that will be held on September 17.

Burkey hopes that other local groups will attend the September 17 discussion and want to join the coalition started by First Church UCC and the NAACP.

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"[Henry] came home the first time when the missionaries came—he came home spiritually," said David, who delivered the message during the anniversary celebration. "He came home physically later. In between Christianity grew."

Previous attempts to exhume Henry's remains had failed due to legal obstacles, but they were overcome with the passage of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990. This allowed the Lee family to fulfill Henry's wish with the help of people in both Hawai'i and Connecticut.

Archaeologists discovered Henry's iwi intact and placed them in a koa casket. From there a tour of memorial services began, starting at the United Church of Christ in Cornwall. Henry was then flown to Honolulu for memorials at the Hawai'i



Members of Henry Opukaha'ia's family sing a tribute to Henry during the August 15 anniversary worship.

Conference Office, Kawaiaha'o Church, Bernice Pauahi Bishop Memorial Chapel at Kamehameha Schools Kapalama and Kaumakapili Church.

Henry's casket was then flown to Hawai'i Island, placed on a canoe and paddled by members of the Keoua Canoe Club into Kealakekua Bay, the place from which he originally set sail for the American continent nearly two centuries before. Dolphins circled the canoe as it made its way to shore.

"People ask me, 'What did you get out of it?'" said Deborah of the journey to bring Henry home. "I say, 'It was the people I met along the way.'"

Thanks to our friends, *The Friend* is free of charge to anyone who requests it. We offer our sincere mahalo to those who have generously given a monetary gift to help defray publication costs. A gift of \$10 will pay for one person's subscription for one year. Gifts may be sent to the Hawai'i Conference UCC, 1848 Nu'uuanu Ave., Honolulu 96817.

Finally laid to rest at Kahikolu Congregational Church on August 15, 1993, Henry is remembered as the first Christian from Hawai'i. His story, as told in the *Memoirs of Henry Obookiah*, has touched countless lives.

"If you trace the spiritual history, it goes back to Henry 'Opukaha'ia," said David. "I literally owe my life to Henry 'Opukaha'ia. I owe my spirit to this man. All of us who live in Hawai'i in one sense or another owe our lives, at least our spiritual lives, to this one [person]."

Associations Celebrate Ministries



The O'ahu Association installed **Jayne Ryan Kuroiwa** as Pastor and Teacher of Windward UCC on August 18. Jayne is a minister in the Disciples of Christ (Christian Church) and holds Ordained Ministerial Partner standing in the UCC. A reception was held following the service.

A service affirming the ministry of **JP Sabbithi** as Director of Patient and Family Support Services at Hospice Hawai'i was held on September 3. Hospice Hawai'i staff, O'ahu Association representatives and Darren Galindo, Pastor of UCC—Judd Street, were present.



Darren Galindo, Pastor of UCC—Judd Street, speaks words of support and covenant to JP and Ken Zeri, Chief Professional Officer of Hospice Hawai'i, during the September 3 service.



On July 23, at an Ecclesiastical Council of the Kaua'i Association, **Glenn Frazier** was approved for Privilege of Call in the United Church of Christ. Glenn, who was ordained in the Church of the Brethren, now holds standing as a UCC minister. The Association also gathered on July 28 to celebrate Glenn's retirement from ministry and his sixteen years as Pastor of Church of the Pacific. Glenn and his wife, Mary, will continue to reside on Kaua'i.



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Conference Calendar of Events

September 21	Investors Workshop, Tri-Isle 'Aha Mokupuni
September 25	Stewardship Missional Team
October 5	Hawai'i Island Association 'Aha Mokupuni
October 12	O'ahu Association 'Aha Mokupuni
October 18-19	AHEC 'Aha Halawai
October 23	Stewardship Missional Team
November 10	Kaua'i Association 'Aha Makua
November 23	Conference Council
November 27	Stewardship Missional Team

Did You Know?

Listed below are just ten of the many ministries that gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission support each year:

1. Support for Ministry at Kalaupapa
2. Local church grants for new programs
3. Enabling communication through the *Coconut Wireless*, *The Friend* and other Conference publications.
4. Boundary training for pastors and programs to promote safe churches
5. Pension program for church employees
6. Seminary scholarships
7. Mission 4/1 Earth
8. Child sponsorship
9. Ecumenical and interfaith relations
10. Lectionary and Sunday School resources