

# KA LEO O KEALOHA

(The Voice of Love)

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"Nōlaila hoʻi, o ka mea lohe i kēia mau 'ōlelo a'u, a mala hoʻi ia, E hoʻohālike iā ia me ke kanaka na'auao, nana i kūkulu kona hale maluna o ka pōhaku." [Mataio 7:24]

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them to practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." [Matthew 7:24]

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In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

The familiar words of Genesis 1:1 begin God's written revelation of His will for man. From Genesis to Revelation, He speaks with one voice through many different writers over 1600 years concerning the major themes of God, man, sin, redemption, salvation, life, death, and eternity. Indeed, the Bible is one Book with one history and one story.

Many of us know the principal characters and events of the Bible. We can tell you that Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jonah spent three nights in the belly of a whale, and Jesus walked on water. But few are able to connect the stories and place them in their proper settings to see the big picture and make the grand connections across the panorama of Scripture.

On Sunday, July 5, 2015 about a dozen of Kaumakapili faithful gathered together to begin a journey through the Word of God. Our goal: to study one book of the Bible each week and to think our way through the Scriptures. We committed to reading each book of the Bible, gleaning its main message, and placing it on a timeline to see what God was doing in history. In September, 2015, a few months later, a midweek class began with the same goal and purpose. This class was meant to accommodate Sunday School teachers and others who were unable to meet during the Sunday School hour. Since their inception, over 40 adults have attended one of the two survey classes with some attending both classes each week! Christians from other churches have also joined us in study and fellowship over the two years.

In the fall of 2016, the classes transitioned from Malachi to Matthew and the New Testament came alive in light of our study through the Old Tes-



tament! As St. Augustine opined, "The New is in the Old contained. The Old is in the New explained." The Old Testament is the story of a man – Abraham – through whom God made a nation to bless the world (Genesis 12:1-3). The New Testament is the story of a man – the Son of Man – who came from that nation as the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world (John 3:16). Indeed, all of the Old Testament looks forward to the Gospel story, and the remainder of the New Testament looks back at the Gospel story when, says the apostle John, *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.* (John 1:14)

In May, 2017, the midweek class concluded the survey class with the Book of Revelation; the Sunday School class will complete their studies later this summer. However, my hope is that we will all continue to be life-long students of the Word of God that we might be equipped for every good work (2Timothy 3:16-17). Make it your plan to 1) Read the Word of God – for it is True (Psalm 119:160); 2) Meditate on His Word – (Joshua 1:8); and 3) Apply His Word to your life (James 1:22).

Let us hold fast to the Word of life and to Him be the glory.

Helen Kaupu Kaowili, Interim Team

#### <u>Iulai 2017</u>

#### The History Corner By Zena Fernande3 Kaehu

#### KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH LUAU

The 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Kaumakapili Church Luau is upon us and will be held Saturday, July 15, 2017 and how excited we are! This year's theme is *Kūpa 'a Kākou ma ka 'Uhane Ho 'okahi* or "One In The Spirit" taken from scripture text of 1Thessalonians 5:11.



What is even more exciting is that in my research, luau has been an on-going affair since the 1800s. Kaumakapili has played host to many luau and benefitted different organizations even during the reign of our Hawaiian monarchy as mentioned in KA NUPEPA below;

#### Luau at Kaumakapili Church put on by Princess Liliuokalani, 1887.

There will be a grand luau put on by the President, H. R. H. Liliuokalani, at Kaumakapili Church, for the benefit of the Hooulu and Hoola Lahui Society [Ahahui Hooulu a Hoola Lahui] on the 22nd of January 1887, from 12 to 7 o'clock. Therefore, the kindness of all is requested to come there with their donations for the Ahahui.

(Ko Hawaii Pae Aina, 1/15/1887, p. 4)

KA NUPEPA mentions other gatherings as well when the Hawaiian Evangelical Conferences were held at Kaumakapili in the late 1800s and early 1900s. A luau celebration was the mainstay meal of the conferences with the food gathered and prepared by the church members and volunteers.

When this writer interviewed Ruby and David Kaneao, the question was asked how they became so

involved with luau. We know that Ruby is the main "go to" person regarding all there is to know about luau. She worked along-side Uncle Clarence Hohu, picking his mind on ordering, meal prepping, menu portions, vendor information and contacts. The imu during Uncle Clarence's time was dug on the campus of Kaumakapili behind the main sanctuary. The parish hall had a very small kitchen but sufficient for luau needs. The windows of the parish hall was used to feed workers with food to serve the guests. A large tent filled the front yard and flowers and greenery adorned the tables and elevated stage.

Today the pigs are imu'd on the Kamehameha Schools campus along with prepping of the sweet potato, cake and haupia. The rest of the menu is prepared at Kaumakapili's Hale Kamika and Hale Aloha. Our take-out meals are all prepped in the Hale Aloha and classroom areas. This year we are planning for 2000 take-out and 300 sit-down meals. A huge undertaking but not difficult to achieve.

There were many church members past and present who played an important role such as Elizabeth "Aunty E" Aarona whose expertise was felt with the many successes of luau. Ruby further shares that it is not only the food preparation that is important, but rather the camaraderie each person



develops over the years, a time of catching up, a time of

re-acquaintance, a time of renewing friendships, a time of re-bonding, a time of working as "One in the Spirit"!

Chairing the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Luau is Christina Rudolph along with her crew who will steer full speed ahead! It was sometime in 1971 under Kahu Rev. Richard Wong that a commitment was made to plan an annual fundraising luau to help defray some of the operating expenses of Kaumakapili and to kokua other smaller churches and community needs. Volunteers are important and a much needed element to make things happen...it was the way in the 1800s and is the way in this 21<sup>st</sup> century! Check the bulletin board and our church website for the work schedule and where help is needed or contact Christina at the church office 845-0908 if you have any questions.

Come and kokua your time to a very worthy cause. You can make a difference and a new friend!

#### Kaumakapili Church Archives Committee Formed

The Kaumakapili Church Archives is a collection of documents, reports, photos, records and other materials deemed important toward preserving the rich history and life of Kaumakapili Church for posterity.

The Kaumakapili Church Archives Committee was approved as an ad hoc committee at the church council meeting on June 11, 2017. What brought this about? Two major occurrences, the demolition of the Sanctuary Restoration Office and a severe flooding of downstairs Hale Kamika, caused the church to seriously think about the preservation of important documents and history that could have been lost forever.

Committee members were presented and blessed at Sunday service on July 2. Members of the committee are Wendell Kam, Momi Maunakea, Kuulei Reyes, Pohai Wong and Kanoe Wong, all who have special talents,



expertise, enthusiasm and excitement to begin a journey that will be long-lasting.

During the month of July, the committee will set out some of the many photos that are in the church's files. All attending services are encouraged to help identify people and events for



the purpose of documentation. These will be on display before and after church each Sunday.

As the committee moves forward, you will hear more of its progress and even seek volunteers to help in specific areas. More to come.

# **Upcoming Events**

#### <u>JULY</u>

Tue., July 4

Thr./Fri./Sat., July 6-8 Thr./Fri., July13-14 Sat., July 15 Office Closed-Independence Day Lū'au Prep-Imu Lū'au Prep Lū'au *(See volunteer schedules)* 

#### AUGUST

Fri., August 18

Sat., August 26

Office Closed-Statehood Day Family Event

No Foodbank in July. Hale Aloha will be closed for Luau Preparations.

#### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Summer 2017

SUN.	Book/Study	Mid-Week Class
7/2		On break until after
7/9	On break during month	Labor Day
7/16	of July	
7/23		
7/30		
8/6	II John, III John	
8/13	Jude	
8/20	Revelation	
8/27	On break until after	
9/3	Labor Day	
9/10	Resume Bible Study: REVELATION This Study will run from September through December.	

### **Delegate Report**

The 195<sup>th</sup> 'Aha Pae'aina was held June 14-17, 2017 at the beautiful Kamehameha Schools Maui campus. This year's theme was 'United in the Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all and seek justice for all". The scripture verse from Psalms 133:1, *"How good and pleasant it is when brothers (and sisters) live together in unity."* was shared in the welcome letter to the 'Aha Pae'aina.

The 'Aha Iki took place June 14-15 with 20 out of 29 AHEC churches represented and 5 out of 7 partnerships present. A total of 62 delegates attended this meeting on June 14. The State Council of Hawaiian Churches met on Thursday, June 15. Church Delegate Lorna Motas attended both days.

The 'Aha Makua for all UCC churches across the state was held June 16-17. Roberta Jahrling attended both days for Lorna Motas.

The Reverend Dr. Charles Buck participated in his last 'Aha Pae'aina. July 5 is his official last day in office as the Conference Minister for the Hawaii United Church of Christ. He resigned as Conference Minister and will be moving to California. He served as our Conference Minister for 13 years and before that was the pastor at UCC Judd Street. Rev. Iese Tuuao was voted by the Council to be the acting Interim Conference Minister until an Intentional Interim Conference Minister is selected.

Highlights from the 'Aha Iki:

• Formal installation of Kahu Kenneth Makuakane to the position of Papa Makua. This was held in the chapel with his mother, Kahu Violet Makuakane and Kenneth's two



sisters present to assist with his installation.



• Acceptance of the Hau'oli Kaman'o Church in Miloli'i. Guest Charles and Melvina Kaupiko along with their 3 young keiki shared the desire to join the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical

Churches. The entire family even shared their musical talent on ukulele and song.

- From Church and Ministry, two women, Ka'aunoe Ho'omanawanui from Ko'olau hui'ia Church on Kauai and Arlene Pi'ihana from the Ka'ahumaunu Church expressed their desire to be members in discernment. They are members who are seeking to become a Kahu.
- Papa Makua reported currently 15 AHEC churches are without Kahu and 6 of them are on Oahu.
- Kahu Charles Buck was honored and presented with Haku mele, gifts and leis at the State Council of Hawaiian



Churches farewell ceremony on Thursday. A Grand Luau followed.

Highlights from the 'Aha Makua:

- 2 Plenary sessions were held
  - Session One: conducted by Rev. Caroline Miura on contemplative listening. She noted that the most powerful way to communicate is to listen. "When you listen, folks seem to know you care.
  - Session Two: conducted by Cynthia Scherr who is a professional consultant and President of Scherr Management and Consulting will be guiding the HUCC and UCC churches through the strategic planning process.
  - Resolutions and Celebrations at the 'Aha Makua Two Resolutions were presented and after some discussion for each resolution, both were passed.
    - In support of a Names Memorial at Kalaupapa- This resolution was supported by the Hawaii Conference Council at the March 4, 2017 meeting and recommended for approval by the 'Aha Pae'aina. The resolution affirms the work ('Ohana O Kalaupapa) to have the 8,000 plus names of persons sent to Kalaupapa memorialized. The resolution also encourages our churches to observe Kalaupapa Sunday and make donations towards the support and maintenance of the memorial.
    - Encouraging Immigrants Welcoming Congregations. The resolution encourages our churches in Hawaii to be welcoming to immigrants, to be cognizant of immigrants who are visiting the church or choose to become involved in the life of the church.

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- Celebrations:
  - Anniversaries- there were 10. Top three were Kalihi and Moanalua Church- 150 years, Lanakila Congregational Church (Kona)-150 years, Central Union Church -130 years.
  - Significant Anniversaries of Ordinationthere were seven, Kahu William Kaina topped the list at 60 years.
  - 5 for 5 (Giving) Congregations acknowledged. Kaumakapili was one and received a certificate.
  - Clergy New to Hawaii since the last 'Aha Pae'aina. Ordained Minister five, Licensed Ministers two.

Respectfully submitted by Lorna Motas and Roberta Jahrling.

## THE IMU AND KOKUA ARE THE KEYS!

*"To everything turn, turn, turn there is a season, turn, turn, turn. And a time for every purpose under heaven."* .....Ec 3: 1-8, (Source-NKJV of the Bible / sung by Pete Seeger , the Byrds and Judy Collins.)

As I reflected on this time of year when we are going full throttle to plan and prepare for our annual fundraiser luau, our TIME, TALENT and TREASURE survey came to mind. The BOS sends these cards out each year to find out what the members and friends of our church are interested in to kokua our halepule whether big or small.

Most people think of Stewardship as the time when we must decide if we are going to pledge or give lulu (offering) freely for the coming year. However, this work encompasses a much wider spectrum of responsibilities as shown on the survey card categories mentioned. The ways to serve can be mind-boggling!

I was especially taken by the TIME element as a factor in our relationships at church and what an impression it can be upon us as faithful servants of the Lord. I'm sure you have been bombarded periodically with making a choice on whether to be on a board, donate foods for potlucks, give money for luau supplies and food, buy luau tickets, and selecting which 5 for 5 UCC Mission appeals to support; the list can be exhausting to choose from.

As I reflected further back in time about our TIME for the annual luau, I visualized the scene for the first luaus and the many kiawe trees shading the Imu (underground oven) workers in my greatgrandmother Lucia Poepoe's yard at the parsonage where she & papa Rev. Henry Poepoe lived behind the church. It was a very sweaty job believe me but everyone knew the routine from years of experience. After the number of pigs was determined then all the gathering of supplies, equipment, and plant materials was accounted for and hauled in. To begin with, there was the re-digging of the na lua pua'a puka, cutting kiawe wood and banana stumps, heating the pohaku (porous rocks) imu, cutting slits in the pua'a to hold the hot pohaku, placing each into a chicken-wire basket and covering with ti leaves and banana leaves and layers of banana stump sheaths, soil and canvas & bags. This was just the first step for afterwards came the removal of the roasted pua'a from the imu, loading onto the trucks and cleaning up the imu area.

This was the preparation for only one of the luau foods but it was the key food for our fundraiser and the kokua was done with much caring and aloha just as all the other foods were from the scraping of opihis, to the mixing of the poi and the poke, inamona, pa'akai (Hawaiian rock salt) and manawea limu. Each food on the luau plate had to be prepared too.

My memories span the 61 years of everyone laboring for our fundraiser. What was the most important ingredient that has not changed over the 6 decades? The Na Lima Aloha, loving hands of everyone who took the TIME from their busy schedules to kokua for the Lord's work at Kaumakapili.

In Ecclesiastes 3:9,12,13 Solomon tells us-

9 "What profit has the worker from that in which he Labors? 12. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and do good in their lives. 13. And also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor—it is the GIFT OF GOD."

Mahalo nui loa for glorifying Akua in your labors for our halepule and our luau.



# Kūpa'a Kākou ma ka 'Uhane Ho'okahi– Imu Volunteer Schedule

Please contact the church office if you wish to volunteer. Volunteer spaces are limited at off site location.

Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:00am – 11:00am Luna: Buddy Maunakea Attendees: 8 – 10 people Please bring: Gloves	Location: Kamehameha Schools Imu Preparing the imu site – kiawe wood, stones, paper, Hawaiian salt, plastic sheeting. LUNCH provided
Friday, July 7, 2017	Location: Kamehameha Schools Imu
9:00am – 7:00pm	Preparing banana stumps.
Luna: Buddy Maunakea	1:00 Pig delivered and cleaned
Attendees: 15-20 people	4:00 – 5:00 (approximate) Pig placed in imu
Please bring: Gloves and sharp knives	LUNCH and DINNER provided
Saturday, July 8, 2017 5:00am – 10:00am Luna: Buddy Maunakea Attendees: 15-20 people Please bring: Gloves	Location: Kamehameha Schools Imu Pig removed from imu. Delivered to church. Imu site cleaned. BREAKFAST and LUNCH provided
Saturday, July 8, 2017	Location: Kaumakapili Church
8:00am – 1:00pm	Deboning of pig
Attendees: 20+ people	BREAKFAST and LUNCH provided



# Kūpa'a Kākou ma ka 'Uhane Ho'okahi– Luau Week Volunteer Schedule

On-site walk-in volunteers are welcome. Mahalo for your kokua!

	Thursday, July 13	Friday, July 14	Saturday, July 15
ТІМЕ	Kaumakapili Church	Kamehameha / Church	Kaumakapili Church
5:00am			Poi delivered/mixed and packaged
7:00am		Cook chicken and cool	Breakfast
7:00am			Heat broth/cook long rice. Mix salmon, mix poke
8:ooam		Meet at church/load van for haupia, cake, potato. Leave for Kamehameha	Begin packaging poke/salmon/cake plates
8:ooam		Produce delivered - tomato, green onion, pineapple	Warm up pig and mix long rice.
9:00am			Ohana in Hale Aloha
9:00-9:30		Shredding of chicken	Packing take-out boxes
9:30-10:00	Produce delivered - Salmon, ginger, potatoes and limu	Clean and prepare tomato and green onion	
10:00-10:30	Prepare paper goods for take out and sit- down.		Take out begins
11:45-1:15		Lunch	Lunch
1:15pm -	Stamp and fold take-out boxes	Cut tomato, green onion, limu and pineapple	
4:oopm-	Set Hale Aloha for food preparation and canopy for Hale Aloha		Set buffet line. Set tables for sit-down. Prepare juice.
5:00pm	Scrub potatoes		Take out ends. Sit down begins.
6:oopm	Ohana		Cleanup classrooms and Hale Aloha
, i	Dinner	Dinner	Cleanup hall
	Set classrooms for food preparation	Set Hale Aloha for luau take out line preparation	Ohana
		Set tables, chairs for sit-down	Dinner

Ka Heluhelu Haipule Scriptures	Birthdays July		
8·≈)	July 1	Hilina'i Heffernan	
	July 3	Zena Kaehu	
	July 4	Romona Maeshiro	
	July	Roberta Jahrling	
JULY	July 5	Valentina Giraldi	
	July J	Tiare Vaughan-Darval	
<u>July 2, 2017</u>	July 6	Kellie Maunakea	
Acts 4:1-21	July 0	Noelani Goodyear-Kaopua	
<i>Micah</i> 3:5-8	July 7	Henry Aarona	
	Sury /	Kila Logan Ho'omana	
<u>July 9, 2017</u>	July 8	Pearl Takeuchi	
Acts 4:32-37	July 10	Georgianna Cortez	
Psalm 133	oury 10	Trevor Maunakea	
	July 11	Phil Regier	
<u>July 16, 2017</u>		Christian Aarona	
Acts 5:1-16		Naomi Chronister	
Is. 35:1-6	July 16	Leolanda Malani	
X 1 00 0017	July 17	Yvonne Patcho	
July 23, 2017	July 18	Allison Leake	
Acts 5:17-42	July 19	Donna Lorenzo	
Jer. 9:23-24	July 23	Jonathan Leake	
Inter 20, 2017	July 24	Renee Pelangka	
July 30, 2017 Acts 6:1-7	July 29	Devin Jandoc	
Ex. 18:17-25			
EA. 10.17-25	If you do not see your birthday listed, it means the office does not have the information on file. Please contact the office with your information and we will update our		
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KAUMAKAPILI CHURCH EVENT:			
"An Event For The Entire	July 2:	Hauʻoli La Hanau~ Zena Kaehu	
Family"- SAVE THIS DATE -	July 9::	Hau'oli La Hanau~ Roberta Jahrling	
AUGUST 26, 2017 (Saturday). More	July 16: July 23:	Hoʻomana Moopuna Aloha Committee	
information after our church lū'au.	July 23: July 30:	Aloha Committee	

#### The Kaumakapili Church Mission Statement

Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the maka'āinana, the common folk, rich in Hawai'ian tradition and diverse backgrounds, bounded in covenant with all in the United Church of Christ, led by the Spirit, declares its mission to glorify God by bearing the fruits of God's aloha and gifts, and so proving to be faithful disciples of Christ, who are equipped for the work of the ministry of proclaiming the good news for all people: by witnessing in word and deed, by serving those in need, by welcoming and receiving all people into the church fellowship, and by nurturing and equipping the church members for the growth of the Body of Christ.

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