



# KA LEO O KEALOHA

(The Voice of Love)

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*“Nōlaila ho’i, o ka mea lohe i kēia mau ‘ōlelo a’u, a mala ho’i ia, E ho’ohālike iā ia me ke kanaka na’auao, nana i kākulu 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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## “GPS”



I am very sure that we all have used our Global Positioning System (GPS) before in our lives. Sometimes I wonder, what we would do without a GPS in our travels. For instance, for me the GPS has been my guiding source as I have traveled to Hawaii, seeing the beautiful scenery God has blessed this island to have and to do the work He has called me here to do. Without the GPS in my travels, there would have been many times I would have been totally lost.

I remember when I first arrived in January, as my plane landed my phone had only 1% of life in its battery. There was no doubt I would need my phone for the GPS to navigate me to my next destination. In panic, because of the low battery, I stopped to the closest station to purchase a charger, because mine was packed deep into my luggage. I felt totally helpless at that moment and knew I would be at a loss without my GPS. After I purchased a charger, plugged my phone in to be charged, I felt relieved because I now had the power in my device to get me to the next location.

It has been over a month now, but I am still relying on my GPS to get me around the island. After several weeks of trusting my GPS, I felt a little more confident in my travels. So I slowly began to set my GPS aside and trust in my own direction of travel.

As you would guess I found myself lost many times and having to reconnect to my GPS.

As I was reflecting about my use and lack of use of the GPS, I began to see how many times we rely on our own understanding instead of trusting technology. However technology has advanced and has made many things much easier for us to understand and use. Because of this we are beginning to trust its capabilities. However let us not forget God has a GPS as well; God's Plan of Salvation.










When we begin our journey with Christ we are totally dependent on this GPS. We feel that no matter what; we would be totally lost without this GPS in our lives. However as we continue on life's journey, we sometimes begin to feel confident as we navigate through life. I am sure there have been times we have set our GPS aside and depended our own understanding. There have been times we have figured our way through and because of it have become totally lost. Most of the time when our life battery is low, or we get lost, we panic. However the good news about this GPS is no matter how low our battery is, or if we feel lost and can't be found, God's Plan of Salvation is always there for us!

Stay connected to real GPS!!!

Kahu Doug  
Wooten



## MALAKI 2018 ACTIVITIES

Lāpule	Pō'akahi	Pō'alua	Pō'akolu	Pō'aha	Pō'alima	Pō'aono
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## One Great Hour of Sharing

UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing special mission offering to assist churches with repairs.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS) is part of Our Churches Wider Mission. It is the special mission offering that carries God's message of love and hope to people in 138 countries, including in our own communities. The UCC works with international partners Eight Christian denominations:

- American Baptist Church*
- African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church*
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*
- Church of the Brethren*
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church*
- Presbyterian Church (USA)*
- Reformed Church in America*
- the United Church of Christ, and*
- Church World Service*

Together, these partners provide clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and so much more.

Please know that ***OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.***

**You may ask what percentage of OGHS donations are used directly for mission?**

On average, of every dollar given to One Great Hour of Sharing, 91 cents is used directly for mission programming; 5 cents for interpretation materials and 4 cents for administrative costs which include program monitoring and evaluation (for accountability). Most administrative costs are paid by gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission National Basic Support and endowment funds.

## Upcoming Events

### **MARCH**

Wed., Mar. 7                      Lenten Bible Study, 6pm  
 Sun., Mar. 11                    OGHS Offering  
 Wed, Mar. 14                    Lenten Bible Study, 6pm  
 Wed. Mar. 21                    Lenten Bible Study, 6pm  
 Mon., Mar. 26                    Office Closed-Prince Kuhio Day  
 Wed., Mar. 28                    Lenten Bible Study, 6pm  
 Fri., Mar. 30                    Office Closed-Good Friday  
                                          ***Good Friday Service, 7pm***

### **APRIL**

Sun., April 1                    Easter Sunrise Service, 6am  
                                          Easter Service, 10:30am  
                                          *(Blessing the Stained-Glass Window Booklets)*

### ***Volunteer at the Food Bank!***

<b>March</b>		
6	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
7	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
20	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
21	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
<b>April</b>		
3	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
4	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
17	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
18	Distribution	7:30-10:00am

**More than we can imagine**

Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.  
*Ephesians 3:20*

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## Notes from the HCUCC Church Leaders Event- February 24, 2018

### “Leading in a Time of Change”

The Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ sponsored a Church Leaders Event at the Church of the Crossroads on February 24.

Jeffery D. Jones, a former Director of Ministry Studies at Andover Newton Theological School was the keynote speaker for the day. He shared important and common questions we are all facing today, “How can churches remain vital in the face of declining attendance? What if membership growth is not the primary goal of the church? Why doesn’t the traditional way of doing church work in today’s world? What is God calling your church to do in these changing times?”

Anne Leake, Zena Kaehu, Kahau Schoenstein and Lorna Motas attended the conference. This article will reflect the summary /comments from the topics covered:

#### Introduction and overview-Lorna Motas

Kahu Wayne Higa from Ka’auhuanu Congregational Church on Maui opened with the questions, “Are we stuck in the darkness of an aging church? A church lacking leadership? A church lacking members and people? A church lacking in funds to pay the bills? Many of the churches especially the Hawaiian churches which are between 150 years and approaching 200 years are facing these dilemmas.

He said we need to be like Moana in the Disney movie who pushes the barriers and goes behind the reef. We can’t be like those people who remain on their island (church) stuck in the same old ways. But rather, we need to be way finders for Jesus Christ who will go to those in darkness and speak about Jesus Christ.

It’s good to be grounded in our history but not limited by our history!

What will success look like for Kaumakapili Church? A restored building or restored lives?

#### Current Models and Changing Times- Kahau Schoenstein

Jeff Jones’ keynote address focused on the ideas that we live in a time of rapid and radical changes. It forces us to face some difficult truths and realities of the times in which we live.

As we have seen throughout the history of Christianity, what is thought of as empire Christianity is not bad in and of itself, but what may be limiting is its desire to keep the church as it used to be, to keep it

hostage and continue to focus on attempts to return to yesteryear. Our current model, the institutional church and the maintenance of it, is being challenged by these changing times. Perhaps the validity of it is coming to an end. Current models may no longer serve God’s mission.

We are at an in-between stage. Consider the possibility: change or disappear.

#### Four Possible Postures for Congregations-Anne Leake

To meet the challenges of a radically and rapidly changing world, four postures for congregations were suggested. “Posture” in this case concerns how a church looks, its non-verbal communication, rather than rules or a position. Those postures are:

1. *Reclaiming the ethic of Jesus*: resist the desire to be relevant, powerful and spectacular to focus on ministry with the poor, the outcasts, the sinners and the marginalized.
2. *Focusing on spirituality*: focus on the type of community we are trying to create, where leaders function as stewards of sacred safety, holy listeners, advocates of silence and wisdom teachers.
3. *Facing addiction*: congregations need to name and face addictive behaviors that keep us compulsive about the same things and blind to the same problems. This can be a distressing process, as the solutions are not known.
4. *Embracing paradox*: God is beyond human understanding, and we need to embrace the paradoxes that life and faith truly are.

#### New and Old Questions-Zena Kaehu

FINDING HOPE was covered in the afternoon session of the conference. Many congregants ask the same questions about their respective churches, however, trying to find better answers to the same questions is not enough. It is a time for new questions. Why? It reframes the issues, provides a different perspective, creates possibility of creative thinking, is invitational, and promotes discussion.



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Think on these....

- 1) Not: How do we bring them in? But: How do we send them out?
- 2) Not: What's the pastor's job? But: What's our shared ministry?
- 3) Not: What's our vision and how do we implement it? But: What's God up to and how do we get on board?
- 4) Not: How do we survive/structure? But: How do we serve?
- 5) Not: What are we doing to save/help people? But: What are we doing to make the reign of God more present in this time and place?

Which question(s) speaks to our congregation?

*"Live the questions now. Perhaps then, some distant day, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer."* Rainer Maria Rilke Letters to a Young Poet

## Delegate Report

Aloha e Kaumakapili,

The Spring 2018 Aha Halawai was recently held at the Ola'a First Hawaiian Church in Hilo Feb. 9-10.

We were excited to have Kahu Doug Wooten attend his first Aha Halawai and meet many Kahu and members of the Association of Hawaiian Evangelical Churches from various islands in Hawaii. They were equally excited to meet him and embraced him with aloha, music, food, ministry sharing and more. He even had a short musical solo during the Ho'ike.

In addition, we were pleased to have Kahu Gabrielle Chavez, the Intentional Interim Conference Minister from the Hawaii UCC office join us for the 2 days. She provided a warm welcome at the opening service and a wonderful sermon at the close of the meeting.

Below are the highlights of the meeting:

- There were 19 out of 31 churches represented and 5 out of 7 Partnerships in attendance.
- Ecclesiastical Councils for Michael Warren, Kahu at the Kalapana Maunakea in Hilo and Kenneth Makuakane, currently

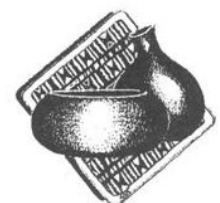
the Papa Makua were held on the first day. Both were approved by the body for ordination. Kenneth Makuakane was called as the new senior pastor at Kawaiaha'o Church on January 21, 2018. His start date has not been set.



- Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to create a search committee for a new Papa Makua and not an Interim Papa Makua.
- By Laws Committee continues to work on updating the AHEC by laws. They hope to complete their work soon and bring it to the body for approval.
- The AHEC Investment Committee presented the Endowment Policy Statement (EPS) for the Association. The EPS policy provides guidelines on investments, gift acceptance, investments and spending. The policy was accepted and approved.
- There are still 13 Hawaiian churches without Kahu.
- Western Regional Youth Event comes to Hawaii June 25-29, 2018. Every four years, youth from eight western conferences of the United Church of Christ gather for worship, learning and fellowship at the Western Regional Youth Event. This year it will be held in Hawaii at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. To register go to [www.uccwrye.com](http://www.uccwrye.com)
- The annual Aha Pae 'Aina will be held June 6-9, 2018 at the Community Church in Honolulu.

Passing: Kalei Hanchett, Hau'ula Congregational Church and Nana Aiu, Ka Hana O Ke Akua Church in Waianae.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorna Motas, Church Delegate



## *Celebrating 180 Years*

April 1, 2018 will be the kick-off date for the celebration of Kaumakapili's 180<sup>th</sup> year. It is particularly special since it is Easter Sunday as well. Three things are being planned for that Sunday:

Celebrating Easter, the Risen Christ

Celebrating 180 years, a rich legacy

Blessing the Stained-Glass Window Booklets – a memorial.

The Archive Committee will be displaying a bit of Kaumakapili's history and the church's restoration in 2002-2004 with focus on the memorial stained-glass windows. Display boards, videos and artifacts will be available for everyone to view.

On-going throughout this anniversary year, you will see articles each month that will highlight the history of the first and second churches, focus and celebrate the history of the third church, and explore Visioning 2021.

As an introduction, this month's article is a brief story of Kaumakapili from pre-1838 to 1900. Subsequent newsletters throughout this anniversary year will revolve around the various kahu who served at Kaumakapili's third church. Articles will be shared by various members of the congregation.

### **Kaumakapili – Its Beginnings**



Kaumakapili (Perch with eyes closed) is the name of the 'ili in downtown Honolulu at Smith and Beretania Streets. The name is based on a legend about kamanuwai, a seabird, who would often perch on branches of trees in this fishing village.

Whenever fish was plentiful at sea, it would perch with eyes closed, indicating to fishermen that it was a good time to fish.



In the 1800's at the arrival of the missionaries from Boston various mission stations were established throughout the islands. In the 1820's, the church at Kawaiaha'o was established where the ali'i and the people would worship. In 1837, a Sunday school was formed in the 'ili of Kaumakapili where the maka'ainana lived. At the request of the people to worship in a church of their own, Kaumakapili Church was founded in 1838 with its first kahu, Rev. Lowell Smith. Its first thatched roof building could hold as many as 1,000 people in the room with as many as 600 more souls outside on the lanai and in the yard. The people were eager to hear God's Word so much so that Rev. Smith had to preach at the threshold to be heard by those inside and outside the church.



In 1881, to accommodate a growing congregation, the construction of a second church was begun and took seven years to complete. Its architectural inspiration of twin steeples was the mana'o of King Kalakaua. This church served as a worship center for the people on Sundays as well as a focal point for many community gatherings, including political, and outreach services to the surrounding community. The imposing edifice was sadly destroyed in the 1900 Chinatown fire. The supposedly controlled fire was to eradicate the bubonic plague that was mainly contained in Chinatown. But, the fire sped out of control because of windy conditions sending sparks to one of the church's steeples. The rest is history.



What happened next? Look forward to the article in the April newsletter.

(from the archives of Kaumakapili Church)



# LENT

## “A JOURNEY TO THE CROSS”

Wednesdays, Feb. 21st-Mar. 28th  
@6pm in the Boardroom



Palm Sunday  
March 25th



GOOD FRIDAY  
MARCH 30TH  
SERVICE @ 7PM



# *Easter*

April 1st– 180th Anniversary  
Sunrise Service @ 6AM  
Easter Service @ 10:30AM



March 4, 2018  
*1 Corinthians 1:18-31*  
*Exodus 20:1-17*  
*Psalm 19*  
*John 2:13-22*

March 11, 2018  
*Ephesians 2:1-10*  
*Numbers 21:4-9*  
*Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*  
*John 3:14-21*

March 18, 2018  
*Jeremiah 31:31-34*  
*Psalm 51:1-12*  
*Hebrews 5:5-10*  
*John 12:20-33*

March 25, 2018  
*Mark 11:1-11,*  
*Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29*  
*John 12:12-16*

### 2017 Annual Report

Copies of the 2017 Annual report are available at the church office. If you would like to have the report sent to you, please send your request to [kamakapili@yahoo.com](mailto:kamakapili@yahoo.com).

## Birthdays

### MARCH

March 2	Jason Hurley
March 3	Cyrus Maunakea
March 4	Trudi-Ann Castro
March 5	Mikayla Maeshiro
March 7	Mary Anne Vorfeld Buddy Maunakea
March 9	Jeffery Vorfeld
March 11	Yuzu Martin
March 13	Leslie Malani
March 15	Trinalee Kihewa
March 16	Peter Kihewa
March 19	Alice Eguchi
March 21	Joy Mills
March 23	Josie Eguchi Ean Curtis Kamau-Waikiki
March 28	Lorna Motas
March 29	Desirae Kihewa Barbara Harding



*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*

## March Flowers

March 4:	Anniversary~ Matthew & Lorna Motas
March 11:	Hau'oli La Hanau~ Maunakea 'Ohana
March 18:	Jaya R. Poepoe
March 25:	Available

## The Kaumakapili Church Mission Statement

Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the maka'ainana, 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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