Kaumakapili Church 766 N. King Street Honolulu, HI 96817



## KA LEO O KEALOHA (THE VOICE OF LOVE)

"Nō laila hoʻi, o ka mea lohe i kēia mau 'ōlelo aʻu, a mala hoʻi ia, E hoʻohālike iā ia me ke kanaka naʻauao, nana i kūkulu kona hale maluna o ka põhaku." - 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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### Installation & Affirmation of Kahu Dr. Douglas A. Wooten

BY LORNA MOTAS

On Saturday, October 6, 2018, Kaumakapili Church celebrated the installation of Kahu Dr. Douglas A. Wooten. It was a joyful and memorable celebration for Kahu Wooten, his 'ohana, and Kaumakapili Church family and friends.

The occasion was even more special with his brother Earl Wooten singing and performing a song he composed. In addition, The Rev. Dr. Vertie Powers, a mentor, friend and sister in Christ, gave the sermon entitled, "Go Ahead," referencing scripture from Isaiah 58: 6-9.



Rev. Dr. Vertie Powers ordained Kahu Wooten as a Pastor in the United Church of Christ and guided him in his choice of school to finish his Doctorate in Theology. She also encouraged him to accept his call by God and challenged him to be a messenger of Christ at Kaumakapili Church.

Rev. Dr. Virtie Powers She said that God put him on an adventure journey to reach out and support God's people far from his home town in North Carolina. Equally, she challenged him to "Go ahead" and help the church congregation to be beacons of light by serving the less fortunate, champion the oppressed, giving voice to those

without voice, and lifting those who are on the margins of society. "Go ahead" and lead, not holding back, so that "your light will break forth like the dawn." God will always be there as he promised. When you call upon him he will say, "Here I am." HCUCC Intentional Interim Conference Minister, Gabrielle Chavez, also charged

Kahu Wooten with similar



Ken Makuakane annoints Kahu Dr. Douglash A Wooten

challenges to serve with the great talents and gifts God bestowed upon him. As much as he is charged to love, guide, teach and support the congregation, she charged the church congregation to equally love, guide, teach and support Kahu Wooten.

Member of AHEC, clergy from Hawaiian Churches, UCC Churches and surrounding community leaders attended the installation celebration. All praise, honor and glory to God for a wonderful service and celebration.

Installation Celebration photos on page 10

### Weekly Calendar

### Sunday

Sunday School 9am - 10am Ukulele Class 9am - 10am (see Matt Motas to confirm) Service 10:30am - 11:30am Poki'i Choir 10:30am - 11:30am

### Tuesday

Bible Study with Helen Kaupu Kaowili 5pm - 6pm Choir Practice 5:30pm - 7pm

### Wednesday

Ukulele Class 2pm - 4pm (see Matt Motas to confirm) Bible Study with Kahu Wooten 5pm - 6pm

### Thursday

Ukulele Class 3pm - 5pm (see Matt Motas to confirm)

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KAHU WOOTEN'S OFFICE HOURS Monday -Thursday, 8am - 4pm



# President's Message

BY LORNA MOTAS

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." Psalms 43:5

Greetings Kaumakapili Members and Friends,

In my last letter, I shared the activities that took place from January to June 2018. It's hard to believe that it's already October, and more activities and events have happened and are being planned as I write this letter.

The Hi'e hi'e Sanitation Program, which offers hot showers to the homeless, started in August and has been well received. It will continue two times a month on Thursdays to coincide with the Free Store Outreach program.

The church Sanctuary and Hale Kamika was termite tented and the end of July and now repairs on the Sanctuary roof are being negotiated. Work will most likely take place in early 2019.

Due to the increased vandalism, break-ins, and thefts, we have installed motion sensors throughout the Hale Kamika Community Center. In addition, exterior security cameras and exterior motion/sensor lights will soon be installed.

Sunday School started on September 16, with the Education Ministry rolling out an exciting new curriculum for elementary keiki and young adults. In addition, Adult Bible study with Helen Kaupu-Kaowili has also begun.

The Church Council recently approved two measures: one, to have the church by-laws updated and revised. This is tentatively scheduled for October; second, to allow the Reformed Marshallese Congregational Church to share our church sanctuary on Sunday afternoons. More to come on this initiative.

Me ke aloha o Iesu Kristo, Lorna Motas



Shigeko Spencer, of Honolulu, Hawaii, passed away on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. She was born on January 16, 1939 in Tokyo, Japan, and predeceased by her parents Yurizo Nakamura and Tsuneko Murayama of Japan and her late husband of 53 years Melvin E. Spencer, Jr. of Honolulu.

She spent all of her career in sales with Duty Free Shoppers. After retirement, she especially enjoyed being a loving mother, grandmother, and sister. She enjoyed preparing meals for her family and her dog Chibiko.

She is survived by her sons Melvin E. Spencer III and Michael (Shelly) S. Spencer; 3 grandchildren Everett Kana'iaupuni Spencer, Hannah Kanoelani Tsuneko Spencer, and Ethan-Luke Keawe Spencer as well as two sisters Haruko Murayama and Kimiko Murayama and a brother Sadayuki Murayama.

A Celebration of Shigeko's life was held on Sunday, October 14, 2018 at Kaumakapili Church.





Margaret Tamanaha	10/1
Francis Malani Jr.	10/7
Kanoe Wong	10/8
Ruby Kaneao	10/13
Tiffany Canonigo	10/14
Gertrude Cabacungan	10/15
Marcus Maunakea	10/18
Annabell Lakalo	10/19
Florencio Cabacungan	10/20
Lehuanani Castro	10/21
Suelun Chronister	10/21
Gordon Bright	10/23
Leocadia Heleloa	10/24
Lauren Kelly	10/24
Chelsea Fernandez	10/25
Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina	10/27
Tatiana Hurley	10/28
Caroline Malani	10/29



- 10/7 Aloha Committee
- 10/14 In Memory of Henry Maunakea
- 10/21 Andrew & Jaya Poepoe
- 10/28 In Memory of Lily Kekahuna

Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the makaainana, the common folk, rich in Hawaiian 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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### **Installation** Celebration





Earl Wooten

Kahu Wooten's Family (left to right): David Roberts, Vivian Roberts (sister), Delores Fogg (sister), Yulanda Wooten, Kahu Douglas Wooten, Angela Wooten, Victor Wooten (brother), Earl Wooten (brother)



Kahu Wooten's family enjoying Hawaiian luau fare



Delores Fogg

Friends help celebrate Kahu Wooten's installation



Top row: Wooten Family - Bottom row: HCUCC and AHEC clergy in attendance at installation

## **Rev. Richard Wong** 1970 - 1979

Celebrating 180 Years - Fifth Article in a Series

BY SYBIL SCHOENSTEIN



Rev. Richard Wong (pictured at left) was affectionately known as Kaumakapili "pake kahu." His ministry with Kaumakapili began after a low period in the life of the church. He so often challenged Kaumakapili with these words, "Do God's work and the money will come."

This article highlights excerpts from Kaumakapili Church History In Brief by Henry Aarona Jr., Oct. 7, 1986, and Reflections of 9 Years at Kaumakapili Church by Rev. Richard Wong.

Rev. Wong brought many challenges to Kaumakapili

- Called on members to help the victims of a fire at
- Kanoe Street rooming house ٠ Inspired the formation of the free store and food bank
- Encouraged the formation of Na Lima Aloha (young adult group) and Hui Manawale'a (senior group)
- Began the 1st luau in 1971
- Organized Hale Hoʻola Hou (House of New Life) in . 1975 which became Kalihi Palama Health Clinic
- Invited the 1st Samoan Congregational Church of Honolulu to use the sanctuary
- Kaumakapili hosted the 1975 Aha Pae'aina
- Sought funding by members and trusts for a new pipe organ, built in 1976
- Spearheaded Palama Interchurch Council Hoike Hauoli, Lantern Parade, Palm Sunday, etc.
- Helped Kaumakapili realize the dream of a New Building Complex (Hale Kamika)
- Opened up Kaumakapili's doors to community ministries, services and facilities use

Kaumakapili grew from a handful to many. Our faith tested many times. Our Ohana family ties grew and our people became a caring people concerned for each other's welfare. Our future hope is to strengthen this concept of 'Ohana amongst all of Kaumakapili.

"let us put aside our nuhas and be about our Father's business and everything else shall be added . . ."

From Kaumakapili Church "Hale Kamika" Dedicatory Program, June 28, 1981 Period of Reconstruction 1967-1981 by Rev. William Kaina

. . . Rev. Wong worked diligently and faithfully gathering the lost members and new ones back into the church. New activities and programs were initiated with emphasis on young leadership. New interest and excitement were cultivated, programs to meet the changing times were tried, at times with great opposition. Soon the original mark of "the church of the common man" was restored. The marching orders so often heard from this Kahu was to the effect, "Let us put aside our nuhas and be about our Father's business and everything else shall be added . . ."

December 31, 1979, the Rev. Richard W. Wong, retired as pastor of our church. . . . thus bringing to a glorious close the faithful and exciting ministry of a servant of God, a retirement well deserving of a person whom our Lord has crowned saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."



The beginning of Kalihi Palama Health Center - Hale Hoola Hou at Kaumakapili Church

Yulanda and Kahu Wooten

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## **Upcoming Events**

<u>October</u> 6 Kahu Wooten Installation 21 Oahu Sunday School Association Sunday School Hoike 27 Aha Mele, Kaneohe Congregational Church Worship 9:30am; Aha Mele 10:30am 28 Stewardship Luncheon, 11:30am - 2pm

November 11 Stewardship Sunday 12 Veterans' Day - Office Closed 18 Founders' Day Thanksgiving Sunday 20 Miracle Meals 22 Thanksgiving - Office Closed at 12pm



Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ (UCC) that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (IWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants.

Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

Kaumakapili Church will receive the NIN offering on October 14, 2018 as part of the World Communion Sunday observance. This is one of our "Five for Five" gifting that Kaumakapili participates with the UCC. For more information, brochures are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Alternatively, to give directly, visit https://transactions.ucc.org/ CampaignForm/UCChrist/neighbors in need

## Ho'omaika'i Elia!!





Aloha'Aina Youth Leadership Award (pictured at left). It was inaugurated by Kanaeokana – Hawai'i's network of Native Hawaiian Schools. He was chosen among his entire graduating class by the faculty and administration of his school. The award recognizes haumana for their academic achievements, community service, and commitment to aloha 'aina – which includes caring for Hawai'i's lands as well as sustainability, community advocacy, activism, and nurturing 'ohana. Elia and the other young leaders each received a \$1,500 prize to go towards their post-high school education. Elia received a number of scholarships from Kamehameha Schools, Kawaiaha'o Church, Foodland, and the University of Hawaiʻi.

### Welcome Marshallese to Kaumakapili BY LORNA MOTAS

The Reformed Congregational Church of Honolulu celebrated their first service on October 14, 2018. Their church roots are from Majuro in the Marshall Islands and they are one of two Marshallese churches here on Oahu.

Pastor Russell Edwards (pictured below) flew in from the Majuro to give the first message and shared the pulpit with local Associate Pastor, Neijon Edwards. Together they lead the group of 100 + congregants in singing, prayer, scripture

reading, communion and child baptisms. Their celebration continued in the hall with food, dancing and singing.

> They gifted the church with beautiful fans, and to all guests, special hand-made shell necklaces from their islands.

They are grateful to God and Kaumakapili Church for allowing them to worship here. They invite all to join them in their Sunday worship service at 1:00 pm.



### October 7

lob 1:1, 2:1-10 Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 1:1-4, 2;5-12 Mark 10:2-16

### October 14

lob 23:1-9 Amos 5:6-7, 10[15 Psalms 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

### October 21

Job 38:1-7 Isaiah 53:4-12 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10: 25-45

#### October 28

Job 42:1-6, 10-17 leremiah 31:7-9 Psalms 126 Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52



Kahu Wooten wearing a gift from Marshallese pastors



Some of our Kaumakapili 'ohana and friends making lunches for Habitat for Humanity in September

Lāpule	Pōʻakahi	Põtalua	Pô'akolu	ber) 2018	Pōʻalima	Pō'aono
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## **New Friends and Justice**

### BY MANU NA'OLF

This Fall has marked the start of another professional year for me. Classes have begun, new students are being welcomed into different classrooms, and teachers are trying to set a new tone for the year. The new year fills all of us, teachers and students, with hope and excitement. The mark of a new thing, whatever it is, brings hope for change.

Almost 2000 years ago, Jesus arrived at the Synagogue in Nazareth bringing a new message of hope. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19) The people of Nazareth hear a message of good news, and Jesus ends his mini-sermon affirming for the people that he, Jesus, is the new message of hope for the people. "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:21)

In the month of July, Kaumakapili had the honor of hosting new friends from New York. Rev. Dr. Amy Butler of Riverside Church in New York City, along

stories. A large portion of the conversation revolved around the question, "What does justice look like for



New York City, visiting Kaumakapili

us?"

her ministerial staff. visited the church on July 15th. The following Sunday she took Kaumakapili's pulpit and preached God's message from Luke 16. After service on July 15th. Riverside Church's visiting staff members and some members of Kaumakapili sat around the board table breaking bread

together and sharing

"What are we. as Kaumakapili Church, doing to bring forth justice in the world?"

The roots of justice are the same regardless of where people are trying to impart justice in the world, whether in New York City or Kalihi. Many parts of the roots are grounded in the words of Jesus in Luke 4. Justice is proclaiming goodness to the poor, proclaiming liberty to the captive, giving sight to the blind, and giving liberty to the oppressed. Over the course of our hour together, we began to realize that our fight for justice is taking different forms. There were similarities to be found within both of our battles, but enough area of differences to make us think about our senses of justice and where our potential areas of blindness in the fight might be.

As a church, it is a good question for all of us to wrestle with, both on an individual level and a communal level. What are you doing to bring forth justice in your world? What are we, as Kaumakapili Church, doing to bring forth justice in the world? Ingrained in these questions of depth are more questions for us to ponder. Who are the people seeking justice in our community?

The world is a hurt and broken place. Today is as good a time as any to take Jesus' message to the world. Let us be people inspired by the words of Luke 4, who know that thousands of miles across the country are others taking up the same fight, and let us breathe a breath of justice, hope and love into the community around us. In the newness of our day, our month and our year may we continue to search of lesus' heart over and over and over again. Amen!

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### The Restoration of Kaumakapili Church

BY LUANA JARDINE

Aloha Kaumakapili, I would like to share a part of a wonderful journey in my life. In my class before graduation at Leeward Community College (English 217/ Spring 2007), my assignment was to write a book of a "place." It would be either Mt. Ka'ala or Kaumakapili Church. Realistically, I thought how often would 1 be able to go to Mt. Ka'ala since I worked in Honolulu. I chose Kaumakapili Church. My journey from my first interview to the completion of my book led me to become a member of Kaumakapili Church. Here is just a part of my book:

#### Interview with Henry Maunakea

*Luana Jardine:* "How did the idea of restoration of the church come about?"

Henry Maunakea: "It will fall apart. There's no idea. It was falling apart. We cannot go ahead and continue to keep doing the broke, fix mode. 'Cause depends when the time of history in the church and who's here to take care, how they fix. Patch here, do this, all broke fix; I said we gotta get out of that mode. So I said to the people gathered as we planned, we gotta do a correct job, even if it means tearing all the skin off the church and putting all back new. We got to do it 'cause you know, it's going to fall down; this place is going to fall down. Once the congregation agreed to move forward, we went. Of course, I've had heated arguments in the congregational meetings about why do we have to spend so much money to fix this up? Why don't we fix here, fix there? Then I told them, the church needs attention. This is God's house. It needs attention. It needs the many years of deferred maintenance done. And I took it upon myself even if the congregation was kinda nuha, I took it upon myself; spiritually we're going to do it however."

"Before we even started anything, we set up a Golden Text...Hawaiians call it a Pauku Gula, that would kind be up there for us to follow."

### Starting Off Pono With Prayer

*Luana Jardine:* Kahu David Kaupu helped the Steering Restoration Committee to stay firm in the traditions of the Kalawina system and our Hawaiian culture. This is what Henry Maunakea shared when I interviewed him:

Henry Maunakea: "We started in 2000 for the raising of the money, the planning, and all that kind stuff. 2003 the actual construction started. I had control of that. The reason I delayed the planning was that when we received the Existing Condition Report on the sanctuary back then, I didn't feel the church had the resources to do it. The leadership and finances were struggling. So when Kahu Kaupu came on board in 1995, he kept leading me to do it. And in 2000 I felt ok, pau, I ready. Trevor (Maunakea) was president with Melvin (Spencer) as his vice-president. We had a young leadership team. We had different people that had been coming to church and we had Kahu Kaupu who was a soldier sent for us. We had Fred (Trotter) and Sam (Cooke). That's when I told Kahu, now we can go. Kahu Kaupu was behind us 110%.



Kahu David Kaupu



Kaumakapili under restoration 2003

Before we even started anything, we set up a Golden Text . . .Hawaiians call it a Pauku Gula that would kinda be up there for us to follow. We'd use Matthew 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We took that and malama that verse, pule the verse before we started to plan. So with that in mind, all efforts were scripturally based in everything we did.

So when we went to the banks to sit and talk story with them, I always asked Kahu would you open with prayer. The bankers would seem uncomfortable, but we kept the focus. We asked for \$900,000 and they were willing to give us 6 figures, 7 figures -- one million, six. I told them, no. We are going to use what we need and that's it. We are not going to throw off everything (our budget) because we got to pay it back and that is going to be the hardest thing. So we used what we needed -\$952,000. And when we paid back up to \$700,000, we paid the rest off by proceeds.

You look at or when you hear all the stories – the gifting, our lida Contracting Company family and all that transpired, it's because, I believe, this scripture text was our guide that took us into these different places and receiving these different blessings. The reward is we kept our faith and we were faithful in what we did to achieve this. I think the efforts at least for the Kalawina church is to have the Pauku Gula when you're doing anything." "The reward is we kept our faith and we were faithful in what we did to achieve this."



"...the church needs attention. This is God's house."



Kaumakapili under restoration 2002