

# REVIVE THE LEGACY VISION 2019-2022



**KBC**   
**KAPAHULU BIBLE CHURCH**  
Making Disciples in the Shadow of Diamond Head



## ABOUT US

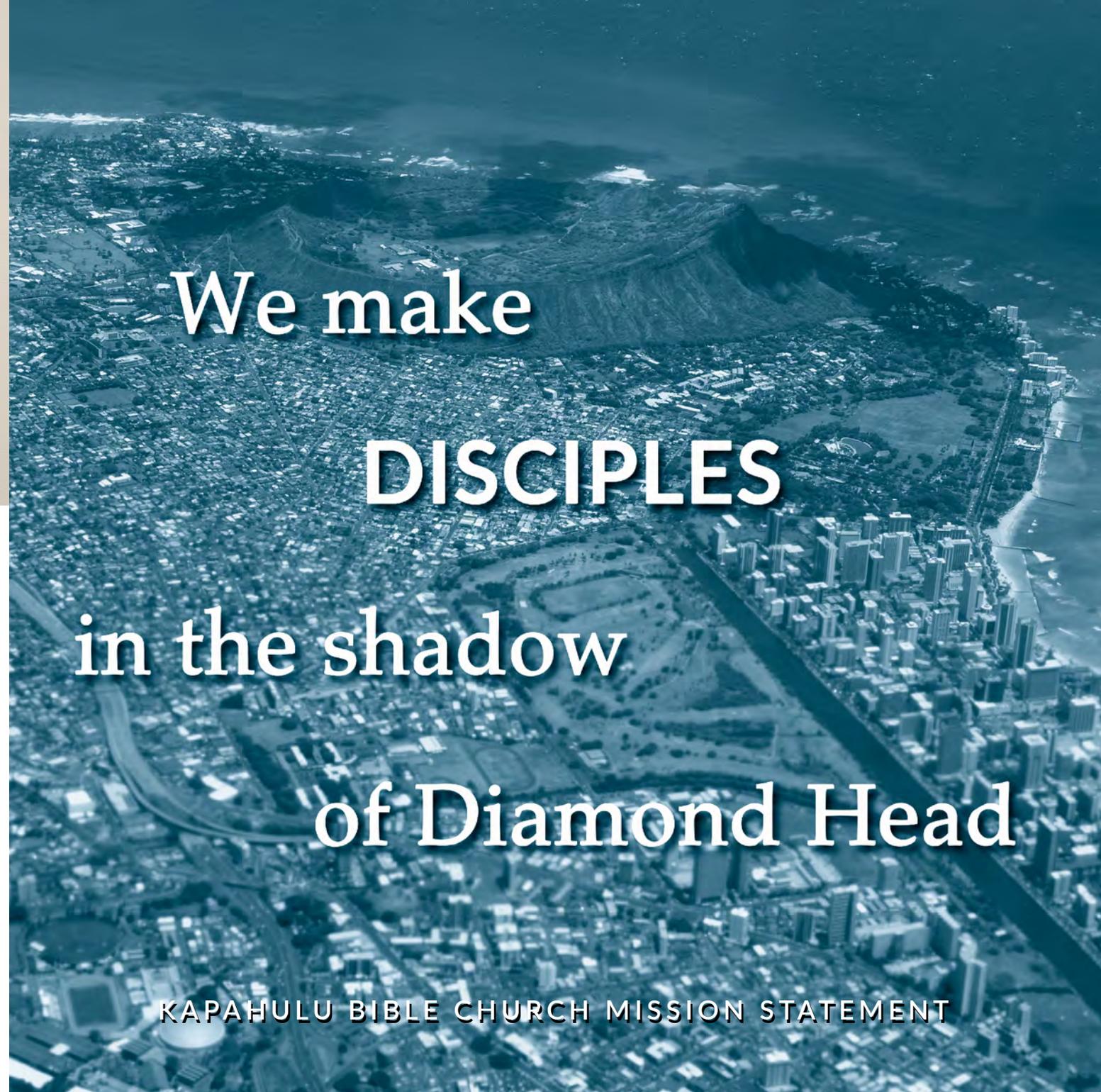
Thank you for taking the time to hear the vision story of Kapahulu Bible Church (KBC), located in the shadow of Diamond Head on Oahu's southern shore. We are confident in God's leading as He has steadily confirmed and grown our passion to revive our legacy to once again become an intergenerational ministry. We are convinced that this is God's calling for KBC today.

Kapahulu Bible Church has a rich history with a favored reputation in this community. The church has been known for its outreach to the youth in the area. KBC humbly began in a barn and saw God raise it up, in two generations, to the church building and grounds in the urban community we are in today. Several of the youth reached for Christ in that day are the Kupuna (older generation) who continue to attend and serve today. The original DNA lends itself well to the current vision: **"To be a Christ-centered 'ohana passionate about sharing God's story to the next generation."** We were designed for this.

We believe that KBC is positioned for a fresh awakening of God's Spirit through the united pursuit of experiencing His very best among us.

In His Love,

Glenn, Pastor J, Paul, Pastor Nick, David  
Kapahulu Bible Church elder board



# We make DISCIPLES in the shadow of Diamond Head

KAPAHULU BIBLE CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

## A CASE FOR THE REVIVAL OF OUR LEGACY

From our inception, we have been a church that desired to invest in the next generation. We chose our current location in 1950 based on the area's known needs among the younger population. We believe that following Christ is the ultimate answer that brings hope to all people in all generations. And we believe in order to keep that message alive our focus must be a selfless sacrifice of one generation for the next.

Kapahulu Bible Church was founded as a non-denominational evangelical church by Rev. Vincent Crossett and his wife Margaret—missionaries with the China Inland Mission. Meetings were initially held in a home and then in the Liholiho Elementary School Auditorium, until a permanent site could be found. Through faith and prayer, it was decided to settle in the Kapahulu district where the younger generation was in great need.

A telling quote that highlighted the first years of ministry at KBC came when the former Chief of Police, Dan Liu, commended us for changing the community by bringing many youth to the Lord—"drastically transforming the delinquency rate."

The next pastor was Paul W. Edwardson, who arrived in 1962 fresh off a twenty-eight country tour of the

Christian and Missionary Alliance overseas work. Edwardson answered the call to be KBC's next pastor with one stipulation: KBC must affiliate itself with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. Under Edwardson's leadership our current building was constructed. The construction took place through miraculous provisions in spite of very meager finances—KBC became known as the "miracle church."

Kapahulu called their third pastor, Gordon Fowler, in 1965. He pastored KBC until 1970. During his tenure two significant steps were realized: 1) A local expansion program was launched which eventually led to the planting of the current nine Alliance churches on Oahu, and 2) the founding of Kapahulu Bible Church Preschool which continues to be at full enrollment.

Kapahulu Bible Church's fourth pastor was Rev. Anthony Bollback, who had served overseas prior to becoming KBC's pastor. He served in Hawaii from 1971 until 1977. It was during Pastor Bollback's tenure that KBC experienced its highest attendance averaging 350 every Sunday. Today, many of our kupuna (the younger generation of the 1970s) remember fondly the ministry of Anthony and Evelyn Bollback.

There are many stories from 1977 to the present day—stories of a vibrant choir that attracted many young people, stories of an afterschool program and stories of several youth who are here because of the personal investment by various people from

the church body. Every story that lives on today is told because there are people who were of a younger generation that have grown to be part of the ohana today.

Today we believe God is using several opportunities to order our steps toward this vision:

1. A high school ministry that meets every Saturday night. There are between 25 and 30 youth who are attending. The majority are unchurched. The challenge is to integrate with them.
2. A preschool with full enrollment. We have 37 children who each have parents and family, the majority again are unchurched.
3. A growing trend of younger families within our congregation. Our twenty-to-thirty population are multiplying, and they are attracting their friends within the same demographics.

These young lives represent the potential stories that will be told here in another 40–50 years.

Based on the stirring of leadership, the calling and input of our current pastor, the DNA of our on-going story, we believe God has led us to the current Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values included in this brochure. We believe as we cultivate the concept of inter-generational ministry, aimed at sharing the story with the next generation, we will have re-established the legacy of Kapahulu Bible Church. We will have then insured that our impact will continue beyond the current generation.

We are becoming a  
**CHRIST-CENTERED**  
ohana passionate about  
**SHARING**  
God's story to the  
**NEXT GENERATION**

**KAPAHULU BIBLE CHURCH VISION STATEMENT**

# BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

“We will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders” Psalm 78:4–7

“You must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands ... Repeat them again and again to your children. Deuteronomy 6:4–9

## INTER-GENERATIONAL VISION

“Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.” Psalm 145:4

“Anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me.” Matthew 18:2–6

### BIBLE

2 Timothy 3:16, Luke 11:28

### PRAYER

Colossians 4:2, 1st Thessalonians 5:17

### INSPIRING WORSHIP

Psalm 98:1, Romans 12:1

### EVANGELISM & MISSIONS

Acts 1:8, Matthew 24:14, Romans 1:16, Luke 10:2

### SMALL GROUPS

Hebrews 10:24–25, Acts 5:42

### DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 28:18–20, 2nd Timothy 2:2

### ACCOUNTABILITY

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12, James 5:16

Being an original charter member of Kapahu-  
lu Bible Church has allowed me the unique  
opportunity to serve alongside every pastor  
that has ministered at KBC. God created each  
of them, according to His perfect will, with  
different personalities, goals and visions. I have  
observed that their ultimate objective was to  
honor and share God's love and gift of salva-  
tion with the lost. Also, to deepen and grow  
personal relationships with believers already a  
part of the body of Christ at KBC.

I am very pleased and encouraged that many  
of our young people who grew up in the "old  
barn" in 1950 (our very beginning) are still  
worshiping and growing in Jesus and holding  
leadership positions at KBC or other churches.  
This should be our heart's desire—to raise up  
the next generation to love, honor and serve  
our Heavenly Father—as we all work together  
for His Glory (Matthew 28:18–20).

— **Dorothy Chang, charter member and pianist  
of Kapahulu Bible Church**

KBC was my first introduction to the Alliance  
Churches of Hawaii 12 years ago when I  
started as the Church Planting Director for the  
Central Pacific District and joined them for a  
retreat on the North Shore. I immediately felt  
welcomed like part of the KBC family, and I  
have always been impressed with your vision  
for a God honoring future. Seeing what you  
are trusting God for in this season thrills my  
heart for a CPD church we call "home." I can  
tell you from experience, thank you for doing  
"ohana" well!

— **Ray Van Gilst, District Superintendent of the  
Central Pacific District of the C&MA**

"I believe that our wise and sovereign Lord  
raised up KBC for this moment in time. Win-  
some, Bible-believing, Jesus-honoring, Gos-  
pel-advancing churches such as KBC are es-  
sential in our communities. I celebrate not only  
the past and the present, but also the future  
impact that KBC will have upon her region and  
to the farthest reached of the world."

— **Rev. John Stumbo, president of the C&MA**

It's a great privilege for me to "cheer on" and  
"pray on" another new day that is dawning  
at Kapahulu Bible Church. We eagerly wait  
to hear of the good things God will do in the  
strategic ministry of this much loved congrega-  
tion. We gladly endorse the clear statements  
of purpose expressed in this brochure. God will  
surely bless you in the fulfilling of these God  
honouring goals.

— **Rev. Gordon Fowler, former pastor of  
Kapahulu Bible Church '65-'70**

The Lord brought my wife, Shirlee and me to  
KBC in 1976 where we found a caring and  
loving family of believers of all ages. We were  
warmly welcomed and given many opportuni-  
ties to serve the Body of Christ. Shirlee loved  
God's Word and enjoyed sharing it with others  
in Sunday School and as the head deaconess.  
During the last year of her life, several women  
took turns to stay with and care for Shirlee  
during the day. Seeing God's love in action,  
grew my love for His Church. My desire for  
both current worshipers and newcomers is to  
grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God, but  
most of all to experience both the receiving  
and giving of His love. May it be said of KBC,  
"See how they love one another!"

— **Glenn Shimabukuro, elder of  
Kapahulu Bible Church**

Having grown up in the neighborhood without  
a relationship with Jesus, I am eternally grateful  
for the outreach of the men and women who  
make up the ohana at KBC. They are surren-  
dered to His call, and obedient to His guidance.  
The Lord is using this body of Christ-followers  
to weave a grand tapestry, the true beauty of  
which will be seen with purified eyes in eterni-  
ty. As an ohana on mission, I can't wait to see  
the global and local impact that KBC will have  
as they pursue this vision.

— **Mitch Massey, former youth of Kapahulu  
Bible Church, attending Alliance Seminary**

In all my years at KBC, I've been blessed and  
loved unconditionally by everyone I have en-  
countered. Since my first day until today, there  
have been many changes in my life for which  
I'm grateful. I'm excited to see what Christ has  
in store for KBC and for the area of Kapahulu!

— **Jia Jun Zeng, young adult member of  
Kapahulu Bible Church**

I arrived as a child at KBC when it was a bro-  
ken cow barn, filled with children, young people  
and great potential. As a set of buildings arose,  
something new and wonderful was happening  
for all to see. I watched my parents, Pastor Paul  
and June Edwardson, fanning the flame of vi-  
sion to impact Kapahulu for Jesus. In just a few  
years, hundreds of children, young people and  
adults met Christ as the church grew and grew.  
It was truly a light in the shadow of Diamond  
Head. Many decades have passed and signifi-  
cant change has taken place, but the potential  
is the same. Today is the day to do whatever it  
takes to bring the gospel to the thousands of  
people living in Kapahulu! Today is the day!

— **Dale Edwardson, Pastor and former National  
Church Health Director for the C&MA**

**"Won't you revive us again,  
so your people can rejoice in  
you?" —Psalm 85:6**

## ENDORSEMENTS

**"This should be our heart's  
desire—to raise up the next  
generation to love, honor and  
serve our Heavenly Father."  
—Dorothy Chang**

## PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

An organization's **Mission Statement** describes **WHAT** it is that they do. For example: KBC **"makes disciples in the shadow of Diamond Head."** A **Vision Statement** describes **WHERE** the organization is going. For example: KBC **"is**

**going to be a Christ-centered ohana passionate about sharing God's story to the next generation."** And finally the **Value Statement** describes **HOW** the organization will get there. When we say that **we are a family that grows upwards to God, flows outwards to community and builds inwards to one-another**; we are saying that there is a particular way that we will accomplish the vision God has given us—and we will not compromise that way.

We have agreed to be a church which moves along three different trajectories: 1) **Upwards**, Growing to God, 2) **Outwards**, Flowing to Community and 3) **Inwards**, Building to One-Another. We have made certain that our Core Values support and accomplish this movement along these three guiding principles.

A Christ-Led Ohana that

Grows **UPWARDS** to God

Flows **OUTWARDS** to Community

Builds **INWARDS** to One-Another

KAPAHULU BIBLE CHURCH CORE VALUE STATEMENT

### KBC's CORE VALUES

#### 1. Relationship with God (UPWARD)

**Core Values:** Bible, Prayer, Inspiring Worship

#### 2. Relationship with Our Community and World (OUTWARD)

**Core Values:** Local Evangelism and Global Missions

#### 3. Relationship with One Another (INWARD)

**Core Values:** Small Groups, Discipleship and Accountability



Grow Up • Flow Out • Build In

## You Can Help Revive Our Legacy By...

### PRAYING WITH US

It all starts with prayer. We are a people who are desperately dependent on God for all good things. For a current list of prayer requests visit [www.kapahulubible.org/visionprayer](http://www.kapahulubible.org/visionprayer)

### GETTING INVOLVED

You can be a part of this ohana that makes the vision of KBC a reality by asking, "Where am I needed?" Contact leadership and let's talk about how you could fit in.

### SPREADING THE WORD

You can be a voice that casts this vision to others.

1. Share on your social media platform(s).
2. Share our website.
3. Talk about us with your friends.
4. Share our materials.





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