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 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, equipped for the work of the ministry of proclaiming the good news for all people: by witnessing in word and deed, by serving in Branch Management in Honolulu for a major Wall Street investment firm, I sought a new vocational path. I accepted a position as Director of Community Outreach at Central Union Church in 2012. One of my primary responsibilities was to lead a weekly worship service for people living in our homeless communities. I pursued a Master of Divinity at Vancouver School of Theology in British Columbia and graduated with honors in May 2016. I was recently “ordained pending a call” by the Oahu Association of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ. My wife, Christy, and I have been long-time members of Central Union Church. We have a daughter, Claire, who is currently a junior at Chapman University in Orange, CA, studying graphic design.

Hello, my name is Scott Furukawa and I am the newest member of the Interim Ministry Team. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve Kaumakapili Church. My primary role will be to serve in an administrative capacity in the church office during the weekdays, Monday through Thursday, and preach on occasion.

I grew up in Honolulu, attended public schools, and graduated from the University of Hawaii with a bachelor’s degree in business management. After serving in branch management in Honolulu for a major Wall Street investment firm, I sought a new vocational path. I accepted a position as Director of Community Outreach at Central Union Church in 2012. One of my primary responsibilities was to lead a weekly worship service for people living in our homeless communities.

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Lent is the forty-day season of the church calendar that started on Ash Wednesday and will culminate with Holy Week and Easter Sunday. It’s a time of fasting, prayer, repentance, and reflection as we journey with Jesus to the Cross. Lent is a time when many will give up certain temptations like chocolates or time spent on social media. These temptations are more like habits. After the forty days are over, we return to those same old habits.


During this season of Lent, let’s reflect on those things Jesus said and did. Reflect on who you are, and whose you are, as we journey together with Jesus to the Cross.

Blessings,

Scott
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MALAKI 2017 ACTIVITIES

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1. **Kūhio Day**
   - 10:00am Adult Study
   - 11:00am Youth Group
   - 12:00pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

2. **Encounters at the Cross**
   - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
   - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

3. **March 26th**
   - 10:00am Adult Study
   - 11:00am Youth Group
   - 12:00pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

4. **April 2nd**
   - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
   - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

5. **April 9th**
   - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
   - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

6. **April 16th**
   - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
   - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

7. **April 23rd**
   - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
   - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

8. **April 30th**
   - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
   - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

9. **May 7th**
   - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
   - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

10. **May 14th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

11. **May 21st**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

12. **May 28th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

13. **June 4th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

14. **June 11th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

15. **June 18th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

16. **June 25th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

17. **July 2nd**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

18. **July 9th**
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19. **July 16th**
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20. **July 23rd**
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    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

21. **July 30th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

22. **August 6th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

23. **August 13th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

24. **August 20th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

25. **August 27th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

26. **September 3rd**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

27. **September 10th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

28. **September 17th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

29. **September 24th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

30. **October 1st**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

31. **October 8th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

32. **October 15th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

33. **October 22nd**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

34. **October 29th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

35. **November 5th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

36. **November 12th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

37. **November 19th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

38. **November 26th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

39. **December 3rd**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
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    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

41. **December 17th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

42. **December 24th**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

43. **December 31st**
    - 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
    - 7:30pm Hale Aloha Rehearsal

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**LENT**

Join us for our Lenten study Wednesdays, from now until April 12th at 6pm. We will be exploring the study, “Close Encounters at the Cross.” This study each week incorporates dramatic monologues, reflection question and a short talk story time that features key people we will meet throughout the six week Lenten journey. We will hear the protestations of the antagonist, Satan, the inquisitive seeking of the lawyer Nicodemus, the testimony of a marginalized Samaritan woman, the man’s of a forgotten blind man, and also hear from Jesus’ close friends Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Each week we will share a scripture text for study and a reflection question. You can follow along with us via our bulletin, website or on our facebook page.

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**COME TO THE SPRING HO’IKE**

On March 19, 2017, 2-4PM
At Kawaiaha’o Church Gym
With refreshments to follow

Theme: Here I Am, Lord!
Scripture: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” Psalm 150:6

*Share what you’ve been doing in Sunday School or your scripture, mele, or vignette*

RSVP by March 12, 2017. Contact Martha Albin (382-7802, albinmar@hawaii.rr.com) or Keiko D’Enbeau (228-3615, denbeau001@hawaii.rr.com)
Aloha Kaumakapili:

We are rapidly approaching year two of our interim season. God continues to move in our midst and our church ohana prayerfully seeks Him in all we do. Many things have happened over the year. This series of newsletter articles will begin to share God’s movement in our church life.

Our interim season is uniquely lead by an interim team which has grown to included team members with a certain gift mix. We said Aloha to Kahu David Hirano earlier this year as he and wife Sandra moved to be closer to their family on the east coast. God replaced him with Kahu Scott Furukawa who is giving of his time during this season to be our Day Ministry Pastor. Mr. Manu Naeole joins the team to assist in worship, helping our youth, and working with our Sunday School. Rev. Randy Furushima facilitated our visioning process and lends his passion for teaching the Bible through speaking at worship services. The team visioning process and lends his passion for teaching the Bible through speaking at worship services. The team visioning process and lends his passion for teaching the Bible through speaking at worship services.

A new and exciting vision has arisen from a series of retreat meetings having to do with what Kaumakapili is rounded out by Kahu Sherman Thompson, Mr. Kona bible through speaking at worship services. The team visioning process and lends his passion for teaching the Bible through speaking at worship services. The team visioning process and lends his passion for teaching the Bible through speaking at worship services. The team visioning process and lends his passion for teaching the Bible through speaking at worship services. The team visioning process and lends his passion for teaching the Bible through speaking at worship services.

The Vineyard @ 766 N. King Street

Faith Formation and Education
Growing the Body of Christ
A strong Bible-based, faith-centered educational program for all ages

Action Strategies
1. Seek different ways of TEACHING and LEARNING THE BIBLE, including new and young believers in Christ, by consistently offering classes in the Bible
2. Develop a plan for an ALL-CHURCH CURRICULUM for all ages, so that everything is aligned.

There will be opportunities for involvement in working on teams that will develop further the two priorities. Please look for this in upcoming newsletter articles as well as the information board when you come to church.

Lastly, I encourage all of us to prepare to celebrate Easter at Kaumakapili. Our church ohana will be faithfully seeking God in our preparation of Holy Week. I pray your family can join us at any of the 6 Lenten bible studies that we will have every Wednesday leading up to Good Friday. The church is in a season of discernment, a very exciting and faith growing time for us all. Come and be part of a growing Kaumakapili. Pray for our fellow lay leaders, interim pastors, and worshiping ohana.

Aloha Ke Akua
Trevor Maunakea

Did You Know…

A wonderful article about our Music Director Akiko Chang’s kāne, Doug, was recently featured in the Kamehameha Schools E-Newsletter. So good to have another humble, Hawaiian servant leader in our congregation!

To read the article check out their E-Newsletter at: http://www.ksbse.edu/imua/article/ks-alumnum-douglas-chang-has-built-legacy-of-hawaiian-values-in-the-visitor/

From The Nominations Committee.....

At the February 19, 2017 Church Annual Meeting the following members were approved to serve the church on the following boards and committees. The members of the Nominations Committee are most appreciative of all who answered the call to service.

Executive Committee:
President
Trevor Maunakea
Vice President
Melvin Spencer III
Treasurer
Stewart Martin
Secretary
Sybil Schoenstein/ Roberta Jahrling/ Zena Kaelu

* This position will be filled by the three people named above. They will rotate their time to serve as secretary to the Executive Committee.

Board of Deacons:
Vivian Maunakea
Jo-An Goss
Buddy Maunakea

Board of Education:
Kuulei Akaka
Chelsa Fernandez
Jan Maunakea

Board of Stewardship:
Donna Ede
Frank Jahrling
Andrew Poepoe
Myrtle Stewart
Claudette Niuau

Aloha Committee:
Wendell Kam
Tracy Fernandez-Green
Christina Rudolph

Buildings & Grounds:
Phil Regier
Peter Green

Music Committee:
Kaori Martin
Momi Maunakea
Amanda Allison

Nominations Committee:
Zena Kaelu
Roberta Jahrling
Iris DeRegio

Outreach Ministry Committee:
David Kaneao
Wendy Ann Garcia
Anne Leake

Members-At-Large:
Sybil Schoenstein
Alfredo Garcia

In closing, a word about true servants of the church whose unstinting service made Kaumakapili a better place, Kahu Richard Wong and Uncle Henry Aarona. When we talk about time, talent and treasure, these individuals had it all. Kahu Wong had the vision and Uncle Henry was Kahu's messenger and together they were awesome.

On Sunday, February 19 we were reminded that the gold tree that was in full bloom was planted for and by Uncle Henry as a tribute to his indispensible service of aloha and love for Kaumakapili. In the upper left corner you can make out the branches of Kahu Wong's tree which has yet to bloom. Together the trees are a reminder of two true servants of the church.

Upcoming Events

**MARCH**

- Wed., Mar. 1
  - Ash Wednesday Services, 12n, 6pm
- Wed., Mar. 8
  - Lenten Study, 6pm
- Sun., Mar. 19
  - Spring Hōʻike, 2pm (Kawaihaust’o’)
- Mon., Mar. 27
  - Office Closed-Prince Kuhio Day

**APRIL**

- Wed., Mar. 22
  - Lenten Study, 6pm (until April 12th)
- Fri., Apr. 14
  - Office Closed, 12n
- Good Friday Service, 7pm
- Sun., Apr. 16
  - Easter Sunrise Service, 6am
- Easter Service, 10:30am

**JUNE**

- Wed., June 7
  - Food Prep Day 7:30-9:00am
- Thu., June 8
  - Distribution 7:30-10:00am
- Fri., June 9
  - Food Prep Day 7:30-9:00am
- Sat., June 10
  - Distribution 7:30-10:00am

**JULY**

- Mon., July 10
  - Easter Hōʻike, 2pm (Kawaiaha‘o)
- Wed., July 19
  - Lenten Study, 6pm
- Fri., July 21
  - Office Closed, 12n
- Good Friday Service, 7pm
- Sun., July 23
  - Easter Sunrise Service, 6am
- Easter Service, 10:30am
Ma‘ema‘e was full of young voices. It was also shared that the children of the neighborhood would come to church once they heard the bell ringing from the bell-tower. Mother Elizabeth Waterhouse was instrumental in rallying the efforts of Christianity into the hearts and minds of all the children in surrounding areas as well as instilling the educational efforts into these same children, thus, with the combination of Mother Waterhouse and Kaumakapili Church, Ma‘ema‘e’s Elementary School and Ma‘ema‘e Chapel were born. The elementary school is one of the oldest public schools on Oahu.

Sunday School was in session from September through June similar to that of the public and private schools schedule. Attendance was vital to the health, welfare and longevity of Ma‘ema‘e. Marion Waterhouse Wilcox, daughter of Mother Elizabeth Waterhouse, would become a benefactress to Ma‘ema‘e as it was within her nature to care for the children and to reward them for their faithful attendance much like her mother did years before her. Mrs. Wilcox’s generosity was quite substantial through the years as throughout the year. It was always fun to deliver Buck’s Sweet Bread and bags of poi with our parents, cut onions and chili peppers for Pickled Onion sale and eat the left over frosting and goodies for the baked-goods sales. Easter was received with a welcoming of spiritual renewal and celebrated with sharing of the Easter stories, recitations and songs. During the service, adults were charged with hiding of Easter eggs and our children were excited with anticipation of the “hunt”!

With our lulu tied in hankies, we were ready to perform and recite God’s words. Programs of the chapel were seasonal such as, Halloween/Fall Festival in October where children would participate in fun and games, baked goods were sold as a fund-raiser, potluck lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by all. In November, canned goods were collected to create food baskets that also contained a turkey, bag of rice and other staples to be given to families in need for their Thanksgiving dinner. Children would look forward to the annual “Christmas Tree” as it was then they would be sharing their recitations, songs, and even the Christmas story in play format. Gifts from Mrs. Wilcox via Santa were given to the children based on their attendance. Mrs. Wilcox would instruct Mrs. Vasconcellos to shop and use her discretion in finding appropriate gifts for the children. All in attendance received a bag of apples and oranges along with “society candies” and nuts. Refreshments for the evening was usually vanilla cupcakes and ice cream cups and juice, simple but welcomed by all. Other fund-raisers would be held during the first few months of the new year. It was always fun to deliver Buck’s Sweet Bread and bags of poi with our parents, cut onions and chili peppers for Pickled Onion sale and eat the left over frosting and goodies for the baked-goods sales. Easter was received with a welcoming of spiritual renewal and celebrated with sharing of the Easter stories, recitations and songs. During the service, adults were charged with hiding of Easter eggs and our children were excited with anticipation of the “hunt”!

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- Installation of Kenneth Makaukane to the Papa Makau position. He was named to this position last year at the June ‘Aha Pae‘aina but was not installed. In his report he stated he attended the 150th anniversary of a Kaumakapili church in Kaunakakai on Molokai in November last year.
- Papa Makau reported on OCWM giving increases. In 2015 and 2016, AHEC has seen increases in giving and participation. AHEC has the highest participation rate in the association, with 21 out of 28 church participating. AHEC has the highest church giving in the denomination. (OCWM also paid for 50% of the Leadership Conference held on Feb. 27 at Central Union Church.)
- Installed were Anela Rosa to the By Laws Chair, Kerisa Carmello to the Pu‘uku (Treasurer) and Leni English to the Programs Chair.
- Pastor Charles Buck touched on the upcoming 2020 Bi-Centennial Celebration of Christianity in Hawaii. Churches need to start thinking about how they want to celebrate this historic event.
- Lani Kapuniai has been called to pastor at the Ola’a First Hawaiian Church. Her installation will be on March 11, 2017.
- While many churches on the outerisland are without pastors, Jimmy Aurora has been blessing 3 churches in Haiku, Ho’okau and Nahiku with his presence on Maui.
- The Woman’s Board of Missions for the Pacific Islands will be celebrating their 146th anniversary.
- Committee assigned to review By Laws with new guidelines

The theme of the 2017 Spring ‘Aha Halawai was “Na Ke Akua e ho‘o/kele e a e ho‘o/okalo‘e...”“God shall guide and protect”.