



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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"Let there Be"



Often times as I reflect on Genesis chapter 1, I am in awe of God's creation. As Moses gives us the account of the creation he states the earth was without form, and void and God created it all by speaking the word, "Let there Be!" By faith we must understand that the world was created by the Word of God, therefore we must understand that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. It takes faith to accept that God did it all simply by speaking His Word, "Let there Be."

What also excites me studying the creation story, according to the King James version, God says the word "good" six times and one time he says "very good". This makes a total of the word "good" being stated seven times. We all know the number seven is a number of perfection and completion throughout the Word of God. By understanding this, we know the creation is complete.









The story of the creation can be applied; with many dimensions we can glean from it to enhance our own personal life. As for me, I have taken this passage and applied it to my calling here as Kahu Mua of Kaumakapili Church. The Spirit of God moved upon this

church and myself and said, "Let there Be." Even though his voice is clear and concise, many times we have difficulty understanding God's voice. We sometimes have allowed the distractions of this world to distort our ability to hear clearly "Let there Be!" So as we wrestle with the distortions let us remember God is our Creator and our Sustainer.

On April 1 2017, I received a text asking would I interested in pastoring in Hawaii. My immediately response to the text was "sure" and then I hit the send button. By hitting the send button, it was the beginning of God saying "Let there Be." After many conversations with the Search committee and visiting Kaumakapili, there was no distortion, I could hear God's voice saying "Let there Be." As I prepared to journey to Hawaii, fear would often try to set in: leaving my family (behind to join me later), having to find transportation, and finding a place I can call home. Fear was entering and causing doubt, however my mind would go to the story of the creation and remember God took a earth that was without form and was void and created by saying "Let there Be." So we as a church ohana let us continue to hear God's voice in our lives and the life of Kaumakapili saying " Let there Be".....!

Kahu Doug Wooten



PEPELUALI 2018 ACTIVITIES						
Lāpule	Pō'akahi	Pō'alua	Pō'akolu	Pō'aha	Pō'alima	Pō'aono
				1 <u>Ke'ena Ohina:</u> 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	2	3
4 <u>Sanctuary:</u> 10:30-12n Worship <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 9:00a-10:00am Sunday School <u>Auxiliary Hall:</u> 9:00-10:00a Adult Bible Study <u>Ke'ena Ohina:</u> 9a-10a Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 10:30-11:30am Pokii Choir	5	6 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 7:30-9:30a Food Bank Prep <u>Auxiliary Hall:</u> 5:00-6:00p Adult Bible Study <u>Sanctuary:</u> 6:00p Choir Rehearsal	7 <u>Hale Aloha:</u> 8-10a Food Bank <u>Ke'ena Ohina:</u> 2-4p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 5-8p Halau 	8 <u>Ke'ena Ohina:</u> 3-5p Ukulele Class (See Matt Motas to confirm) 	9	10
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Welcome Kahu Doug Wooten

Kahu Wooten was welcomed as the new Kahu Mua of Kaumakapili Church on January 15, 2018. After a busy first week in the Office, his first Sunday was January 21, 2018. He began his ministry at Kaumakapili speaking to us about "The Choices We Make" from the text, Deuteronomy 30:11-20. It was a refreshing word that even our youth were excited about as they felt the energy and conviction of Kahu's words. We were ready to confront new challenges remembering, *"the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it."*



February HCC Church Leaders Event

The Church Leaders Event will take place on Saturday, February 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Church of the Crossroads (1212 University Avenue).

Cost is \$45 for O'ahu.

Register for event at www.hcucc.org.



January 28, 2018- Youth Group singing
"I'll Be There"

by Berry Gordy, Hal Davis, Bob West, and Willie Hutch
Arrangement by The Jackson 5

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

Wed., Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Service, 6pm
Sun., Feb. 18 Annual Meeting, 12n
Mon., Feb. 19 'OPIKAHA'IA SUNDAY
Wed., Feb. 21 Office Closed- President's Day
Wed., Feb. 28 Lenten Bible Study, 6pm
Lenten Bible Study, 6pm

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
Wed., Mar. 28 Lenten Bible Study, 6pm
Mon., Mar. 27 Office Closed-Prince Kuhio Day

Volunteer at the Food Bank!

February		
9	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
10	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
23	Food Prep Day	7:30-9:00am
24	Distribution	7:30-10:00am
March		
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

AHEC Ecclesiastical Council

AHEC Ecclesiastical Councils will be held to examine Michael Warren and Kenneth Makuakane for ordination on February 9 at Ola'a First Hawaiian Church (17-516 Hale Pule Loop, Kurtistown).



UCC National Officers Letter



It was with sadness and outrage that we received news that Kaleikoa Ka'eo, an assistant professor of Hawaiian studies, was prevented from using 'Ōlelo Hawai'i to defend himself in court, and that a bench warrant was issued for his arrest. We know that deep pain was inflicted on indigenous Hawaiians and we want to assure you of our prayers and ongoing solidarity as we jointly labor for justice under the guidance of God's Spirit.

Not only was the warrant issued in shameful disregard of Hawaii's constitution which recognizes 'Ōlelo Hawai'i as an official state language, it was an overt action of cultural oppression. Language is the purveyor of culture; therefore, to suppress a language is to suppress a culture. While we are grateful that the judge has recalled the warrant and that the court will provide Mr. Ka'eo with a language interpreter, the pain of marginalization is ever present.

The church was born on the day of Pentecost in which a multiplicity of languages signified God's rich and diverse grace. There are approximately 7,000 languages spoken in the world today, and linguists estimate that 3,000 of them will be lost in the next century. The extinction of a language is similar to the extinction of a species; it is a loss from which there is no recovery.

Under American colonial rule efforts were made to eradicate 'Ōlelo Hawai'i. Tactics such as punishing native children for speaking in their own tongues were employed throughout the world and many indigenous peoples lost, and continue to lose, their languages. Thankfully, 'Ōlelo Hawai'i has made an encouraging comeback and we celebrate the efforts to instruct new generations of Hawaiians in it. We are further encouraged by the fact that methods developed in Hawaii to perpetuate their linguistic heritage are being employed by other indigenous peoples in North America.

May God continue to bless native peoples in Hawai'i and throughout creation in the quest to retain cultural identity and assert full human dignity. We are grateful to stand in solidarity.

Aloha,

Rev. John Dorhauer
General Minister and President

Rev. Traci Blackmon
Executive Minister, Justice and Local Church Ministries

Rev. Jim Moos
Executive Minister, Global Engagement & Operations
Co-Executive, Global Ministries

Pledge Donations in 2017 By the Stewardship Committee

Our congregation continues to give outstanding support to our church through donations. Pledge donations in 2017 totaled \$126,180. It wasn't too long ago when pledge donations were less than \$100,000 in a year, and since that time we haven't looked back and we have exceeded that level in every year – mahalo from the Stewardship Committee and mahalo from all in our congregation.

Pledge income is the church's largest source of income to support church programs. While we have been doing very well in donations, we are at a point in the life of our church when we must do more. Over the last three years pledge income was as follows.

<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
\$126,180	\$136,690	\$125,685

In 2016 our congregation achieved a record level of \$136,690 in pledge donations. Our goal for 2018 is to reach this level again and to go above this level of donations. Very, very soon Stewardship will set a new goal to top \$150,000! Not impossible, probably difficult, but together we will get there.



2018 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Aloha Kaumakapili Ohana,

Join us for Annual Meeting February 18th. This is a time for us to discuss the business of the church.

What: *Kaumakapili Church Annual Congregational Meeting*
When: Sunday, February 18, 2018
Time: Immediately following Sunday Worship
Where: Kaumakapili Church Sanctuary

Mahalo for your continued support,

Trevor Maunakea
Kaumakapili Church, President

Interim Team Aloha

Kaumakapili Church extended a big mahalo to our Interim Team on January 14, 2018 (Kahu Sherman Thompson, Helen Kaupu Kaowili, Kona Mann, Manu Nae'ole, Dr. Randy Furushima and those who formerly served: Rev. David Hirano (Team Leader), Rev. Scott Furukawa (Day Team Leader) & Barrett Awai) for all their invaluable service to the church during the Interim Period (April 2015-January 14, 2018). We are so grateful for the aloha they have shared with us and the time we have had growing together. We wish the team great success as they continue on to the next step in their ministries. This time in the life and growth of our church was truly God ordained.



THE EVENT IS FREE AND
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
Attend any or all of the events.



**Ka Heluhelu
Haipule
Scriptures**

February 4, 2018

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalms 147:1-11, 20c
1 Cor. 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 11, 2018

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalms 50:1-6
2 Cor. 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

February 18, 2018

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalms 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

February 25, 2018

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalms 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

2017 Annual Report

Paper copies of the 2017 Annual report will be available Sunday, February 11th. If you would like to have the report sent to you via email, please send your request to kamakapili@yahoo.com.

Birthdays

FEBRUARY

February 2	Kaori Martin
	Genevieve Ho'omana
February 3	J. Kamaka Aaron Jr.
February 5	Frank Jahrling
	Stacey Balai
	Kahalelehua Balai
February 6	Sione Vetekina
February 9	Lorraine Maeshiro
	Luka Kaneakua
February 10	Hau'oli Akaka
February 11	Jo-An Goss
	Bruce Hirota
February 16	Dennis Cuizon
February 17	Elizabeth Werner
	Moani Wong
February 18	Kamakanaokealoha Aquino
	Scott Balai
February 20	Sharon Matsui
February 21	Maxine Medeiros
February 28	Marion Maunakea



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

February Flowers

February 4:	Hau'oli Lā Hānau— Frank Jahrling
February 11:	In Memory of Palani Vaughan
February 18:	Available
February 25:	In Memory of George & Ethel Ahane

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, 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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