

Kaumakapili Church
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KA LEO O KEALOHA

(THE VOICE OF LOVE)

“Nō laila 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 kūkulu 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

Kekemapa 2018

The Legacy of Advent

BY MANU NAE‘OLE

This is new territory. San Antonio might be headed for a bleak winter. This is not a weather report for Texas, but rather it is a report on the status of the beloved Spurs. The team of the city, the heroes of the people, and the model franchise is on the precipice of a new and unwelcomed event. For the last 21 years, the San Antonio Spurs have made the playoffs. They have ended the playoffs as champions on five occasions. Their consistency has been their legacy upon the league, and it has made them a model franchise. This could all come to a halt this upcoming May.

Eventually everything meets its end. Streaks are stopped, calendars reach December, and the paved road ends. If we are fortunate enough though sometimes legacies can live on. This month has been a month to think about legacies and endings for me. In this month, I have thought about David’s last words in 2 Samuel 23, and the way he views the legacy God has left for him. In this month, we spent an hour at the gravesites of Lowell and Abigail Smith remembering their legacy here in Hawaii.

In Matthew 22 Jesus is approached by a lawyer and he is asked a profound question, “which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus responds by saying in Matthew 22:37, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your

mind.” How do we best live our lives? How do we leave a worthy legacy here on earth long after life has ended for us? We do it in the same way King David and the Smith’s accomplished the task. We love God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. The imprint of leaving a legacy seems like a daunting and complex accomplishment that whittling it down to loving God seems simplistic, but it really is that simple.

You know this is the answer because of the work and example Jesus left for us to follow. How do we treat our neighbors? We love them in the same way we love God, with all our heart. How do we treat the sinner? We love them in the same way we love God, with all our heart. How do we treat the outsider? We love them in the same way we love God, with all our heart. The legacy left by those who came before us and the legacy we are leaving behind for those after us will have the greatest impact on our world when we can love God in the same way God loves us.

Advent season is beginning, and in Advent season, we are reminded of God’s great ability to love us with the entirety of His being. How much did God love us? “God so loved the world that He gave His only son” (John 3:16). He loves us so much that He gave us the gift closest to His

Weekly Calendar

Sunday

Sunday School 9am - 10am
Adult Bible Study 9am - 10am
Ukulele Class 9am - 10am (see Matt Motas to confirm)
Children's Worship Time 10am - 10:30am
Choir Rehearsal 10am - 10:30am
Service 10:30am - 12pm
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



The Legacy of Advent continued

heart in order to love us with all His heart. Advent is the time for remembering God's son, born in the humbleness of a manger, in the midst of dirty and swaddling cloths, and within the community of animals. Advent season we remember the legacy of a God who loves us so much that he came down in the form of a baby to let us know that He is right here with us, even still today.

As we think about legacies left, legacies being built, and the greatest legacy ever, may we remember in this Advent season the story of a God who calls us to change the world through love because He first loved us. Merry Christmas. Let us rejoice in the legacy of love which God has given to us. Blessings!

Kaumakapili Choir

Come join us every Tuesday at 5:30-7:00pm in our church sanctuary.

Akiko Chang, Choir Director and Kaori Martin, accompanist, are preparing the choir for Christmas eve with a special anthem "Somebody Build a Manger."



November Council Meeting Highlights

BY LORNA MOTAS

Kahu's Report

- He encourages us to follow God's leading and do things based on God's calling.
- Kahu will be away from Nov. 18-Dec. 5, celebrating Thanksgiving with family and driving cross-country with Yulanda and then flying back to Honolulu. Please pray for their travel and safe return.
- He thanked Alfredo Garcia and the Community workers for cleaning and maintaining the mall.
- He requested that we inform Cheryl of calendar updates so she can email this info weekly.
- Kahu has accepted a seat on the Board of Directors for the Kalihi Palama Health Center.

President's Report

- Bylaws- Brian Ezuka, Bylaws Attorney is currently writing the initial draft. The timeline on this project is: complete draft by Dec. week 1-2 and share with church members. Hold a Q&A meeting with Brian before the final draft is written. The final draft will be completed mid to late January. The final bylaws are

expected to be presented at the Annual Congregation Meeting.

- The Reformed Church of Honolulu will be celebrating Gospel Sunday on Dec. 2 to commemorate the arrival of the first Protestant Missionaries to the Marshall Islands in 1857.

Secretary's Report

- Council Ministry Chairs, please submit your annual report by December 1. We need to prepare for the Annual Report.

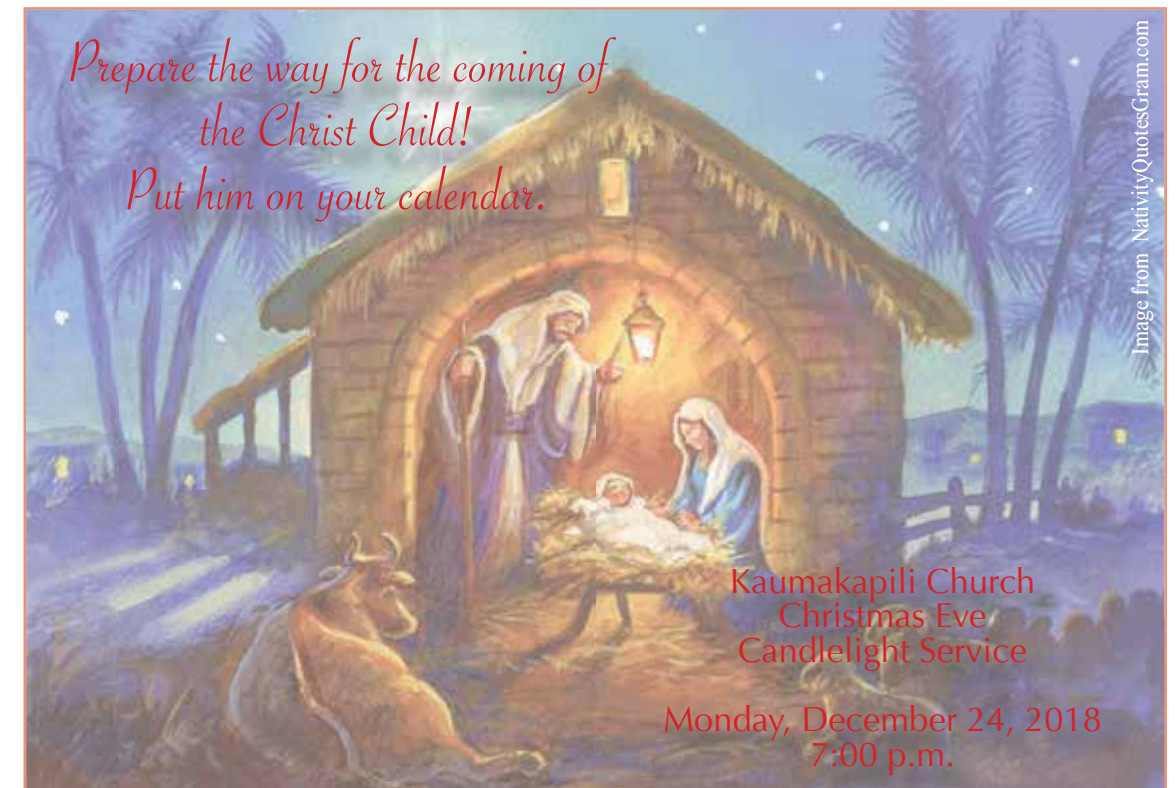
Treasurer's Report

- Expenses continue to outpace Income year to date.

Deacon's Report

- Advent studies will be held in the Board Room Dec. 5, 12, & 19 from 5pm-6pm.
- Kaumakapili Church Strategic Action Plan (SAP) is

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Upcoming Events

December

- 1**
Sanctuary Christmas decoration, 9am
- 5**
Advent Bible Study, 5pm - 6pm, Boardroom
- 12**
Advent Bible Study, 5pm - 6pm, Boardroom
- 16**
Sunday School Christmas Party
Sunday School Winter Break (no classes until January 13)
- 19**
Advent Bible Study, 5pm - 6pm, Boardroom
- 24**
Christmas Eve Service at 7pm
- 25**
No Bible Study or Choir Practice
Christmas Day - Office Closed

January

- 1**
No Bible Study or Choir Practice
New Year's Day - Office Closed
- 1-4**
Hebedoma Week of Prayer, 6pm - 7pm
- 13**
Sunday School resumes
Queen Liliuokalani Overthrow
- 20**
Martin Luther King Jr. Sunday
Kalaupapa Sunday

Be on the Look-out...
**Strategic
Action Plan**

In the Service of the King

Sunday, November 18, 2018 was not only Thanksgiving Sunday, but it was a day for Kaumakapili to remember our church's founders, Rev. Lowell Smith and his wife Abigail.

Each year, our Sunday School visits the family gravesite at the Oahu Cemetery. This year, Manu Naeole and his Sunday School class led the 9:00am service retelling the story of the early missionaries and their journey from Boston on the North Atlantic coast to the Sandwich



Manu Naeole retells the story of the early missionaries and their journeys at the gravesite of Lowell and Abigail Smith at Oahu Cemetery

Islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. It was a journey to the unknown for them and how they must have been fearful not knowing where they were going or what to expect. They put their entire faith in God. He brought

them safely through treacherous seas and extremely difficult living conditions. Yet, they were able to survive, so much so that we today reap in the glory of the Living Word.

Here it is, 2018, over 180 years after Lowell and Abigail set foot on Hawaiian soil. It is their legacy that we live today. The journey did not end with them but continued through the care and shepherding of kahu that followed. Back at the sanctuary on November 18, 2018, the telling of Kaumakapili's story continued with all those kahu who have served Kaumakapili since 1838. Beginning with Kahu Smith and ending with Kahu Wooten and all of the kahu who served in between,



Portraits of Lowell and Abigail Smith at Kaumakapili on Founders Day

the congregation was able to see and hear a little bit about each of them. You can do the same by logging on to bit.ly/kaumakapilikahu.

So, what could be better that Founders Day and Thanksgiving be celebrated on the same day. Let us be thankful that Ke Akua brought these humble and dedicated souls as they were and continue to be "IN THE SERVICE OF THE KING."

Special Memories

BY V. LUANA JARDINE

From the moment I walked into our sanctuary back in the mid 1970s, I felt a special closeness to the Good Shepherd stained glass window. It reminded me of a picture in my Tutu's parlor. Her constant love of Jesus was evident in everything she did and said. The powerful feeling overwhelmed my soul with the love of God as I stared at the window!

We had finally found a church to bless our keiki. My husband and I were fortunate that our children were baptized at Kaumakapili Church, since we were not members. Our family lived in Ma`ili, and it was difficult to travel so far. When we could, we'd come to Easter Sunday and Christmas services.

When my daughter moved back to Oahu from living on Maui, she decided to baptize her daughters. Hi`ilani and Lakela were baptized at Kaumakapili on Sunday, April 6, 2003. It was only then did we realize that it was the last service until Kaumakapili's Sanctuary would be restored. I remember kupuna Martha Poepoe Hohu was included in the closing of the church with Kahu David Kaupu as they tied maile leis onto the front door.

We felt so blessed to be present! After that day, we often attended Sunday services in Kamika Hall anticipating the new Kaumakapili Church.

**Fast forward to spring 2007 my class assignment was to write about a place; a Hawaiian sense of place. The special place I chose was Kaumakapili Church. I learned so much about our church, especially about its congregation and their love for their home church in Honolulu, no matter if they live as far as Waimanalo or Makaha.

I was lucky to learn so much about Kaumakapili through interviews with church members. For example, before the hard work of planning, raising the funds, and the many details for the church restoration, there would be pule first. Kahu Kaupu helped the steering committee to stay firm in the traditions of both Kalawina (Protestant) system and our Hawaiian culture.

Kahu Kaupu assisted in transferring the sacred spirit from the sanctuary of Kaumakapili to Hale Kamika, where it

would become its temporary place of worship and then back into the newly restored Kaumakapili Church in January 2004. There was a reaffirmed feeling of faithfulness for the congregation and community at Kaumakapili.

Think of the years of planning, raising funds and the actual reconstruction that took place in our sanctuary choir loft and auxiliary. The restoration committee was formed, and they had to come up with a plan to raise the funds to do the work. We are ever grateful for those individuals who spearheaded this huge undertaking!

The congregation was faithful! They bided their time, and were diligent in giving, especially the kupuna. The church members gave not only from their pockets, but also of themselves.

There was a real sense of fulfillment on the Day of Dedication. There was an extra beautiful glow from the refurbished glass windows on that day that shone brightly on the faces and hearts of the congregation of Kaumakapili. The kupuna said "Akua felt us."

Quote from an interview to deeply think about stewardship:

"It may change if once we stop extending our help to whomever; our community within or community around here. It will change if we stop thinking of others and sharing what we have with others. Then we may stop being a church; so we cannot be inward. We have to be outward."

The outwardness is just how our culture around us evolved. E komo mai; go out and come in. Kokou; go out and help and that comes natural in our culture. And it is what God wants us to do here whether we are Hawaiian or non-Hawaiian. It is just the fact that we are trying to keep the culture the same- United- through God's words and through the scriptures of our Bible."

Now I leave you with an important question from our committee. As a member, in your individual stewardship of our beloved Kaumakapili "What is in your heart and in your wallet for Kaumakapili and its future?"

Soon you will receive a pledge card for Kaumakapili Church's upcoming 2019 pledge drive. Please be on the lookout. MAHALO NUI LOA!



The Fall All-Church Clean-up on Saturday, November 24 and Christmas Decorating on Saturday, December 1 got the sanctuary ready for Advent and Christmas. Mahalo to all the helping hands.



Yuzu and Kaori Martin



Mahalo to the Clean Up and Decorating Crew



Helpers from the Reformed Congregational Church of Honolulu (Marshallese). Ejner and James Enne



Mahalo to all who came to lend their creative hands in decorating



Exterior decorations were hung by Frank Jahrling, Eric Rudolph and Peter Green



Tracy Green's idea to decorate in gold and purple this year in celebration of the church's 180th birthday creates a beautiful and regal look

Come now and be with the Kaumakapili Ohana as we begin to celebrate our Journey to the Manger.

A Church to Save - Capital Campaign Fund Drive Dinners & Decommissioning the Sanctuary

Celebrating 180 Years - Seventh Article in a Series

BY MOMI MAUNAKEA

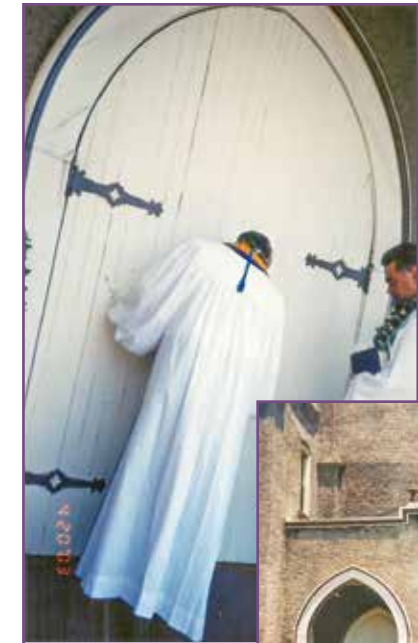
"Seek ye first the kingdom of God in righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" Matthew 6:33
Scripture Text for Sanctuary Restoration Project

Our church hosted four Capital Campaign Fund Drive Dinner's all with no-host cocktails, silent auctions, entertainment and a dinner. The funds to raise for just these dinners alone was \$125,000. The Royal Hawaiian Hotel, Monarch Room, was our host venue from 2001 to 2004. It was with the deepest sense of thanksgiving that our church welcomed our guests, members, family and friends to these dinners.



Programs from the Fund Drive Dinners

As quoted from the 2001 program remarks by our then President of Kaumakapili Church, Trevor Maunakea, "Many people across this great State call Kaumakapili their spiritual home, and many more look to the church for help in basic areas of life; whether it be food, clothing, counseling, a good sermon, or a Sunday school class. Over the years the church has been many things to many people, and it is for these reasons that the Kaumakapili of today needs to care for the Kaumakapili of tomorrow. We can only hope that this fellowship will continue into the future. The longevity of Kaumakapili's ministry to the public is neither a fluke nor an accident; we constantly remind ourselves that being the church of the makaainana requires the efforts of the common folk doing uncommon things in a way that reflects the love of Christ."



(left and below) The church sanctuary was decommissioned as a house of worship on April 23, 2003 by Kahu David Kaupu with assistance by Sherman Thompson.



As the church continued to raise funds to reach its total goal of \$1,250,000, the church sanctuary was decommissioned as a house of worship on April 23, 2003 by Kahu David Kaupu with assistance by Sherman Thompson. Keena Ohina, in Hale Kamika, was blessed as a temporary place of worship for the duration of the restoration of the church sanctuary.



Keena Ohina as a temporary place of worship

Remember to turn in your cards...

FOR CHURCH RECORDS Envelope # _____		For Your Records	
Name _____	(for office use)	Date: _____	
Address _____		With others in my congregation,	
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		I commit myself to give in proportion to	
I plan to give \$ _____ each <input type="checkbox"/> week <input type="checkbox"/> month beginning _____	(date and year)	what I have for the ministries of the church	
for an annual total of \$ _____		and the proclamation of the good news of	
I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.		Jesus Christ.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.		I plan to give \$ _____ beginning _____	(date and year)
Signed: _____ Date: _____		Each week month	
		Annual Total \$ _____	

WHAT SHALL WE BRING!

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November Council Meeting Highlights continued

being headed by the deacons. Trevor Maunakea shared that the Vision Statement #2, Faith Formation and Education will be the initial focus.

Music Ministry

- The Ministry is working on the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. The initial rehearsal for the program will be in Dec. 16 in Keena Ohina and the last rehearsal will be on Dec. 23 following church service.

Aloha Ministry

- Church cleanup is this Saturday from 9-12. Please join us as we prepare the church for Christmas. On Dec. 1, the sanctuary will be decorated for Christmas. Again, please join us in the decorating fun.
- Poinsettia plants will be available for purchase. Price still being negotiated but will be a minimum of \$6.00 per plant and not more than \$8.00 per plant.

Stewardship Ministry

- Concerns with duplicate mailings. Work is needed to reconcile the list.

Foundation Ministry

- Andy Poepoe recommended approval for additional funds from Makamuakauana to cover maintenance expenses in Hale Kamika.
- Sanctuary roof repair project is still in the works. Exterior roof replacement is planned for January-February 2019.

Christian Education Ministry

- Oahu Sunday School Association Hoike in October was a success.
- Dec. 16, 2018- SS Christmas party. SS Winter break begins.
- Jan. 13, 2019- SS resumes.

Archives Ministry

- The Ministry is still trying to find a safe and secure location for all the sensitive and valuable materials. They also want to digitize the information to minimize space.

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Outreach Ministry

- Miracle Meals will distribute food boxes for Thanksgiving.

Security Ministry

- The security system continues to keep the campus safe. HPD has asked for our help to ID persons of interest due to the high-resolution surveillance cameras we have. To date, 22 arrests have been made for drug use and promotion and car break ins.

Nominations Ministry

- Zena Kaehu thanked everyone for what they are doing and consider ourselves servants of the Lord.

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Advent Bible Studies Journey to the Manger



Except perhaps for a few animals, the manger remains empty, awaiting the arrival of Mary and Joseph and the Birth of the Christ Child.

As we journey with them to the manger, our Advent Bible Studies light the way with the candles of HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE, reflecting each Wednesday evening from 5:00- 6:00pm on scriptures that point us to the manger when it will be filled with HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE at the birth of the Christ Child.

Days of Reflection: November 27, December 5, 12 and 19 in Hale Kamika Board Room.

Prepare Our Hearts For His Coming!



December 2

Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalms 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

December 9

Malachi 3:1-4
Luke 1:68-79
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

December 16

Zephaniah 3:14-20
Isaiah 12:2-6
Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18

December 23

Micah 5:2-5
Luke 1:46-55
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

December 23

1 Samuel 2:18-20
Psalms 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52



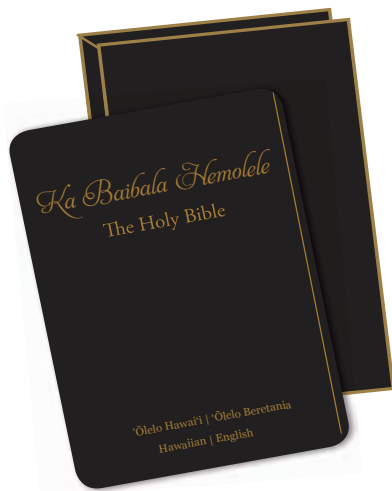


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November Council Meeting Highlights
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Members at Large

- Sybil Schoenstein shared that we should look for other opportunities to give whether it be donations, tithing, pledges, luau sales, etc. She suggested setting up a credit card processing program to process such givings.

Old Business

- Council approval of Manu Naeole's Youth Minister position was inadvertently missed during the June Council meeting. His position was approved at this Council meeting.

New Business

- 2019 Proposed budget was presented by Stewart Martin. The budget was accepted and approved.
- The HCUCC Office requested if Kaumakapili Church would host 2019 'Aha Pae'aina 2019,
- June 5-8, 2019. It was recommended that we host only the 'Aha 'Iki, June 5-6 due to limited manpower and parking. Council approved to host only the 'Aha 'Iki.
- The church monthly newsletter production has been challenging and alternate ways to continue the production was discussed. Suggestions for larger quarterly newsletters and smaller monthly newsletter.
- Kalua pig fundraising. There are 14 lb., 15 lb., 18 lb., 20 lb. and 30 lb bags of frozen pig which will be used for fundraising. Approval for \$6.00 per lb. was made and efforts are now underway to sell the pig before the end of the year. Please let your friends and family know. Great for end of the year parties and celebrations.



Marbeth Aquino	12/2
Kiku Kawata	12/7
Claudette Na'auao	12/8
John Ho'omana	12/9
Sofia Hirano	12/9
Preston Komomua	12/10
John Henry Lakalo	12/14
Hi'ilei Kihewa	12/16
Mamo Ornellas	12/17
Rainee A'arona-Chong	12/18
Michael Soderstrom	12/23
Georgette Kihewa	12/24
Violet Kihewa	12/25
Halehaku Seabury	12/30
Kamaha'o Umiyamaka	12/31



12/2	Aloha Committee
12/9	In Memory of Harriet Napuunoa & Glenn Beppu
12/16	Wendy Garcia - In Memory of Martha Maunakea
12/23	Aloha Committee - Merry Christmas
12/30	Lorna & Matt Motas



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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