We Are Not Our Own
Kahu Doug Wooten

Greeting in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

I would like for us a moment to, allow the words “We are not our Own” to sink into our mental minds. Let us begin to ask ourselves what does this suggest in my life. Ask yourselves the question, if we are not our own then who do we belong to? Let us for a moment look at 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV 19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. As we are living in this fast paced world we sometimes can lose focus in our walk with God. It is so easy to begin to think “we made it on our own,” we have accomplished all of who we are by our own means. We sometimes begin to think in terms of ‘me’ instead of in terms of Christ. And yes, it is sometimes natural for us to think this way because, in this life on earth, it seems to be only about me and fulfilling my needs and desires; however, as we begin to have a transformative mind we should be asking “What can I do for You, Lord?” You see, we are called to love God first. This is the first commandment. The Scriptures tell us, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well” Matthew 6:33.

Many times the problem lies in the fact that we forget that our lives are not our own. We forget that we were bought with a price! The prophet Jeremiah understood this clearly when he prayed, “I know, O LORD, that a man’s life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps” (Jeremiah 10:23). So Let us remember the gospel message is never about what I want and what I can do. The gospel message is all about what Christ did for me and how I, in turn owe my life to His amazing sacrifice. Jesus paid the ultimate price for each of us with His death on the Cross. During this Lent season let us be mindful that we are not our own. As Jesus made the sacrifice with his life, let us make sacrifices daily the he may increase His Presence in our Christian Journey.
Ke Kahu Kahikolu
9th Article in a Series
By Sybil Schoenstein

In 1995, Kaumakapili launched Ke Kahu Kahikolu, a new idea for pastoral leadership, by using a team of spiritual leaders. This team was made up of three kahu - thus Kahikolu/Three in One, a trilogy of Kahikealoha/One in Love, Kahikamana‘o/One in Thought, and Kahipu‘uwai/One in Heart. Kahu Mua David Kaupu, Kahu Hope Kaleo Patterson, Lae‘ula Kordell Kekoa and later Lae‘ula Sherman Thompson, together as Kahu Kahikolu, shared duties of a single, full-time pastor. Kahu Kaupu as senior pastor was assisted by Kahu Patterson, caring for administrative and spiritual leadership, while Kordell Kekoa from 1995-1999 and Sherman Thompson from 1999-2003 served as youth ministers.

Key factors of Kahu Kahikolu were to encourage the church to remember where we came from, an immersion into Kaumakapili’s history much forgotten, and likewise, to infuse the rich language and culture that is part of the Hawaiian psyche with the gospel and teaching of Bible truths as we see today. Apana Bible studies became a valuable outreach to the community of believers when Kahu Kahikolu spent evenings in families’ homes from Waimanalo to Waianae in fellowship with those living within each area.

Kahu Kahikolu occurred during a time of growth for Kaumakapili – spiritual growth as well as physical. Kaumakapili celebrated its 160th anniversary year. During the Christmas Eve service December 24, 1998, the Historical Pageant titled “Ka Nu Oli O Kaumakapili” became the focal point of the service, uplifting the richness of Hawaii’s history, the coming of the missionaries and the establishment of Kaumakapili Church in 1838.
Continued Ke Kahu Kahikolu:

Kaumakapili’s theme for the 160th anniversary was expressed in “Hoala Kaumakapili/Arise Kaumakapili, Arise to Mission”, a special song was written by Martha Poepoe Hohu with lyrics by Tercia Ku and translation by Kahu David Kaupu.

We cannot forget that our young people were ever present in the growth and future of the church. The musical leadership of the Kekoa brought new energy to the church when the youth became an important contribution to the church’s musical life. Under the leadership of Sherman Thompson and along with strong youth advisors, a very active youth program developed that included Bible Studies, visits and sharing with other churches across the state and spending time to fellowship and bond with each other.

Not only was there spiritual and cultural building, there was also physical building going on at the same time. We have seen in recent articles in Ka Leo O Kealoha the progress being made to restore the present sanctuary to its 1911 beauty. It was during Ke Kahu Kahikolu that we watched its progress move forward and finally unfold in 2004 during the interim leadership of Kahu David Kaupu.

God has blessed Kaumakapili with homegrown leadership in Ke Kahu Kahikolu and encouragement to keep moving forward, taking the best from the past and looking forward to new direction in the 21st century!

Reaching Out to Our Neighbors on Kanoa St.
By Anne Leake

Every Thursday morning from about 9 to 11 am you will see the orange truck belonging to Eugene Muratsuka parked in the courtyard with people gathered to enjoy a hot breakfast. Up to 20 people living on Kanoa Street come to eat. Now that the Outreach Committee (with kokua!) has been providing breakfast for several months, we are beginning to gain the trust of those we are serving. Our only mission: to share aloha kekahi i kekahi. We’ve been able to fill in to meet needs that aren’t directly addressed by agencies serving the homeless. I’ve accompanied a young woman with a difficult diagnosis to her visit primary care physician and visited another woman who was hospitalized at Queen’s. We are warmed by their trust and appreciation.

The church also supports feeding the homeless at Waianae Boat Harbor, greatly aided by an anonymous donation of $3,000 earmarked for this effort. You can find Uncle Eugene every Saturday evening about 5:30 pm. He’d love it if our members (especially Leeward coasters) could join him. You will get more out of this discipleship experience than you can ever imagine. Please contact me or Eugene if you want to learn more about this.
Walking Where Jesus Walked
By Anne Leake

When you visit someone’s home for the first time, doesn’t it make you feel closer to them, like you
don’t really know them better? Last month 2 members
of Kaumakapili (myself and Claudie Na’aauao)
and 3 members of our 2018 Interim Ministry team
(Kahu Randy Furushima, Kona Mann and Helen
Kaupu Ka’owili) and 47 others mostly from Ha-
awai’i had that experience in Israel. Kahu Randy
organized the tour with 5 days in Galilee and Sa-
maria and 5 days in Jerusalem. The scriptures re-
ally came alive during our daily devotions, mak-
ing us feel closer to Jesus in our daily walk with
Him. We visited the Mount of the Beatitudes
where Jesus gave the sermon on the mount, sailed
on the Sea of Galilee, and saw Caesarea Philippi
where Peter confessed Jesus as the Christ. To me
it was surprising how much water and farming
there is in Galilee. Our local guide (Jackie Feld-
man) was an anthropologist who made us realize
how much geography and resources determine
history, and clarified which sites had scientific evi-
dence to support their claims and which locations
were matters of faith. In Jerusalem, every place
was astounding. Highlights included the garden
of Gethesmane, Temple Mount and the Garden
Tomb where we had a communion service using
olive wood cups. This was truly an experience of
a lifetime!

Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the an-
cient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk
in it, and you will find rest for your souls. Jeremi-

Passing The Spirit
by Momi Maunakea

A Time to Pass the Spirit - Another milestone will
be reached in the continued musical legacy of our
church. On March 24, 2019 at our 10:30 a.m. main
worship service, we will be recognizing Sybil
Kahaunani Schoenstein for 30 years of service to
the musical life of our church. As she leaves her
Organist position, she “Passes The Spirit” on to
Kaori Martin, our new Organist/Accompanist,
with her blessings. For the month of March,
the anthem’s the choir will be singing are songs
either composed or arranged by Aunty Kahau.
Please join us and share your aloha to these two
ladies.

A Time To Embrace: In 1988 Aunty Kahau be-
came Kaumakapili Church’s Organist with the
blessings from her great mentor, Aunty Martha
Hohu. In 1990, the church searched for a new
Choir Director, since Aunty Martha was well into
her 80’s. Seven years later on December 14, 1997,
Kaumakapili Church honored Aunty Martha
Hohu for over 60 years of service as the Choir Di-
rector and for her faithful service to her church.

accepted the Choir Director/Organist position
with Aunty Martha Poepoe Hohu’s blessings. Her
focus was on Hawaiian choral music sung with
musical instruments or a cappella. Although the
choir would sing a variety of anthems she kept
them rooted in the Hawaiian Na Himeni songs.
Continued Passing The Spirit:

She has also given musical support to Kahu Nancietta Haalilio of Pukaana Congregational Church in Kealia, Kona, Hawaii to help with the bringing to written notation original choral compositions by members of the Keal‘Ohana and members of Pukaana Church. Aunty Kahau involved the church ‘ohana in several celebrations and Easter musicals, 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration, entitled “Kaumakapili Sings” to uplift the theme for the year “Kukalia I Ka ‘Euanelio—Proclaiming The Gospel. She composed “Eia Ho’i”, as an introit for worship for the 160th Anniversary Celebration and “E Imi E” (Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God) sung as a special number on that special Sunday when Kaumakapili returned to worship in their newly restored sanctuary. Her last composition was “Ka Pohaku Paulele” (The Faithful Foundation) for Kaumakapili Church’s 100 Anniversary Celebration of the present sanctuary at Keoneula. It was based on Matthew 7:24-27.

She served on the committee that produced and published a CD - Keonemele O Kaumakapili (Giving Birth to the Songs) which is the essence of Hawaiian choral and contemporary sacred music that is uniquely Kaumakapili. This CD won the Na Hoku Hanohano Religious Album of The Year Award in 2007.

A time of Appreciation: On August 1, 2012, Aunty Kahau announced her retirement from the Choir Director position. She would continue as the church’s Organist. On July 28, 2013 we honored Aunty Kahau for 25 years of service as our Choir Director/Organist and bestowed upon her the honorable title of Music Director Emeritus.

A Time to Prepare for the Future: On November 27, 2016, Aunty Kahau conducted mini-sessions for those who expressed their interest in learning to play the organ. She began mentoring students, Elia Akaka, Kipa Kaupu, Kanoe Wong, Kaori Martin and Lorna Motas. On April 22, 2018, Aunty Kahau announced her date of retirement as our Organist to be December 30, 2018.

On February 1, 2019, Aunty Kaori Martin was hired as our new Organist/Accompanist. Aunty Kaori has been playing the piano since she was 3 years old. She has been involved in the music ministry of our church for 11 years as accompanist to our church choir. She serves with a passion and that is “playing not for my own satisfaction, but for a higher purpose.”

The ‘Ohana - Aunty Kahau comes from a family of long time members of the church. Her parents were George and Ethel (Lovell) Ahana. Aunty Kaori married into a family of also long time members of the church. Aunty Kaori married Stewart Martin, whose father is Alan Martin and mother is Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina. Myrtle’s parents were Harry and Wilhelmina (Ludloff) Stewart Jr.

Kaumakapili is thankful to God for continually bringing to its doors faithful Christians with a passion to serve the Lord through their gifts. To our God be the Glory!

March Scriptures

March 10
Deut 26:1-11
Rom 10:8b-13
March 17
Gen 15:1-12, 17-18
Ps 27
Phil 3:17-4:1
March 24
Isa 55:1-9
Ps 63:1-8
I Cor 10:1-13
March 31
Josh 5:9-12
Ps 63:1-8
I Cor 10:1-13
The Pulse of Stewardship

Faithful Tithing
Mahalo ke Akua – donations were greater than budgeted in January! However, what was received in offerings fell short.

Please pray for the resources to meet our budget as good stewards for Christ.

Overall Financial Status

As you can see, our expenses are exceeding income. We have many wonderful people, resources, and assets at Kaumakapili. Let us all put into prayer ways to put these things to use “…to glorify God by bearing the fruits of God’s aloha and gifts, and so proving to be faithful disciples of Christ…” (from Kaumakapili Church Mission Statement).

Me Ke Aloha o Ke Akua
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