

“Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.”
Psalms 27:14

Aloha Kaumakapili Church 'Ohana,

Greetings on this last day of May as we prepare for a busy summer season and come off of a busy spring season.

This letter is to share news of upcoming and completed events, programs and projects. In addition, Council Meeting highlights are included from April and May meetings.

First, welcome to **Tracy Fernandez** who is serving as the interim Office Manager effective May 28. She is available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Kaori Martin is now the new Board Chair for Music Ministry and **Anne Leake** is the new Board Chair for Outreach. Thank you ladies and congratulations on your new positions!

Visioning 2021 Part II was held on May 11. Individuals shared what they accomplished since the March 23 and what events since best represented living the church's vision statement. Each ministry created their own vision statement and worked together under their Umbrella Ministry groups. Next meeting planned for end of August.

“**Ka Welina a Ke Aloha**”, “**Welcoming God's Love**”, will kick off on June 16. This concept created by Auntie Kahau Schoenstein and in collaboration with 5 church members, is designed to help support each ministry bring their vision to life as it supports the Church's overall vision statement. More to come.....

The 197th 'Aha Pae 'aina will be held at Kaumakapili Church June 5-8. Please come out to support and volunteer serving meals and cleaning up. During the 'Aha Makua, delegates will vote on the new Conference Minister for the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Treasurer's Report:

With summer approaching, many families will travel and are away which also translates to a drop in our tithing. Please remember to support Kaumakapili Church with your tithing gifts even if you plan to be away. Currently the church is behind in tithing by \$8,000 for the year but outside donors have been generous and helped to offset some of this deficit. Your attention in keeping down expenses such as turning off lights, air conditioners when leaving classrooms has helped cut back electricity by \$400 to \$500 each month. With everyone's concerted effort on cutting expenses, we can support the financial health of the church.

Deacons Ministry:

Membership classes are being held on May 19, 26, June 2 and June 9. Collaborating with the Aloha and Music Ministries to create the best worship experience for Sunday services.

Christian Education:

Designing a Vacation Bible Program that will be longer than 1 week.
Working to creating a fun and rich learning environment for Sunday School children in the Abigail room.

Music Ministry:

Brainstorming a summer workshop like a kanikapila event and ice cream Sundays. Music Ministry seeks kokua for extra Sundays in when the choir is on break.

Building and Grounds Ministry:

A tankless water heater system was installed this past week.
Exterior railing around the sanctuary and Hale Kamikawere scraped and painted.
Sanctuary front doors were repainted.
Interior motion sensors installed in Sanctuary.
Internet access service for classrooms are being currently being worked on.

Foundation Ministry:

\$70,000 approved to repair maukastain glass window.
Sacred Placed Grant request submitted on May 1 by Uncle Andy Poepoe. If the grant is approved, funds will support additional exterior sanctuary repairs.

Outreach Ministry:

Approved for grant writing to support a drop-in center for homeless. Touch of Heart, a non profit organization is seeking to use our kitchen facilities for a culinary training program. More information is needed. Anne to gather more info.

Finance Ministry:

Givlia, an online giving program was approved at Executive, Finance and Council meetings in May. The program will provide more ways to manage, tithing, luau ticket sales, and facility use payments. Tithing can be done on your smart phone, ipad or computer. Announcements will be made when program begins.

Luau:

At the May Council meeting, motion 1 to approve the theme, "Honoring Christ with our Gifts from God" passed. Motion 2 to approve the luau ticket count of 1800 tickets and ticket price of \$25.00 per ticket passed. Thank you to the Spencer 'ohana for leading the ticket sales and to Ryan and Pohai Wong for your support with managing the kitchen operation. More to come.....

Respectfully submitted by:

Lorna Motas