



KA LEO O KEALOHA

(The Voice of Love)

“Nō laila ho’i, o ka mea lohe i kēia mau ʻōlelo au, a mala ho’oi ia, E ho’ohālike iā ia me ke kana-ka 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

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Moving Forward Kahu Doug Wooten



Last month we were honored to celebrate and host the 197th ‘Aha Pae’āina of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ. During this time of celebration there were many congregations across our state coming with the expectation of meeting Christ here. I believe that happened here on our campus, as we witnessed the election and approval of a Conference Minister for our beloved Conference. We do realize there are many roads ahead as we transition into the new leadership for our Conference, however as we pray to God, to give us the power of peace, this will be a smooth transition. One of the things that was brought to my attention at the Pae’āina, was the closing worship. As the sermon was preached, “So What’s Next”! I was told this sermon left the resounding words of ‘What’s Next’ in the ears of many as we move forward in the life of the church. One phrase that was quoted in the sermon was “We can live in the What’s Next or die in the What Was”.

This is so true for the life of our conference and the life of our Church. The past has given us many memories that we can hold on to, however we have to discover how to embrace those memories and move toward being the Church that God has called us to be! With the changing landscape of the church and our denomination in the 21st century, we understand many of our churches are moving into the “What’s Next” mind set. Let us remember a familiar scripture that teaches us about being able to move forward... There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NIV)

We must remember that we live in a world of changes, that the events of time, and conditions of human life, are different and changing each day. I do believe that God makes everything beautiful in its season, but as we know, seasons change. We must understand there is a set determined time, when everything shall come into being, how long it shall continue and how long it will last, undetermined by us. Just know that all things that have been, were ordained by God, and He has determined the times before appointed. So we as a church must move forward into the church that God is calling us to be. Let us remember to be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in anxiety, for it is the LORD your God who goes with us. He will not leave you or forsake us!

Message from the President

Lorna Motas

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10

President’s Report

Aloha Kaumakapili ‘Ohana and Friends!

Many activities have taken place on our church campus in the last 2 months and I want to take a moment to share and celebrate what the Holy Spirit has been leading us to do and accomplish. The Kaumakapili Church Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation and Governance Guidelines were approved on June 2 at a Special Congregation Meeting.

- The 197th ‘Aha Pae’aina was held June 5-8 at Kaumakapili Church. Mahalo to the helping hands of, Yulanda Wooten, Auntie Roberta, Uncle Frank, Auntie Ruby, Uncle David, Auntie Wendy, Uncle Alfredo, Donna Ede, Lynn Cuizon, Tracy Fernandez, the Ukulele Strummers and Life 360 who supported the event. Kahu Doug Wooten gave great opening and closing messages. Delegates and attendees enjoyed the worship services, meetings and social time. At the ‘Aha Makua, the body approved Rev. Dr. David Popham as the new Conference Minister of the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ.

- Givlia, an online giving platform began on June 9. It is simple, easy and giving can be done with a credit card, debit card, and set up for one time or recurring giving. Also, Viza Pay, a credit card terminal reader is in the church office and accepts payment for facility deposits, luau ticket sales, and more. This is optional way to tithe or you can continue to give as you have in the past.

Hale Kamika is completely WIFI outfitted. Every classroom during the ‘Aha Pae’aina had WIFI capability. A WIFI system for the Sanctuary is currently being planned.

- A video recording system in the Sanctuary is being updated. Thank you Phil Regier for spearheading this initiative!

- Ka Welina a Ke Aloha kicked off was on June 16th. Mahalo to Auntie Kahau and members of the committee for planning this fun filled welcoming event. It’s the platform Kaumakapili Church will be using to support the Visioning 2021 program.

See the article on Ka Welina a Ke Aloha by Auntie Kahau and please support this very important initiative.

- The Foundation Ministry, through Uncle Andy is presenting Phase 2 of the repairs needed to be done on the Sanctuary. More to come!

-Recent flooding in Hale Kamika at the end of June affected Hale Aloha, the classrooms and the Boardroom. We are ever grateful that Aike Grace and members of his program who were meeting that night responded quickly to clean up the water and prevent damage that could have been worse. Mahalo Aike and company! Mahalo Peter and Tracy for driving out to inspect the situation and lend your expertise.

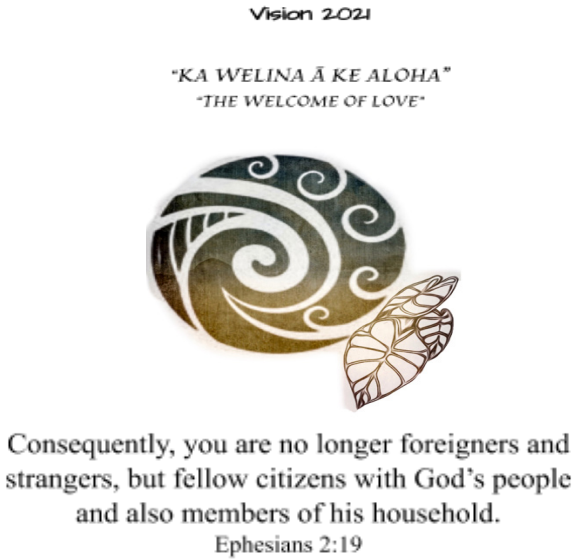
-Join the Halawai Service/Gathering which just began on June 30 and will continue on a trial bases for the next 3 months. It is spearheaded by the Deacons with Hau’oli Akaka as the point person. The entire service is done in Hawaiian which includes hymns, reflections and Bible study. Service is from 5pm-6pm and will be held every third Sunday and fifth Sunday through September.

- Stewardship Ministry has a new Board Chairperson, Auntie Vivian Maunakea. She has agreed to kokua this position for one year. Mahalo Auntie Vivian!

-Luau planning committee initiated Sign Up Genius to sign up volunteers for the Take Out Luau on July 20. Planning for 1800 Take Out boxes! Check the calendar for dates to volunteer and kokua. See you there!

-Christian Education is planning a fantastic Vacation Bible School program for August. See the flyer in the newsletter. Mahalo Chelsea and Manu!

The Johnson ‘Ohana, whose home was built by Habitat for Humanity thanked Kaumakapili Church members for supporting the work crew with lunches each month. Their home in Waimanalo was just completed at the end of June.



This theme and name Ka Welina a Ke Aloha can be transliterated to meaning “the warm greeting of love” or “ the loving welcome”. The saying has many layers of meanings, all of which may be applied to each of us individually in our outreach to those in and outside of community to come and fill our church.

The phrase ka welina as translated by Pukui literally means “a greeting of affection”. This type of greeting, as there are many different greetings in Hawaiian, gives a warmer feel, is more hopeful, and overall has a welcoming feel to it. In contrast to e komo mai, which is an invitation to come inside (implying a yes or no response), welina is more of an active greeting rather than a passive invitation.

This name was inspired by the lyrics to a song that we know too well; “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”. Love, aloha, is not only something that we value and are notable for as God’s disciples; it is a defining characteristic of our Hawaiian heritage and culture, and therefore is most fitting in representing our church’s Hawaiian-Protestant set of values. Additionally, we understand that our Lord God not only gives us the greatest gift of love—eternal life through his son Jesus Christ—but He tells us that He is love. This means our theme, Ka Welina ā Ke Aloha, can also mean “God’s greeting of Love”

In Hawaiian, there are two types of possessives, o class and a class. The latter is used to show a greater relationship between the actor and the object, putting greater emphasis on the action taking place. In this context, it shows a greater connection between God and the greeting (welina) of love (aloha) being His own greeting, as He is the one in charge of all that takes place in the life of our church, and in our lives as well. Nonetheless the use of the “ā” in Ka Welina ā Ke Aloha is also a charge to us, the ministries of Kaumakapili, to be active members in showing this greeting of Aloha, the greeting of God, to all in hopes to bring more people to worship here at Kaumakapili Church. Me ke Aloha ‘Oia‘i‘o, ‘Elia Akaka

Our Neighbors on Kanoa St. Swept Away and Coming Back

By Anne Leake, Outreach Ministry Chair

June was a difficult month for our homeless neighbors with sweeps occurring every other day for a couple of weeks. There had been numerous calls to police about violent crimes. The Kalihi-Palama Health Center building located at Pua Lane and King St. has closed its parking lot to provide staging for a construction project. They successfully petitioned the City and County to keep encampments on the makai side of the street for pedestrian safety.

Through all this turmoil, those who few who chose to return continue to seek us out. They come on Thursday mornings for canned food, toiletries and a hot breakfast at Uncle Eugene’s truck. They come for companionship, for transportation and support at doctor’s appointments, for someone to listen to their story. Please pray for our neighbors that God’s grace will touch their lives and remove whatever barriers are in the way to the path for a better life. Please pray for our Outreach Ministry as we seek continued funding for the food provided. Aloha Ke Akua! P.S. If you bought extra luau tickets and would like us to give them to our neighbors, please get them to me, Eugene Muratsuka, Wendy or Alfredo Garcia, David Kaneao or Yulanda Wooten by July 20 st. Mahalo!

Continuation of Message from the President

Frank Jahrling from the Building and Grounds Ministry reported that a tankless water heater system was installed in late May, repairs were completed on an upstairs drain, a door was replaced in Keala classroom, the sanctuary front doors were repainted, the hand railings around Hale Kamika and the sanctuary were resurfaced and repainted, and a motion security system was installed in sanctuary. Future projects planned are; cleaning the grease trap, repairing mauka stain glass window, redoing security doors downstairs in Hale Kamika, replacing downstairs ceiling tiles in Hale Kamika hallway, refurbishing two termite damaged doors in ‘Ohina Ke’ena, and checking leaks in Hale Kamika bathrooms. Waimanalo was just completed at the end of June. Mahalo Ke Akua for allowing all his good works to be accomplished through the commitment, love and fellowship of dedicated servants and friend at Kaumakapili Church. Respectfully submitted by Lorna Motas



Habitat for Humanity recipient, the Johnson ‘ohana and Kaumakapili Church lunch providers

The Sunset
Written By: Eugene Muratsuka

The golden sun settles upon the distant horizon painting the skies with a bouquet of colors.
The harsh sounds of the daytime hours slowly fades to a quiet murmur.
The beauty of the sunset reminds me of days gone by and the wonders of God’s creation.

Thoughts upon the passing of a dear friend stir a sense within me of my own mortality.
Time is spent in quiet contemplation of the sum of my earthly existence.
For what is the measure of a person’s worth at this the closing hour of the day?

Through God’s loving grace I am given eternal life in His Heavenly domain.
A gift that I have not earned or bought but given to me because I am His child.
It is because of His proven love for me, that I should try to spend my earthly life, living in honor and glory of my heavenly Father.
Our risen Lord and Savior has shown me the way so it is for me to learn from and follow His examples.

For what is the measure of a person’s worth? Perhaps it is the honor and glory, that is brought to our Christian family, through the sum of our earthly existence.

Romans 2:6-7



Ka Welina a Ke Aloha
Sybil Schoenstein
Where it all started

In December of 2016 and January 2017, Kaumakapili Church embarked on three sessions of Vision and Planning Retreats moderated by Dr. Randy Furushima. The church’s Mission Statement served as the basis of these sessions and culmination of these retreats resulted in the Strategic Vision Action Plan. The strategies are:
1. Pastoral and Servant Leadership
2. Faith Formation and Education
3. Worship and Music Experience
4. Membership Growth and Development
5. Community Engagement and Mission
What happened next

In October 2017, the first follow-up retreat addressed the Strategic Action Plan, Pastoral and Servant Leadership: Equipping the Body of Christ with focus on PRAYER.

In March 2019, the second follow-up retreat also addressed the Strategic Action Plan, Pastoral and Servant Leadership with focus on GOVERNANCE resulting in the congregation approving an updated Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws and Governance Guidelines.

Where are we now and where are we going
In May 2019, a team was formed to address the Strategic Action Plan, Membership Growth and Development with focus on Building the Body of Christ, “Ka Welina a Ke Aloha/The Welcome of Love”.
Its purpose is to:
Encourage and open up opportunities for participation in the work of the church
Showcase our Ministries
Be open and Welcoming to All

On June 16, 2019, Ka Welina a Ke Aloha began with a Kick-Off event with a Coffee Hour, games and fellowship at 9:00am followed by worship service at 10:30. The Kick-Off set the beginning stage to encourage us all to be open and welcoming to all throughout the next few months as we build our relationships and ultimately Build the Body of Christ.

The culminating event for Ka Welina a Ke Aloha will take place on Sunday, October 20, 2019, welcoming all members, friends and strangers in worship and fellowship. It will be a time to welcome all, to share through its ministries what it is that Kaumakapili is about, what its visions are for the future, to spread the Good News and ultimately to Glorify God.

How to keep posted on Ka Welina a Ke Aloha Events
See Sunday bulletin announcements
Receive word from the pulpit
Check out Kblast, newsletters, Kaumakapili website and other forms of media
Seek out Ka Welina a Ke Aloha team members
Elia Akaka, Tracy Green, Trevor Maunakea, Manu Naeole, Sybil Schoenstein and Kahu Douglas Wooten



VBS 2019

JOIN US as we
BUILD

a Stronger Relationship
with God

Hosted by the Kaumakapili
Christian Education Ministry



August 4, 11, 18 & 25
10:00am - 12:00noon

Abigail Classroom